

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

"WHY IT'S NICE TO LIVE in Birmingham" is the title suggested for this "Bits" by Henry M. Dahlquist, 909 Fairfax. It is typical of the friendly and cooperative relations capable of being developed between a local store (in this case Shain's) and customers. In brief, Dahlquist reports that recently a friend called him to borrow some film, stating he had the rare opportunity for photographing a heart operation that night. But Dahlquist didn't have any film either. "But I called Shain's number and Foster Toothacher answered from his home—it being after 11 p.m.," said Dahlquist. "Foster got into his clothes and went up to the store where I met him and got the film. This, I repeat again, is why it's nice to live in Birmingham."

OLIVER H. KIRK, local attorney: "It is very interesting to observe the efforts of the Michigan Dept. of Conservation, as it creates traps to catch the dreaded predatory sea lampreys that are killing off our fish life. Near my cabin on the Jordan River, they have set a trap that sends electric current into the river, causing the lamprey to steer themselves right into the trap. From 25 to 50 are caught and killed each night. The State, in conjunction with Canada, hopes to get enough money to catch these spawning lampreys in every river mouth that leads into the Great Lakes. Most of the funds come from Washington, D. C."

DON'T KNOW WHAT their Trendax rating was, but the talented Birmingham high school students who participated in Saturday's first "Teen Time" on WWJ-TV rated highly with their Birmingham audience. City Recreation Director Robert Girardin says the WWJ musicians complimented Don Andrea's band when they finished. More local talent will be on the show May 25. We heard one ten-year-old's reaction to the popular, barefoot, local Calypso group, the "Matistsas": "Do they ever have big feet!"

SEEN ON THE DENROOM DOOR of a Birmingham residence: A printed sign, reading, "The views of the HUSBAND in this household are not necessarily those of the MANAGEMENT." The "management" in this case claims her husband brought it home, pulled it out at just the opportune moment.

THE GUN-HAPPY Royal Oak sniper who finally was caught in Bloomfield Hills is bringing fame of a new sort to the area as his exploits are being recounted in pulp detective magazines. The story is featured in the June issue of

**MSU Scholarship Banquet To Hear Talk on New Branch**  
 President for off-campus education, will speak about MSU's plans for the Oakland branch at Meadowbrook Farms. Honored guests at the banquet will be Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilson, whose gift of Meadowbrook Farm to the University makes possible the opening of the four-year college this fall. Alumni and friends of Michigan State University are invited to attend, and can receive ticket information from club President Richard D. Ernst, of Birmingham.

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**CONGRATULATING** each other on their pending receipt of the coveted Boy Scout religious award, God and Country, are the Landcut brothers, of 25277 Edgemont, Southfield township. At left is Albert, 17, with Richard, 14. The two are members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham-Gardner. S. Staunton, first reader, will make the presentation Thursday at 8 p.m. at the church. Delbert F. Mosher was the boys' counselor.

## Proposed State Money Cuts Threaten Local Mental Health Program

Proposed reductions in the state mental health program's appropriation, if carried out, would mean curtailment of services, direct and indirect, to residents of the Birmingham area as well as to other parts of Oakland county and Michigan.

Miss Madeleine Half, Oakland child guidance clinic director, said Tuesday that plans to put another psychiatric social worker in the Birmingham branch of the child guidance clinic would not mature if the proposed appropriation reduction were carried out by the state legislature.

AND, WITH announcement that other State mental health agencies would also receive financial cutbacks, Miss Half announced that local clinics would be handicapped further because they depend on these state agencies for help and support.

"This would cut off some of our resources for helping children," said Miss Half.

She referred to announcements by the state mental health commission that:

- 1) Hawthorn Center, the department's psychiatric hospital for children, has insufficient funds to finish the current year through June 30, and would have to be closed if it received only \$180,000 of the \$240,000 needed to finish the current year.
- 2) LAFAYETTE Clinic, heart of the state's progressive and developing program of training and research, will be cut back and seriously hampered.
- 3) Child guidance clinics are not being expanded as requested, but on the contrary, will face a substantial cut in existing clinic staffs and services.
- 4) THE NEW 440-bed Mt. Pleasant State Home and Training School, and the new Colchester State Home and Training school with 448 beds, cannot be staffed to care for mentally retarded children urgently awaiting admission. Newberry hospital, with two new build-

**E. Maple Widening Costs To Be Set At May 27 Hearing**

May 27 has been set by Birmingham city commissioners as the hearing date on confirmation of special assessments for the re-paving and widening of Maple, from Adams to Hunter.

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## Kindergarten Roundups Listed, Set School Census

A complete schedule of kindergarten roundups and news of a school census was released this week by the Birmingham board of education.

The board said it would help the 36 women census enumerators who will be visiting district homes from May 10 to 30 if "nervous dogs were tied or otherwise kept from disturbing the women."

The roundup schedule for children will be five by Dec. 1, is listed alphabetically:

Adams, June 11, 9:15 and 1:15; Baldwin, June 10, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Beverly, May 10, 9:30 and 1:30; Bloomfield, May 16, 1:30 a.m.; Franklin, June 12, 1:30 p.m.; Pembroke, June 2, 9:30 and 1:30 p.m. (already held).

Other roundups are at Quanton, June 14, 10 a.m. and 1:30; Torry, May 17, 9:30 and 1:30; and Walnut Lake, May 27, 10 a.m.

## Mayor Proclaims Week to Honor Professional Nurse

Honoring nurses for their contribution to the community's welfare, Mayor William E. Roberts this week proclaimed May 13 to 15 as Professional Nurse week in Birmingham.

His proclamation read, "It is important that the public recognize the emblem of the nurse's profession, the Florence Nightingale lamp... and unite in urging the thousands of inactive nurses to return to duty."

Capital of Mercy at St. Joseph Mercy hospital have invited district professional nurses to a tea at the nurse's home, 126 Fulton street, Pontiac, from 12 to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 18.

## Rec Department To Develop Lot For Senior Group

To enable the Birmingham recreation department to provide horse-shoe and shuffleboard games there for use of the senior living group, the Birmingham city commission Monday approved the city's leasing of a vacant lot inside the Community House.

The city will pay the Community House a fee for use of its property at Merrill and Bates, where the recreation department plans to set up approximately \$200 worth of recreational equipment.

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## Family Service To Hear Reports From Directors

The seventh annual meeting of the Family Service of Oakland county will be held Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre, Birmingham high school.

Members of the board of directors and the staff will share responsibility for the program, to include a report by Board Chairman Mrs. Noel Buckner, Orchard Lake; treasurer's report, by Carl F. Ingraham, Birmingham; nominating committee report, by Mrs. Harvey Shuler, Jr., Bloomfield Hills; special awards to Paul S. Averill, board member and vice president of the Family Service association of America.

Miss Estella M. Martin, executive director, will introduce staff members Mrs. Virginia Faricy of Royal Oak and Mrs. Dolly W. Brommer of Birmingham, who will discuss one aspect of the agency program, marriage counseling, which includes the greatest number of applications for agency service.

A social period will follow the program. The public is invited to attend.

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