

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

AT LEAST ONE RESIDENT takes his (or her) Birmingham Farms commissioners seriously. For instance, take the rubbish collection commissioner, Councilman Albert Meadows. Someone evidently figured that he was the man who should have an old couch they wanted to be rid of, so they dumped it along the road near his property.

WE'RE WONDERING if the knowledge that her costume is the height of fashion generates enough power to keep a young lady warm during our recent chill weather. We have noticed that the sight of several women in Bermuda shorts, knee socks and bare skin between as downtown street attire gives us the chills. Brrrr!

AN UNUSUAL ACCOUNT of the dissecting of 125 frogs appeared in Birmingham high school's publication, "The Highlander," recently. Winifred Wagner described the science experiment which took place in Miss Charlotte Will's biology class. "Judly Klapproth's only comment was 'Egh,'" wrote Winifred. "Don Walsh proclaimed he would never eat frog legs again!" Winifred concluded with, "The only one that's sick is me, said Miss Will, checking over 125 dissected frogs."

THERE'S A SURE SIGN Christmas activities are beginning to upset the normal routine. Mrs. Robert V. Diegel was so busy with preparations for the Merry Christmas Market to be held Dec. 2 and 3 at the school auditorium that she forgot to buy her mother-in-law a birthday present!

NOW ALL COLLEGE FRESHMEN except one who still is a senior at Birmingham high, the Birds of Paradise cut their first record Thanksgiving night at a well-attended recording session in the school's little theater. Noel Stookey, Don Frazed, Tom Halksted, Pete Kloss, Howard Leavenworth and Jim Leach appeared on TV Saturday and for the second time, won the prize of a record. Now all they need is to win four more to make it even all around.

AD MAN DUDLEY CARSON never will forget Veterans' Day 1955. That Friday he spent several anxious hours alone in a blizzard trying to start a small outboard motor off the Lake Huron side of Drummond Island. He finally got it started, made a landing on the island. He was on a one-day deer hunting expedition, didn't bring anything back. "But just the other side of St. Ignace, driving in the dark, I think I almost met with success," he relates. "I felt a bump on the side of the car. I stopped as soon as I could, then made an inspection. It was severely scratched, as if some antlers had been drawn along the side. Guess I just rolled him."

OF THE 26 MICHIGAN STATE student teachers practicing in the Birmingham school district, all are girls except one. He is Bill Hendrickson of Ironwood, Mich., teaching a sixth grade at Adams school. He will be graduated in a few weeks, plans to take up school administration. "But you've got to do something teaching to know how it feels," he explains. Arrangements now are being completed for another group of student teachers to practice here for the first three months of the new year.

TURKEY HASH, turkey ala king, turkey croquettes make inroads on the remains of a Thanksgiving dinner. But this Wanderer learned that the most popular sandwich found in school lunches on Monday, yet, was turkey sandwiches. How long can this go on?

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## Obituary Notices

### Mrs. McGraw, Booth's Sister, Dies Sunday

Mrs. Beatrice Booth McGraw, 75, sister of George G. Booth, founder of Cranbrook Institution, died Sunday at her Port Austin home. Her husband, Augustus C. McGraw III, had died in August.

Before 1927, Mrs. McGraw had lived in this city for 17 years, and then began alternating her two residences. Her husband was active in conservation work and maintained a ridge of virgin white pine trees in Port Austin. She was born Dec. 28, 1879, in St. Thomas, Ont.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Henry T. Wigram, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, and a brother, Roland B. Booth, of Birmingham. Her only grandchild was the late Augustus C. McGraw who died August 14, 1955.

Services were held Wednesday in the First Presbyterian church, 14th burial in Elmwood cemetery, Detroit.

Formerly a member of the First Presbyterian church, Birmingham, she had recently been a member of the United Protestant church of Port Austin.

IRMA ROGERS ERICKSON, 64, 636 George, Birmingham, died Nov. 23, after an illness of seven years.

She was married to Edwin C. Erickson Sept. 22, 1915 in No. York. She is a graduate of the New Jersey State normal school in 1912. The couple moved here in 1922 from Highland Park.

She was a member of First Presbyterian church, Birmingham, and had been a school teacher in the Camden, N. J., elementary school and a substitute teacher in the Birmingham school.

She leaves her husband, three sons, E. Robert, of Long Beach, Calif.; Donald G. of Pontiac, and Rogers W. of Birmingham, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Manly Bailey funeral home, with Dr. W. Glen Harris officiating. Interment followed in White Chapel cemetery.

MRS. JENNIE PECK CRARY, 88, of 441 Newman, Huntsville, Ala., died Nov. 6 in Huntsville.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Doris I. Crary of Huntsville and a son, Paul Spacke, who was the widow of the late George William Crary. Services and burial were from her home Nov. 29, 1955.

Born in Birmingham, April 29, 1867, she moved to Huntsville 35 years ago. She was a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, there.

### John Maloney, Betty Couzens' Husband, Dies

John Townsend Maloney, 45, husband of Betty Couzens, whose father was Senator James Couzens, died last week. A professional horse trainer, he owned several horses that included Big H, which earned \$74,980 during his career.

Mr. Maloney and his wife have lived in Warrenton, Va., since their marriage ten years ago, and have three children. They have visited here several times a year.

He died Nov. 19 after an illness of several months and funeral services, attended by several family members, from Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, were on Saturday in Warrenton's Catholic church with burial in Warrenton cemetery.

THE COUPLE also maintained a home in Syosset, Long Island, New York, and belonged to Warrenton Hunt club. Maloney was born in Genesee Valley, N. Y.

A well-known rider in horse show circles, he had ridden in point-to-point races in Virginia and New York, and rode Jags 1947 in the Middlebury bowl race.

His race horses were run on New York, New Jersey and Maryland tracks. Besides Big H, one of his best horses, he owned Poplette, and others.

Surviving besides his wife, are three children, John Jr., 9, Sharon, 8, and Kevin, 5; a twin brother, James of New York another brother, Edward, Mineral Park, Calif. His parents, both deceased, were the Edward J. Malonys.

MELBOERNE JOHN KIRKLAND, 67, 1310 Lake Angelus Shore Road, died Nov. 28 at Huntsville, Ont., after a brief illness. He was visiting relatives there.

He lived in Lake Angelus four years, going there from Birmingham as a retired school teacher, having taught architectural mechanical drawing at Cass High school, Detroit. He was one of the original teachers there.

After his retirement he was with

the Chrysler Corp.'s engineering department, retiring from Chrysler this spring.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, belonging to F & AM Blue Lodge in Battle Creek. He belonged to the American Society of Automotive Engineers.

Surviving are his wife, Isabel M., who is district chief operator for Bell Telephone Co. in the Mt. Clemens area.

Services will be in Bell Chapel of William R. Hamilton Co. Friday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Perry Williams from Christ Church Cranbrook officiating. Burial arrangements were incomplete.

PAMELA BRAUN, 31, died Nov. 21 at her home on Edgemoor road, Rochester, after a long illness.

Born in Detroit Nov. 1, 1924 to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Braun, Jr., her mother was the former Elaine Cree of Birmingham. Pamela lived in Birmingham until two months ago when her family moved to Rochester.

Besides her parents, she leaves three brothers, Joseph II, Harold and Peter, and a sister, Penelope. Services were Nov. 23 at 1 p.m. at Bell chapel of William R. Hamilton Company, with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, Detroit.

MRS. GENEVIEVE H. WEBB, who sold her home at 1979 Sheffield, Birmingham and moved to California after her husband, Charles G. died last August 7, died Nov. 23 at 7 a.m.

Mrs. Webb had been hospitalized at Beaumont hospital for nine weeks prior to her departure, and it was reported that her husband was stricken with coronary thrombosis and died.

She moved to California with her two children, Christina E. and Charles G. The couple had many friends in Birmingham.

News of her father, William W. Brown, of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of Birmingham, Interment is to be in Forest Lawn Memorial cemetery.

### B'ham Soldiers in Combined Forces Maneuvers in La.

Five soldiers from Birmingham will participate in the largest joint Army-Air Force maneuver since World War II, Exercise Eagle Brush, in Louisiana. Some 10,000 Army troops are testing the latest concepts of atomic, bacteriological, chemical and electronic warfare. After the maneuver ends, Dec. 15, their unit, the 1st Armored Division will be stationed at Fort Polk, La.

They are: Captain Donald G. Valoska, son of Mrs. Martha M. Valoska, 28255 El Dorado, 81st Reconnaissance Battalion; Specialist 3rd Class Greville A. Shippey III, whose parents live at 1387 Ruffier, an assistant gunner with battery B, 68th Field Artillery; Specialist 3rd Class John B. Schoenfeld, son of Mrs. Lucile G. Schoenfeld, 1806 Birmingham, lived a track mechanic with Company A, 13th Tank Battalion. Others include Private 1st Class Roy W. Cloninger, son of Mrs. Minnie P. Cloninger, 160 Olympia, a member of Company B, 12th Tank Battalion; Private James A. Davis, son of the James E. Davis, 1526 E. Longmead, radio repairman with Company A, 13th Tank Battalion.

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