

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

FORMER MANAGING EDITOR of The Birmingham Eccentric, Ed Whitney was in town over the weekend to see his mother, Mrs. F. S. Whitney, and his sister, Mrs. E. E. Darling, girls' counselor at the high school. After three years here, Whitney left Birmingham in 1940 to become C. C. secretary at Lakeland, Fla. Two years ago he joined Portland Cement Assn. as its Florida field representative. Of Birmingham, he said, "It looks good. It's amazing, though, how much it's grown. Yet I recognize lots of familiar landmarks like Wilson's Drug, the public library, old Baldwin high school—and Jack Hassberger." Whitney stopped here en route to a special meeting in Chicago of Portland field reps.

MICHIGAN DEPT. OF CONSERVATION is interested in acquiring for public use the 160-acre Lapeer county estate of the late James Vernon, the ginger ale company founder. The state has bid about \$73 an acre, or a total of \$244,456. A Detroit group also is known to be interested in the holdings. The property includes a mile-long artificial lake, five smaller lakes, and has excellent fishing and waterfowl hunting.

NEWEST MEMBER of The Birmingham Eccentric editorial staff is William (Bill) Thomas. Coming to The Eccentric after three years at Pontiac Press, the newsroom, Bill takes over the photo and news beats of Norman Douglas, who after three years leaves The Eccentric March 1 for a job in the advertising department of Burroughs Corp. in Detroit.

WHILE BIRMINGHAM people are quite used to seeing men shoveling snow, last week Wednesday it was something new to see city employees busily shoveling water. The slush, resulting from the heavy thaw, had accumulated over catch basin outlets until crossing streets were practically in the same class as "Liza leaping from ice block to ice block in her historic flight across the river."

WITH PLANS NEARBY completion for next year's Town Hall series, Mrs. Charles Entwistle, of Henley drive, said this week, "We board members have found that the success of Town Hall grows each program, with space crowded to capacity each time. It's much better for raising funds, too, than the other ways we had tried previously. Next year's speakers sound even more interesting than this year's. Some speakers have written after talking here, really praising the town for its enthusiastic crowds. They say, 'Think of having 1400 people, and you can almost hear a pin drop.'"

BIRMINGHAM, BLOOMFIELD HILLS and Kingswood schools are having visits today by Dean Wilma Kerly-Miller of Radcliffe college, and officials of the school as well as local alumnae will dine with her at the Dr. Harry Mellins home in Huntington Woods this evening. Among alumnae hearing details of their school will be Kingswood's headmistress, Marion Goodale, and Mrs. William Her of Bedford road. Among the 45 guests, including school principals and alumnae of the area, will be Marjorie Bennett, also of Kingswood.



St. James' Men Sponsor Program

Returning to Birmingham after a successful Town Hall appearance, Dwight Long will present his film program for the St. James Episcopal church. Men's club at Baldwin school auditorium at 8:30 P.m., March 4.

He will present "Pacific Adventures", a three-part documentary film dealing with his trip around the world, the life of the naval aircraft carrier, "The Fighting Lady", and a modern hunt for ancient Spanish treasure.

Tickets for Long's program may be obtained at the church office.

Pine St. Drain Deemed Necessary

Construction of a catch basin on Pine street, 350 feet west of Chesterfield, was ordered this week by the Birmingham city commission.

To be assessed against property owners probably on a front foot basis, the drain is seen by residents

YMCA Membership Drive Lags With One Week To Go

With only 742 members reported on a goal of 1200 in the Birmingham Y.M.C.A.'s 1955 Membership Enrollment, General Chairman Arthur Blakeslee predicted that the workers and assigned members to do their part to bring this to a successful conclusion by Monday, Feb. 28.

At the last report meeting Monday, Feb. 28, the Boat Christian calling under the pilotship of Wayne Mortimer took a commanding lead with 123 in the race to Chicago and return.

In second place is boat Champion with Ernest Robinson plotting. They have a point score of 1012. Y-Boys is in third place with 1003 points and is showing a strong finish under the guidance of Wayne Stettbacher.

Boat Action under Roland Erickson has had good results and will finish stronger than its present 910 points show. The boat Mariner under pilotship of John Slater still has several workers who have not reported to add to their 892 total.

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Hasty Theft Report Chagrins Workers

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DIAMOND SAID he and Kathy were "fooling around," that he tripped her, and that she called him a name. This angered Diamond who slapped the girl, he told officers from the Michigan state police post at Redford.

"When she started running away, I took out my knife. I only meant to scare her. I fell on top of her and the knife went in. I was scared when that happened so I stabbed her again," Diamond told police.

After the knife blade broke, Diamond said he dragged the McLaughlin girl 30 feet to the spring-fed pond. He picked up a rock and hit her three times, then left her body about four feet of icy water.

Dr. Richard E. Olsen, pathologist at Pontiac General Hospital where an autopsy was performed, said death was caused by one of three blows to the head which fractured the child's skull.

THE GIRL'S body was found by her sister, Teresa, 17, and her father, John J., a salesman for the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. The family moved here from Cincinnati last March. Kathy, a fourth grader at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School, was the youngest of three girls. The third, McLaughlin girl, Judy, is 15.

Diamond, who had been seen earlier with Kathy, was picked up almost immediately after the body was discovered by police who found bloodstained clothing in the youth's bedroom.

IN HIS confession to police, Diamond said he returned home after the killing, changed his clothes, ate a hearty meal and helped his mother with the dishes before starting back to the scene to recover the piece of broken knife blade.

By this time, McLaughlin became worried about his daughter and had started a neighborhood search. When the girl's father asked Diamond of Kathy's whereabouts, he said, "I don't know. I didn't do anything to her."

Police also are investigating the possibility that Diamond may be connected with the rape-slaying Jan. 3, 1953 of Jo Ann Gillespie 18, of Detroit.

At the time of the murder, the Diamond family lived on Pontiac east side, within four miles of where the girl was fatally killed while on her way home from a movie.

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Whipped Cream Strawberry Tarts 3 for 62c

Meringue Top Banana Cream Pies 80c each

Individual Cinnamon Taffy Sweet Rolls 3 for 44c

Custard Filled Boston Cream Pies 75c each

Delicious Cherry Nut Cup Cakes 6 for 49c

Brown Sugar Cherry Walnut Coffee Cakes 75c each

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Specialty Bread—A different variety every day (FRIDAY & SATURDAY ONLY) 6 for 39c

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