

Monkey Shines in Jail —He was Well Behaved

There were "monkey-shines" at the Birmingham police station last weekend.

Someone who acted like a monkey by nature was better received (and earlier released) than he would have been if he had acted human being.

Jocko, a Gibbon ape was a prisoner here Sunday morning.

THE LITTLE white ape had done nothing—at least, nothing that an ape doesn't do in the normal course of being an ape. He just happened to tie in with a pair of human beings who got into trouble for drunk driving.

Jocko was released Sunday afternoon in the custody of the daughter of one of Jocko's human companions.

His friends charged with driving under the influence of liquor and being drunk and disorderly, were released later.

PATROLMEN saw a car leave a Birmingham restaurant at 5:15 a.m. Sunday and make its unsteady way up Hunter. When they finally managed to stop the weaving automobile, they found Fred T. Lafontaine, 29, 19205 Burg, Detroit, driving a passenger who refused to give his name and carried no identification, and Jocko, himself, as Robert Dommer, 36, of 12910 Glastonbury, Detroit.

Jocko, who had not been drinking, according to Police Chief Ralph W. Hoxley, was released.

LAFONTAINE was charged with drunk driving and was released on a \$25 bond. Dommer, charged with being drunk and disorderly was released on \$100 bond.

Both appeared Wednesday in Birmingham municipal court.

'Oh, It Was Nothing...'

George William Averill, managing editor of The Birmingham Eccentric, (left) receives an award and a handshake from Charles R. Benson, president of the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce. The award cited the newspaper's help and cooperation in JayCee work.

to say they'd be back after checking out the suspicious car.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

"I almost hated to call you," said a voice over the telephone last week to The Birmingham Eccentric's editor, Shirley Adams. "I recently saw 'The Birmingham Eccentric'," the caller explained, "and now I know just what you sometimes have to go through." The play involved a beautifully dramatized presentation of the trials and tribulations of a weekly newspaper society editor. (See lyrics to "We Love the Social Scene," page 1-D).

For hours children waited near the John W. Faver home at 670 Fairfax, Birmingham, hoping to see a mother raccoon hold moving day. Mamma had been given her notice by Birmingham police employee Al Sundell, who put motherballs down the chimney when the Favers, for help, Mamma finally vacated. But she slipped out in the still of the night, according to Sundell, so the disappointed children didn't see her. She took her two babies, Sundell says, and set up housekeeping somewhere else, probably in someone else's chimney.

Even the well-known Pete Dawkins of Royal Oak was outclassed scholastically at West Point by the nephew of Mrs. Eugene Johnson, wife of the Bloomfield Hills school superintendent, Mrs. Johnson and her 14-year-old son, Eugene, spent June week at West Point. They saw Mrs. Johnson's nephew, James L. Abrahamson, receive five awards at commencement exercises for outstanding achievements during his West Point days. Among the 21-year-old's achievements was remaining at the top of his class scholastically for the entire four years. James, of Aurora, Ill., is the son of Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Charles A. Abrahamson.

She was a local matron and, with her husband, sat before a local shoe salesman, trying on a pair of extra thin, high-heeled dress shoes. This Wanderer happens to know her well enough to ask a couple of questions, and the lady is frank enough to give the right answers. "Yes, I buy high heels, not for comfort, but for looks; all of us girls do likewise," she smiled. "High heels also increase our height. We can meet our husbands eye-to-eye. For casual wear, flat heels are the best... but even then we lose something of the artistry of good grooming... going barefooted, too, is comfortable, but only in the house or back yard," she concluded.

A couple of Yorkshire road residents this week are marvelling at the efficiency of the Birmingham police department. In fact, they are wondering if the patrolmen now come equipped with mental telepathy. Here's what happened: Late Sunday night, the woman resident backed her car away from the curb so she could head it into the driveway. She didn't see the neighbor's car parked at the opposite curb. Crun-n-n-ch! Almost before she could get out of the car, a squad car pulled up, red light rotating. The patrolmen were answering a complaint on a suspiciously parked car (at the other end of the block). They saw the accident happening, came down

The effects of Michigan's budgetary problems and financial cut-back have reached into some far-flung corners. It prevented Michigan and Michigan State universities from supplying pictures of this year's graduates. Hence, only names in the Eccentric's graduation section.

"We're just making it clear," said Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley, talking about the double yellow line that now snakes down the center of Woodward avenue. "There was some confusion before as to whether or not a motorist could cross the white line," the chief said. "The motor vehicle code makes it illegal to cross any solid line. We're using the yellow line because it is more easily understood by the motorist, he said. A 70-foot wide street with angle parking present problems, but now the rules have been made plain as the ornament on the hood.

A Bloomfield Hills woman is vigorously defending the honor of today's youth, especially since her recent brush with young honesty. The woman forgot a \$20 bill lying on the counter of a Birmingham variety store. She returned later to report the loss to the store manager. The shopper had hardly returned home when she received a call from the store. A 10-year-old Bloomfield Hills girl, Susan Melcher, 40 Spur Hill drive, had returned the bill. Honestly pays, too. The grateful woman plans to give the girl half of her find.

Ninth Re-recruits Old Mich. Members

The Michigan chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division association today is trying to re-recruit former members for a polo-pick picnic reunion at Kensington park, Sunday, June 28.

Former Michigan members of the Ninth have been urged to attend the reunion—first since 1918.

They have also been asked to inform the committee of the size of their party if they plan to attend and to send current addresses and vital information to Robert F. Rumanap, 22013 Fulton boulevard, St. Clair Shores, Mich.

The division association is planning a 14th anniversary reunion in New York City, July 30 to Aug. 1.

Old Camp Opens With New Splash

A new feature—a 30 by 70-foot swimming pool—enhanced the 11 acres of City and Country resort, when the Reeper Summer Day camp opened on the premises June 22 for its 12th season.

The camp, whose counselors are qualified teachers, is open to children two and one-half through 11 years of age.

Age groups break down to: nursery—two and a-half to four years; kindergarten—five years; and just plain children—six through 11.

Children may attend for four or eight week programs—separate for each age group—from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Ticklers By George



"How long has he been there?"

It Would Look Better—But Cost Much More

Ethetics and money are difficult to reconcile, but Birmingham city and Detroit Edison Co. officials are trying to accomplish it.

Birmingham prefers underground cables, especially in the downtown area. Edison officials say it costs up to 14 times greater to put cables underground than it does to run them overhead.

The problem stems from Edison's plan to put a primary 4500-volt tie-line on Bates from Martin to Willets. Edison represents this week indicated perhaps the line can go underground from a half block south to a half block north of Maple.

Talks continue this week between city and company.

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