

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

NOW APPROACHETH ANOTHER SEASON when rain and snow, falling uncontrollably from the sky, turn many gravel and dirt roads into muddy morasses of dirty, nasty earth. Most of such roads depend upon the Oakland county road commission to keep them in good repair—but the county does not have enough money to do the job. "This problem should have been overcome when subdivisions were put on," said a local resident who has to grapple with the mess. "To be sure, the cost would have been absorbed in the mud. Maybe, by special petition and a willingness to pay one's share of the cost, we could get the county officials to meet this problem with a hard surface on our streets."

BIRMINGHAM'S FREE automobile hubcap "branding" program is the subject of an editorial appearing in the September issue of Motor News, Automobile Club of Michigan's official magazine. "Congratulations are due to Birmingham," the editorial says. The system, a result of close cooperation between police, servicemen, station operators and car owners, has served as "a big deterrent to those who steal hubcaps and sell them," according to Motor News. "State use of this system," the editorial predicts, "will stop this thievery." Motor News has the largest state circulation of any magazine and is read over by 385,000 Michiganders each month.

Now that the 1957 crop of leaves is falling earthward, this column reminds all residents who reside on gravel streets that are oiled: if you want the good effects of the oil to remain, DO NOT burn leaves in gutters or any other portion of the oiled surface—Reason: the oil will burn off, too, leaving the raw gravel again to become the ratty, messy, muddy substance that you had the oil placed on to eliminate.

Sixty-six building permits—including two for new businesses—were issued in Birmingham during August. Total valuation for the month was \$392,023, a large increase over last year's August total of \$282,978 and the July 1957, valuation of \$182,425. The new business permits in August totaled \$13,000. Permits for two new multiple family units each—each eight-family units each—were valued at \$150,000. Five new one-family homes were valued at \$113,000.

The Valentine name figured prominently Saturday at the Old Car festival at Greenfield Village, Kennel Valley, 3108 Broadway, drove a 1929 Buick. Owned by his father, C. E. Valentine, Jr., which won the grand championship in the 1917-25 division. C. E. Valentine, III, 3108 Broadway, received a silver cup after a 1922 Marmon speedster, also owned by his father, won second place in the same division.

MOST POPULAR DOGS about this time of year are hunting dogs, warns Birmingham Dog Warden Al Sundell. He advises Birmingham area residents to keep a close eye on their setters and retrievers. With hunting season approaching, he says, there may be dog thieves at work. Best tactics are to drive to the Birmingham area, "borrow" a valuable dog for hunting season; then turn it loose anywhere when the season ends.

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY with it any longer, you letter writers who have been putting 20 cents postage on special delivery letters. You probably didn't know it, but when postal rates went up July 1, special delivery was upped to 30 cents. (That's in addition to the three cents required.) Knowing that the letters are so important, Birmingham Postmaster Roland Reese has instructed postal employees to process the incorrectly stamped letters, marked for collection of the additional dime from the receiver. But such processing actually is against federal regulations, Reese says. In the future, the letters will have to be sent through the mails, but marked "special delivery service not accorded." About 45 per cent of the specials currently sent through the local P.O. bear the 20-cent postage.

WE KNOW ONE FELLOW who was especially happy to return to Birmingham high school classes which opened last week. He's George L. Miller, Jr., who's been on the absent list since November, 1955, when he was severely injured in an auto accident. He's getting along fine, teaching political science and history. And a lot of students and his fellow teachers are mighty happy to have him back!

To Outline Current Books On Family Life

Ben Ard, extension specialist in family life, Michigan State University, will discuss current literature in the family life fields, Sept. 17, at the Congregational church, Birmingham. The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., is a training lesson for leaders in the 110 home demonstration units organized in Oakland county.

These women will return to their individual clubs and teach this lesson to some 1600 members.

ARD WILL REVIEW current, authoritative and practical books which discuss infancy, the preschooler, the school-age child, the teenager, and the out-of-school youth and young adults.

The specialist also will tell leaders where to find outstanding material in the areas of marriage, older age and retirement.

Dr. Thelma Bishop To Be Instructor Of MSU Course

Michigan State University revealed this week that the instructor of the course "Graduate Problems in Education—Play Activities in Elementary Grades" will be Dr. Thelma Bishop, a member of the MSU college of education since 1939.

The course grants three term hours of undergraduate credits. Interested area residents may enroll by attending the first session Tuesday at Quanton school.

Week Brings Numerous Calls Of Emergencies

Sirens shrieked through Birmingham several days last week in a rash of emergency runs by ambulances and police. The accident and heart attack victims were rushed to William Beaumont hospital.

They were: Pauline Kauterer, 66, of Grosse Pointe Farms, suffering from a heart attack after an accident near Wrigley's supermarket, 855 S. Hunter, Friday.

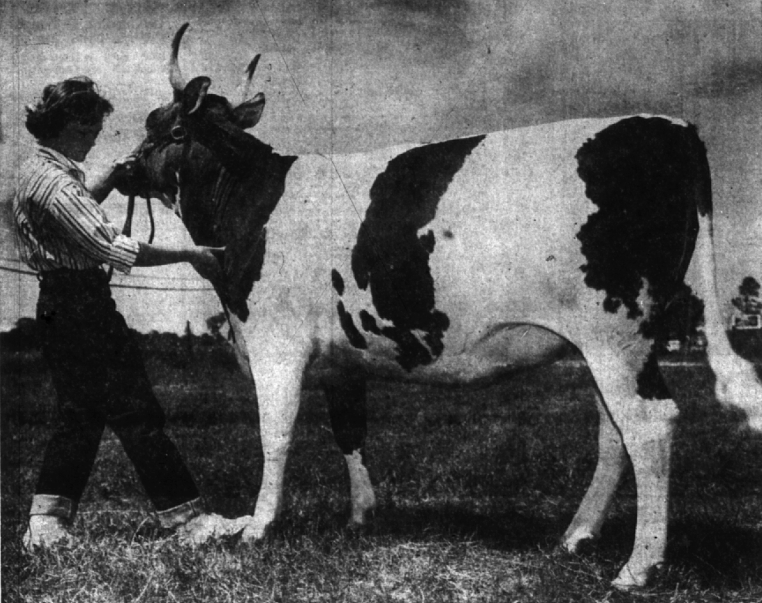
Fred Smith, 66, also of Grosse Pointe Farms, for treatment of forehead lacerations received in the same accident.

GILBERT CALDERON, 38, of Detroit, injured while working on construction at First Methodist church. Treated for jaw fracture and leg sprain.

A St. Clair Shores man who had stopped at Tom Kaiser's standard service, 1084 S. Woodward, was rescued from a heart attack Wednesday.

Will Build Bridge

TROY—Contract for a bridge on Wattle's east of Adams road was let to Gertz, Pontiac, Mich. Wayne. Cost will be \$11,433.40, according to City Clerk Lawson Lockhart.



Posing a Prize-Winner

Helen Mailes, 15, of 5610 Coolidge, Birmingham, poses her prize-winning two-year-old Ayrshire from Windrow farms. Her father, who manages the farms, gave her the heifer, Kismet G. Florida, for a 4-H project two years ago. Kismet won a blue ribbon for junior yearling last year at the Pontiac 4-H fair and this year she won for her owner a blue ribbon in her class and breed and reserve grand champion of all breeds. Several years ago Helen's sister, Martha, showed a heifer, which won champion of all breeds at the fair. Helen's father helps her prepare her heifer for showing. Kismet has to have her horns clipped and worked down and her feet trimmed. She also must be washed, curried and broken to lead.

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\$300 in Strong Box Stolen from Car, Seek Truck Driver

A truck driver parked next to the station wagon in which Glen C. Payne, 435 Glenary, Bloomfield Village, had locked a strong box containing \$300 Friday.

Payne returned to his car in front of 250 N. Woodward, Birmingham, to discover the strong box and a record player missing, a door vent forced open. Police are searching for the truck driver, who was described as 5'10" tall, about 170 pounds, colored, driving a late model green pick-up truck.

Cat Burglar Enters 'Not Guilty' Plea

The "cat burglar" pleaded not guilty when arraigned Tuesday morning Oakland county circuit court before Judge Clark J. Adams. Ernest J. Norris, 46, of Detroit, was held for trial, date not yet set, on charges of breaking and entering in the night time. Bond remains at \$5,000.

Birmingham PTA Council Meets Tonight

The Birmingham PTA Council will hold its first board meeting of the season today, September 12 at 8 p.m. in the library of Birmingham high school.

The executive board for the 1957-58 season are: president, Mrs. Joseph H. Schaffer; father V.P., Mr. Harry McGowan; mother V.P., Mrs. Hugh Black; teacher V.P., Mrs. Edward Pokornowski; recording sec. Mrs. Robert Schwab; corr. sec. Mrs. Leonard Westra; treasurer, Mr. James Tobin; and principal Donald Burba of Torry school and Walter Piel of Pierce school.

A Program Committee meeting was held recently at the home of Mrs. Jos. H. Schaffer, 2401 Badner drive, who is president of the council, and plans were formulated for the school of instruction to be held at the high school on the first Monday of September, the 9th, at 8 p.m.

Want a good used car? Look in the Classified columns under "For Sale—Automobiles."

Constitutional Week In City of B'ham

Mayor William E. Roberts proclaims that the week of September 17 to 28, will be Constitutional Week in the City of Birmingham and urges all citizens to pay special attention during that week to our Federal Constitution and the advantages of American citizenship.

September 17 is the 170th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention.

Complete Training

Pvt. Carson A. James and John W. Foerster completed eight weeks of basic combat training under the reserve forces act program at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Carson is the son of Simon James of Arlington and John is the son of the John W. Foersters of Southfield road.

Adams Paving Bids Are Due Sept. 25

If possible, Adams road will be widened this fall from Buckingham north to the railroad viaduct, City Engineer Grover Sorenzetz said Tuesday. Bids are due Sept. 25.

Birmingham commissioners this week approved the special assessment district for Birmingham's \$7,715 share, which will about one-quarter of the cost. The county will pay half, Troy the remaining portion.

Birmingham will contract the job, the three municipalities have agreed.

Rivers Acquire Indian Names In Michigan

ANN ARBOR—Those picturesque names given to rivers throughout Michigan can be attributed largely to the state's first settlers, the Algonquin Indians, a University of Michigan professor says.

Ivan Walton, professor of English at the U-M college of engineering, says the French and English altered some of the original Indian names, but most remain just as they have been spoken for centuries.

Among the Algonquins were the Chippewas (Ojibwas) in the north, Ottawas (west central), Pottawatomies (southwest), and the Huron and Wyandottes (related to the Iroquois) in the southeast.

THE INDIAN language, Professor Walton relates, was primarily oral with only a few crude symbols written, but was well-developed and not unscientific. It was not by chance, he says, that most of the Indian names are attached to rivers and other geographical locations north of the Saginaw-Muskegon line. The south had been the scene of many bloody Indian battles while the north had remained peaceful.

It followed that the newly blossoming communities in the south would adopt names of their own. In the north, however, more and more areas were being named after the Indians, Professor Walton says.

Fittingly enough, a river running through the central part of the lower peninsula was named in honor of the Chippewas. A county in the upper peninsula also has that name.

THE SAGINAW river, which flows from a bay by the same name through a county and city by that name, was, oddly enough, named for an enemy of the Algonquins.

The word itself is derived from the Chippewa "Sak-nong" meaning "place of the Saunks," an ancient warlike tribe, which according to legend, occupied the Saginaw area until the combined forces of the Chippewas and Ottawas drove them out.

One of the main tributaries of the Saginaw river, the Shiawassee, stems from the Indian word meaning "the river that twists about." The county through which it flows also acquired the name.

Resident of Muskegon might be surprised to learn that the Chippewa equivalent "Muskegon" meant "to or at a swamp." The name now applies to the river, which empties into Lake Michigan, a lake, city, and a county.

About 30 miles north of "Muskegon" the Manistee river also empties into Lake Michigan. This word, which also applies to a lower peninsula county, city, and small inland lake, and a city in the U.P. (Manistiquia), comes from the Chippewa "Manistawissa" which means "crooked river," says Professor Walton.

The Menominee and Ontonagon

ivers were both adopted from Chippewa names. The Menominee were a "closely related to the Chippewas and Menominee also applied to wild rice ("menom-in") which grew in the marshes of the area. It is also the name of a city and county in the U.P.

The Pottawatomies were probably responsible for the name Kalamazoo which applies to a river, city and county. It means "bright sparkling water," says Professor Walton.

Scouts, Campers: Advice Needed On Camping Area

Birmingham's Forestry and Parks department head Charles Gale and Foreman Harvey Raasch have a problem.

The department plans to set up a Scout center and camping area in some as yet undesignated city park. But Gale says they want to know the needs of Boy and Girl Scout groups and other potential campers.

The plan to develop an area for woodcraft and camping has emerged since numerous requests have been made to the forestry and parks department for permission to camp out overnight. The groups have been permitted to camp, but restricted from building fires, as no safe area is yet available.

WHEN THE DEPARTMENT has been acquainted with the campers' needs, they will prepare a fire-safe site, possibly on the 66-acre city property behind the high school.

Gale said the department would welcome calls and suggestions. City park area totals almost 2000 acres.

Gale added that the department is resuming guided nature hikes for Scout and school groups, pointing out natural aspects of park areas such as wild flowers and trees. The hikes are usually conducted at Manor park near Big Beaver road, where the city's tree nursery can be observed.

LEGAL NOTICE

OHIVER H. KIRK, ATTY., 207 Wabash Bldg., Birmingham.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—78215 The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, in the Matter of the Estate of FRANCIS L. CREIGHTON, Deceased.

At a session of said court held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 8th day of September, A.D. 1957.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 2nd day of December, 1957, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therewith, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, under seal, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

WITNESSE MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this 12th day of September, 1957.

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300 Get Acquainted

Over 300 gathered for the first get-together of the 360-member Bloomfield art association Sunday at the group's headquarters at 361 N. Woodward, Birmingham. The get-acquainted partygoers enjoyed food from the Bar-B-Q set up at the small building on grounds at the rear. The small structure has been newly renovated to house classes in sculpturing and ceramics. Inside the main building, guests were served hors d'oeuvres and viewed the facilities of the

newly established organization. Mrs. Don E. Ahrens and Mrs. Cyrus R. Osborn were co-chairmen of the Sunday event. The association plans to open its busy season with a collectors' exhibit opening Friday, Oct. 4, and continuing through Sunday, Oct. 12, weekends only. It will feature paintings and sculpture from private collections in Birmingham and Bloomfield homes.

