

## Swimming Classes Plan Open House

The Boy Scout swimming classes will have an open house in the Birmingham high school pool to demonstrate a "Water Safety Good Turn." The program is set for May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Since small boats and canoes figure in many drownings, accidents, the scouts will show principles that will assure safety afloat. They will also show how to play it safe and how to assist those who get into trouble.

## Name B. R. Krause Association Head

The association which sponsored new improvements in recent months in the Bates, Henrietta and Pierce area south of Lincoln in Birmingham, Fairfield property owners' association, Friday, elected Benjamin R. Krause as its president.

Meeting at the Krause home at 1270 Pierce, the group also elected George Farber, vice president; Mrs. Pete Y. Burns, secretary, and Trevor Hall, treasurer.

Mrs. W. H. Schulte, membership chairman; James J. Stone, legal chairman, and Dale Branigan, publicity chairman, were also elected.

## People's Column

To The Editor:

There is no shortage of Republicans out this way. But a good many Republicans are just as well Democrats for all the good they do their party. Too many Republicans are arm-chair partisans. Too few are active in their own neighborhoods.

My precinct committee, out in Bloomfield Township, needs people now to work in their neighborhoods. Later on, in the Fall, telephone workers and poll workers will be needed. If you really care who runs your government, call Republican headquarters (MI 6-8414) and volunteer. The position is always at work.

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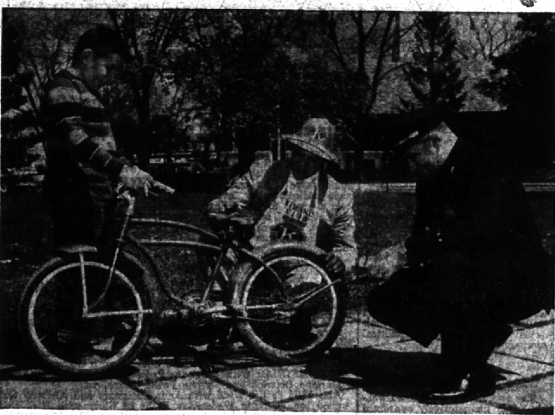
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## Bikes to Get Safety Inspections

This scene will be repeated hundreds of times Saturday as Birmingham and Kiwanis hold bicycle safety inspections at four Birmingham schools at 9 a.m. Jim Naumann, 183 Poppleton, gets a preview bike inspection from Kiwanis President Ted Morley, while Lt. Robert Schaule of the police department's youth division handles a check list. Inspectors will be checking such items as brakes, handle bars, children's riding skills and whether bikes are licensed. Inspections Saturday will be at Adams, Torry, Quarter and Midvale schools. On Saturday, May 17, inspections will be at Baldwin, Pierce, Pembroke and Holy Name schools. Inspectors will apply scotch like emblems on each bike, and award prizes for good riding performances. Bike licenses may be purchased at the inspection for \$1.

## Contrasts Nursery Schools Here and in Germany Today

EDITOR'S NOTE: After touring European schools with her husband who is headmaster of City and Country school of Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. George A. (Annemarie) Roeper wrote her observations of discipline and methods in German schools. Mrs. Roeper is nursery and kindergarten director at the Hoodsills Hills school. Below is her account of the contrast between a typical German nursery school and one in America:

By ANNEMARIE ROEPER

How do European nursery schools differ from ones in our country? What educational principles and methods are applied?

With these and many other questions in mind, I recently visited a number of schools in Germany, selected for me by the department of education at the one most representative of present German education.

Of course, just as here, there were great differences between the individual schools. However, there was much that they all had in common, and that differs greatly from our concept of nursery school education.

Picture in your mind a typical American nursery school—a large playroom with children walking around and sitting on the floor, making big buildings out of large blocks, pushing around big cars and trucks.

Some sit at a table stringing large beads. A group of girls play in the doll corner which is equipped with almost life-size beds, tables, chairs, iceboxes, etc. On the walls are large paintings that the children had done with big brushes. At music time, the children sit on the floor and play with their little music instruments.

NOW, LET'S look at the German nursery school.

There were usually shown a large room, which was empty and dark for maps and gymnastics. Then the director of the school would take me in the room where the children spent most of their time.

There were about 25 children in rather small rooms. All children sat at tables, which took up most of the floor space. They had a deal of equipment, but everything was small.

Tiny one-inch and half-inch blocks, small paper "x's", small brushes, small crayons, small trucks and cars, small beads. Instead of a doll corner, a small doll house with tiny inch size furniture. The only exception: they had beautiful large music instruments.

IN REGARD to music and singing, I saw much creativeness. They sang great deal at every occasion. Many songs were made up by the children. I saw nice work in art, but I do not feel that it was nearly as creative as the artwork of American children.

What importance is there in the difference in the size of equipment? I believe it expresses a completely different educational concept.

Small space, smaller equipment require greater limitations. Every child has only a certain amount of space at the table. He uses his fingers mainly, not his arms.

HE SITS on a chair. Therefore he does not use the rest of his body except, of course, outdoors and for gymnastics.

The atmosphere seems relaxed and friendly with little outward conflict. However, the teacher's authority is absolute. There is no question about disobeying.

Greater demands are made on the children. They are expected to do a good job of cleaning up and would not occur to the teacher to help.

I attended a lunch period which showed me the difference most vividly: I was sitting in the director's office talking to her, when I heard the clinking of spoons and forks next door.

I THOUGHT they must be setting the tables for lunch. However, these little noises continued for a long time, and I finally asked her I could attend the lunch period.

When I came in I saw 25 four-year-olds eating in such absolute silence that I had not realized they were in the room. After a while

## Cranbrook Speakers Deliver Papers at Museum Meeting

Cranbrook institute of science was well represented on the program of the annual convention to the American association of museums in Charleston, N. C., May 1-3.

Director Robert T. Hatt talked on "Planning Museums for the Future," based on his experiences there last year. James A. Fowler, curator of education at the institute, discussed higher standards in science teaching in museums. Stephen M. Stackpole, Assistant in Botany also attended the convention.

Hatt was elected the association's vice-president and re-elected to his seventh three-year term on May 24-25. First 92 became secretary of the international council of museums.

Walter P. Nickell attended the annual meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society at Oglebay Park, W. Va., last weekend to deliver a paper on "nesting associates in a colony of black-crowned night heron."

In mid-May, Nickell will hand migratory birds on the Marblehead Peninsula near Port Clinton, O.

## B'ham YMCA

Further details on these items may be obtained by contacting the 'Y'.

Indian guides will swim May 10 at Pontiac. Call B'ham Y office for reservation.

Camp Ohives Longhouse is set for May 24-25. First 92 babies who register will attend.

Beverly and Vaughn Gray, Y's have donated \$10 toward world service.

Added to the staff of the Cranbrook Summer Theatre School for the coming summer will be Roberta Arnold, instructor at the Birmingham high school. Miss Arnold will head the dancing staff and will teach body work, stage movement and dancing to all sections of the school.

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**Revolver Stolen**  
A \$75 Colt revolver was stolen from a showcase at Sportman, Inc., 116 S. Woodward, Birmingham, it was reported to police Tuesday by Leo Renault. The gun, serial number 12940, is believed to have been taken sometime after 4 p.m. Saturday.

**Injured at Pool**  
An eight-year-old girl was rushed to William Beaumont hospital for treatment of a severe laceration to the head after an accident at Birmingham high school swimming pool. Injured was Jackie Jacques, 24785 Walnut lake, Birmingham.

**Liquor Taken**  
Police said approximately a case and a half of liquor was found missing from the James Conlis home, 463 Arlington, Birmingham, after a break-in discovered there Saturday.

**Represents Schools**  
Kathleen Flint, elementary supervisor, represented the Bloomfield Hills schools as delegate of the South Oakland County Association for Childhood Education at the recent study conference of the Association for Childhood Education International at Atlantic City, N. J.

**Elected Chairman**  
William Woods college announces that Elaine Palmer has been elected Big Little Sister chairman of the Young Women's Christian Association for the school term. Elaine is the daughter of Mrs. John Palmer of Middlefield road, Birmingham.

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