

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

If your gravel street has been given an oil treatment by the city this summer, DO NOT BURN LEAVES UPON ANY PART OF ITS SURFACE THIS FALL if you want the surface to remain hard. Bonfires, say city authorities, burn up the oil that is placed in the gravel, leaving loose gravel without a binder. Sounds reasonable, doesn't it?

If nine-year-old Johnny Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Martin, 383 Argyle, continues to "stick to fishing facts," as he recently did in a note to his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martin, 310 Southfield, the youngster will develop into a rare angler. In his note, from "Y" Camp Niskone, near Oshtemo, he said: "Dear Grampy and Gramma: Last night we went fishing again. I caught 7 fish. One was 10 1/4 inches. The biggest one got away—he was 25 1/2 inches. I think, Boy, was I mad! I got stung by a wasp. You can read more about my fishing if you go over to my mothers and fathers house and read the letter I am going to write them but have not. This letter is short but the next one will be long.

Johnny.

TWO INSTRUCTORS at Arthur Murray's took first place at the yearly professional dance contest held at the Veteran's Memorial building in Detroit Sunday night. The winning couple were Patricia Shay of Dearborn and John McEair, 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Their first place win nets them each \$100 and a trip to Havana.

WHILE WE WERE munching our customary noon-day meal of cottage cheese gussied up with pineapple at Shain's lunch counter Monday, our attention was caught by another customer's order. "I'll have a grilled cheese sandwich, a strawberry soda with vanilla ice cream and—" the teen-age boy doing the ordering leaned his ample, rounded contours earnestly toward the waitress, "what have you got for dessert?" We missed the waitress' reply, then heard the husky teen say, "Well, I guess I have a couple of ideas." Positive our ears had been playing tricks on us, we dallied with our salad until the strangely assorted meal arrived. Sure enough, there it was—all of it—complete with "dessert."

ONE OF LAST WEEKS' very hottest afternoons a Brink bank express truck was parked outside the Birmingham National Bank, while two of its men were taking money in or out of the bank, whichever the case may have been. In the truck as this Wanderer passed by was another guard, probably sitting on huge money bags. Asked if the truck had an air conditioner inside to prevent the occupants from melting down into small grease spots, one of the guards said: "No, we just have to sit inside and sweater... like an egg frying on a hot grid."

City commissioner Florence Willett, 655 Pilgrim, is a staunch defender of women's shopping habits. Since she was elected to the commission last spring she frequently has argued for three-hour parking in Birmingham's shopping areas. "It takes that much time for the average woman to do her shopping, in a leisurely—and thrifty—manner," she smiled to an audience in the commission room Monday night. When somebody suggested that such leisurely shopping might allow some of the ladies to spend too much of the family's income... everybody in the room joined in the laughter.

WELL, AT least it was a change. Birmingham police are constantly reporting doors and windows left unlocked throughout our business area. When a call was received the other day that a businesswoman was locked OUT of her store the department was surprised at the change of pace and more than eager to help her get in.

TWO "ADVANCED IDEAS" were being cogitated upon last week here by a close observer of the Birmingham need for off-street parking. "Why not get the top automotive brass that live out here to agree to about two types of cars: one with very large wheels, and one with small ones. Then the small wheeled cars could park beneath the large ones and the community would get twice as much use of its spaces. Another way to use the new satellite invention, providing every motorist with his own satellite, by hanging a sky-hook down from the satellite one could fasten his car to it, hoist it up to a pre-arranged altitude, while shopping." The "thinker" of these two notions, after having voiced them, was last seen being escorted by two men in white coats, this Wanderer learns.

RECENTLY A CITIZEN suggested to the city commission that it consider developing a large central parking lot from which location buses might operate to bring shoppers to various local establishments. Mayor Charles Relfew reacted negatively to this thought. "I don't see how a private bus line could operate profitably on such a basis, and I certainly don't believe our community should or could subsidize such a transportation system," he stated. "That means, I think, that we shall have to continue to provide suitable off-street parking facilities, as we now are doing in part."

Hills Plans Workshop For Faculty

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—A three-day teacher's workshop for the faculty of the Bloomfield Hills School District, will be held Sept. 1-2 and Sept. 6, with the interval coming over the Labor-Day period.

THE FACULTY, in two sections, will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each of the three days with leaders from colleges and representatives of several book companies. Members of the high school faculty will devote their time to preparing the new high school for the opening of classes Wednesday, Sept. 6.

ELEMENTARY faculty members will conduct their workshop at Vaughan school. They will have luncheon each day at Wing Lake school, and close with a dinner Tuesday evening, Sept. 6.

Mystery Scout Still in City

The mysterious Boy Scout is still being reported around Birmingham, police revealed Tuesday morning.

Thought to be the Scout reported missing since July 17, a White-Hall Scout camp, the boy was reported here last week, bringing the state police search to Birmingham.

Birmingham police received their first report from Mrs. J. J. Zimmerman, 2275 Fairway, who said a Boy Scout came to her home for a car wash for the American Cancer Society.

SHE TOLD police he offered Boy Scout identification and that she went to get some money for him. When she returned to the door the boy had gone.

A neighbor said the same boy had been at her door, and when she saw a picture of the missing Peter Allen Gorham of Evanston, Ill., told police there was a marked resemblance.

Several others in the Hillside area have reported visits from a boy described as blond with a crew-cut, wearing a white T-shirt and blue or gray dungarees. All have estimated his age as about 12 or 15 years.

People's Column Takes Exception To Man's Request On Higher Speeds

To the Editor: It is obvious that Dale O. Miller (People's Column, Aug. 4 issue) is either ignorant of, or doesn't care to investigate, the following regulations in a suburban community such as ours:

The average small child is still learning good safety habits and doesn't intend to give up. "No chance attitude toward trees." The number of small children is constantly on the increase, or we would not have had to vote the last school bond issue.

THE NUMBER of young bicyclists is simultaneously increasing in Birmingham to the street traffic burden. The number of auto registrations is increasing. The braking power of the modern automobile has not changed either the reaction time of the driver or the coefficient of friction for rubber on concrete.

The added power of the modern auto engine has actually increased the number of miles over which cars are driven at the speed limit.

CHIEF MOXLEY is beset with requests for more controlled intersections and more control of speeding motorists. The average resident sacrifices many hours a week for the privilege of living away from a city atmosphere of haste and is imbued with the idea of establishing a healthy, pleasant home and civic atmosphere. He loves his children and wants them to live to enjoy life and not be killed or maimed.

Our answer to Mr. Miller would be, "If you don't like it get out and don't come barreling around our residential streets."

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CITY BUYS ANOTHER CAR FOR EMPLOYEES' POOL

Another automobile was added to Birmingham's official car pool Monday night when the commission is inducted with the number to eight cars. City-owned cars travel an average of 7,000 miles annually at a total cost of six cents per mile.

At present the cars are used mostly as taxis for the general administration; two each for engineering, building inspection, and health dept.

Birmingham Will Receive 20 MSU Student Teachers

Approximately 20 student teachers will be jointly employed by the University and the Birmingham public schools during the three months they are assigned to Birmingham. The other half of her time will be spent assigning, supervising, and assisting these prospective teachers during the three months they are assigned to Birmingham.

ANOTHER problem faced by Miss Tate is the housing of the student-teachers, prior to the opening of school. The prospective teachers will also become acquainted with the city.

B'ham Uses Water In 110 Millions

Water pumped by Birmingham's water department remained at high numbers of gallons per day all during July. With temperatures ranging over 90 on 22 days of the month, the water usage totaled 110,887,200 gallons.

The record high of a day's water usage in the city on May 21, the day previous to start of restricted water use, is still unsurpassed. July 12's 5,893,300 gallons, is below May 21's nearly six million gallons.

Entertains Police At Steak Dinner

It was a steak dinner for members of Birmingham's auxiliary police and off-duty officers Tuesday evening when the city entertained them at the Gilbert Lake home. Department members were still enthusiastic about the "most delicious steak I ever ate" at mid-morning Tuesday.

Modern Prospectors' 'Tools' Sold Locally

Want to get rich quick? Elerton G. Bacon of 24450 North Cromwell drive, Franklin, may have what you are looking for. Bacon, a wholesale distributor of local representative for one of the most highly publicized get-rich-quick instruments since the 1800s (1849's era) is gold dust pan hit the market.

LATEST on the market is the "Scintillator," made by Precision Radiation Instruments Co., Los Angeles, for use in searching for uranium, according to Bacon. The number of millions used of this instrument is the 19 uranium multimillionaires used of determination.

The Scintillator, of course, is for the professional and costs in the neighborhood of \$500. For the "weekend prospector," though, the assay office.

City Commission Quits At Twelve Past Twelve Monday

Last Monday night Birmingham's city commission more than earned the few dollars paid its members for attending weekly meetings. The meeting in two-hour intervals. Starting at eight o'clock, the commission adjourned at 12:12 a.m. The last two hours and a half of the evening were spent in discussions between the members and a packed audience relative to off-street parking projects.

Meeting Today on Interceptor Plans

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—The City Commission will on record Tuesday night in support of the Birmingham proposal that the neighboring communities join in the plan for developing the Evergreen Interceptor to the 14 Mile Road.

Because Southfield decided not to participate in the project which would carry the interceptor to the Eight mile road, the community representatives of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield township and Troy will meet this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Bloomfield township city hall to discuss development of the interceptor.

Series of Thefts Give Policemen A Busy Weekend

A series of thefts are being investigated by Birmingham police, including money, car radio and outdoor motor.

The motor was reported missing Saturday when Bruce Mellendorf of Lake Orion opened his place at 2:30 p.m. in the Bloomfield Hills building when he closed it.

Another weekend theft was reported by William Parker of the Arne Daint company, 165 N. Woodward, who told officers a money bag containing \$56.07 and a check for \$50 had been stolen from his store. The money was lying on a desk at the rear of the store, he told police.

AT THE Robert L. Martin home, 560 Harmon, the theft of a diamond and pearl ring, valued at \$150, along with an antique pistol was reported a stolen Saturday night.

Martin told police they questioned his 15-year-old baby sister when she found the ring. She found the ring and three boys had visited her. She reported the incident and denied any knowledge of the theft.

Police said Tuesday that the ring was found since immediately looking at the items, which were returned to another box, similar to the one the boys had kept them in. Other items, taken by one of the group, were returned to the Martins, who chose not to take legal action.

New Badges For Hills Policemen

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—City officers of the law will be wearing new badges, it was decided by the Commission Tuesday night, in approving the purchase of hat badges and breast shields. Radium metal badges will be worn instead of the chromium plated metal insignias.

Reveals Betrotal

Mrs. Donald T. McHugh, 422 Bloomfield court, Birmingham, announces the engagement of her daughter, Anne Elizabeth, to William Owens Gray. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William (Agony) of Scotts, Mich.

Boy's Good Deed Launches Search By B'ham Police

Dick was so busy doing a good deed that he never realized the nerve-wracking search his mother was going through during the eight hours he was missing from home Monday.

Richard, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, 730 Chapin, strayed from home while assisting a blind man.

After his return, about 8 p.m., he said he had been helping the man for two or three hours. Later he stopped to play with some boys in a junior forestry club. When it began to get dark and he began to get very hungry, he realized what he had done and was a bit leary about going home after his long absence.

HE TOLD his mother the blind man had given him a quarter, and that he had had a candy bar and coke during the day.

"I worried myself sick," Mrs. Johnson said. "The police assured me he was probably 'right under our noses' and actually, he was. He had only gone a few blocks away."

AS the day wore on, police who had been unable to find any trace of him, were considering an all-out search, including the Rouge river and possible dragging at Quanton Lake.

"AT HOME on my real worry came when he failed to report for dinner. He is 10 ft. Dick to miss two meals in one day."

Mrs. Johnson said Birmingham's police department had her deepest admiration. "They were very reassuring to me and most helpful. They cooperated in every way and certainly left nothing undone in finding our boy. I think they are a wonderful group of men and cannot thank them enough."

County Promises Repair of Road

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—In a letter to the City Commission, the County Road Commission stated that the paving of Quanton road between the Woodward and 14th would be "given consideration at the next certification of our primary road program."

Meanwhile the county said it was planning to replace the bridge located at Quanton just off Woodward.



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Hills High School To Open Sept. 1

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Doors are expected to open on schedule September 1 at the new field Hills high school, Long Lake road just west of Telegraph.

"WE WILL be ready to move in come September 1," said Eugene L. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools.

A two-week delay is anticipated in the opening of the school's gymnasium and kitchen, but all classrooms are set for the scheduled opening.

AS PART of the recent bond issue, work will get underway shortly on the athletic facilities of the school, including the football field and its drainage.

CITY MANAGER EGBERT BACK AT DESK AGAIN

City Manager Donald C. Egbert, inactive for the past several weeks with an injured leg, was back in his office this week, all but requiring crutches but able to walk around on "My leg is out of the cast and I feel good... but my legs says 'I'll be here for a few more days,'" smiled the manager.

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