

Zeta Tau Alpha Plans Bridge

The alumnae of Zeta Tau Alpha are planning a desert bridge benefit party for March 6, at 12:30 p.m. at Northland Hospitality House.

Proceeds will be contributed to the chapter's philanthropic project, the Detroit Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., and the Cerebral Palsy division of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc.

The party is held in conjunction with the Easter Seal campaign which starts the same day.

Tickets and reservations are being handled by Mrs. Robert Kasprzak and Mrs. Richard Reiner. Mrs. George E. Greenwood, 15724 Gilchrist, is general chairman.

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Teens Discuss A Center

A possible Birmingham teen center was the subject of discussion last week, as City Recreation Director Robert Girardin met with a group of Derby and Birmingham school students, and Birmingham Eccentric Youth Page Editor Martha Hurd. Around the table, from left, are Les Harber, Pete Brink, Kent Cardell, Gail Lopata, Pam Huffman, Don Booth, Sue Bollinger, and Pam Jones. A teen committee will submit recommendations for a center.

Joe's Night to Remember

A Teen-Interest Story

By THE REV. ROBERT DEWEY
Minister, Congregational Church of Birmingham

Joe was glad to be home. He pulled more blanket around his neck. He had explained to his mother that he'd like a little more sleep. It was Saturday morning with nothing particular for him to do. She hadn't objected. She hadn't even asked questions. He was grateful for that. He couldn't lie well. He wondered if she knew anything.

When he called the night before to ask if he could stay all night with Bill, she'd been swell. All she said was, "Yes, dear, but come home in the morning—have a good time."

He'd felt lousy when he hung up. He'd had their plans all made. It hurt him to lie. The worst part was she trusted him. He knew he was letting her down.

But what could he do? His folks weren't unpleasantly strict, but they had ideas about the hours a 15-year old should keep. They didn't want him cruising around after midnight. He knew that they expected of him.

They were church people, respected in town; not wealthy, but they had status. He was glad for all of these things. But sometimes he envied the kids whose folks let them run free.

His folks didn't really understand the world away from home in which he now lived and spent his time. He was glad for that too. It would shock them too much. They didn't burden him with talk about drinking, parking, swearing and the like.

BUT HE KNEW how they'd feel about it. Maybe they thought he could handle himself pretty well; that there were some things he wouldn't do even if others did. And he didn't, much. Some of the stuff that went on made him sick.

There were kids with reputations; he didn't have one yet, and didn't want one. He kept his grades up fairly well, stayed out of any real trouble, tried to walk the line between what he called his conscience and the demands of the

high school world in which he lived. It wasn't always easy. You had to be somebody, or go under. He didn't just enough to keep him from smoking some away from home, he drank a beer now and then, he smoked school once in a while, and talked a good game.

HE'D NEVER gone too far in anything. He guessed he could cope with it all. But he was glad it had never come to a showdown. He was there something which called for a real compromise with what he thought of as "his standards."

Of one thing he was certain; his folks wouldn't understand if he told them there were some things you just have to do to get through you know they're wrong.

Sometimes he thought Bill had been there something which called for a different point of view than his. Bill was a year older. They never

checked up on him unless there was some real trouble. He thought of that as late as he wanted, didn't have to report where he was going or had been, so he drew kept everything he did at school and did some work for his dad.

This particular night was Bill's (See NIGHT, Page 5-B)

Future Engineer Treated to Tour Of Laboratory

By LEONARD SPICER
Southfield High School Senior

On February 11, I was one of 29 students from South-eastern Michigan honored to be the guest of the Ethyl Corporation, on Eight Mile Road in Ferndale, in connection with the National Science Youth Day.

Because of our interest in the fields of science and mathematics, a special supervised tour of the research laboratory was planned for us.

AT ETHYL, the main emphasis is directed at discovering new products, such as lubricants, fuels, and parts that will increase the efficiency and decrease the cost of repairing a motor or automobile but will maintain a reasonable selling price.

Our tour began in the chemical division of the research center and terminated in the practical testing unit.

Since I am preparing for a career in chemistry, the first phase of the tour impressed me most. In the laboratories, the chemists demonstrated the use of special precision instruments which are used in their research work.

OUR SUPERVISOR explained that while a new product is being considered, the chemist has to determine exactly what reaction will take place if the new material is used. To do this, he makes many experiments to find the different characteristic qualities, like surface tension, weight, rigidity, stability, and boiling point of the product.

When the preceding experiments are completed, the chemist can classify the material and give it an appropriate name. The product is now put to a practical test in a one-cylinder engine.

After this test, chemists again test the material to determine how efficiently it has without temperature and friction of the motor. An example of how a scientist tests a product, uses it, and then retests it with atomic principles is illustrated by experimenting with a piston ring made of a new alloy.

THE RING is first made radioactive. The scientist then puts the ring into a one-cylinder engine and runs the engine for a limited time. When the ring is removed for examination, chemists are able to test it with a gamma ray spectrometer to measure the amount of wear that has taken place on the ring.

This method takes about a week. Earlier methods took from one to three months. In this way scientists are able to obtain better results faster, and produce more new materials.

If all of these tests provide favorable results, the chemical engineer has to determine how much money the product will cost to produce, how efficient it will be in relation to the cost, and how it will be accepted by the public.

ALL OF THIS testing costs money and requires a great number of skilled personnel and expensive instruments. This opens a wide field with excellent remuneration for college graduates.

While I was walking through the corridors, I observed numerous signs indicating that experiments were being conducted in the rooms. In most of these rooms, there were three or four scientists working on the discovery of new materials, solving mathematical equations, or conducting miscellaneous tests.

These scientists were not all Americans but many were from different countries. This shows that our industry still depends on other countries for skilled personnel, which proves that there is a great need for young men to study in the fields of science and accept this challenge of foreign countries.

Hi Life

by TOM MANHARD

IN THE afternoon, our sponsors at the Ethyl Corporation took us to Greenfield Village where we and Robert Hartwell, director of the new atomic electric power plant near Monroe. He explained the amount of work involved in finding the size of the atomic core and the materials to be used in it.

With slide films, he demonstrated how the electric power will be produced from the atomic fission, which is a phase in science that has tremendous possibilities. He also showed the necessary construction that makes the atomic plant safe for workers and people in the vicinity.

"You're lucky. He LIKES you..."

FOR AND ABOUT TODAY'S YOUTH

MARTHA V. HURD, TODAY'S YOUTH EDITOR

Spring Styles Almost Repeat Last Year's

By JANE MCKINLEY
Birmingham High School Senior

Although the calendar says February, it soon will be time to pack up your winter clothes in mothballs and prepare yourself for Spring.

Last year the "uniform" of a typical teenage girl seemed to be an ivory league skirt and white tennis shoes, or a softly hued short-sleeved dress. This year it will remain basically the same except for a few severe style changes in the dressier, or church-going clothes.

The biggest look this season is the chemise—which started out as a shocker—and has actually settled down into a very elegant, ladylike fashion.

According to your own particular figure-shape, this new style can be varied from the very elegant to the casual. The overall effect of this new fashion is neat, unfrilled, and more sophisticated than last year's clothes.

Although not everybody likes it, it is a new fresh look that has been modified into neat, little jackets, two-piece outfits with smooth, straight lines, semi-fitted blouses, and straight-up-and-down dresses.

Bright-colored, full-skirted silk print dresses will be very popular everything from dances to teas and even for church with a perky straw hat and white string gloves.

Cool blue-greens and hot reds will be the primary colors which will make up these just-above-the-hip waistline styles. The yards of skirt require several petticoats for a bouffant but not stiff look.

THE T-STRAPE shoe, both in the

As Others See Us

These are the reactions to American life of the American Field Service exchange students in Birmingham area schools.

By LUCIANA COGNASSO

From Milan, Italy. A senior at King's school.

Luciana is the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Marshall, Birmingham.

Since, in these days the weather seems to be the main subject of conversation, I think I shall follow the general trend, expressing my own opinion about it.

This year I was asked at least a hundred times: "How you ever seen snow?" or "Does it ever snow in Italy?"

I understand perfectly well that the questions were absolutely justified, but still, at the beginning, I was a little surprised. Then I understood: Here, when somebody thinks of Italy, he sees those beautiful pictures that present the country like another Florida.

THE VIEW of the sea of Rome and Naples or of the sun of Capri does not make you think of snow, that is true, but you must also know that the sun does not always shine even in Italy. So, carefully, I explained that I did not live in a tropical country, and, although I thought that here it was pretty cold, my shivering was simply due to one of my own faults: I suffer from the cold very much.

All this was when the temperature was around 45° and I didn't even dream what was waiting for me. Well, now I know, and, after having survived the 18° below zero, I think that next year I will go around wearing cotton dresses all the time.

I can't exactly describe the feeling I had going out in these days; all I can say is that as I put my nose out of the house I felt every single square inch of my skin cold and unbelievably icy. I had been before in such cold weather, because when I go skiing in the Alps sometimes it is even colder but, in town, such a temperature was unknown to me.

PERHAPS, in my feeling so icy, there was also a sort of psychological factor. In fact I must say that the "8" didn't make me feel as cold as the "21" Centigrade! When I translated the Fahrenheit into our Centigrade I practically had a heart attack.

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Birmingham's Buying These Top Ten

Compiled Each Week from Sales of Birmingham's Three Leading Record Shops

Reported by Carl Reynolds
Bham High School Senior

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| 1. 26 Miles | Four Preps |
| 2. Sweet Little Sixteen | Chuck Berry |
| 3. The Walk | Jimmy McRacklin |
| 4. Tequila | Champs |
| 5. It's Too Soon to Know | Pat Boone |
| 6. Click Click | Dickie Doo & Don'ts |
| 7. Get a Job | Silhouettes |
| 8. Who's Sorry Now | Connie Francis |
| 9. Are You Sincere | Andy Williams |
| 10. I Beg of You | Elvis Presley |

Up and Coming Discs:

Harry Belafonte has changed his style just a small bit to come up with a two-heat number that could be a big hit. We would like to see "The Saints Go Marching In" go all the way to the top.

Interesting to note is that this is the second week in a row in which Rock & Roll tunes have not dominated the Birmingham record-buying scene. If this indicates a trend, many people will be pleased.

Detroit Area's Top Ten

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| 1. Sweet Little Sixteen | Chuck Berry |
| 2. Tequila | Champs/Platt |
| 3. Are You Sincere | Andy Williams |
| 4. Who's Sorry Now | Connie Francis |
| 5. 26 Miles | Four Preps |
| 6. Click Click | Dickie Doo & Don'ts |
| 7. Ballad of Teenage Queen | Johnny Cash |
| 8. Get a Job | Silhouettes |
| 9. You Are My Destiny | Paul Anka |
| 10. Bad Motorcycle | Stoney Sisters |



ROUND ROBIN OF BROWNIES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Troop 40 led by Mrs. O'Brien have volunteered the following happy notes on what it "feels" like to be a Brownie.

Being a Brownie does not mean that we are elves and fairies. It means we are girls who belong to a Brownie troop, the next step to being a Girl Scout. Being a Brownie is fun because you meet other children, learn to get along with them, and you go places and meet people.

It is hard to keep track of the places we've gone and the people we meet. Brownies have to be polite so we write "thank you" letters for every small or big things done for us.

When you are a Brownie you

play games, sing songs, go on field trips like the Detroit Museum or Historical Society. You learn crafts, sewing, have plays and skits for neighborhood fund-raising.

We like being Brownies, it means belonging to a group of new friends doing interesting things, and having Brownie treats. Ummm!

BY Heidi Hande, Kathy O'Brien, Debby Dawson, Margie Logue, Gina Lopata.

TADPOLE CORNER

The kindergartners at Greenfield school have been very busy this month. Miss Swanson's group has taken an interest in making gingerbread boys. Each child brought some part of the necessary ingredients. After measuring, stirring, and baking, the gingerbread boys were enjoyed by each member of the class.

BLACK CATS

Black cats are bad luck they say. But I don't think it true. One came to my house the other day. I had good luck the whole day through.

By JOAN BRATTON

Harian School—6th Grade