

Person of average of better, intelligence almost always know when they have made a mistake; when this discovery is made they do not immediately correct one's thoughts; the subject seems to care but to become humble, tolerant, unselfish!



Three Scouts Win Honors

Bill Muenchinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Muenchinger, 812 Pleasant, received the Jim Thomas award, a high honor in Troop B-5 Quanton school at the troop's December Court of Honor.

Two others, Bill Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Brown, 665 Kimberly, and Bob Paulette, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Paulette, 866 Lakeview, received Jim Thomas pins.

The Jim Thomas award, highly prized by Troop B-5 scouts, was created in 1950 to perpetuate the memory of Jim Thomas who left behind him outstanding leadership, advancement and attendance records when he died of polio while on a Youth Hostel trip in France.

Boys whose names already are inscribed on the trophy are Ken Fowler, Mike Bird, Kirk Lewis, Phil Barger and Warren Hardy.

Bill Muenchinger became an Eagle Scout in 1953, added a bronze pin to it last year and served as senior patrol leader this year.

Bill Brown became an Eagle Scout last June, has added a bronze pin, and is troop Quartermaster. Bob Paulette is Troop B-5 scribe and has just earned his Life Scout and has just earned his Life Scout and has just earned his Life Scout.

At the court of honor, merit Mrs. Robert Snelling and Mrs. Madeline were awarded to scout's Carroll Heath, Cubes from all den. Bill Brown, George Hurmaster, made the ornaments at den meeting. Don Frey, Dave Hunter, Bill King.

Torry Cub Scouts Repair 100 Toys

Den meetings of Cub Scouts of Pack B-21, Torry school, have been humming with activity as Cubes aided by fathers, repaired approximately 100 toys for pre-Christmas distribution at Children's hospital in Pontiac before Christmas.

Pack committeeman, Erling (Eyes) will present the toys. The tree, used at the pack's Christmas party held Tuesday at Torry school, was decorated by Cubes of Den 4 and den mothers Mrs. Robert Snelling and Mrs. Madeline.

Warns Against Winter Hazards On the Highway

Skidding and poor vision are the chief enemies of safe driving during winter months.

That was the warning issued by Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, who commented today on the recent Safe-Driving Day observed here.

"The President's proclamation of S-D Day was a great help in promoting traffic safety," said Moxley. "Our major effort now must be to make every day S-D Day."

TWO MAJOR elements in the campaign for safe driving, especially during winter months, are inadequate traction and reduced visibility, Moxley explained. "Reduced visibility and inadequate traction," he said, "when combined with the normal hazards of every-day driving, can easily lead the unwary driver directly to an accident."

Studies made by the National Safety Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards indicate that these are the two major factors in winter traffic accidents.

REDUCED visibility is brought about by longer hours of darkness, but weather conditions caused by snow or sleet storms, and obstructions to the driver's vision from frost, ice, snow-covered windshields and cowbunks along the highway, according to Moxley.

"Snow, sleet and ice are the chief causes of inadequate traction, he said, pointing out that according to studies made by the National Safety Council the driver's vision was obscured in one out of eight fatal accidents in 1954; while wet, slushy or icy roads were reported in one out of five fatal accidents.

"The answer," he said, "is slow down. Be sure you can see and use tire chains on your car when snow and ice coat the highway."

He urged that all motorists operate in the local and national effort to make every day S-D Day.

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The Birmingham Eccentric's work will also be one day short as the Christmas and New Year's holidays are observed on Monday.

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