



Birthday Congratulations

Republican National Chairman Meador Alcorn, (left) congratulates Chad Ritchie, treasurer and former county Republican chairman, on his 56th birthday. The two men renewed acquaintances at the Republican get-together in Lansing recently.

Man Suffers Burns From Flaming Floor

Clemon Simmons of Pontiac suffered second and third degree burns Saturday when a hot water heater ignited varnish and paint on the floor of a Birmingham home.

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Fast Closings On Assessments Bring Praise

Two Birmingham city departments were praised this week for their accuracy and speed in completing and closing out special assessment districts.

Commissioner Harry M. Denyes commented, "You are to be commended for winding up these projects so accurately and speedily. That has not been the case in years past."

Denyes' comment won general agreement from other commissioners.

THIS PRAISE was directed at City Engineer Grover Serenbetz and City Finance Director James Purkiss and their departments.

Serenbetz's cost estimates for 1968 street projects have been on the conservative side in three of the four projects just closed out this week.

The fourth was only \$65.39 low, and was due to a "miss" on the amount of blacktopping actually used in the particular project.

PURKISS TOOK the final costs of these five jobs, done this summer, and immediately sent through the requests for refunding of monies on three of the projects, and for spreading of a deficiency roll on the fourth.

Over the years, special assessment projects have been kept open for too long, in the commission's estimation. This sometimes meant years.

But in the past couple of years, Purkiss has succeeded in closing out most of the old assessment accounts.

THOSE CLOSED this week are:

- \$1,237.36 on widening Adams from Buckingham north to the railroad;
- \$1,165.80 in the resurfacing of Pine street, from Lakepark to the fourth;
- \$221.43 in the resurfacing of Midland, Lakepark to Lakeside.

A \$52.09 deficiency roll is being prepared on the Lakepark resurfacing, Oak to Midland.

Purkiss said three other Quarter area street projects, completed this summer, will be reported next Monday to the commission for closing.

Recreation Round Up

THERAPEUTIC SWIMMING

Therapeutic swimming to begin last week on Wednesday will be held for thirty weeks at Barnum Pool from 7 to 8 p.m. Miss Dorothy Young is the instructor and the charge is \$15 for the 30 sessions, payable at the Recreation Office in the Municipal Bldg. Each participant must have a permission slip from his doctor on file in the Recreation Office.

SATURDAY SWIMMING

Saturday swimming will begin Saturday, with all classes filled except "beginners" at Barnum excluding the advanced class there.

HOCKEY

Watch for announcement of dates for hockey players to sign up at the Recreation Office in next week's column.

SENIOR MEN

Senior Men's Club held their weekly meeting last Friday, Sept. 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the Community House. Dr. Harry Marvin, Associate Minister of Birmingham Methodist Church was the guest speaker, showing colored pictures and describing his travels. The Senior Men visited the Oakland County Hospital in Pontiac and visited with some of the patients. The program for next week will be color and sound film depicting the Lumber Industry in the West.

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This Is for Real!

A mechanical monster has invaded Pembroke park, Birmingham, but it has been captured and is well under the control of (left to right) Anne and Sally McLaughlin, 2 and 4, of 1690 Graefeld; John Gordon, 5, of 1099 Cranbrook Rd.; and in the foreground, Kevin Darden, 2, of 1743 Derby.

The antique Ford tractor was donated to Birmingham by William Gemell of Pontiac Tractor and Equipment Co. The machine's been de-mechanized and safely anchored by city crews. Other such kid-appealing equipment may be placed in other parks if donated and can be rendered safe.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM



Jerome Neff

Nothing like going all the way to England to see your Dad, return to the states only to learn months later that he's getting married again—this time at the age of 81. But that's what happened to Leslie F. Ward, 1732 Birmingham blvd., Birmingham. Last Christmas he made a solo trip to England to see his father, Frank Duncombe Ward, in Fordham, Cambridgeshire. He also saw his brother, Stanley, and sister, Doris. For better than 30 years before his retirement, his Dad was city cashier (treasurer) for Cambridge. It was only a month ago, the son relates, that he got a letter from Dad telling of his remarriage. Then just last week he sent the wedding picture (above) with two of his grandchildren in the foreground. His father's start on a new and important chapter in his life has won additional admiration from his family, son Leslie reports.

writer's apologies to Joyce Kilmer):

I think that I shall never see
A thing as homely as a knee,
A knee protruding from pants
parts,
Bermudian or south of France;
Male or female on our street,
These ill-clad creatures, must I meet?

Must I cover behind a tree,
Because my pants conceal my knee?
Can't I, too, be right in style
With covered "knobbies" all the while?

Always am I neatly clad,
Maybe not a Calvert aid,
But lately I've become quite
pensive,
Actually apprehensive
So turn your faces not away,
If upon the street today
A white-haired gentleman you see
In walking shorts—(It will be me).

Composer Continue Studies in Europe

"Three Vermont Sketches," composed by Jerome Neff, son of Mrs. J. P. Neff of Kennesaw drive, Birmingham, will be performed by the South Oakland County Symphony orchestra Saturday.

Jerome graduated from Birmingham high school in 1947 and attended Cranbrook school and Rumsey Hall school, Cornwall, Conn. At the present time, he is in Europe continuing his studies. He composed music for documentary films and director of music for Shakespeare-Under the Stars festival at Antioch college.

Birmingham city plan board meets at 8 pm the third Wednesday of the month in the Municipal building, Martin and Henrietta streets.

Need Pumpkins?

The Birmingham city commission Monday granted the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce a permit to hold its annual pumpkin sale on Oct. 25th and 26th.

This will be the third year that the Chamber of Commerce has sold pumpkins for the benefit of unfortunate and needy children. The pumpkin sale is the major source of income used for the Children's Christmas Shopping Tour.

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danger," she said.

In the same way juvenile delinquency spreads to middle class suburbs because no one bothers to alleviate the city slum conditions which breed it.

THE HOPE of the world, Dr. Mead thinks, is for "like-minded people who want the same things or their children to find ways to take a more active part in what's happening in cities and the rest of the world."

"The only way in which our little ones can stay green and fair is for their occupants to assume their responsibility to the whole world," Dr. Mead concluded.

Dr. Mead only makes the diagnosis. She believes Suburban Man can prescribe his own cure.

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