

Takes Him One Month To Become a Pilot

A 23-year-old Birmingham fellow who's always had a yen for flying, realized his lifelong ambition August 23 when he earned his private pilot's ticket in one month's time before he was drafted into the army Aug. 26.

He is David J. Burkhardt, 348 Park, who really made time count during the month of August.

First he concentrated on his studies and was graduated Aug. 7 with an engineering degree from General Motors Institute in Flint on August 7.

BUT THREE WEEKS BEFORE on July 23, he went out to Big Beaver airport and began taking flying lessons from Instructor Edward Holmes. He wanted to be able to earn his private pilot's ticket before he was drafted into service. He had one month to do it in—and he did it.

Civil Aeronautics regulations required that he have at least 30 hours solo time before he was eligible for examination by a CAA pilot examiner for private pilot's license.

On August 26 he left for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he awaits assignment for basic training.

Young Burkhardt got his yen for flying from his late father, who was a pilot in World War I. His mother said his father talked aviation to his son all the time.

HE ATTENDED BIRMINGHAM elementary schools—Adams and Barnum—but moved with his parents to Elmira, N.Y., where he was graduated from high school.

His mother is Mrs. H. L. Burkhardt, who resides at 348 Park.

Brookside Awaits Peak Enrollment

A peak enrollment year is coming up for Brookside School.

Over 214 young students, from kindergarten through the sixth grade, have been registered for the 1954-55 season, which will begin September 15. This group will comprise the largest student body since Brookside opened its doors in 1922.

Two new staff additions have been made to handle the increased number of children. Suzanne Constance McFurt of Traverse City will assume the duties of junior kindergarten teacher and Frank Velligan from Czechoslovakia will substitute for music instructor William Casey.

Amazing Percentage Attend Colleges

A recent survey shows that 92.5% of the 1954 graduating class from Cranbrook School went on to receive further schooling at college level.

Ranking topmost on the list of colleges and universities selected by the graduates was the University of Michigan. Harvard University placed second with Dartmouth College the choice of the third largest group of graduates.

People's Column Commends Quick Emergency Service

To the Editor:

The writer wants to thank both the Birmingham Police and the Fire Department for their prompt action in answering an emergency call to our home, not only once this summer but three times. Only two or three minutes after the call they arrived and took over.

Also the new Birmingham Ambulance Service company for its prompt action, and for taking Mr. Chapman to Highland Park General hospital in just minutes.

Thanks again to all concerned.

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St. Colette Guild Plans Second Tea

The success of its first tea, to show imported Philippine wares, proved so successful, according to Mrs. Morgan B. Lawton, that members of St. Colette's guild, Holy Name church, is planning a second such event for November.

The guild is handling the sale of hand made place mats, bowls, trays and other craft items from the islands.

Want Ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.



FRANK A. ALTER, East Side automobile dealer who is rodeo chairman for Columbian Charities, Inc., explaining to officials of Monaghan Council, Knights of Columbus, how the World's Championship Rodeo, to be held in the State Fairgrounds Coliseum, Nov. 18 to 28, will help Boysville. From left to right are Grand Knight F. Chevillat, Detroit; Deputy Grand Knight Thomas W. Roosen, 26355 Lathrup, Lathrup Village; Alter; and Rodeo Committee co-chairman John F. Dooley, 26550 Meadowood, Bloomfield township. Members of Monaghan Council took \$90,000 worth of general admission tickets to the rodeo, for distribution among friends.

Pvt. James Kopke Is Expert Rifleman

BREMENHAVEN, GERMANY

Pvt. James A. Kopke, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kopke, 27883 Rainbow cir., recently qualified as an expert with the M-1 rifle during firing tests conducted at the Bremerhaven Port of Embarkation in Germany.

An information and education specialist in Headquarters Company of the port's 2802d Army Unit, he scored 182 points in the tests.

Private Kopke arrived overseas last month from an assignment at Fort Benning, Ga. A former student at Michigan State college, he entered the Army in September 1953.

Loan Collections To Area Schools

"Suitcase collections" of natural science objects for loan to science classes in the Birmingham school area are available at Cranbrook Institute of Science, preparator James H. Carrel has announced.

Assembled with the aid of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women, the collections are designed particularly for the primary grades and may be borrowed for a week at a time.

Among the several topics represented are: Stone Tools of the American Indian, Eskimo Life, Shores from Many Lands, Basketry of the American Indian, Some Skulls and Teeth of Animals, and Tracks of Birds and Mammals.

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PLAY IT SAFE

Citizens Can Help Prevent Water Waste

The citizens of Birmingham, if they notice a leaking hydrant in front of their home or anywhere in the city, could do a real service to the fire department if they reported the location of that defective hydrant to the fire department by calling MI 4-1804.

While it is true that the fire department, during the winter months visits and inspects every hydrant in the city at least twice a month, they do not patrol in the summer time. Very often, for one reason or another, or because some non-emergency use has been made of a hydrant, it may start leaking.

THE LEAK of the hydrant will usually cause the earth around it to become very boggy and presents an unsightly condition. In addition, a leaking hydrant causes an unnecessary demand on the water supply of the city.

The loss of this water to the city and the underground supply only hastens the day when another source of supply will be necessary. While this may seem remote, the depletion of this underground supply will affect every resident in a financial way, sooner or later, unless strict conservation is practiced.

A LEAK the size of a lead pencil will waste, in a 24-hour period, hundreds of gallons of water. Often, these hydrants are not detected for months unless some individual is kind enough to report them.

Therefore, if you will Play It Safe and report any such leaks, you will aid in the conservation of water and insure an adequate supply of water in case of emergency.

Prepared as a public service by members of the BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPT.

Missing a Lawnmower

A Birmingham resident reported to police last week that someone has walked off with his power lawnmower, valued at \$125.

The mowerless owner is Al Kachinko, 1271 Lake Park.

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