

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**HOW TO KEEP CATS** from their natural prey—birds—is the problem the M. Ronald Kordenbrock family, 15025 Birchwood, Beverly Hills, is trying to solve. Seems Kordenbrock discovered a bird, identified by an avid bird-watcher neighbor as a somewhat rare horned lark, nesting in the Kordenbrock yard. The bird was sitting on four eggs and tried to decoy Kordenbrock, who was mowing the lawn, away from the nest by pretending it was injured. With the eggs expected to hatch in a few days, the Kordenbrocks are worried because the neighborhood has numerous stray cats. They are seriously considering building a fence around the nest, including a cover, to keep cats out but allow the birds to run free by going through a hole in the fencing. The horned lark, the family reports, is generally found nesting only in remote wild areas. The bird always nests on the ground.



## LaRue to Direct '57 Torch Drive

PRELIMINARY DETAILS of this fall's United Foundation fund-raising campaign in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin region are laid out Wednesday by the two persons who will organize the drive. Listing the divisions for W. T. (Tom) LaRue (left), of Birmingham, chairman of the region, is R. E. Hunt, of Bloomfield Township, suburban chapter chairman for the Detroit Metropolitan area.

THIS COLUMN is in receipt of a self-explanatory note from Mrs. Lucile Schoenfeld, 1886 Birmingham Blvd., which reads: "My son and daughter and I sincerely appreciate the affectionate gesture of friendship shown by my late husband's (Dr. John R. Schoenfeld) friends, Dr. N. Weir Burkman, Dr. Thomas Watson, Clarence Blennan, and the many former patients whose contributions made possible the furnishings of a memorial room at nearby St. Joseph's Mercy hospital. John loved the opportunities to serve mankind, and this memorial, we agree, is fitting tribute to his devoted labors—unfortunately interrupted at so early an age."

FOUR LIFE SCOUT AWARDS are among those to be presented at a court of honor of troop B-25 tonight at Pembroke school. To receive the life awards are Bob Holland, Jim McPartlin, Bert Ward and Tom Woodworth. Jim Bryan will receive his star scout badge.

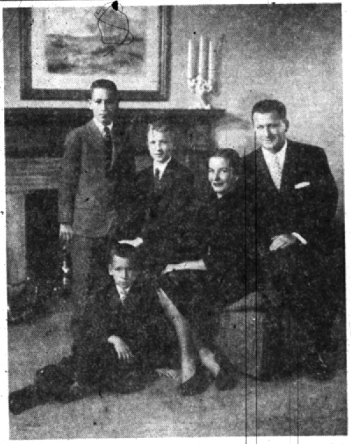
CHARLES IS MISSING . . . Charles, the Siamese cat, that is. He's one of three Siamese belonging to Mrs. James Graham, 8530 Hillcrest, and his mother and a year-old brother, George, are getting mighty lonesome. Mrs. Graham reports: "The pure-bred kitten has been missing since late Friday and Mrs. Graham is anxiously awaiting its return."

NOT ONLY DID Quanton school's young art club members put on an interesting exhibit last week, they also provided excellent guide service. Each member of the art club guided groups of parents around the school as they came to see the spring art exhibit. This Wanderer had a sample of their service on a visit to the school the next day. Guides Alice Wild and Charles Sutbrigg, two polite and enthusiastic young people, explained accurately the materials with which each type of art work was done. Randy Mathews designed an excellent silk-screen cover for the art booklet, and all art club members, including President Melinda McCain and Vice President Sandy Adamson, deserve a blue ribbon for their impressive exhibit.

BIRMINGHAM AND the surrounding area had an unusual visitor Monday morning—a youth from New York city who stopped off here on a motor-scooter jaunt around this country and Canada. The youth, who reported he so far has traveled more than 4,000 miles on his venture, dropped in to a downtown restaurant for a bite of breakfast and then proceeded on a tour of Cranbrook before heading for the Ford plants and Canada.

WHEN ST. DUNSTON'S PRESENTS S. N. Behrman's "The Pirate" in the Greek Theatre on June 7, 8, 14 and 15, one member of the cast, at least, will be following in his own long distant footsteps. Forty-one years ago this summer the Greek Theatre, (then the property of George Booth) was dedicated with the first performance, a play written especially for the occasion by playwright Sidney Cox Howard. In this play, "The Cranbrook Masque," young Henry Booth played three bit parts. And now, 41 years later, Henry Booth—in real life the executive director of the Cranbrook Foundation—has to amble on stage at the Greek theatre, as Capuchin, the dice-shaking, gambling father-in-law. "It's a change of pace, all right," Henry Booth smiles, "but it's not the only change in the Greek Theatre. When that first play was given, those high evergreens around the theatre were just like that." And he measures a spot a couple of feet above the ground.

TRYING TO MAKE a large cut-out stand representing a feminine figure for the Village Players' carnival Saturday, Mrs. John A. Parks, Jr., of 692 Frank street, Birmingham, ran into a problem. Several times she sketched a life-size feminine figure on the large sheet of plywood. But each time she stood back to appraise it, it didn't look right. Her husband solved the problem. He picked up the plywood, took it out in the yard, and told his wife to lie down on it. Then he took a large charcoal pencil and traced around her. And it worked!

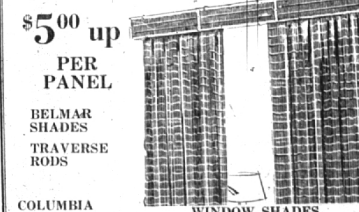


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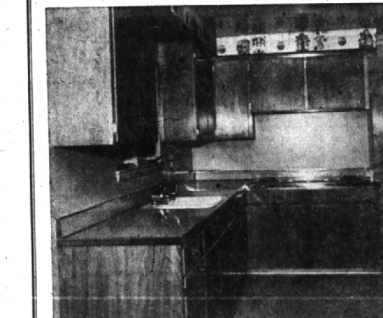


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