



**Promotions Chairman**

BRUCE McRITCHIE (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McRitchie, 31814 Nixon road, Birmingham, is shown with two young Michigan students at the University of Michigan who were named officers of a new student production group, MUSKET, at the U of M. The others are John Moore (left) of Grand Rapids, Thomas W. Kressbach of Monroe. The Birmingham youth was named promotions chairman.

**BITS OF BIRMINGHAM**

SOME MONTHS AGO Birmingham city commissioners passed an anti-litter ordinance. It was at Commissioner Carl Ingraham's insistence, and was designed primarily at those persons who put handbills under parked car windshield wipers. This week Ingraham mentioned to Police Chief Ralph Moxley that the bills have shown up again, particularly on the city's Merrill-Pierce parking lot. Moxley allowed as how he knew that, but then described the enforcement process. "We can only apprehend the person who puts the bills on the cars," Moxley said. "And we have talked to one of the recent violators—a 14-year-old boy who was hired to do the job." Commissioners now are wondering whether the ordinance is worth the trouble. They don't like to throw 14-year-olds in the clink.

NOW WE KNOW how LIFE magazine came out with pictures taken during the Mayflower's voyage almost simultaneously with the little wooden vessel's arrival. A Birmingham man stationed aboard the destroyer, USS Ault, saw it. He's QMSM Michael Schrocks, son of the Gilbert V. Schrocks, 1748 Webster. Mike came home last week on ten-day leave, reporting that the Ault took photographer Peter Stackpole aboard at Bermuda, then met the Mayflower at a point near there. Stackpole took five rolls of shots as the Ault came alongside the Mayflower. Then the cameraman went aboard the Mayflower, picked up the pictures that photographer George Tenney had been shooting for LIFE. Stackpole then returned to Norfolk with the Ault. Mike himself took color movies of the famous little vessel, and his mother claims they're "better than the pictures in LIFE."

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD MOTT of Northlawn, Birmingham, sat down in a pew at St. Hugo of the Hills church just before noon Saturday to witness a wedding. When the bride and her father passed the Motts' vantage point, the two guests turned to each other with startled looks. "Say, who's that man?" whispered one. "Don't know! I never saw that girl before, either!" was the response. So for some few moments, the Motts wondered how one left in the middle of a wedding to get to the RIGHT church. They decided to take the bold course—just get up and leave as quietly as possible. And they did. As they got to the door, they met friends Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reid of Clifton road, Bloomfield Village. "Where you going?" whispered the Reids to the Motts. "To the right church where you and we are supposed to be!" rejoined the Motts. And the two couples hastened to Holy Name church, Birmingham. They were in time, though 17 minutes late. The last guests were just being seated.

AT A PRESENTATION out at Berz airport Tuesday, Fire Marshal George Scott could have stood with the donors or recipients—he belonged with both. George belongs in the Birmingham Exchange club, which donated a \$600 movie projector to the Birmingham Civil Air Patrol cadet squadron for its training program. George is also a captain in the CAP. The cadets sold \$600 worth of toothbrushes, got their reward in the form of the projector which replaces a noisy, nerve-wracking leftover from the days of Rudolph Valentino.

"WOULD YOU THINK we were giving away cars," said Boys' and Girls' librarian Dorothy O'Neill of Baldwin public library last Thursday. That was the day the children's vacation reading club officially began, and the library staff found a good-sized line at the door when they opened at 9 a.m. First reader in line was Peter Hurd, 8½, who had been there since 7:30 a.m. The Baldwin school third grader wanted to be sure to be the first member. Since Peter, 256 other vacationers have joined the reading club.

AS BLOOMFIELD HILLS board of education discussed plans for a new junior high school at Quanton and Wing Lake roads scheduled for completion by September 1958, President Merrill O. Bates set the keynote by pointing out that schools are community buildings so that the district has an obligation "to maintain beauty and dignity in its junior and senior high schools." Gay colors, in his opinion, belong only in elementary schools.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO this month, the Class of '32 was graduated from The University of Michigan's college of engineering during the depths of the depression. Saturday, 65 of them returned to the U-M for their reunion, and compared job prospects "back then" with those of today's sought-after engineers. "Out of our class of 275, only three had jobs at the time of their graduation," recalls sales engineer Jack Beecher, 689 Westwood, Birmingham, president of the class. "One of them got a job selling salt, another sold vacuum cleaners for \$25 a week, and a third went back to bricklaying, which he had done before college. As for myself," Beecher adds, "I ended up as a bouncer in a ballroom at two dollars a night."

AN ALUMNUS who failed to achieve officer's rank while a student at Wentworth Military academy, Lexington, Mo. in the early twenties is sponsoring a new award at his alma mater—a \$100 cash prize to the cadet corporal or sergeant who attains the highest scholastic point average during his senior year in high school. The sponsor, Gardiner C. Voss, of Birmingham, who had a superior academic record as a student here, said at the time he was disappointed in not obtaining the officer's bars, but later discovered the greater importance of scholastic achievement. Voss is now a successful architect and vice-president of a large Detroit firm, and member of the Michigan Society of Architects and the American Institute. The award will be presented for the first time at Wentworth's 1958 awards convocation, and annually thereafter until 1968.

Vern Hotton of East Maple, "Salutes" a fine group of teenagers with whom she has ridden the high school bus for three years from East Maple. One hears them criticized so much and from her experience, she feels that this must apply to a majority. The group is courteous, friendly and considerate. One couldn't imagine a finer group, she says.

FLORIDA'S WEST COAST now is included among real estate broker Howard T. Keating's land development programs. Earlier this month, he made a three-hour inspection of 4½ acres of prime Duncin property, then bought it for \$821,000. Keating's local projects spread from Rochester, through Southfield-Bloomfield Over to Northville. The newest development adjoins Duncin golf course, now headquarters of the national PGA.

WE HEARD ONE VISITOR to graduation ceremonies at Birmingham high school last Thursday say, "They ought to put that man on tap for a standing graduation speaker." The speaker involved is the Rev. Laurence H. Hall, of East Cleveland, Ohio, who delighted the entire audience with his commencement address. The British-American humorist made serious points, but worked so much good and humor into his talk that he frequently had his audience howling with laughter. Releasing the tension of the graduates, he said, was one of his important jobs.



**Jaycee President**

RICHARD ERNST, 4864 Orchard Hill drive, Bloomfield township, will be installed as president of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce tonight at the Jaycee inaugural ball at Glen Oaks country club. Ceremony will follow a dinner.

**3 Youths Charged After B'ham Party**

Arrests made early this month by Birmingham police following a party on Tottenham road will be cleared next week with processing of cases of three of the arrested youths through the Court of No Record. Police made nine arrests of 17 to 21-year-old youths as they were leaving or arriving at the party. Some were charged with being drunk and disorderly, while other minors were charged with being in possession of alcoholic beverages. Charges against all but three were dropped.

**\$1949 Disappears**

Birmingham police are investigating the disappearance of \$1949 from a cash box at Harold Turner, Inc., 464 S. Woodward, June 13. Det. L. Merin Holmquist said the money was received from a car purchaser late the day before, and was found missing the following morning.

**Find Cost Formula For Fire Protection**

Future fire protection payments will be based on a new formula worked out this week by Birmingham city commissioners. They determined that if they should extend such services to outside the city properties in rare instances, the charge will be based on this formula: Valuation of property times percentage the fire department's budget is to the total city budget.

ON THAT basis, the commission approved another year's contract with Birmingham country club for fire protection at a \$540.00 fee. To make it a more exact formula, the commission agreed next year to include capital costs of fire equipment.



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