

Suburban Dance Fetes St. Pat

The Suburban Dance club's event spotlighted the St. Patrick's day theme last Saturday night as 50 couples dined at shamrock-decked tables and danced beneath a mural-size Irish buckled hat.

The dance club, formed of Birmingham area residents, met at the Hillcrest Country club in Mt. Clemens.

Though the theme was Irish, Scandinavian games had been picked by the Richard Smiths for their committee. Their helpers were the Jack Pattersons, the Arnold Olsons, the Richard John-

sons, and the John Christensens. Planning the next event, April 9, are the S. R. Pritchards.

BIRTHS

A son, David Van Ripper Morris, was born to MR. AND MRS. JOHN R. MORRIS, 1354 Cedar drive, March 10 at Oakwood hospital, Dearborn. The Morrises, who have a daughter, Lee, 2, moved here from Virginia last November.

A son David Brethmeyer, was born March 4, to MR. AND MRS. BYRON NEWTON COONS, 1730 Banbury.



MELTING SNOW AND RAIN have made one big mud puddle of Eton road leading to Pembroke school. But despite heavy going, students and teachers alike have managed to struggle to and from school daily. Which means that safety patrol boys, like Eugene Smith, 2192 Dorchester (left), and Bill Hosken, 2311 Pembroke, have to lead the way through the mud to be on hand to watch over others who slog through the mire. This portion of Eton is scheduled for improvement this year, but that is of little consolation now, the students observe. (Eccentric Photo)

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City Entered In AAA's 16th Accident Contest

A complete report of Birmingham's pedestrian accidents and its accident prevention program was forwarded to the American Automobile Association in Washington, D.C., for judging in the 16th National Pedestrian Protection Contest, Ralph W. Moxley, Chief of Police announced today.

The contest report form details accident records, legislation and enforcement, engineering, organization, school safety and public information activities conducted in Birmingham during 1954.

The AAA will judge the city with other cities of the same population all over the United States. Winners in the contest will be announced later this year after the board of judges, composed of some of the most prominent men in the field of traffic safety, review their reports. In last year's contest, all 48 states and 1,892 cities entered.

LAST YEAR Birmingham did not have a single pedestrian fatality. The pedestrian death has occurred this year.

Chief Moxley said that if all pedestrians would follow these safe walking rules, the record for the remainder of 1955 could remain unblemished:

Cross only at crosswalks; Look both ways before crossing; Never go into the roadway from between parked cars; Watch for turning cars; Cross only on proper signal; Carry or wear something white at night so drivers can see you; and When you must walk in the roadway, walk on the left, facing traffic.

C. L. Stinson Hurt In Car-Truck Crash

Chester L. Stinson, 43, of 1311 Bennaville, sustained minor injuries to chest and forehead last week when his car struck the rear of a tow truck at Adams and Derby.

Driver of the truck, Douglas O. McIntosh, 22, of 1502 Henrietta, told police he had stopped to turn left when the crash occurred. McIntosh was not injured.

People's Column

Doesn't Want Civic Center Disturbed

To the Editor:

I consider it quite unfortunate and ill-advised that our Commission should submit to the voters the question of the use of Shain park as an automobile parking lot, and feel that an expression from some taxpayers who have lived in Birmingham for many years is called for.

In my opinion the commission should have given an unequivocal "no" to any such proposal. I participated in the condemnation proceedings when the land was acquired to establish a Civic Center and the use of that block as a park has met with general approval.

THE PARK, together with the Municipal building, Library and school grounds creates a continuous and harmonious sweep from Pierce street to Southside avenue. This firmly fixed pattern should

by no means be disturbed. Certainly, we are not called upon to supply wealthy non-resident business houses with parking facilities at public expense, especially when it means the destruction of a long standing beauty spot in our city.

The park has been in existence for approximately 25 years and to substitute a parking lot for it would be most incongruous.

Furthermore, the block across from the Community House to the east would better serve general parking needs as much of the street parking is done by visitors to the Community House.

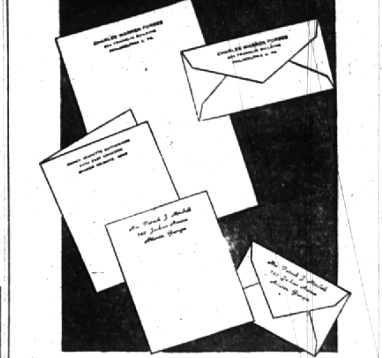
Then too, behind the Wabeko building and north of Willets, we now have large parking areas not fully used and also the relief offered by the new proposed parking area bounded by Merrill, Pierce and Brown has not yet been determined.

ONE argument advanced in support of the use of SHAIN park as against the block immediately south is that people would have to walk a block farther to shop.

This is nonsense as no car owner would approve the destruction of such an esthetic area as the park now is only to avoid walking one hundred fifty feet farther. I trust our voters will do what

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our Commission should have done and that is to say NO to such proposal and thus make clear that we have in Birmingham some recognition of esthetic values as well as the excessive and uncalled for



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Mrs. Elmer Haack is luncheon chairman and serving on her committee are Mrs. Ralph Coryell, Mrs. J. M. Harbin, Mrs. Walter Fauser and Mrs. Chester B. McCormick.

Set YW Camp Registrations

Registrations here for Camp Cavell, YWCA camp on Port Huron near Lexington, are slated for Saturday morning according to the Metropolitan Detroit Y.

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