

**Auxiliary to Sponsor Drive for Blood**

Christ Church Cranbrook's Women's Auxiliary will sponsor a community-wide drive for blood, Jan. 14. A Red Cross mobile blood bank will be at the church from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. and 5:45 to 8:45 p.m. Mrs. Howard Barker, Women's Auxiliary president; Mrs. Haven P. Doane, Mrs. Mark E. Kraus and Mrs. A. A. Appleford are blood bank committee members.

**B'ham CAP to Hold Members Meeting**

The Birmingham Civil Air Patrol Squadron will hold a new members meeting, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. in Pembroke elementary school, N. Eton road, Birmingham.

A person 14 years old, or in the ninth grade or higher and with a C average or better is eligible for field trips, drill competition, foreign travel and flying in CAP and Air Force planes.

Parents of CAP cadets are eligible for membership in the Parents club, an organization run by parents to keep themselves better informed of cadet activities.

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**Balla in Germany**

Army Specialist Four Ronald J. Balla, recently took part in a fund raising campaign to buy Christmas toys for the underprivileged children of Bad Kreuznach, Germany, where he is a member of the 8th infantry division's 8th administration company.

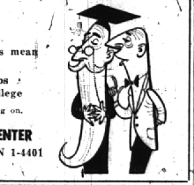
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**Hard Workers Paint 'Y' Basement**

The basement walls of the new Birmingham YMCA building, 400 E. Lincoln, Birmingham, took on a colorful look recently as members of the Hi-Y club finished an extensive painting project. The 15 club members have worked three successive weekends to brighten up the basement which was left unfinished when the new building was constructed. Left to right are Birmingham high school students Charles Engelbrecht, 2434 Devon lane, Birmingham, and Joseph Cook III, 444 Pilgrim, Birmingham. Assisting them is Howard Clayton, Birmingham high school counselor.

**Mathews Demands Jury Trial When Re-Arraigned**

Fenton R. Mathews pleaded guilty and demanded a jury trial when re-arraigned on an overtime parking ticket before Municipal Judge John C. Emery Wednesday morning.

Trial date was set for Jan. 16, but was adjourned until Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. Mathews said he would be unable to attend a trial on the 16th because of health reasons.

City Attorney James Howlett agreed to the adjournment.

Mathews, 5900 N. Adams, Troy, was ticketed Sept. 8 on three charges, overtime parking, leaving keys in the ignition and improper parking.

HE DEMANDED jury trials on the charges and trial dates were set for Nov. 19, 24 and 25.

The original charges were dismissed Nov. 12 at the request of

**L'ham Tax Review Board Reappointed**

Birmingham's 1959 board of tax review will be the same as last year's—City Assessor Clark Houston and U. G. Barnett, Sels Hanna, and Arthur M. Hinkley, 1050 Woodlee.

First board meeting is March 3. The public meetings are on March 9-10, from 9 to noon, and 1 to 4 p.m.

Howlett. The city's main witness Sgt. Richard E. Brown was to be on vacation at the time and Howlett didn't feel he could properly present the case without his testimony.

Before asking for a dismissal, Howlett asked for an adjournment, but Judge Emery refused, saying there were no legal grounds for one.

Following the dismissal Howlett said he would refile the charges one at a time rather than all at once as in the previous trial.

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**Urges City Oppose State Tax Study Recommendations**

Birmingham City Commissioner Charles Renfrew this week labelled the advisory committee recommendations for revamping Michigan's tax structure "unrealistic and an attempt based on mass appeal to get them adopted."

At Monday night's commission meeting, Renfrew said Birmingham's representatives in the legislature should be urged to vote against these recommendations.

"After examining this," he said, slapping his palm on a copy of the committee's report to the legislature, "I'm convinced it would place cities in worse financial shape than they are now."

PRINCIPAL recommendations are that personal property taxes be eliminated, each person get a \$9 refund from state sales taxes, and a graduated income tax.

Commissioners expect to learn more about the effect of the committee recommendations Jan. 14. On that date, they will attend a regional meeting in Ferndale of the Michigan municipal league. The Michigan tax study report will be a main topic.

**B'ham TV Shop Hit By Burglars Again**

Burglars broke into the Birmingham Television Shop, 1942 S. Woodward, Birmingham, for the second time in five months early Saturday morning.

Patrolmen Douglas Marble and Donald Moonan found the rear door of the shop forced open while making their regular building check at 3 a.m.

The burglars took \$50 in cash and two small transistor radios. A portable TV set and a phonograph were found in an adjacent field.

In September of 1958, burglars broke into the shop and took over \$1,000 worth of merchandise. Extensive work by Birmingham police led to the arrest of the burglars and resulted in the breaking up of a seven-man theft ring.

**Stolen Gun Found After 17 Years**

Birmingham police have recovered a Colt .38 automatic, stolen from a former Birmingham Patrolman Lawrence Kamin's car 17 years ago.

Kamin's car was stolen from his home in November of 1942. It was recovered shortly afterward but the gun was missing.

State Police obtained the missing gun last week when Parrill D. Place, East Lansing, attempted to register it.

Place said his father obtained the gun years ago in trade for a wedding job, and had bequeathed it to him in 1945.

Det. L. Meritt Holmquist said the gun would be sent to Kamin, who now lives in Oklahoma.

**Day in Maryland**

Navy Lt. Lawrence Duff, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Day of Vermont street, Birmingham, is serving with Airborne Early Warning Squadron 13, at the naval station, Patuxent River, Md.

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