

'Y' Youth Adults Start Fall Program

Birmingham YMCA's Young adults will swing into the fall season with a cookout supper and a camping weekend during September. In announcing their September plans, young adults chairman Miss Marion Cannon said this week the group is issuing a special invitation to all single newcomers, between 20 to 40 years of age, to attend.

Members will enjoy "Supper a la Canoe" at the YMCA, 400 East Lincoln, Birmingham on Friday evening, September 11th, the dinner going sounding at 6:30 p.m., according to the chairman, Miss Shirley Hacker.

INCLUDED on the evening's agenda is an important business meeting. Reservations should be made by September 4th at the YMCA.

Then, on September 19th and 20th, local members will join others in the Detroit area for a relaxing and inspirational weekend at YMCA camp Ohioyesa.

"Years of Decision in an Atomic Age" will provide the discussion topic, with Don Bradford, executive secretary of the Achievement Personnel Office, acting as resource person. In addition, campers will take part in various recreational activities such as square dancing.

Lodging and food will be provided.

DEADLINE for making reservations and paying the nominal camp fee is September 11. Those interested should contact George Lyon, 1317 Smith, Royal Oak, or the YMCA.

With the aid of Conrad Ekken, newly appointed YMCA program secretary, the group has lined up a fall social calendar tailored to meet a variety of interests. Meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month. Those seek-

ing further details are cordially invited to contact either Mr. Ekken at the YMCA or Miss Cannon, 1094 Suffolk, Birmingham.



On Leave

Pvt. David L. Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Allen, 1405 Holland, Birmingham, is home on leave from Ft. Hood, Texas. He has been assigned to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Suspend Licenses Of 2 Local Drivers

The licenses of 260 habitually careless and violation-prone Michigan drivers were suspended last week according to a report issued by James M. Hare, Secretary of State.

The licenses of 94 additional accident-prone or negligent drivers were revoked the report showed.

Among the motorists in the Birmingham area who were grounded were: David W. Bell, 1332 S. Bates, a financial responsibility suspension and Angelina A. Yanich, 3455 John R. Troy—suspended until Sept. 1, 1959.

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said, that the committee voted the \$17,500 fund to finance city studies.

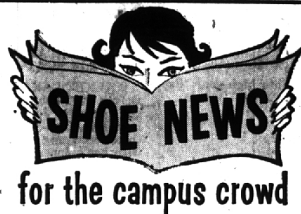
The CBDCC was organized on the recommendation of the Birmingham planning board, to assist with short-range and long-range planning of the business district.

THE COMMITTEE'S membership consists of business property owners, merchants, the planning

board, city commission and other persons interested in the downtown area's future growth.

City Commissioner Charles Renfrew expressed doubts Monday night before the plan was approved. While Renfrew feared that conflicts of interest might develop where an outside committee paid the salary of a city employee, his misgivings were not shared by other commissioners.

"The planning set-up, and we think it should be handled from here,"



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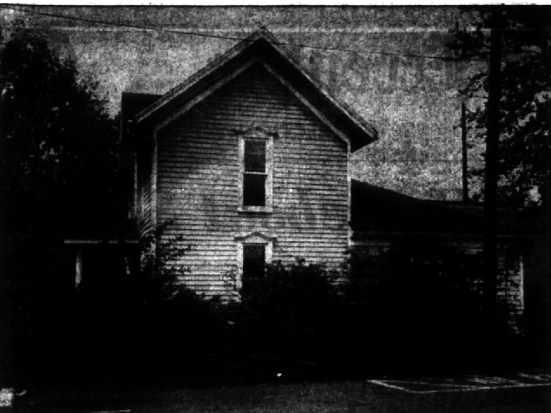
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By the end of this week, wreckers expect to have this century-old house in downtown Birmingham demolished. In its place on Martin street, between Henrietta and Bates, will rise a two-story office building, permits for which were obtained last week.

Offices To Replace Landmark

One of the city's oldest homes began its disappearance from downtown Birmingham Monday as wreckers started demolition to make way for a two-story office building.

A permit for construction of the new building was obtained last week by Ernest and Edith Baumgarth, in partnership in the venture with C. Allen Harlan, Harlan electric company president, who resides at 3535 N. Adams, Bloomfield township.

Estimated cost of the new building, to be located on Martin street between Henrietta and Bates, was given as \$95,000 excluding electrical and mechanical fees.

BAUMGARTH, former resident of the house, said Tuesday that the building would contain 10 offices, designed for uses such as executives' or manufacturers' agents' headquarters.

Baumgarth is home section editor of The Detroit News. He and his wife lived in the house after purchasing it in 1923 until 1953, when they moved to Indian Village in Detroit.

Every attempt was made, Baumgarth said, to save the historic old house, believed to be the second oldest in Birmingham. Baumgarth said the structure with its hand-hewn oak beams, was built more than 100 years ago as a farm house.

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Show

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cost \$4,000. The rest of the money, they hoped would come from box office sales. They were right. They began rehearsing Molier's 17th century farce about the doctor. It was chosen because it was light, funny and, could be presented by an all-female cast.

THEN BEGAN more letter-writing. They sent 550 letters to Lions and Rotary clubs along the route they had mapped out. If the clubs would sponsor them, they wrote, their group would split box office receipts 50-50. Or they would play their town for \$150 flat rate or, \$100 plus 25 per cent of the net.

When bookings began to come through, they bought the bus, ripped out seats and installed bunks, a food cooler, scenery and stage furnishings.

"The Doctor in Spite of Himself" premiered at Skidmore. Then the touring bus headed for Gail Ryan's hometown of Mountain Lakes for the second performance.

*BY THE time the bus stopped in front of the Tabors late Sunday night in Beverly Hills, Omnisbus Players had given 27 perform-

ances, sometimes with four strenuous one-night stands in a row. They had played at audiences at the Greenwar country club in W. Va., and several USOs and service men's clubs at Army bases, as well as their Rotary and Lions club bookings.

The Players took "fun" side trips to New Orleans and Colorado, went swimming almost daily (with no shower on the bus, they had to wash their hair at swim pool showers.)

UNANIMOUSLY, the girls hope Omnisbus Players, Inc. will continue, though Skidmore college did not give its official backing to the group. "They patted us on the head and said, 'Good girls!'"

But in future years, it could happen, the theatre-loving college girls speculate.

If Omnisbus Players continues, would they like to join the group again? They answer emphatically, "Yes!"

The Soviet Union gave more than 30 billion rubles to its research institutions in 1956. This is about three billion dollars at the tourist rate, seven and one-half billion at the official exchange rate.

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ARTHUR LAKE

Lake Elected To Retail Group

Arthur Lake, of 345 Tilbury, Bloomfield Village, co-owner and partner of Lakes Jewelers was elected a director of the Michigan Jewelers association division of the Michigan Retailers association last week by the board of directors.

His term is one year. He will represent the metropolitan Detroit district. This district consists of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Sixteen districts are represented on the board which will meet in Grand Rapids September 21 to elect association officers.

Lake, a retired member of the board of directors of the Birmingham chamber of commerce and of the retail merchants association, is a present member of the board of control of the Birmingham Exchange club and of the local Jaycees.

The Jewelers association is composed of almost all retail merchants in the state and sets policy regarding ethics, quality and prices.

His hiring of sergeant Ross was for the school board "a way out."

"We are trying it," Ireland said.

As for the salary: "that is based on Chief Motley's judgment—it is a patrolman's salary," Ireland said.

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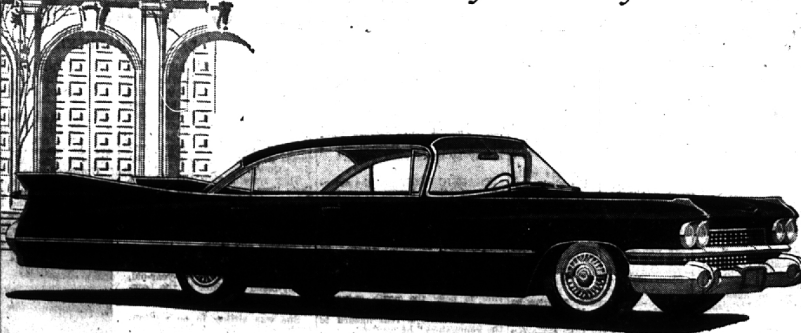
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