

Phi Kappa Psi Alums to Banquet At University Club

The Detroit alumni association of Phi Kappa Psi is holding their annual founders day banquet at the University club next Wednesday, to which more than 300 Detroit area alumni have been invited. Officers and directors of the Detroit group include William R. Candler and Hyatt Eby, of Birmingham, and John Rexford, of Bloomfield Hills.

Thomas Hamilton, vice president of Michigan state university, will speak at the banquet which marks the 100th anniversary of the college fraternity's founding.

Expand Freshmen Teams in Little League Football

Birmingham's little league football program will see eight football teams next fall instead of the previous four. Varsity teams will remain at four.

This was decided Monday at a league meeting, which also saw two committee chairmen appointed: Jack French on finance, Richard Baerburn on public relations. Sauerbrun said interest in team membership necessitated the additional freshmen teams. He said any men interested in coaching should contact "chuck" contact Frank Cavan, 610 Westchester Way, Birmingham.

Artist To Speak At B'ham Town Hall

Painter and ceramic artist, now chief of the division of education of the Philadelphia museum of fine arts, John Canaday will be the Birmingham Town Hall speaker next Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6 and 7, at 11 a.m. at Birmingham theatre.

Tickets are not available, as this year's Town Hall series was sold out.

To Attend Institute

Frederic G. Mock, 168 S. Woodward, Birmingham, has registered for the second University of Illinois photographic dealers and finishers management institute, to be held at Allerton house, Monticello, Ill., Feb. 2-7.

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Weatherwise Groundhogs Due Sunday

Maybe the groundhog is the good weather prophet he's reputed to be because he really gets down to the roots of things.

"The complicated tunnel systems this creature digs measure up to 40 or more feet in length and four feet in depth," says Warren W. Chase, chairman of the department of wildlife management at the University of Michigan.

According to a well-known saw, the groundhog—or woodchuck—comes out of his tunnel on Feb. 2 (groundhog day). If he casts a shadow, he runs back, in which case we're in for six weeks more of burly winter.

"Emerging from his deep winter hibernation, the woodchuck can be seen standing plump and alert at the opening of his tunnel. He stands up on his hind feet and braces himself with his short tail and looks around to see whether there are any enemies about," says Professor Chase.

Wondering how much woodchuck can chuck? "Actually the name is not a compound of 'wood' and 'chuck' as is commonly supposed but is a corruption of the Indian word, wujak, a name applied to this animal in the Hudson Bay region. The animal is also sometimes called a 'whistle pig' because it makes whistling sounds when it is excited or if it wishes to warn other animals of danger."

BREEDING USUALLY takes

place in March and the young—two to a litter—are born from around the middle of April to the middle of May. They are born blind, almost naked and helpless. The common tools—the incisor teeth used for gnawing, long nails and forepaws—develop in the next few weeks and within a month the creature is capable of managing on its own.

And what a set of teeth! "In the spring when the woodchuck comes out, he has to set to work sharpening them immediately because they grow so fast it's all he can do to keep up with them. If he neglected them, they could even grow right up into his head and kill him," says Professor Chase.

The woodchuck's tunnel precludes winter sleeping for a number of "acronyms"—rabbits, a kunks, snakes and avoies may make use of the upper reaches. Foxes often convert the upper tunnel into a den. But the woodchuck couldn't care less. He sleeps far below with the opening of his chamber neatly sealed off, says the wildlife professor.

Arrested Here

Charged by Royal Oak police with uttering and publishing, Peter Orlando, Jr., 22, of 2488 Yorkshire, Birmingham, was arrested Tuesday by Birmingham police on a fugitive warrant. Orlando was turned over to Royal Oak police.

Minor Fined

George W. Beaver, 17, of 5775 Adams, Birmingham, was recently fined \$20 and \$5 costs in Birmingham municipal court, where he was charged with being a minor in possession of alcoholic beverages.

Searching Answer, Greyhound Official Tells B'ham Mayor

"We are aware of the problem at Forest and Hunter, we do not have an answer for it, but are diligently searching for one..." R. F. Webster, transportation superintendent of the Birmingham Greyhound bus depot wrote Mayor William Roberts in a letter this week. Webster said he had been contacted only twice by city officials in connection with complaints from residents of the Forest-Hunter area.

Since the two contracts with Webster, the Presidents have filed a protest with the Birmingham city commission, stating that noise and fumes from the buses prevent them from sleeping.

Babysitters Admit Stealing Cash

Two Birmingham teen age babysitters made restitution last week of funds stolen from two local homes during the time the girls, who were close friends, were caring for children in parents' absence.

One of the juveniles admitted to Birmingham police that she had taken \$5 from a home, while the other admitted taking a \$20 bill and two rolls of coins.

Mom's Tag Day

City commissioners Monday night granted permission to members of unit 3, MOMS of America, Inc. of Birmingham, to have a tag day in the city Friday, May 15.

Pack B-7 Cubs To Celebrate Scout Week

Cub scouts of pack B-7 will celebrate scout week by displaying their handicraft and achievements during the week of Feb. 7-13.

McBride Hardware and Peck's Men's Clothing store have each donated a window to the pack to display den doodles, lamps, scrap books, collections and other interesting articles. Each of the 13 dens will contribute to the displays.

Also, to celebrate the boy scouts 48th birthday, pack B-7 will hold the blue and gold banquet Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Community House.

At THIS meeting, Kenneth Wooten, Michael Case, Mike Lowery, Harvey Bell, Ronald Graine, and Ralph Muxley will receive their graduation banners from the cub pack and become boy scouts. Several other badges of merit will be presented at this time.

Makes MSU Dean's List

Kay M. Klotzburger, 1099 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham, has been named to the dean's list for her high scholastic performance last quarter at Michigan State university.

Miss Klotzburger is a senior majoring in radio and television in the Department of Speech. She earned a 3.15 grade average out of a possible 4.00 in all subjects taken during the fall session.



Will Add Another Badge

Lee Decker, 13, tries to identify the many badges decorating the Explorer Scout shirts of 15-year-old Ron Novak and 16-year-old Drew Novak. The three boys are being presented with God and Country awards Sunday at First Presbyterian church, in special services marking youth week. The God and Country award is one of Scouting's highest honors.

Attend Kansas Lecture on Health

The true basis of health and happiness will be the topic of a public lecture in Birmingham tomorrow evening by Maud Gary Bennett of Chicago. Open to the public, the lecture is sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Birmingham, at 8:15 p.m. She will speak in the church edifice.

Flight Qualified

Qualified in radio instrument flight at the Burnin field naval auxiliary air station, Foley, Ala., Tex. 19 was naval aviation cadet Richard J. Pope, son of Mrs. Doris S. Pope, 1005 Southfield, Birmingham, Mich. Pope graduated from Miami university before entering the naval aviation cadet program. He is now undergoing advanced flight training in multi-engine aircraft at the Naval Air Station, Hutchinson, Kans.

Consumers Power Plans \$8 Million Suburb Expansion

Consumers Power Co. will invest more than \$8,000,000 during 1958 on projects to expand and improve its natural gas services in its Southeast division, said Division Manager David H. Gerhart, at a news conference.

He said that Consumers expects to add more than 14,000 new gas customers to the Southeast division lines during the year, and to do so will have to install more than 100 miles of new gas distribution mains, along with the related gas regulator and transmission equipment.

These improvements will include:

INSTALLATION of mains along Squired road south of South Boulevard in Moonfield township, and various streets in Chapel Hills Estates subdivision.

Installation of main along Thirteen Mile road in Farmington township and in the Brar Hill and Westbrook No. 4 subdivisions.

A new gas main from Rochester road at Big Beaver road will be laid south in the city of Troy, to permit increased gas supplies to reach that community.

Gerhart said that the Southeast Division projects are part of Consumers Power Company's major construction for 1958, in which the company is investing more than \$200,000,000 in the 41 Lower Peninsula counties where it provides electric and natural gas service.

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