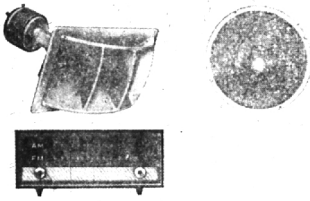


American Ships Offer Voyages In Essay Contest

Trips on American ships including voyages to the Caribbean, Pacific and Mediterranean, are being offered along with prizes in the Harold Harding memorial essay contest for high school students.

Essays must consist of 1,000 words or less, on the subject "The American Merchant Marine—Its Importance to the Farmer-Miner-Manufacturer in World Trade." Contest rules and suggested bibliography for background material may be obtained from Albert M. MacChery, c/o American Bureau of Shipping, Majestic Building, Detroit.

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TALKING OVER THEIR interests at the Senior Men's club meeting Friday are (from left) Robert Appell, Clarence Vliet and Ned Clark. They are part of the group now organizing to enable members to promote their cultural and recreational interests. The club for retired men and those over 65 is sponsored by the Birmingham recreation department and the Community House. Meeting at the Community House every Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the men enjoy games, moving pictures, lectures, and good conversation. Of over 600 local retired and "over 65" men notified last week of the new club, more than 300 have responded thus far, says recreation department Director Robert Girardin. Approximately 75 per cent replied they would like to join in the group, with most of the remainder unable to participate because they still work. The group is one of the many local activities made possible through the Community House.

People's Column Pays Tribute To Engineers

To the Editor: It occurred to me that we in Birmingham should be fully aware of the importance of the work of engineers. Through out the country, from the woods of Washington, Kentucky for the development of "Big Boy" work, to the factories of four countries in addition to being a station and worker, was a student engineer.

In accordance with the national program, our Mayor, the Honorable Eugene W. Ross, has proclaimed the week of February 12 to February 21 "Engineers' Week" so that all of us will stop and think long enough that country has advanced in industry and sciences due to the combined effort of all branches of engineering.

To Birmingham we had a large number of engineers who have contributed their talents with public utility.



WILLIAM H. MERRILL'S appointment to the Birmingham city plan board was announced last week. Merrill, a Detroit attorney, lives at 895 Harmon. He succeeds Paul B. Brown, who resigned a few months ago.

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Drivers of the two cars were Victor Clark, Jr. and Jack E. Plush, both 26, of 29 S. Glenway, Birmingham.

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