

Cicerone Program Aids New Students At Birmingham HS

Birmingham high school's Cicerone club recently started a program for new students known as the Big Brother program.

Under this setup, when a new student enrolls in school, a Cicerone member is assigned to him or her. By showing the new person through the building and explaining activities and functions of the various clubs, Cicerone helps the student to adjust to his new school.

Program was organized by Don Laird, Cicerone president.

NEW STUDENTS assigned to Cicerone members are Linda McMaster, Doreen Conley, Sharon Cutting, Jeff Rappaport, Harold Fry, Karen Barnes, Ronald Geland, Marilyn Seymour, Paulette McKeown and Linda Kohlhof.

Others are George Staudt, Bob Lovels, July Finsess, Bob Parrish, Jane Sapala, John Hutchinson and Alice Lupke.

Membership Effort At Halfway Point

Art Blakeslee, chairman of Birmingham YMCA membership committee, has given Don Lau, general chairman of membership program, 502 memberships and \$3100 as of Monday.

This is halfway in the 'Y' campaign to obtain 750 new and renewed members this month to bring the 'Y' total to 2100 members.

Hit-and-Run Truck Driver Is Sought

Bloomfield township police are looking for the driver of a truck who Tuesday struck a car on West Maple road, and did not stop to identify himself.

Mrs. Phyllis Ostoby, 179 Melvyn, Birmingham, was attempting to turn right from Maple road when a truck marked Rockport Construction Co., struck the rear of her car, spraining Mrs. Ostoby's neck.

6 Best Sellers Don't Interest Literary Critic

By RUTH ANN SILBAR

Obviously Miss Virginia Peterson views the "bounden duty" to read books of the best seller lists, and she has saved till last.

But by then conscientious mothers in the Town Hall audience had left to feed their hungry school children, home for lunch.

"Andersonville" really is not a new nor is it entirely fiction, Miss Peterson pointed out, but its imaginary pieces are fitted over the basic facts.

FOR IN her reviews of seven of today's American fiction best sellers she gave them all a hard going over—with but one exception. This latter was "Andersonville" which she has saved till last.

Andersonville is a novel by MacKinlay Kantor, the author, has come a long way from the slick Hollywood writer he once was.

Andersonville is a novel about the current interest in passion are two favorite topics of today's novelists.

ANDERSONVILLE in Georgia, was a Confederate prison camp for Union soldiers during 14 months of the Civil War. In a stockaded area (about the size of the Birmingham high school site) an average of 30,000 Union soldiers were kept without shelter, sanitary facilities or adequate food.

It is a sprawling river of a book," commented Miss Peterson, "but staying within its bounds of sorrow and indignation."

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THE denunciation of American business, the symbol of success, sacrifice of honesty and individuality is, as Miss Peterson sees it, but another attempt on the part of the authors to achieve success for themselves.

Of "The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit" the critic said crisply, "A man's reach should exceed his grasp. This doesn't."

On the current interest in passion, Miss Peterson told her audience, "I recommend that you not read 'Dear Park' by Norman Mailer. It concerns the occupations of the body and bed and an unexcitingly dull, painfully plodding and ugly. It is a litany of the Lost."

OF "THE Charmed Life," a story of life at an artists' resort, Miss Peterson said, "I was struck by the sincerity of its authenticity... There is no sadder commentary on love."

"Marjorie Morningstar," she believes, will be remembered only because of the Jewish background of the central figure.

"I am sure that those of you who read the book, felt the same as I. After I got through the really 500 pages, I didn't care whether Marjorie got married or not."

Miss Peterson was introduced to Town Hall audience by Miss Jeanne Lloyd, head of Baldwin Public Library.

YMCA to Hold Spring Retreat At Christ Church

Everett W. Allen, chairman of the Birmingham YMCA Christian emphasis committee, has announced the details of the 88th annual spring retreat of the Detroit YMCA at Christ Church, Cranbrook, Saturday, March 3, from 9 to 9 p.m. Over 300 registrants are anticipated.

The out-of-town speaker will be eminent church dignitary from Canada, the Very Reverend J. Burton Thomas, B.A., B.D., D.D., Dean of Rupert's Land, and Rector of St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

He is known as one of the most dynamic leaders serving within the format and traditions of the Church of England of Canada.

QUEST SOLOIST will be Thomas V. Pruitt, of Plymouth Congregational Church, Detroit. Organist will be W. Carey Foster. The Birmingham Y's Men's club will usher.

The retreat will close with communion service administered by the Rev. Robert L. DeWitt and the Rev. Perry R. Williams of Christ Church, Cranbrook.

Dinner will be served in the Kirkwood school dining hall at 5:30 p.m.

Businessmen Meet For Fund Drive

Birmingham businessmen met last night to make plans for the business solicitation for the Community House Roll Call Drive.

Gathered together by William Torrence and Edward Kurth, those present included Robert Bender, Arthur Blakeslee, Samuel Bruni, Russell Downey, Albert Firth and Claude Kidd.

Others attending were Paul Kurth, Thomas Mills, Eugene Parmenter, Henry Seltzer, William Sennett, Foster Toothacker and Richard Young.

Alums Invited To Open House At Nursery School

It will be homecoming Sunday for the class of '54, West Maple nursery school.

All 52 grads and their parents have been invited to open house at Redemer Lutheran church nursery school rooms at 4 p.m. All other alumni and the 130 present enrollees also have been invited, according to Mrs. Theodore Wug-gazer, director.

The alums will see movies taken at graduation exercises last June, hear the current class rhythm band, and enjoy refreshments.

Needed Equipment Supplied to BHS

For a long time the publications department of Birmingham high school has had an inadequate supply of typewriters. At last something has been done about it.

As the result of a visit by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland to the journalism department, three new Royal typewriters, three new adjustable typing tables, one posture chair and an adjustable stool were ordered or supplied.

The new equipment will be of great value to the department and to students, and will be a big convenience to both the Highlander and Piper staffs.

Wins First Place In \$1,000 Contest

A Birmingham-area woman was the winner of a Detroit daily news paper \$1,000 contest over 25,000 other entries. Another was among 25 who tied for fifth place.

Mrs. Gerald O. Hibbard, 16270 Buckingham, Southfield township, was awarded \$300 first prize for her thoughts on the return to publication of daily newspapers after the recent newspaper strike.

Mrs. Charles H. Becker, 12741 Birmwood, Southfield township, won \$10 for her entry.

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