



BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

JAMES C. ZEDER, Orchard Ridge road, Bloomfield Hills, was among three men awarded honorary degrees Oct. 15 by the University of Michigan. Zeder, vice-president of engineering for Chrysler Corp., was presented an honorary doctorate of engineering. Others were Gen. James Doolittle, famed World War II flyer, and C. C. Furnace, chancellor of the University of Michigan, who gave the main address of the day. The program marked the opening of the U of M's new engineering building.

THIS WANDERER wonders how many other Birmingham residents were awakened about 8 a.m. Sunday by what sounded like an air raid siren in the distance? After turning on the radio and television (a flight of jets happened over town about the same time) just to be on the safe side, a couple of calls were made to find out what was what. It turned out to be Troy's fire-siren. The wind conditions apparently were just right to make the siren audible several miles distant.

WHAT BETTER PERSUASION than this could Birmingham police-use to convince motorists they should get their hub caps engraved? Sgt. Robert Schaule talked recently to five area juveniles who admitted the theft of eight sets of hub caps (along with other offenses such

as driving over lawns). The police juvenile officer asked the boys, "Don't you fellows know that most hub caps are engraved now?" "Sure, we know," the boys said, "we always checked them first to see if they were engraved before we stole them." Your Birmingham service station is glad to engrave your car serial number on your wheel discs free of charge. So in case some juvenile wants to check your hub caps, be sure to thwart him, Schaule asks. Hub cap thefts still are high in Birmingham, despite the engraving program. That's because not all motorists are taking advantage of the protection police are offering.

THE ECCENTRIC inadvertently placed Carl O. Barton, Birmingham builder and civil engineer, in a different profession last week. A front page story said Barton was an attorney. The Eccentric regrets this error.

DID YOU KNOW that the first picture book for children was printed 300 years ago this year? A facsimile of the book printed in 1657, is on display at the Baldwin public library in the boys' and girls' department. In 1657 they labeled it as a book "to entice witty children." Children's Librarian Dorothy O'Neill plans changing displays in celebration of the 300-year anniversary for the next four or five months. They'll reveal a history of great children's book illustrators.

FOR THE talk-about-Asian-flu department: Holy Name school, which has 942 children enrolled, had 360 on the absent lists Tuesday.

BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW that the cooks at Birmingham Community House can prepare moose meals. They prepared one Tuesday—of moose steaks. The moose eaters were members of the Birmingham Exchange club, enjoying the unusual bill of fare for the third year in a row. Donor was J. MacDonald ("Jack") Jacob, local architect with offices on Pierce street, Jacob, 327 Pleasant, Birmingham, has come back from Canada with a moose every year for three years. Tuesday's moose steaks came from an 1100-pound cow moose (or moose cow?). But one previous year, it had to be mooseburgers because the papa moose wasn't so tender. Tastes like beef, according to Exchange club proxy Dick Wilson.

IN ADDITION to his being an architect and a Birmingham city commissioner, Harry M. Denyes, Jr., demonstrated this week his inclination toward verse. His subject has been subject to considerable front page space in recent weeks. His work is entitled, "Ode to Sputnik".

Way up in the wide blue yonder,
Round the Earth spins little sputnik.
Now we have no cause to wonder
About what makes a luna tick.

SGT. RICHARD E. BROWN returned to work Monday. Under his regular police shirt, he's wearing the grey sweater he had on when he was shot by the ex-convict intruder in a Birmingham home. Square in the chest, on the side opposite his heart, the sweater bears a hole about the size of a dime, with gunpowder stains radiating from it. The father of four, Brown says he's glad to get back to work. This Wanderer's glad to be back, too. But for a matter of a few inches, his story might have ended tragically. They're still accepting contributions to the "Sgt. Brown appreciation fund," set up to express the community's thanks to this preserver of law and order. You can deliver your monetary thanks personally or by mail to P. G. Burnett, trustee of the fund, at the Detroit Bank and Trust company's Woodward-Hamilton branch. Money will be used to purchase a gift for the Brown family.

MRS. GRACE REILLY, owner of Birmingham Travel service, is completing a worldwide air trip, and has sent two cards to this Wanderer, one from India and the other from Jordan. Among her interesting experiences, she relates, was a visit to an Indian maharaja. He gave the travel expert a sightseeing tour. Transportation he provided was via elephant.

INASMUCH AS IT'S a shame to have an empty house or storeroom go to waste when Birmingham's teen-agers could use it for a supervised recreation room, won't some "living doll" who knows of such a place tell the Birmingham recreation department about it? Recreation Director Robert Girardin is still searching for a gathering place for the town's teens, and would appreciate a call at city offices from anyone who has an idea for a good, big meeting place.

Band Director Joins Hills High Staff

Addition of two men to the Bloomfield Hills teaching staff is announced by Eugene L. Johnson, superintendent, this week. Wayne Tilton has joined Bruce Warnock on the music staff and will be band director for the high school. Larry Schreiner, of Albuquerque, N. M., is teaching history, geography and English in junior high school.

Tilton, who comes to Bloomfield Hills from Kankakee, Ill., has had 20 years' teaching experience in Tennessee and Illinois. He plans to develop a full high school band program with group ensemble work and both a variety and a reserve band. There also is to be a junior high band program. Warnock will be charge of elementary music at Wing Lake, Eastover and Vaughan schools.

The full program will be put into effect next year, Johnson said, when band rooms will be available at the high school with the opening of the new junior high school on Quanton road.

Pledging at Albion

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—Letitia Anne Pinney of Baryn lane, Freshman at Albion college, auditioned and was accepted to the Acappella choir. She is pledging Alpha Xi Delta.

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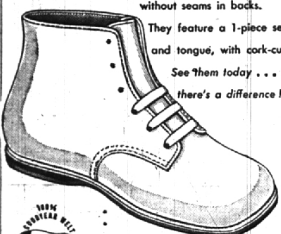
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