

## 5-Year-Old Driver Has 1st Accident

When he takes the wheel of a car, Bruce Philip, of 1945 Bowers, Birmingham, won't be able to say "I never had an accident."

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## Continues Search For a Democrat In Birmingham

City Clerk Irene Hanley wants to know, "Where are all the Democrats in Birmingham? Or does the city have a one-party system?"

As announced in last week's Eccentric, the city clerk is searching for Democrats to serve on her election boards. But Miss Hanley's published pleas fell upon only Republican ears. Or else the Democrats just weren't listening.

City Commissioner Clark Ingram has suggested that the city clerk find that he had heard there was an active organization of young Democrats in Birmingham. "Can't some of them help you out?"

As far as possible, Miss Hanley is required by law to staff election boards with equal numbers of people who declare themselves Republicans and Democrats.

If no Democrats volunteer to be on hand at the polls election day, the city clerk's only alternative is to staff election boards with Republicans and conclude, "There just aren't any Democrats in Birmingham!"

Anyone knowing of a Democrat might suggest to that person that he contact the city clerk's office. He's needed.

## Auditors Hired

Retention of the firm of Hogan, Juergel and Harding, of Detroit, to serve for the 19th year as auditors for the city of Birmingham was approved Monday night by the city commission. The rate agreed upon for the 1956-57 fiscal year was that of which the past three years' work has been based.

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**ANYONE FOR PANCAKES?** Boy scout troop B-17, whose members are from around Bloomfield township, are going to stage a big evening of flapjack flapping Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Lake house, Kirk-in-the-Hills church on West Long Lake road. Don't have quins about the boys' culinary skills because the young men will be on hand to help serve the delectable discs as well as professional flapjack flippers. A complete menu will be offered—sausage, coffee, dessert and such. The cost won't be much for adolescents, a little higher for grown-ups, so bring the entire family. The boys hope to wind up the event with enough money to replace some of their antiquated camping equipment.

**WHILE THIS NEWSPAPER** recently printed the current rumor around the police station that they were on the lookout for the stork to clamp the wily bird behind bars, our local firebrands are out looking, too, only with a shot gun. Fireman Carl Harlan, 1275 Humphrey, must carry a double barreled one because the Harlans were presented a set of twins—a boy and girl. Fireman George Gill, 427 Southfield, and his wife recently were presented a boy. "And," knowingly remarks Fire Chief Park Smith, "there's more on the way—more on the way."

**GRANDMOTHERS' GOWNS** and negligees are being brought out of their attic trunks to costume the feminine members of St. Dunstan's cast for "Gigi," which is being presented October 12, 13, 19 and 20. Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis and Mrs. Albert F. Remington will both be wearing their grandmothers' vintage 1900 gowns. Mary K. Hain, as Gigi, will wear an elaborate white gown from the George G. Booth treasures at Cranbrook House.

**BIRMINGHAM SUPT. OF SCHOOLS** Dwight B. Ireland this week joined the ranks of the grandpa group. A six-pound, seven-ounce son, Michael John, arrived Friday to his son-in-law and daughter, Lt. and Mrs. Wendell E. Smith, now at Hondo Air Base, Hondo, Tex.

**CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE MEMBERS** First might get a sneak preview of a rare scientific movie of "Secrets of the Reef," to open in November at a small Detroit theater. Its 70 minutes of never-before-photographed life around a coral reef include a 20-foot manta ray, hatching of octopus eggs, baby turtles, tiny seahorses, a fight between octopus and a moray eel, a lobster shrugging off its shell. It shows the life cycle of this marine world where life goes to the quickest and fittest. A most unusual, interesting color documentary.

**HIS MOTHER SAYS** she didn't hear it, but Noel Stookey was slated to appear on NBC's "Monitor" Saturday. The segment was taped Friday night as Noel, Michigan State sophomore whose Birmingham residence is at 288 W. Lincoln, emceed at a State pep rally. Mrs. Stookey said she tried to listen to "Monitor" all that day, but found later that she had the wrong station tuned in part of the time. So she still doesn't know the tape was replayed on the nationwide radio program. Two songs Noel recorded in August, "Goodbye Baby" and "Ivy Covered Cottage," are making a hit in some college circles. Mrs. Stookey repeats. Noel wrote the songs, sings them and accompanies himself on the guitar. Background music for the records was furnished by three of Birmingham's Brooks Brothers band, Tom Halstead, Jim Ewing and Mike Weston.

**THE ARTICLE, "Limitless Power Out of the Sea,"** in this week's Life magazine, brings national coverage to Dr. Ralph Lapp, the young nuclear scientist, Director Nuclear Science Service, who is coming again to Birmingham Town Hall Jan. 10-11. Dr. Lapp also appeared on Dave Garroway's program "Today" last week. Evidently the general public is finding as did the Town Hall audiences two years ago—that the vast implications of atomic power are understandable and fascinating when presented as this young man can do it.

**ON PAGE TWO** of Part one of The Eccentric this week you will find a "Bank Questionnaire," related to the hours during which Birmingham's local branches of The Detroit Bank & Trust Co. are open, with their effect upon your banking and local shopping habits. Won't you please fill out and send in this today?

**SOMETHING NEW** has been added. St. Elizabeth guild at St. James Episcopal church is serving buffet luncheons following the Town Hall programs. They'll be served in the church undercroft from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., starting next Thursday and Friday. The luncheons will be served after Town Hall each month, with the exception of November. Tickets can be purchased in the undercroft from 10 a.m. on luncheon days.

**"THE MORE YOU LISTEN"** to political speeches, the more you realize that ours is indeed the Land of Promise. This profound quote comes from Art Lake, editor of the Birmingham Exchange club's "Give and Take" bulletin.

## Radio Hams to Meet

To strengthen Oklahoma county radio amateurs' emergency communications organization, a meeting is scheduled at 8 p.m. Monday in the undercroft of St. James Episcopal church, 355 W. Maple road, Birmingham. The meeting is a joint effort of civil defense authorities and the Inter-County Amateur Radio club.

## Funds for Football

Fund solicitation to support Birmingham's little football league activities has been approved for Saturday, Nov. 3, in the downtown area. Mothers of team members will conduct the drive.

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**AS SEVEN YMCA** Indian Guides tribes gathered for a pow-wow at the "Y", these members of the Sioux tribe demonstrated how to make an arrow. Showing the Indian Guides and their deeds how to apply the feathers is Cliff Gibson (center). Other little braves are (from left) Greg Pulling, Bobby Wakeman, John Doffer, Jeff Doane, Cliff, Steve Bens, Michael Bens and Dick Tobin.

## Birmingham YMCA

Further details on these items may be obtained by contacting the "Y".

Nov. 8-11. The Travel club of the YMCA is again sponsoring a spring trip to New York City and the United Nations. The group will leave Nov. 8, and return Sunday evening.

Oct. 13, annual fall retreat for men of the YMCA is scheduled Saturday, at Christ Church, Colchester, Ont. Speaker will be Rev. Melvin A. Pearce, D. D., a native of Illinois and member of the board of directors of McCormick Seminary, a director and vice-president of the Evanston Rotary club.

Oct. 17, slides depicting an evening in Paris will be shown at the "Y" Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Oct. 24, games night at Edwin F. Kirbert's residence. Rides will begin at the "Y" at 7:45 p.m. and a party will be held at 4096 1/2 Hill Road. Reservations are now open for the 1957 camp season at the YMCA's Camp Nisakone. Boys 8-16 may register for only one period. First period will be from June 27 to July 25, second from July 25 to Aug. 22. All new applicants' names go on a waiting list until Dec. 1, when they are accepted in order of application date.

## We Heard It Said By:

L. L. COLBERT, of Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, president, Chrysler corporation. A President of the Physically Handicapped Week to emphasize importance of helping handicapped people lead normal, productive lives. Goodwill Industries, a non-profit, self-supporting organization, has this as its year-around job. Besides providing employment for 400 people in its own activities, Goodwill Industries train the handicapped for jobs in outside industry. Each Detroit area family can assist in this effort by donating usable household items and materials to Goodwill Industries.

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## HIT NEW HIGH

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