

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE handwriting of students and adults from the third grade on? Judging by the penmanship of Quanton school third graders who wrote very nice thank-you notes following their visit to The Eccentric, those youngsters wrote in a better hand than most high school students and most adults.

DOUGLAS LOCK of 2898 Stonebridge road, Troy, took his citizenship tests April 24 in Pontiac. Not too unusual, although a proud moment for Mr. Lock, a supervisor at Ford Tractor, and formerly from Lincolnshire, England. What is unusual is that Lock's brother, Basil, was one of two pilots who supervised flight training for the Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth II. On the one hand is a brother actively serving the Queen and on the other is the brother who wondered and found a country he liked so much he decided to change allegiance. Any way, we're happy to see that you like it here, Mr. Lock.

DICKY HUTCHINS, 18 months, has started early on a career. The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hutchins of Berwyn road, he was featured as a star in the April 19 Eccentric. Dicky's brother, Bill, 5½, will appear later in the series along with Mandy Roberts, daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. William Roberts, and Dick Purdy, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Purdy of Wellesly drive.

A PLAN FOR A REVAMPED Shain Park (between the city municipal and public library buildings) is being ready for city commission action by plan technician Herb Herzberg. If commission approval comes soon, park revision could be completed this year. One of the major considerations will be a suitable replacement of the dying municipal Christmas tree in the middle of the park.

They call him "Chief," reports Mrs. LeRoy E. Kiefer, 1001 Willow Lane, Birmingham. Kiefer is director of the Birmingham high school band. Mrs. Kiefer, who handled publicity for the band's concert tonight, says the affectionate and respectful tag of "Chief" has been applied to him by Birmingham school musicians for years. Two of Bernell's former pupils in the Birmingham school system, Mrs. Kiefer reports, distinguished themselves in college musical achievements, went on to teach in other school systems, but came back to Birmingham later because they wanted to work with "Chief." They are Burton C. Bronson, Barnum junior high school band director, and Harold R. Jones, band director at Adams school.

THE REV. EMIL Kontz and First Baptist church have had four requests to sponsor entry into the United States of additional Chinese nationals. Requests came after The Birmingham Eccentric's story of the marriage of the pastor's S. L. Hong, of Pontiac, revealed the Baptist church staff in bringing the Chinese orphan bride here through Church World Service.

THERE WAS JOY in Birmingham when Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley announced a radar speed detection device on new police cars. New cars work on 12-volt electrical systems, while the radar requires six volts, he explained. But the chief announced this week that radio technician Mert Harris has solved the difficulty, which may shock some residents. Harris installed a line leading to the radar connection which cuts out half the voltage, Moxley says. He also made the juicy statement that "I know every body will be happy to hear that the radar is working now. It works on six volts," he added, "but it can clock 12-volt cars, too." Moxley's face lit up with a smile when he made the statement.

HOW EASY can a question be? Mrs. Mabel Dickey, fourth grade teacher at Adams school, didn't have to think twice to answer the question which won her a \$1,000 diamond ring in a gift stamp contest. "Who" her interrogators asked, "did Grace Kelly marry?"

BROWNSON MURRAY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Murray, Kewaskaw road, Bloomfield Hills, was recently named managing editor of the Michiganian, yearbook of the University of Michigan.

SO MANY PLAYGOERS ARRIVED at the Village Players' Saturday night without reservations that board members hurriedly had to rush out extra chairs to seat them all. Chairs gathered from the make-up room, kitchen and dressing rooms still left some of the overflow crowd standing. Finally, only one chair remained backstage, and it was occupied by Doris Walker, prompter for the show, "The Fifth Season." Doris claims she made board member tapped her on her shoulder, and that she stood up to talk to him, a second man whisked her chair away to the waiting audience.

HE'S BECOMING A QUICK-CHANGE artist, and by so doing, Patrolman Richard Chambers, made more friends for the police among kindergarten children at Baldwin school last week. Temporarily assigned to the detective bureau, Chambers currently works in plain clothes. When Miss Dorothy Zehrung asked Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley for an officer to explain the policeman's work to her kindergarteners, Chambers got the assignment. He donned his uniform for the kids' benefit, talked to the teacher's morning class, then returned to the station and became a plain clothes man once more. That afternoon he changed back into uniform, talked to the afternoon kindergarten group, then returned to the station and got back into plain clothes. A vote of thanks for his efforts came to Chambers in the form of a huge letter on a yard-wide roll of art paper. "We think you are very nice," it said, about the "signatures" of his 61 new friends.

IN PREPARATION OF THEIR fall book sale, AAUW members are already collecting books—so many, in fact, they are bumping into a storage problem. Mrs. John S. Judd, of Bingham road, AAUW book sale chairman, can't get any more books in her recreation room. She already had quite a few when one resident's complete library was donated to the sale. The Judd family now doesn't have room to recreate in the recreation room. Anyone with a storage place, willing to help the AAUW out of their perplexing problem, may call Mrs. Judd.

We Heard It Said By: MRS. C. J. THOMAS, public director for Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area cancer crusade. "When Lily Dache spoke to cancer volunteers at a recent Detroit luncheon, she made us all feel wonderful. She said we weren't dopes, but that we were public-spirited, and there-

Ask for Larger Recreation Budget

The 1956-57 recreation budget of \$18,949, submitted to the Birmingham city commission Monday night by the recreation board, is slightly over \$2,000 above last year's \$16,900. The budget which will be studied by the commission today includes \$10,000 for the recreation director's salary and secretarial expenses. That cost will be divided between the city and the school board. The proposed budget will cost the city \$15,949, with the other \$2,700 coming from estimated revenue made up largely of swimming fees.

LARGEST ITEMS are the upkeep of playgrounds and baseball diamonds. Playground expense is \$2500 and diamond cost \$2900. Other expenses include \$2224 for the winter indoor recreation program and \$3000 for ice skating (annual). Budgets for Eton artificial skating rink and Springdale park will be submitted to the commission by Charles Gale, city supt. of parks and forestry.

if you're like me. Says the Barrister. You associate "corpus delicti" with the sharply pointed knife used by the murderer in your favorite detective novel. I enjoy reading a good murder mystery, and it seems the detective-chero often seeks a "corpus delicti" to prove a crime was committed. Frequently what he finds is the dead body of a movie star or diplomat or international financier stuffed into some out-of-the-way cranny. It took a while, but now I've learned that those two Latin words don't really have anything to do with a corpse at all. "Corpus delicti" is the legal term for one of the many ways by which the law protects you from injustice.

In totalitarian countries the police may arrest you on vague charges, toss you in jail, and leave you there. BUT in the United States the law requires the police authorities to show two very important things before you can even be placed on the crime scene. It must be clearly shown (1) that in fact somebody has committed a legally defined crime and (2) that there is good reason to think that you may have been the "suspect" in the crime. In the language of the law, No. 1 is the "corpus delicti." Item No. 2 is the information or indictment.

SUPPOSE your neighborhood grocer opens a store some morning and finds the door to his safe blasted from the hinges and the contents missing. The police have enough to go on to say that there was a burglary. They have the "corpus delicti." And in spite of the "whodunit" writers, the prosecutor doesn't necessarily have to produce a corpse to prove a murder. Even though he must prove the "corpus delicti," there are other ways.

It doesn't happen often, but courts have convicted men for murder where a body was never found. The proof offered may be a combination of several circumstances such as a discharged gun belonging to the accused, blood in his auto, the victim's personal belongings and clothing in possession of a similar incriminating factors. Even though "corpus delicti" is a legal term, you use it in everyday conversation, you can be thankful it's an important part of our American law.

Store Plans Hit Ordinance Snag

Plans of Shiley Bros., Detroit retail outlet of Baldwin pianos and organs, to open a Birmingham store have hit a snag. Shiley Bros. tentatively purchased a large home at the southeast corner of Woodward and Oakland for conversion into a retail store. Now Shiley Bros. are confronted with a city ordinance which stops the use of a home as a retail store. Paul Smiley was informed of the ordinance at the city commission meeting Monday night. Smiley said that plans for Birmingham store are now "up in the air."

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A VOLUNTEER GROUP of Birmingham area women who do charity work for the Catholic family center of Oakland county will be hostess at a dinner party Saturday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of the Judge W. Beardsen on Tottenham road, Bloomfield Village. Members of the Mercy League discussing dinner plans in the recreation kitchen of the Beardsen home are (from left) Mrs. Frank W. Lynch, Mrs. James T. Moore and Mrs. Beardsen. The dinner will benefit the child welfare department of the center. Among guests with reservations are the Tom Boltons, the J. Frederic Colombos, the Richard Connells, the John Hammonds, the Carson Bingham and the Frank Rennells. The list continues with the Wm. J. Klews, the Charles Baers, the Howard Keatings, the Lloyd Diehls, the Robert Schulz, the John Larkins, the Joseph Pauluses, the Harry Stillmans and the Frank Lynchs.

Police Impound Youth's Motorcycle After Accident

A motorcycle belonging to Edward Sharpe, 14, of 1348 Humphreys, was impounded by Birmingham police Saturday after an accident in which Sharpe and a passenger received minor injuries. Police stated that Sharpe's cycle was proceeding at about 30 miles per hour into the intersection at Penitente and Bradford streets, when it struck an automobile driven by Robert E. Kippie, 31, of 1872 Shepherd. Sharpe and his passenger Jack Ott, 29, of Rediker, were released after treatment for cuts and bruises at Hospital Municipal. Police impounded Sharpe for failure to yield the right of way to traffic at an intersection, having no operator's license acquired and no vehicle license.

Troy City Office Has New Address

TROY city officials, somewhat embarrassed to have to talk the word, "Birmingham" after their own "City of Troy" on letters, have gone to the most office to have the situation corrected. J. Lawson Lockhart, city clerk, said police officials told him Monday that mail for the city offices only, would carry only the "City of Troy" and would need any other city designation to receive mail. This does not apply to mail for private citizens. Lockhart emphasized. A post office box has been reserved at the Troy post office and any mail for Troy city offices in the future should read, "City of Troy, 69 W. Wattlew road, Troy, Michigan."



Oakland County has more camps (25 summer camps; 2 year around group camps) than any other county in Michigan, offering fine facilities for the development of youth, according to the Oakland County Planning Commission.

Woman Sentenced To County Jail

Dorothy F. Coe, 42, of Pontiac, was sentenced to 90 days in Oakland county jail last week by Birmingham Justice John J. Gaddi on charges of larceny from a building. Birmingham Det. Lt. Merlin Holmquist said she had taken silverware from the home of Alfred Slatkin, 2435 Radnor, where she worked as a maid for one week. The silverware was recovered.

US-10 Crossing Guard Sought

Safer conditions for children using the Oakland-Hunter intersection are going to get city study. The request for parents in the Maple-Woodward-Hunter area. Submitted by George W. Talbutt, 42 Brookside, the petition asked for a patrolman's assistance three times a day. Commission asked Police Chief Ralph Moxley to see if he could find a dependable auxiliary police man.

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Bandit Concealed In Rear Car Seat Robs S'field Man

SOUTHFIELD—James R. Rainey, 19314 Jeannette, was robbed of about \$6 late Tuesday by a man who had concealed himself in the rear seat of Rainey's auto. Rainey, who had left a bar on Eight Mile road about 9 p.m., was on Red River and 10 Mile road when the unidentified bandit rose up from the back seat and at gun point demanded Rainey's money. Rainey told Police Chief Philip

LaVigne he gave the man his pay envelope but that most of the money already had been deposited in a bank. The bandit took Rainey's auto, which has not yet been located. This is the second holdup in Southfield since the Southfield police department was formed three years ago.

Set Youth Party

Tomorrow is the day for another party for Birmingham's junior high youth groups. The event will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Community House.

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