

## Plans for Chapter

Plans will be considered for a local chapter of the American association for the United Nations, for civic representatives Nov. 10 at Birmingham's Community House. The association is a nationally incorporated organization to promote information about the UN.

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## Monsignor Paddock To Be Keynote

Monsignor Eugene E. Paddock, pastor of Holy Name church, Birmingham, will give the keynote address at 10 a.m. Tuesday at a meeting of women of the North-Western Diocese.

Miss Nora L. Tournon, field secretary for the National Council of Catholic women, will outline council structure and activities at the one-day training session at Our Lady of LaSalette hall, Berkeley.

Are you thinking of buying a new house? Then read the "For Sale—House" column in the Classified Ad pages of this week's Eccentric.



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## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

THEY'RE STEALING a lot of bikes around town, Birmingham Police claim. Many of the stolen bikes have not been licensed as required and police have no way to trace the stolen vehicles if they are not licensed and numbered. So help police trace the rightful owner if they recover your child's stolen or lost bike. It costs only one dollar. It's for bike owners' protection, and you can get the bike license by filling out an application at the police station. Give police your youngster's bike serial number, make, and a few other items, and they'll give you the license. You'll help yourself and police.

A Birmingham resident who disregarded the city's ordinance prohibiting burning of leaves on paved streets wound up with a rather soaked pile of leaves a few days ago. Chief Park H. Smith, returning to the Chesterfield station, noticed the leaves being burned at an E. Maple residence. He radioed the station and firemen were dispatched. The violator was let off with a storm warning, although it could have brought a fine.

CURIOUS OVER THE NUMBER of fire vehicles seen moving on local streets in the past few weeks? Chief Park H. Smith reports it's just a transfer of equipment and men between the Chesterfield and Adams stations for training purposes. Birmingham firemen have been undergoing heavy training lately at the Chesterfield location.

WE CHECKED WITH OUR shocking mailboxes department this week after complaints from several motorists that they got a shock when they touched the mailboxes outside Birmingham's post office. Those curbside drop boxes, they complain, shock them every time they touch the mailbox that does it, in case you're a shocked citizen. According to the postal and other electrical experts we consulted, you get the shock because you have a short in your electrical system (of your car, that is).

DID YOU KNOW that out of 19 school PTU groups participating in the Birmingham PTU council, only two have women presidents? The women prexies are at Bloomfield Village and Quanton schools.

IF YOU ARE in the neighborhood of the new St. Bede school, just west of Southfield on 12 Mile road, about 2 or 3:30 p.m. today, you might enjoy the Parade of Saints. Stressing the real meaning of Halloween, Mother Superior Marie Grace has invited the children to come to school dressed as their name saints. Neighborhood mothers have been working hard on costumes to be worn. Robert John Kraw will appear as St. John, Theresa Toppetto will dress as St. Theresa and deviating a little, Mary Kay Olszewski will come as an angel. Following their party the children will march around the school and past the rectory so that all costumes may be admired by visitors.

JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, Birmingham Forestry and Parks department Foreman Harvey Ruasch and his associates counted the rings in a large diseased elm which had to be cut down recently. It started when a group of Cub Scouts found the tree and asked its age. To their surprise, the foresters found the tree was 280 years old. Since the tree first sprouted in Manor park near Adams and Abbey roads, a lot of history has passed it by. The department has placed a cross-section of the interesting tree in the municipal building lobby. They've marked off some of the rings, with signs indicating important Birmingham historical events which occurred during the years those rings were forming.

LIFE GOES ON, and now it's winter again. How do we know? W. Carleton Scott is growing his beard again. Put the razor blade away Sunday for another season. Says it's great not to have to shave.

YOU KNOW CHRISTMAS is practically here when Santa Claus starts receiving letters from the small fry. Santa informs us that the first letter received from Birmingham this year comes from a little girl who would like a record player and "alows" a doll cradle. Her name is Anne Stephens, and she lives at 2260 Derby road. She drew Santa a lovely picture of presents on a table, with two children beside a sign which says, "Home Sweet Home."

CAPT. LAWRENCE F. MOERTLE of Birmingham is among 31 maintenance specialists from Michigan participating in the 1957 Strategic Air Command annual bombing, navigation and reconnaissance competition being held at Pinecastle air force base in Florida and Carswell air force base near Fort Worth, Tex.

YOU KNOW BIRMINGHAM is really a clean town politically when even the city manager pays his parking tickets. Not only that, L. Richard Gare, capable director of the city's affairs, got two tickets in one day! He overstayed the 15-minute limit at a spot on Merrill street just behind the police station—twice yet.

A PIERCE SCHOOL TEACHER who hails from Hawaii encouraged her fifth grade students to celebrate United Nations week in an extra special way. The young people set up



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## Birmingham, Hills, Troy Growing Faster Than Rest of County

Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Troy scored large population gains during the past seven years as Oakland county added 218,999 persons to its total population.

As the county's population jumped from 396,001 in 1950 to 615,000 in 1957, Birmingham's rose from 15,467 to 24,300; Bloomfield Hills' climbed from 1,468 to 2,700, and Troy soared from 10,087 to 17,200.

Oakland county's total population gain during the past seven years was 55.2%, according to a report by the Detroit metropolitan area regional planning commission's population and housing section, with Birmingham scoring a 57.1% increase, Bloomfield Hills, 83.9%, and Troy, 70.5%.

THE COUNTY gain during the period compared to 8.3% for its governmental units have accounted for 32% of the increase of 693,371 people in the standard metropolitan area outside the city of Detroit since 1950. The county's annual growth rate has been 5.7% but several factors have helped it to average an annual increase of more than 40%.

During the period, Birmingham's population increased by 8,833 persons, Bloomfield Hills by 1,232 and Troy's by 7,113.

"THIS SITUATION," the commission report said, "is typical of maturing metropolitan areas, for as the population increases it provides a larger base for natural increase. In future decades migration undoubtedly will account for a proportionately decreasing share of the total population growth."

"In a period of 7 1/2 years enough people have been added to the metropolitan area to equal the 1950 population of cities like Pittsburgh and San Francisco. "The population of the Detroit standard metropolitan area (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) increased 753,803 from 1950 to 1957. In April, 1950, at the time of the federal census, the population of the area was 3,016,107. By July 1, 1957, it was estimated at 3,770,000, a gain of 25%."

The commission said its report

unusual displays in the school hall, including their own posters calling for friendliness among peoples, with God as their guide. Their teacher, Mrs. Edythe Tom, came to the United States in 1955 as an exchange student. Her husband, Yet Wah Tom, is an engineer with the Consumers Power company. When her students ask her if she intends to go back to Hawaii, she says no, adding, "Anyway, this is a small world now. We're all neighbors."

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## Set Open House At New Oakland GOP Offices

An "open house" has been scheduled for the evenings of Nov. 5, and 6 from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the Republican headquarters of Oakland county, located at 351 N. Woodward, according to an announcement by County Chairman Arthur G. Elliott.

George A. Dondoro, retired Congressman from the 18th district, will formally open the new offices. Congressman William S. Bloomfield, Lawrence Lindemer, Repub-

lican state chairman, and as county officers will be present to greet guests. Miss Irene Giacobbi of Clawson has been named chairman of the events.

ELLIOTT EXPRESSED the hope that people will drop in to see the new "home" of the Oakland county Republicans. "We've convinced this centrally located headquarters will fill a void which has existed for a good many years. It will enable voters to avail themselves of party services and to volunteer their efforts toward making the Republican party serve the interests of all citizens," Elliott stated.

The new headquarters has a large conference room for all types of meetings, adequate space for volunteer workers, kitchen facilities, and space for secretarial work and party records.

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