

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**WITH SCHOOL OUT** on "trick or treat" day, three shrewd boys of about age 10 got off to an early start Tuesday. They were making the rounds on Knox street about noon. Wonder how many bags they filled before bedtime?

**BE SURE TO GET** a lapel button from a Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce member or one of their League of Women Voters assistants on election day. The buttons read, "I voted, did you?" and 10,000 of them will be handed out by Jaycee "get out the vote" chairman Bill Kramer and his helpers at all 11 precinct polls.

**MONDAY ISN'T A LUCKY DAY** for Cosy Martinelli, owner of the restaurant at 138 S. Woodward. Monday of last week was the driver careened over the curb and smashed the large front plate glass window. At 10:45 p.m. this Monday, Martinelli phoned police that a gang of boys had just smashed a smaller window near the restaurant's entrance.

**STILL NO VOLUNTEER** has come forward to accept the task which Mrs. Donald R. St. John describes as "a great satisfaction, because you feel that you are actually part of the defence of your country." Mrs. Melvina Eberle, of Milford, area civil defense director, is still seeking a new director of Birmingham's Ground Observer post to replace Mrs. St. John, who was forced to resign recently. Main job of the post director is recruiting and seeing the post is manned on the needed 24-hour basis. Mrs. St. John says she enjoyed working on the sky-watching operation because "I think any little thing that I can do to make us that much stronger and safer is a worthwhile outlet for my energies."

**SOME ADAMS SCHOOL** kids have been convinced somehow that if Stevenson becomes president, all children will have to go to school on Saturdays. And are they ever rooting for Ike?

**BEFORE "TRICKS OR TREATIN'"** Tuesday night, five young ladies in Birmingham donned their costumes for a progressive dinner. Starting with appetizers at Joyce Lindley's home on East Maple, they proceeded to Roberta Bridenstine's on Mohegan for the salad course and then on to Virginia Hizar's on Park street for the main part of the meal. There was no dessert... guess the girls thought they'd be eating plenty of sweet stuff while making the rounds of neighborhood homes for Halloween treats. Joyce and Roberta went as "rich ladies" in formal and capes, and Virginia dressed as a baker. Also participating in the dinner fun were Betsy Duncan as Raggedy Ann and Marily Perry as Carmen Miranda.

**GENEVIEVE MAXWELL**, a reporter for the Daily Star in Beirut, Lebanon, is a long way from home, but her thoughts are in her homeland these days. She has written her mother, Mrs. Bruce Harding of Wing Lake, that her absentee ballot has been taken care of some time ago and that she has written a general outline of U.S. election procedure for the Lebanon paper.

**GET A SERVICEMAN OVERSEAS** and to whom you expect to send Christmas packages? The post office suggests such items be in the mail before Nov. 15.

**A SOUVENIR OF A PLEASANT** association was hung with pride on the walls of the Birmingham Civil Air Patrol squadron room at Berz airport. It's a large folder bearing the portraits of the U. S. Air Force band and its conductor. With each player's signature penned in the wide margin, the gift was sent to the local squadron in appreciation for its "inspiration to us" while the Air Force band played at the Michigan State Fair last summer. Local cadets and squadron members worked at a CAP booth near the band shell and struck up a close acquaintance with their Air Force companions.

**See Poor Chance For Library Aide**  
If Commissioner Charles Renfrew's first glance is borne out by a detailed review of the city's first quarter operation, expected revenues will be off enough so the city can't afford to get an assistant public librarian.  
Commissioners set Tuesday, Nov. 13, for a review of first quarter finances. City department heads at so must have ready for that meeting their departmental analysis of their first three months fiscal operations.  
The library has requested the commission to look over its books, see if additional funds now are available. They weren't at budget-making time last June, the commission said.  
RENFREW pointed out that state sales tax is off \$1,292.65 from expected, inspections and permits down \$1,914.32, fires and penalties down \$249.28.  
Finance Director James Purkiss' report shows the city ahead only \$3,248.74, apparently not enough for the commission to be certain it can provide a salary for another library staff member.

## Safety Council Forming in County

To organize an Oakland county safety council, representatives from county communities will meet next Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. at Birmingham Community House. Birmingham City Manager Harold Schone and Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley will attend the meet, which will be chairmanned by Roal Oak Mayor Harold Kelley.  
The group will discuss local needs and how the county council would function in working for improved traffic safety.

## Sarnes Appointed Control Director

Lowell F. Sarnes, 5855 Wingerfort Court, Birmingham, has been appointed director of the Quality Control Office at Ford Motor company.  
Sarnes has been manager of the standards and methods department since 1952 and assistant director of the Quality Control Office since March, 1955. Sarnes joined Ford's quality control staff in August, 1950, as supervisor of the chassis section.



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