

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Police Chief Stanley Kevern found himself answering instead of asking questions Monday morning as he guided first grade pupils from Vaughan school on a tour of the police department. The youngsters also visited the city's fire department.

ONE OF KINGSWOOD SCHOOL Cranbrook's most "special" holidays will be observed Monday. There will be no classes that day, because two Kingswood alumnae were recipients of Phi Beta Kappa keys at their respective colleges. Every time a Kingswood graduate receives this honor, her alma mater acknowledges the award by declaring a half-day vacation from school. Carolyn Faulkner, of 1611 Yorkshire, Birmingham, class of 1952 at Kingswood, was elected to the honor society at the University of Michigan. Her parents are the Edward C. Faulkners, Gretchen Meyer, of Wyoming, O., who joined Phi Beta Kappa at Smith, graduated from Kingswood in 1953.

A TALL, DARK, AND HANDSOME student from Portugal looks at America's "dating" system in the current issue of Birmingham high school's Highlander. Here's the way Tomas de Fonseca, who is spending the year with the Elroy Sandbergers, of 999 Pleasant, Birmingham, sees the situation: "Any similarity between the following remarks and a Birmingham autobiography is purely coincidental.

Money is probably the thing that for many boys is most important, after, the girlfriend. Many think that without money a girl can't be found.

I myself, think that money is very important but it's not all. I go the other way: first the girls and then the dollars.

The ideal in dates is to find a girl that wants to pay her share, or even better, is willing to pay for everything. Such dates are pretty hard to find nowadays.

About dates at home, I am completely innocent for I still have not had that experience. By what I was asked since I came to this country, I understand that two or three dates determine going steady. After I dated a girl three times, everybody in school knew that I was going steady except the girl and me.

When I was in Portugal I was sure that rings were made to use on the finger, but now I am not so sure; for I see the rings not on the hands "but hanging on the girl's necks; that is a symbol of possession. What do you say, boys? Slavery again? It might be a different object but to me it still looks like an ordinary ring; and let me tell you that when it comes to the neck it's pretty close to the nose.

When it comes to being a joiner, I assure you that Birmingham is the right place for such a kind of sport, for if we go to a party, we are so much joined that we can't even move because of the crowds. But if you still are reading the order collected which incomplete returns indicate will reach more than last year's successful sale. Said P. G. Burnett, Birmingham March of Dimes campaign director, "... sincere congratulations and thanks to the gallant ladies of Rebekeh. Their successful sale was an important part of Birmingham's drive."

TO DATE, Mrs. Irene Murphy, 114 Bonnie Briar, Birmingham, has said "no comment" to reports that she is a candidate for the Democratic nomination as University of Michigan regent. Sources close to her are saying they wouldn't be at all surprised if she eventually said "yes". With Mrs. Robert F. Watt campaigning for the Republican nomination, what do you suppose are the odds that BOTH women from the same hometown would be their party candidates in the April 1 state election?

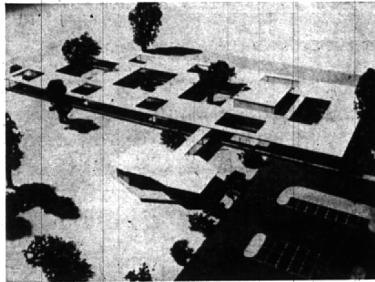
HIS ANNUAL report was given to this Wanderer Tuesday by Dog Warden Al Sundell. He states, "There were 106 dogs, three cats, one squirrel and three mother-in-law bites."

IN SPITE OF TEMPERATURES that hovered around 8° above, the valiant ladies of the Order of Rebekeh stayed at their posts in downtown Birmingham all day Friday to sell blue crutches for the March of Dimes. Mrs. Winnie Grant, Noble Grand, and the members of the order collected what incomplete returns indicate will reach more than last year's successful sale. Said P. G. Burnett, Birmingham March of Dimes campaign director, "... sincere congratulations and thanks to the gallant ladies of Rebekeh. Their successful sale was an important part of Birmingham's drive."

INTERCEPTED LETTER dated Jan. 16 from 1996 Melton, Birmingham: "Dear Santa Claus: Thank you for the nice toys. Tim Runyan likes his toys very much like I do. (Signed) Tommy Runyan."

THE DESIGN FOR THE PROPOSED nursery building at Lapeer (Mich.) state home and training school by architects Smith, Tarapata, MacMahon, Inc., of Birmingham, has won an award of distinction in the health category of the fourth annual Progressive Architecture magazine's awards program. Due to site restrictions, the nursery cottages, holding 40 children each, will be arranged in rows. The scale of the project will be in keeping with its nursery character and the buildings will be non-institutional in feeling.

WHEN PARISIAN hair stylist, Leon, hired a hairdresser from France for his Birmingham salon, the petite lady of



THE ABOVE DESIGN for the proposed Greenfield elementary school, to be constructed by the Birmingham board of education between Greenfield and Fairfax roads at 13 Mile road, won a top design award in a recent program sponsored by Progressive Architecture, national architectural magazine. The school was designed by Detroit architects Eberie M. Smith associates. Design is estimated to make possible an approximate 10 per cent saving in cost for a building of its quality. Radiant-heat pipes between perforated-metal acoustical ceiling and poured gypsum roof will supply heat.

Theater Group Seeks Members

The comparatively new little theater group, the Township Players of West Bloomfield, is celebrating its first anniversary this month.

Members take pride in the fact they are the area's youngest and one of the busiest theater groups. Mogens Klomp, 3025 Spring, W. Bloomfield township, chairman of the membership committee, invites all people of Birmingham and vicinity interested in participating in a little theater group to come to the Township Players' next business meeting January 31 at W. Bloomfield township hall.

Klomp is directing a skit especially for prospective members, his own adaptation of a short story, "The Little Courtesies" by Jack Fenwick.

ANYONE 21 years or over may apply for membership. Birmingham residents active in this little theater group are Ste and Mrs. Burke Bartlett, James E. Reall, Mr. and Mrs. George Bentley, Mr. Webster Buell, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Bywater, Miss Dorothy M. Carruthers, Mrs. Derry Gilray, Mr. and Mrs. Eardley Greene and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Metz.

"High Ground," a mystery-drama, is in rehearsal for presentation March 8-9 at W. Bloomfield high school in Keego Harbor.

English was not good enough for Leon to understand. Would she, Leon wondered, speak French so that he might understand her better. Mademoiselle would. Her French poured forth eloquently, fluently and fast. Leon stood nonplussed. He realized for the first time how many years had passed since he had trod the Rue de la Paix. Mademoiselle is polishing her English at night school. Leon is convinced he needs to brush up on his French.

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Name Architects For Proposed Hills Schools

Bloomfield Hills board of education Tuesday named the Birmingham firm of Smith, Tarapata, MacMahon, Inc. as architects for both its proposed new elementary and junior high schools to be built on adjoining sites on Quaton road.

The board voted to retain one firm for both schools to realize a saving of \$8000 in architectural fees and also savings in contractors' costs. It stipulated, however, that it is acting upon the assumption the schools will be located adjacent to each other since it has been necessary to file condemnation papers to acquire the new elementary site at Quaton and Bayley roads.

THE BOARD now has an option for the junior high site at Quaton and Wing Lake roads. Smith, Tarapata and MacMahon definitely were retained for the school. The firm previously had been architects for the district's new Eastover school.

Merrill O. Bates, president, reported that Carl O. Barton, area builder, has agreed to serve on citizens' committee to consult on new school plans.

Eugene L. Johnson, superintendent, relayed a request from the district's teachers to meet with the board to discuss a salary schedule for the coming teaching year. The board agreed to meet Feb. 4. David W. Lee stipulated that he was interested in having a schedule with merit rewards.

EDGAR C. Thorne, Bloomfield Hills PTO council president, and two Wing Lake representatives reported that the council met Monday and would like to repeat the Wing Lake Recreation program on a tuition basis again this summer. The council, Thorne said, also would like the board to consider such a program on a district-wide basis for the summer of 1958. He pointed out that the Wing Lake program was self supporting at \$20 a child for the six-week session.

Thorne suggested that such a program might solve the summer salary question for some teachers, who then could be retained on a 12-month basis. Council representatives agreed to check immediately to see if there was enough interest at Vaughan and Eastover schools to start a district-wide recreation program this summer.

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