

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

SPOTLESS CARS OPERATED by the Michigan driver training branch here are not just an accident. In fact, Bernard Rutten, owner of the company, sometimes has to stand for the gruffness of his neighbors when he attempts to keep his cars clean. He was spotted Tuesday morning by a neighbor who saw him washing one of his cars during a good-sized snowstorm in the side drive of his home at 911 Ridgedale.

LAST WEEKEND, the Riverside Dance club glorified the comfortable January letdown with its annual "Moth Ball." After coming attics and basements for weeks in search of suitably disreputable attire, members vied for costume prizes Saturday night at the Birmingham Country club.

"THE ECENTRIC is one of the very best weeklies we've ever seen," write two new readers of the newspaper, "and we've seen many, since we both are former newspaper people." The John R. Morris is a new resident at 1541 Cedar drive, and Morris is in public relations for Ford division of the Ford Motor company. They moved here from Dearborn, a temporary stop since they came to the area from Richmond, Va. Morris is a graduate of University of Missouri, where he was an Alpha Tau Omega and a Sigma Delta Chi, and Mrs. Morris attended Southern Seminary Junior college at Buena Vista, Va., and the University of Kentucky. They have a daughter, Lee, 2.

HOW CAN YOU TELL—when there are no leaves on the trees—whether a limb is dead or not? That is the question in the minds of many non-foresters as they see the city crews these blustery days trimming city trees. City Parks and Forestry Supv. Bill Lebold explains it thus: "Before real cold weather arrives, trees have formed the next season's buds. You merely look for budless branches—and trim. If you want another check point, live limbs have bark which is firm and shiny, compared to the flaky, dull bark on dead wood."

FIRST COUPLE to entertain a wedding party at Forest Lake country club left their Saturday reception carrying their lunch. The luncheon was photographed by all their guests as the bride (daughter of the Floyd Shorts, Pontiac members of the club) and her bridegroom began their wedding trip. The out-of-the-ordinary of chicken sandwiches and bridal cake is a tradition that Gene Rawlins brought from previous jobs when he came to manage the new club a year ago. He accompanies it with a bottle of champagne for the couple's "launching."

PLANS FOR THE SECOND annual Michigan Week, May 15-21, are already underway with Dr. Edgar L. Harden, dean of Continuing Education Service at Michigan State College, chairman of the committee. Staged to publicize advantages found in the state among the state's own residents, 740 of the 82 counties participate in the event last year with mayors from the various cities exchanging places with their counterparts in other cities for one day during the week.

POSTED AT THE FRONT DOOR of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce office on E. Maple is a note which in very few words tells the story why it no longer is the local branch of the Michigan secretary of state. These words are: "Due to circumstances beyond our control, the secretary of state's office branch is located at 820 S. Woodward." The "circumstances" which the C of C could not "control" were the election in November of Democrats to the top state offices, including James Hare, the new secretary. "All's fair in love, war and politics," local C of C staff explains objectively.

OUT OF 160 MILLION Americans, only a mere handful can become a part of that very restricted group of piscatorial experts who manage to catch the largest of a given species of fish. So it is nice to inform our readers that Ferd M. Broock, of Lone Pine Court, well known local reeler, is credited in "The Fisherman's Encyclopedia" with having caught the largest blue bill sunfish ever taken from American waters. It weighed two pounds, ten ounces, was 12 inches long and its girth was 12 and seven-eighths inches. Broock caught it in Silver Lake, Mich., June 5, 1945. It has been mounted and hangs on the wall of Broock's office. (Although we published the news when he caught it, this is the first time we have informed you that his name is in the Fisherman's Encyclopedia... which in itself is quite a distinction.)

BIRMINGHAM MOMS have gone on record in their eagerness to see an adequate civil defense program operating here by asking city commissioners to appoint a CD chief at the earliest opportunity. MOMS clubs throughout the nation are pledging their support to civil defense programs, and according to Mrs. Howard R. Estes, local president, Birmingham is woefully without civil protection should any major disaster strike. City commissioners, aware of this lack of a CD program and local administrator, discussed the problem at a special committee meeting last night. They hoped to reach some definite conclusions.

THE MAYOR'S SIGNATURE, affixed to 30 many documents and city contracts, also gets a good workout when it comes to establishing the myriad of special event weeks during the year. Birmingham Mayor Charles Renfrew can back this statement up after assigning three special weeks on Monday of this week. In the order of their dates, they will be Junior Achievement week, Jan. 30-Feb. 5, Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6-12, and Junior Chamber of Commerce Week, Feb. 20-26.

WHEN MEMBERS of the high school National Honor Society met at school to plan their forthcoming Feb. 12 dance for which Les Paine and his orchestra will play, much discussion centered upon the name. A suggestion made by one of the brilliant minds was turned down flat by the group. His suggested title for the ball was, "Anesthesia with Les Paine."

BIRMINGHAM LIONS have another place to get in those "make-up" meetings—if they like to travel. Lions International announces the formation of a new club, this one in Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa. Local Lions who do not know the time and place of the meetings will be supplied with this information on request, states the latest issue of the Birmingham "Roar."



TUESDAY'S ELECTION of Ford Motor company officials resulted in E. R. Broock being named board of directors chairman. In making the announcement, Henry Ford II said Broock, who has been with the company since 1936, would continue to work in close contact with him in the field of business management.

Permits Increase In Year

Building permits with a total valuation of \$6,352,420 were issued in Birmingham during 1954. Building Inspector T. C. Eason announced this week. The total compared with \$6,175,370 in 1953 reflects the continuing growth of the city. Eason pointed out that amount, \$5,288,055 went for new construction. Alteration work totalled \$1,064,365. Eason said: Single family residences formed the bulk of the new construction. There were 297 permits issued during the year, at a cost of \$5,255,500. Twelve two-family residences, valued at \$230,000 were granted permits, while a single three-family building with a cost of \$13,000 was built. Three terraces, with 21 units were issued permits, while auto-mobilists in the city erected 108 new garages, Eason reported.

SEVENTEEN new business structures were licensed, costing a total of \$567,500. A single eleven-story school was built, with a valuation of \$500,000, while another was altered, costing \$140,000. A single new industry came to the city, with its valuation listed at \$35,000, while the city's two new fire halls were listed at \$166,200. The first lamb shank permit in the city's history was issued. A cost of \$900 was reported. Community House alterations cost \$1,500, while a permit for a new \$300 greenhouse was granted.

FOUR NEW parking lots were constructed at a cost of \$105,000. Another was altered for \$1,000. The new "Sunday" school was built, with a permit valuation of \$80,000, while another was altered, costing \$140,000. A single new industry came to the city, with its valuation listed at \$35,000, while the city's two new fire halls were listed at \$166,200. The first lamb shank permit in the city's history was issued. A cost of \$900 was reported. Community House alterations cost \$1,500, while a permit for a new \$300 greenhouse was granted.

Water

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reaching 14 Mile. Laterals to serve Berkeley and Southfield are planned for several Mile roads. The main will go east on 14 Mile crossing Birmingham, North Royal Oak and Clawson and then south through Royal Oak to connect with the existing North Wood road system. A 16-inch main will also run east on 14 Mile to Southfield.

"OTHER LOOPS in the new system also are planned to maintain service throughout the network of mains. Authority members hope to start construction on main lines during the spring and storage tanks in the spring. Present completion date for the project now is set for mid-summer 1956.

Fire Extinguisher Pays for Itself Many, Many Times

Having a fire extinguisher handy cost a Birmingham merchant only 60 cents last week in a fire that might have resulted in thousands of dollars damage to his building and posed a threat to surrounding business places. Art Lake of Lake Jewelers, 69 W. Maple, saved his store from the ravages of a serious fire last Friday by grasping the extinguisher when broken hanging light fixtures ignited and spread flames throughout the entire rear of the store. "I'm thankful for that small article," Lake exclaimed, "but I was surprised to hear from my firemen that several merchants do not own a single extinguisher."

CUDAHY PURITAN Ready to Eat - A Real Treat

SMOKED HAM

SHANK END **39**¢ lb. BUTT END OF WHOLE **53**¢ lb.

LEAN & FRESH

SPARE RIBS

39¢ lb.

MISSISSIPPI BRAND

SLICED BACON

49¢ lb. SUGAR CURED

CHOICE & PRIME

ROUND STEAK

99¢ lb.

Best Quality

CANNED HAM

79¢ lb. 10 to 12 lb. Avge.

Choice & Prime U.S. Government Grade

RIBS of BEEF

65¢ lb. 7-RIB CUT.

FANCY

Capons

59¢ lb. Sfire's Quality Roll Butter **65**¢ lb.

FREEZER SPECIALS PRIME & CHOICE GRADES

Side of Beef . . lb. **57**¢
Hind Quarter . . lb. **73**¢
Whole Lamb . . lb. **53**¢
No Extra Charge for Cutting & Wrapping

ROLLED ROAST

LAMB Shoulder

79¢ lb.

PRIME & CHOICE

LEG of LAMB

59¢ lb.

CHEESE DEPARTMENT Special of the Week

Fairmont COTTAGE CHEESE lb. carton 24c
Borden's BISCUITS 2 pkgs. 19c
New York Sharp BLACK RIND CHEESE lb. 79c
MILD CHEDDAR CHEESE lb. 49c
Wisconsin Long Horn MILD CHEESE lb. 59c

MILLER'S LITTLE RED HEN CHICKEN PIES

MADE FROM YOUNG, FARM-FRESH CHICKENS

BEST BY ANY TEST

DELICIOUSLY DIFFERENT A Real \$1.00 Meal . . . 2 for 89c

NEW! Welch's Fruit of the Vine

the preserve of Whole Concord Grapes 29c

in reusable dessert glasses Save 'em!

Snow Crop FROZEN FOODS

CUT CORN 6 pkgs. \$1.00

Mixed VEGETABLES pkg. 23c
RED RASPBERRIES pkg. 35c

BUNDS NO. 25 TINS

PEARS 2 TINS 75c

MOTT'S APPLE SAUCE No. 300 JARS 3 for 50c

LIPTON TEA

THE "BASIC" TEA

1/2 lb. 75c 48 Tea Bags 63c

ROLAND TUNA

Brine Packed Fancy White Meat

3 Tins \$1.00

BIRDS EYE FROSTED FOODS

Pies—Chicken—Beef 4 for \$1.00
STRAWBERRIES—10 oz. 3 for \$1.00
FROZEN QUAKER DINNERS—12 OZ. EACH
Pot Roast—Swiss Steak—Turkey 95c
Grand Dish—BUTTERED BEEF STEAKS, 11 oz. 47c

NORTHERN PAPER White Luncheon NAPKINS 2 pkgs. 25c

SWANSON'S Oleomargarine 22c lb.

AMONIA 2 for 43c

RINNEY'S SOCKEYE FANCY PUGET SOUND 7 1/2 oz. Can

FINISH Electric Dishwasher Detergent

Box 49c

AWREY BAKERY

Sultana Nut Frozen Cookies 35c per dozen
Whipped Cream Strawberry Tarts 3 for 62c
Pure Fruit Pineapple Pies 75c each
Apple Filled Danish Sweet Rolls 6 for 62c
Custard Filled Boston Cream Pies 75c each
French Butter Cream Filled Chopping Cup Cakes 6 for 58c
Danish Butterscotch Coffee Cakes 75c each
Glazed Cinnamon Roll Donuts 6 for 47c
Specialty Bread—A different flavor every day
Tasty Glazed Donut Dunkers 6 for 32c
Rich Butter Cream Layer Cakes 75c each
Toasted Almond Cream Frosted 4 Layer Cakes 95c per dozen—\$1.90 each

Fruits & Vegetables

BANANAS Extra Large Ripe Fruit 2 lbs. 25c

CALIFORNIA ORANGE ORANGES Carton \$3.29

INDIAN RIVER—SWEET & JUICY Temple Oranges . . . Case \$3.59

IDAHO U.S. NO. 1 POTATOES 10 lb. Bag 59c

TOP QUALITY GRAPEFRUIT 10 for 69c

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