

**BITS OF BIRMINGHAM**

"Anybody would sign a petition resolving that two ice cream cones be given for the price of one," says Birmingham City Manager Harold Schone. That psychology, he feels, was the basis for the 273 signatures on the petition requesting a reduction in swimming fees at the two pools operated by the recreation board this summer. However, says Mrs. Gilbert Goode, Jr., the people who signed that petition, many of them with large families, cannot afford to pay the 35 cents per child for swimming. "A lot of people wouldn't sign the petitions, because they contained the words 'cannot afford,'" Mrs. Goode said. To which Recreation Director Robert Girardin replied, "I don't think I would be that proud."

**YE ED AN OLD FISHIN' PAL** wanted to find out how good gamey trout respond to the angler's lures, so they went out to Montana, and parts of Idaho and Wyoming to find out. Want to know how they fared, and how they liked the northwest? Read the first article in GRA's "This & That" column on page one, section A, this week.

**NOW THAT FORMER** Birmingham Lions President Hal P. Buerge is again writing the club's bi-weekly bulletin, the "Roar," the publication has a new motto. It states, "What in the world's going on? If you read the Roar, you'll wonder!" Then it goes on to tell about a family picnic at Springdale. And we quote: "What time? How the heck do we know; nobody tells us anything."

**DO YOU LIKE** The Eccentric's recently added "Book Review" column? It is written by local men and women, in a succinct and interesting style. You'll find it on page 4-D in this issue.

**ARE THERE FOUR GENERATIONS** of living veterans of the American armed forces in your family? If so, the Michigan State Fair would like to hear from that Michigan family, according to Donald L. Swanson, general manager. In arranging this year's program for Veterans Day, to be held August 31, the State Fair management wants to honor such a family at a banquet to be co-sponsored with the Consolidated War Veterans Councils of Michigan. So if you are a member of a four generation Michigan family of living veterans or know of someone who is, contact Harry Weberman, Veterans Day director, Michigan State Fair, Detroit 3, Mich.

**WHO SHOULD** get a parking ticket last week but Birmingham police Detective Lt. Merlin Holmquist! His excuse was, "I had to wait while a clerk talked to another customer, and I forgot all about the meter." When he came out of the North Branch (Mich.) store, a police officer was just walking away from the ticketed car. "I should know better, I'm a police officer myself," said the vacationing Holmquist lamely. He felt better about the whole thing, though, when he learned that the North Branch penalty for overtime parking is five cents. He had to go to the city hall, put the money in a meter there.

**YOU WOULDN'T REALLY** take Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley for a clergyman. But a stranger did recently, because Moxley (who loves to kid) asked the strange salesman in a home furnishings store if he gave a clergyman's discount. Moxley said it with such a straight face that the salesman must have pictured the tall police chief standing in the pulpit with a halo around his head. "Oh, yes," the clerk stated, "for you the item would be \$10 less." Mrs. M. told the clerk emphatically, "He's only kidding you!" But the clerk thought she was doing the kidding, and insisted on the \$10 discount. Moxley says he didn't buy the merchandise, and his wife didn't enjoy the joke. Her comment when they left the store: "If you don't stop embarrassing me!"

**WHITE BANDS MARKING TREES** on the Quanton Road-Wing Lake site of the new Bloomfield Hills Junior high-school indicate that these will be preserved. As construction begins on the building, architects, contractors and the school board are making a special effort to save as many trees as possible. Even a cluster of fruit trees is tagged for preservation.

**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE CHIEF** Clark Green and Mrs. Green had a first-hand view of the floods near St. Louis as a two-week vacation to Oklahoma and Arizona took them through 500 miles of the flooded area. Back on the job Monday, Chief Green told of traveling through 100 miles of detours at 15 miles an hour. "I've never seen so many policeWOMEN directing traffic," he commented, "and they were good."

**THERE'S NOTHING THE CITY CAN DO** regarding low-flying planes if they are taking off or landing at Berz Airport out E. Maple in Troy. This was repeated again by Birmingham Police Chief Ralph Moxley in answer to recent local residents' recent inquiries. "As far back as 1948, we learned from the federal Civil Aeronautics Authority that the 1,000-foot minimum height did not apply to landing or take-off procedures," Moxley said. He did invite complaints from people who observed planes at low altitude which do not seem to be going into or out of the airport. "We can do something in these instances," he emphasized.

**LOOKS LIKE THE STORK** ought to go on strike unless Birmingham police quit working him so hard. He was on patrol again Tuesday morning, when Pontiac general hospital booked and foot-printed an eight pound, three ounce baby girl. The new pop is Patrolman Melvin Squire, of Waterford.

**SEVERAL SCORE** youngsters attended an "Un-Birthday Party" Tuesday afternoon at the Adams school playground. Cake and a cool drink was provided by the host, the Birmingham recreation department. In case you've forgotten your Alice in Wonderland, an un-birthday party is for those persons whose birthdays aren't on the day of the party.

**COMPLIMENTS COME** from the most unexpected places, Birmingham City Commissioner Charles Delbridge discovered at Monday night's regular meeting. The commission was talking about the reduced cost of a proposed fire training tower at the Adams station. "Who's fine idea was it to save \$4,000 by having the tower built as part of the station, rather than as a separate building on the west end of the property?" Delbridge asked. City Manager Harold Schone smiled. "Sir, I guess the commission will have to pat itself on the back," the manager explained. "The idea was suggested by you commissioners when we first discussed the project some weeks ago!" (Story on the commission's latest action on the fire tower is elsewhere in Section A.)

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