

Torch Fund Aid To Handicapped

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of four articles being written by Birmingham high school journalism students of the national visits to institutions and activities sponsored by the United Foundation, being conducted by its 1954 Torch Drive.

Despite an unimpressive exterior, the Detroit League for the handicapped building houses an amazing rehabilitation program, enabling handicapped persons to again become self-sufficient. The League is one of the 150 social agencies supported by the United Foundation Torch Fund Drive.

When the elevator opens at the second floor, it reveals a large well-furnished room for relaxation. Chairs, sofas and couches are placed throughout the attractively tiled room to accommodate 17 or more than 100 clients. A pool table, three radios, piano, several card tables, and ping-pong games for the handicapped, a pin-aure-film recreation area.

AT THE BACK of the room, there is a well-stocked cafeteria. One big advantage of the room and cafeteria is that a person does not necessarily have to work at the building to share in their enjoyment.

Third floor facilities include a production room divided in two parts—the Christmas and packaging departments. An assortment of beautiful miniature Christmas trees are made from the ground up. Two-foot high goals. At another section in the same group, handsome match covers, sparkling with sequins and wire bows are set with careful and expert craftsmanship.

Packages of all sizes roll off the production line after being filled with their respective parts. From large cardboard cartons to small paper envelopes, each gets equal attention. Most of the products are boxed and folders are for automatic parts. One line alone turns out thousands of safety-sealed envelopes containing engine gaskets.

STOPPING at the fourth floor, the elevator opens into a hallway leading to an industrial sewing department. Here the handicapped work in a sheltered area, turning out everything from burp bags for infants to automobile mufflers for inspection of automobile

Not the excess of one's material wealth; or indulgence in the flesh of carousing; or any of these things; but, indeed, upon one's last bed, when another world beckons, not mere earthly things are cherished in one's last remembered thoughts.

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RALPH JOHNSON ALBERT WARNER RON THURSTON TOM HEWITT Examine "wreckage" of lost craft

CAP Takes Part In Air 'Rescue'

Birmingham Civil Air Patrol cadets participated last week in a rescue practice as conducted by the Air Force with the use of a helicopter.

Working out of the Big Beaver airport a hypothetical air crash was set up under the direction of Lt. William Tiesel, CAP.

The "missing" air craft was last heard of over Lapeer, on route to Detroit. With this knowledge plans were started to search a 30 square mile area. Several pilots took part in the mission, each flying a zig zag pattern over an assigned area until the wreck was located.

Pilots finding no evidence in their area, or grid, move on to another until the entire section is covered.

THE OBJECT of the search was a battered plane which had been headed to a corn field near Orionville, just 40 miles from the airport. The wreckage was spotted by the crew of the helicopter sent out from SBrifridge, and shortly after three hours after the search got underway.

CAP Pilot Bob Doyle arrived at the wreck at almost the same time. The location of the wreck was radioed to SBrifridge, and within a few minutes parades from the base dropped into the area, jumping from amphibian craft.

THE WRECKAGE was examined for "survivors" and all necessary rescue work completed in a matter of about three hours. Maj. Richard Nelson, squadron commanding officer, said a number of other "wrecks" and "rescues" were being planned for the near future, to be conducted under similar conditions.

"We firmly believe," he declared, "that well-trained personnel is the key to a successful program in fulfilling our responsibilities to the Air Force."

Birmingham CAP took part in all phases of the mission. Some served as pilots, others worked with ground crews, setting up

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Ex-Pontiac Broker Awaits Sentence For Embezzlement

Ernest A. Parmenter, 54-year-old former Pontiac broker, is awaiting sentence on charges of embezzlement, following his plea of guilty before Judge H. Russell Holland in circuit court.

The embezzlement warrant, issued by Oakland County Prosecutor Frederick C. Zeem, replaced the less severe charge of larceny by conviction on which the broker was caught after his disappearance last year when a \$125,000 shortage was found in his books at the W. H. Leavitt Co., a Pontiac brokerage firm.

The new charge, which specifically makes \$100,000 as the amount taken, carries a maximum 10-year prison sentence, plus a \$5,000 fine, coupled with two years and a \$2,500 fine for larceny by conviction.

Parmenter was held on \$20,000 bond, which was not furnished.

ACCORDING TO Prosecutor Zeem, Parmenter has not spoken to his wife since he was arrested for embezzlement a month ago. Zeem says that he has received \$20,000 from Parmenter's family which will be used to pay the balance of the \$100,000 debt.

Parmenter is held in the Michigan State Penitentiary in Lansing. He is charged with embezzling \$100,000 from the W. H. Leavitt Co., a Pontiac brokerage firm.

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District Meeting, Steak Dinner on Agenda for Legion

Two meetings have been scheduled for the 14th and 15th of November for the Birmingham District of the American Legion.

On Nov. 14, members of the 14th District, District of Michigan and their wives will hold their monthly meeting at Birmingham.

A free steak dinner is scheduled for Nov. 15 at the local Post meeting at 8:30 p. m. The committee asks that reservations be made by Monday, Nov. 8.

Announced Dates

Saturday, Nov. 6 and 27 will be the dates for the Post meeting at Birmingham. The dates for the Birmingham District meeting are Nov. 14 and 15.

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1. Finish planting TULIPS and DAFFODILS if you can. If you can't we have PICK AXES to help you in December.
2. TRICK: Tulips planted 6" to 8" deep late in November will bloom after tulips planted 1" to 5" deep early in November.
3. FORCING TULIPS & DAFFODILS: If you follow a few simple instructions (which you can learn from Bernie the Bulk Man) you can fill your home with delightful blooms before nature lifts the garden.
4. Plant REGAL LILIES as long as the ground is green.
5. A few excellent red PEONY ROOTS are available—as is the BONE MEAL which should go in with them.
6. Start PAPERWHITE NARCISUS and "PAPER-YELLOWS" November 11th for bloom about Christmas.
7. Parsnip flavor will be improved if they are left in the ground forever—ah—until next spring.
8. Cover the strawbery bed with PEAT MOSS.
9. LILACS: Cut away all suckers and dress with MANURE (Dried cattle manure is good). Keep it away from the stems.
10. Wrap newly planted trees with TREE WRAP to prevent sun scald.
11. Soak rhododendrons and newly set evergreens with water.
12. Protect young fruit and ornamental trees with POULTRY NETTING or HARDWARE CLOTH unless you want the rabbits and mice to eat all the bark from them.
13. DON'T cover perennials until the ground freezes hard—then use weed free MARSH HAY (SALT HAY).
14. Start acorns for winter greenery. Suspend them in a bottle or plant them in PEAT MOSS. If kept warm in November they should be in full leaf in February.
15. SOMEONE HAS FAILED TO BUY HIS TULIPS YET.
16. Our INVENTORY is completed. Thank you for helping us to keep it down.
17. Our CHRISTMAS CIRCULAR has been mailed. All of the items are not in the shop yet—but will be.
18. AMARYLLIS for indoor planting JUST CAME IN.

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