

**Building Totals Up In 1955 Valuation**

Birmingham building permits for March exceeded those for the same period a year ago; but the total valuation of building for the month was less than for March 1954.

The \$273,000 building valuation for March brought the 1955 total to \$1,067,725, which is \$107,450 more than for the first three months of last year.

OF THE 45 permits last month, one family residence and one new business structure had the highest valuation at \$25,000 each.

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**BRIAN and BERNARD LOURIM**  
A Crutch for father and son. (Eccentric Photo)

**They Demonstrate Adage: 'Like Father, Like Son'**

For the past two weeks, the Bernard Lourim family, 591 Lakeview, has been thinking about the adage "like father, like son."

On March 23, Bernard Lourim and son Brian, 14, were admitted to St. Joseph's hospital, Pontiac, to undergo surgery.

THE ELDER Lourim was operated on for a hip condition resulting from an old injury, and Brian for a torn cartilage in the knee.

Both were operated on the same day by the same doctor. For ten days they were together in room 413 under the same nurses, and last Sunday both father and son returned home, each bearing his crutch.

UPON ARRIVAL Brian received some welcoming news. He was selected by the Safety and Traffic division of the Automobile Club of Michigan to represent Birmingham at the National Safety Patrol assembly in Washington, D. C., May 5-8.

Brian, an 8th grader at Holy Name school, was named by Auto club as the Patrol Captain who received the highest rating in school safety activities.

HE WILL JOIN 120 Michigan patrolmen in Detroit, May 5 from there board a train which will take him on the four-day, all-expense trip to the Capital as guest of the Automobile Club of Michigan.

**BITS OF BIRMINGHAM**

THERE WERE TWO DISAPPOINTED WOMEN who were unable to attend last week's sports banquet at Birmingham high school. Mrs. Harvey S. Peters and Mrs. James Traa both had special reasons for attending the affair because they served as general co-chairmen of arrangements for the basketball team, and their sons were being awarded letters that night. However, fate stepped in a day before. Mrs. Peters found herself caring for two grandchildren when her daughter Mrs. Pat Gillikin was admitted to the hospital. Mrs. Traa found herself in a more unusual situation—she came down with the mumps the day before the banquet.

WE CAN JUST SEE what the future in Troy township is going to be. From Troy Union school comes the news that first graders are learning to whistle. Imagine it's something like teaching a baby to talk. Parents spend the first three or four years of a youngster's life teaching him or her to talk and the rest of the time, trying to turn the flow of conversation off.

WHEN APPLYING for a new driver's license or renewal, the Birmingham police must have the operator's full name, according to Patrolman Charles Blashfield. Looks like the Michigan Secretary of State's office wants to make sure YOU are really YOU. This may get rather complicated in the case of some Latins who have as many names as they have relatives.

TODAY IS THE DAY, which determined what Christians throughout the world will be doing this coming Sunday. For on April 7 this year occurs the first full moon spring. Easter always is celebrated the first Sunday following that full moon. This method of determining this most important of Christian anniversaries, accounts for its annual fluctuation in April, even to the extent of occasionally arriving in late March.

CITY CLERK'S DUTIES included caring for lost dolls this week. Clerk Irene Hanley's office is sheltering the didy doll left Monday by some voter's offspring at No. 6 polling place in the DPW garage. The doll, dressed in a spring dress, may be repossessed by the owner at Miss Hanley's office in the municipal building.

WHAT MONTHS AGO was planned for only one celebration April 5 turned into two for Birmingham's new city commissioner, Harry M. Denyes, Jr. Tuesday night, along with their observance of their 14th wedding anniversary, Denyes and his wife celebrated his election victory.

OVER AT FOXCROFT, Paul R. Billings, 6100 W. Surrey, has visions of a very sad little boy somewhere in this area. Tuesday he discovered an aluminum-frame box kite in his yard that had gotten away from its owner. Billings said he felt sure the kite is of a type which would fly high and travel well. He's holding it, and will be happy to return it to the young owner after sufficient identification.



**Troy Men Injured As Car Overturns**

Two Troy township youths are reported in good condition at St. Joseph Mercy hospital with injuries suffered last Sunday when their auto overturned on South Boulevard in Avon Township.

The Driver Donald Farr, 23, of 3726 Crooks, Avon Township, treated for chest injuries, told Oakland County sheriff's deputies that he was traveling west on S. Blvd. when he lost control of the auto. Passengers were Harold Gertel, 24, of 50 Cutting, who suffered back injuries, and Richard Haiman, 21, of 50 Fabius, who was admitted with head injuries. Both are from Troy township.

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On April 11, Birmingham children will see the last in the series of plays presented by Children's Theatre of AAUW for the 1954-1955 season, "Androcles and the Lion" will be shown at the Birmingham Theatre on Monday, April 11, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This comedy version of Aesop's beloved fable is presented by Edwin Strawbridge Productions and retells the story of how kindness to a wild and ferocious lion saves Androcles' life in the forest, and how the lion's gratitude brings it happiness in return. Tickets may be purchased at the box office. Boys and girls who have a sheet of paper with them may go backstage to meet Fuzzy-Wuzzy, the Lion who will be happy to paw-print his "autograph" for them.

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**Mrs. McCleary Fetes Writers Club**

The Detroit Writers club was entertained Saturday at the home of Mrs. Fred McCleary, 18942 Riverside drive. Among its members are Mrs. W. D. Heck, who has been collaborating with the veteran golfer, Walter Hagan, in compiling the story of his life which will soon be published. Mary Holt, script writer for the Jam Handie Movie Company, Patricia Regan and Lenore Upton, writers for Romance Magazines, Madge Lane, formerly of the Detroit News staff, and Roberta Isley, fashion editor for the Grosse Pointe weekly.

Present also were Pearl Hidey, author of a book on non-fiction, and Marjorie King, editor of Michigan State magazines. Mrs. McCleary's articles have also appeared in various magazines.

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