

# Holidays Plentiful, Observances Spotty

Many people already are looking forward to 1955 and the holidays it will bring them. The New Year starts off with a bang, of course, with the first day a holiday for practically everyone save those men and women concerned with transportation, public feeding, police and fire protection, making medical facilities available and a few other fields which "never close down". Although the calendar is sprinkled liberally with "holidays", not all are observed widely. A number are limited to a few states, while

others are strictly "local", based on the history of that particular territory. April leads the year with 12 holidays, not one of which is observed on a national basis. FEBRUARY, March, May, June, October and November, follow with six "days off". February can boast the birth-days of the country's most famous presidents, Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 12, and George Washington, Feb. 22. While these are not "national holidays", they generally are observed by banks and schools. Easter, rather late in 1955, falls on April 10, bringing with it one of the church's most significant observances of the year. May has claim to Memorial Day, observed by most states. The big day in the nation's history, April 4, is of course widely observed. Both fall on Monday, bringing "long" weekends. September brings Labor Day, with another long weekend, with no other break in this area until Oct. 12, when Columbus Day comes in for spotty observance. Some states have banned the tricky "hog defectors" on the hoods of cars, claiming they interfere with clear vision and safe driving.

## People's Column

To the Editor: The recent Birmingham AAUW Book Sale was a huge success. We feel that a great part of the

help we received from the Eccentric in bringing the sale on before the public. Miss Morgan was particularly kind and cooperative.

The Eccentric and the people who make it the fine paper it is, can all feel partly responsible for the AAUW educational scholarships that will be given next spring. On behalf of the AAUW, may we extend our very sincere thanks and appreciation to ANN W. LAFONTAINE, Publicity Committee, 1954 Book Sale Board.



JUST BEFORE JETS sailed over Michigan's capitol to open inaugural ceremonies Saturday, Gov. G. Mennen Williams, right, and Phil Hart, took foremost posts on the capitol steps. Several thousand watched from the state grounds as the two took oaths for the governor's and lieutenant-governor's offices. While at the two-course-ago similar event it was the governor's children who showed tearful pride in their father, it was one of Hart's daughters that shed tears in the pre-inaugural reception inside the capitol Saturday. (Eccentric Photo)

## The Birmingham Board of Education Presents Adult Evening Courses

- The adult evening courses listed below will be offered for a period of ten weeks beginning the week of Jan. 24.
- All classes will be held at the Birmingham High School.
  - Classes (with some exceptions) are for two hours and meet one night each week (8:00-10:00).
  - Registration for all classes will be taken at the Tarry School (Tarry and Lincoln) Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. COURSE REGISTRATION CLOSING JANUARY 21, 1955.
  - Mail registrations will be accepted for two courses: Landscape Gardening and Reading Skills for Adults. Fees for courses must accompany registration. Please include home address and telephone number. Make checks payable to Tarry School.
  - The course fee is for instruction and DOES NOT include books and supplies.
  - For course content and other information CALL MI 4-0965.

- ### COURSES:
- BAND INSTRUCTION**  
Interested persons should call Mr. Berndt at MI 4-7657.
- CAKE DECORATION**  
Instruction in the making of flowers, scrolls, etc. Designs for the professional looking cake. Fee—\$6.00 Thursday.
- DRIVERS TRAINING**  
The class will meet twice a week for 1½ hours each evening. The enrollment limit per class is three persons. A total of six persons may enroll for the course. The course will run for four weeks. Fee—\$16.00. Schedules to be arranged.
- HI-FIDELITY EQUIPMENT.** "Its construction, its selection, and operation."  
The selection of amplifiers, speakers and other related electronic equipment for the development of a Hi-Fidelity phonograph system in the home. Fee—\$6.00 Wednesday
- INCOME TAXATION**  
An introduction to the practical and legal problems involved in income taxation. Fee—\$6.00 Thursday
- INTRODUCTION TO COMMERCIAL LAW**  
A course to acquaint you with the application of legal principles to everyday personal and business problems. Fee—\$6.00 Tuesday
- KNOW YOUR AUTOMOBILE**  
Basic mechanical aspects of the modern automobile. Fee—\$6.00 Wednesday
- LANDSCAPE GARDENING (6 Week Course)**  
The course is designed to assist the homemaker with the budgeting, design, planning, construction and planting of home grounds, lawns, and gardens. Fee—\$3.00 Thursday
- LIVING WITH YOUR TEEN AGER**  
Discussion of common problems of the adolescent. Fee —\$6.00 Thursday
- OIL PAINTING (Advanced)**  
The advanced art course offers the possibilities of self-expression most adapted to meet the individual's needs. Fee—\$6.00 Tuesday
- OIL PAINTING (Beginning)**  
Instruction in oil painting for the beginner. Fee—\$6.00 Thursday
- PERSONAL ABILITIES AND APTITUDES**  
Through the interpretation of standardized tests and inventories of interest and aptitudes in this course, the participants are acquainted with personality and ability factors that often prove interesting as well as practical. Fee —\$6.00, Monday
- PIANO (Advanced)**  
Instruction in sight reading, rhythm study and the playing of tunes. Fee—\$6.00, Monday
- PIANO (Beginning)**  
Instruction in elementary theory, sight reading, rhythm study. Fee—\$6.00 Thursday
- READING SKILLS FOR ADULTS (8 Week Course)**  
This course will train the adults to read faster and better. The greatest part of the class activity is designed to provide improvement in reading rate. Fee—\$15.00 Tuesday
- SEWING (Beginning)**  
Fundamentals of sewing. Fee—\$6.00 Tuesday
- SHORTHAND**  
A refresher course for those persons having knowledge of the subject. Fee—\$6.00 Tuesday
- TAILORING**  
A course for adults who wish supervision and aid in the selection of patterns, fitting, cutting, and finishing garments. Fee—\$6.00 Wednesday
- TYPING**  
The touch system of typing. Mastery of keyboard, letter forms and outlines. (These students should have access to a typewriter at home.) Fee—\$6.00, Wednesday
- UPHOLSTERING**  
Instruction in the upholstering of chairs. Fee—\$6.00 Thursday
- WOODWORKING**  
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