



Building for the Future

With their theme "Building for the Future," Harold Kahlfleisch (left) and Arthur Blakelock discuss the Birmingham YMCA's pending new unit and 1958 membership enrollment. Kahlfleisch is general chairman of the membership drive which began this week.

This & That

man needs. That some considerable changes in education's current curriculum are needed long has been debated; no doubt the time has now arrived to do something about the problem.

If his name connotes anything, the appointment of Sid Abel as Detroit's Red Wings' hockey team coach, augurs well for the future. Sid, himself a past hockey star and Red Wings celebrity, certainly has earned the right to assume playing duties of the team. We send our hearty Southfield Township neighbor congratulations and best wishes for success.

There is no doubt but what just about every one of the 48 states, plus the federal government, is annually spending more and more money. This means they must get more from taxpayers. Little real crisis efforts are being made to stop this tax climb... only harder times will cause the long-suffering public to rise up and really get their various lawmakers to quit taking their wages.

Remember, Ladies, I didn't put this fact together... I merely quote it. Statistics show that 15 million U. S. women are overweight. They the statistics do not specify where they (the women) live... but midwesterners has seats are designed two inches wider than those in the east!

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

NOT OFTEN DOES a speaker so impress a service club member that he comes to The Birmingham Eccentric to tell us about him. But that happened last week after Earle Buckley, YMCA physical education authority, spoke to the Birmingham Exchange club. Buckley is on furlough from his YMCA World Service post in Japan. He talked about Japan today, in a manner so clear and interesting that every man felt he had really profited from the hearing. Buckley gave particular emphasis to interrelation of American and Japanese business and industry. At the same time he impressed the men with the excellent job the YMCA does wherever it goes. "It's interesting to note," our informant said, "that the local 'Y' needs funds for its new building, and that all service clubs, including the Exchange, will be contributing."

GENERALLY SPEAKING, grass fires are pretty much a seasonal problem. Generally, but not always, Sunday afternoon the Birmingham fire department was called to the Grand Trunk Park area for the purpose of extinguishing a grass blaze apparently started by a passing train. It was out by the time firemen arrived, however.

TO KEEP THEMSELVES POSTED on progress of Birmingham's municipal projects, city commissioners this week accepted City Manager L. R. Gare's offer of extra copies of the "action-to-be-taken" log his office maintains. Reports will be made quarterly.

HOPE F. LEWIS, 739 Lakeview, Birmingham, a Birmingham representative on the Oakland county board of supervisors and secretary-treasurer of Dy-Dee Wash, says, "Thought you might be interested in an off-beat end to our famous Dy-Dees. Old diapers never wear out, you know, they just fade away. Horatio Lewis, our son, and ballroom dancer, that he has contributed 75 packages of petal-soft, lint-free diapers to a glamorous cause. The discarded Dy-Dees are not sturdy enough for further use in diaper service, but are pronounced good to the last stitch at the makeup table in the dressing rooms of the Royal Ballet." It seems that two years ago when Lewis renewed some old acquaintances backstage at the ballet, he found the dancers struggling with the makeup removal problem. He sent them a large supply of the worn-out diapers. When he visited them this year, he found them still making use of the much more worn-out gift. For each member of the company received his own individual supply in a neat plastic bag.

TO MRS. RICHARD E. SAVAGE goes the first robin sighting of the year. At 1:55 p.m. Tuesday, she called The Eccentric with the news that a fat female robin had rested for a few moments on a bush outside the Savages' living room window at 2360 Fairway, Birmingham.

A FORMER BIRMINGHAM BOY has twice the reason for being in the proud of his appointment to West Point. Roger Neal McDowell, 1001 Old Orchard road, Orchard Lake, has just been notified he has been given a full-time Broomfield's principal appointment to the U. S. military academy. Roger also was Sen. Charles Potter's first alternate choice. The 17-year-old youth attended Quanton elementary, Barrington junior high, Bloomfield high, and will graduate in June from Culver military academy. He is a member of the select Lancers riding team of Culver's famous Black Horse troop, and is on the swimming team.

QUANTON LAKE was teeming with multitudes Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of skaters ignored the "don't skate beyond this-line" warnings, even to skating up to within only a few feet of the dam at the south end, where the water is the deepest.

Military Man Receives Award
Pfc. Richard T. Staunton of Ft. Carson, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Staunton, 659 Bennington, Bloomfield Hills, was recently named award winner of the Colorado Springs Junior Chamber of Commerce group's Distinguished Service Award. It was the first time in history that a military man has been given the award.
Arriving in Carson just over a year ago, Staunton served as swimming and life guard instructor at the YMCA, was an numerous "Y" swimming committee, acted as scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 64 and as a Christian Science representative at the fort.
The award is presented annually to an area resident under 25 years old for "outstanding community service through loyal, faithful and unselfish efforts resulting in lasting contribution to community and nation." Staunton devoted most of his non-military hours to community projects.

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Obituary Notices

Real Estate Man Dies at Home

Services for John W. Holmes, 56 of 905 Pleasant avenue, Birmingham, who died Friday at his residence after a short illness, were Monday from the Bell Chapel of the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. Burial was in Acacia Park cemetery with the Rev. Strossman officiating. Mr. Holmes owned the Holmes Realty company, 201 N. 20th in Chicago, he lived in Birmingham for 20 years. He was at one time with the Western Insurance Co. as an appraiser and builder.

Theodore Mitchell Succumbs Monday

Services for Theodore M. Mitchell, 28, of 851 Haynes, Birmingham, were Wednesday from St. Andrew's Episcopal church in Detroit. Burial was in White Chapel cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Wm. R. Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Edith W. Bishop Dies

Services for Mrs. Edith W. Bishop, 12829 Devonshire road, Birmingham, died Jan. 8 at William Beaumont hospital after a short illness. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery, she lived in Birmingham for 28 years, coming from Detroit. Mrs. Bishop attended high school and business college in Pennsylvania. She was a member of Order of Eastern Stars, formerly of the Higgle chapter.

Mrs. Ida C. Egeland Dies

Services for Mrs. Ida C. Egeland, 2125 Mayfair lane, Birmingham, died at her residence. She was the wife of the late Axel E.

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ham, died Friday at William Beaumont hospital. Free and Accepted Masons. A resident of Birmingham for 32 years, Mr. Kingdon was assisted by Donald G. Harris, Birmingham, chief engineer for the Square. Services were at the R. G. and D. Co. Here was a member of G. R. Harris Funeral Home in the American Institute of Electrical with burial in Grandford, Ont.

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