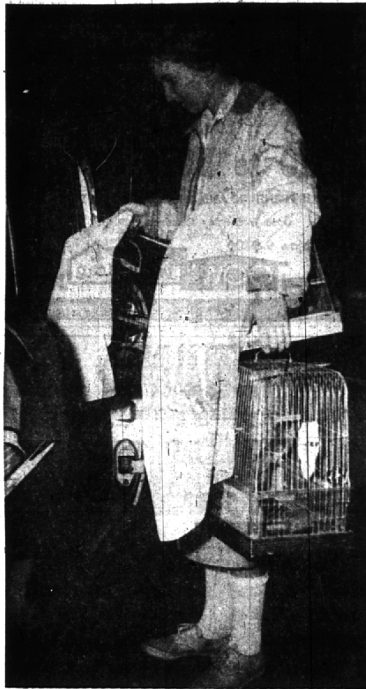


It's Bye-Bye Birdie Time

Parting was such sweet sorrow for all The Birmingham Eccentric editorial people when it was time for Birmingham high school sociology students to pick up birds collected here for Oakland County infirmary aged patients. Youth Editor Demi Scanlon became so attached to "Little Murphy" (left cage) and his companions that Marty Goddard (below) had to sneak them out of the office when she was on an assignment. But the reporter recovered the next day when Chip Chip, donated by Janet Custance of Arlington, arrived to spend a few days with her before being transported to the home. Students have their quota of birds now and extend a thanks to Birmingham contributors.



Special Program At Planetarium

CRANBROOK — "Telling Time by the Sky" is the featured topic for January at Cranbrook Institute of Science planetarium. The way in which the earth's rotation serves as a master clock will be featured, with a discussion of units of time and time zones, including those of Alaska, our newest state. This is in addition to the regular planetarium demonstration. The planetarium is open to the public Wednesday afternoons at 4 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 and 3:30. Special demonstrations can be arranged for large groups.

Policy Set On Widths Of Streets

Although they've been unofficial standards for several years, 29 and 37-foot street widths were made city policy this week by Birmingham city commissioners.

They agreed the city will pay the extra cost of residential streets made wider than 29 feet, and business streets greater than 37 feet.

What proportion the city will pay of future projects will be decided at each special assessment hearing. The percentage can vary from zero to 25 percent.

White Promoted

Grover L. White, son of Harley White of Berg road, Birmingham, recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany, where he is a member of the 24th infantry division's 24th signal battalion.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Did you get your first boat for Christmas? Well, how about starting the first year off as a good sailor would—by knowing how to operate the craft properly? The drowning you save may be your own. So where do you get this nautical knowledge? By joining the spring plotting classes of the Detroit Power Squadron. The volunteer group of pleasure boat men will conduct free classes to instruct boat owners on the best methods of navigation and water safety.

Registration for the classes will be held Friday, January 9, at Broadhead Naval armory, 7600 E. Jefferson, between 7:30 and 10 p.m.

If anybody knows a little green parakeet who's lost, maybe he's the one Marty Goddard, of 855 Madison, Birmingham, is holding for pick-up. The Birmingham high school student acquired the bird when she and other sociology students were collecting them for the Oakland county infirmary. But this particular bird, she decided, might be missed by his owner. She calls him "Baldy," and he flew onto a window sill at Barnum school from where students rescued him about three weeks ago. He talks a lot, but Marty can't understand the language.

Overheard in a local grocer's Man—"It sure costs money to keep the family dog in food—but it's worth it to own a faithful household guardian." Woman: "You are quite right—and I often think that in most cases it is the dog who finally owns the devoted family."

There's at least one loyal supporter of Fidel Castro, the rebel Cuban leader who has just overthrown the rule of dictator Batista on that U. S. neighbor's island. Evidence of this was seen on the side of his some-what dirty car last Sunday, for, traced through the spattered mud, one could read: "Viva la Castro."

A free 10-week course on "The Science of the Production and Distribution of Wealth" will be given at Birmingham high school, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. The sessions will be conducted by Mrs. Donald E. Kothe, 1342 Haynes, for many years a student of the subject. The general public is invited to attend, stated Mrs. Kothe, who added "I'll be happy to discuss the course with those who may be interested."

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New Fire Code's Publication Caps 10-Year Effort

Ten years from the time it was placed under study, Birmingham will adopt its new, modernized fire ordinance. The ordinance consolidates other Birmingham codes relating to fire prevention, and incorporates new methods of obtaining fire safety. City commissioners now are considering candidates for the ordinance's five-man board of appeals. One member must be a registered professional engineer, another an architect, a third a builder or building construction superintendent of at least 10 years' experience. Fire Chief Park Smith said the new code included a lot of important changes and gave more detail to the basic code previously in effect.

THE EARLY years were spent by fire department officials, principally Fire Marshal George Scott, in re-examining present code provisions, and searching other municipalities' codes for desirable features to adopt locally. Scott said the code was prepared after the latest National Board of Fire Underwriters' regulations and allows the department to apply them more easily locally. Not only was the code brought up-to-date, Scott said, but many businesses will be affected in several ways by the changes.

FOR THE past three years, city commissioners have waited for the state legislature to permit new code adoptions by reference rather than publication. This has not been forthcoming, so the code will be published in a special 6 to 8-page section in the Jan. 22 issue of The Birmingham Eccentric, the city commission decided last week. It will cost \$3,144.21 for the ordinance's publication, and for 500 booklets which will be available to architects, builders, engineers for \$2 a copy.

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