

PTA Groups Respond to Fund Appeal

C. ALLEN HARLAN

Harlan Heads Committee for BSA Birthday

The appointment of Scout Board Member C. Allen Harlan, 3535 N. Adams, Bloomfield Hills, as chairman of the 50th anniversary committee of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was announced this week by W. Calvin Patterson, president of the council. The Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its fiftieth birthday in 1962. By the close of next year it is estimated that 33,500,000 different persons will have been identified with the organization since its inception in 1910.

HARLAN'S committee will encourage participation in all phases of the national program, develop suitable local projects and encourage unit and individual participation in all golden anniversary activities.

Scouting's Golden Jubilee will be a year-long celebration marked by several great national events and by countless local celebrations.

The first will be Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, Harlan said. In Washington, D. C., where the movement was originated, a couriered, a selected scout or explorer from each of the 50 states and the territories will participate in activities with high officials representing all branches of the Federal government.

LOCALLY, he said, the celebration will recognize authorities and heads of local institutions for their help in making Scouting available to youth.

Harlan is recruiting citizens of the metropolitan area as members of his committee to serve on various local projects now planned, such as a mammoth Scouting Expo and the promotion of anniversary floral displays by business, industry and in municipal parks.

The Detroit's Department of Parks and Recreation has already promised to plant several flower beds this fall to be in full display all next year.

A member of the Scout Board for many years, Mr. Harlan (president of his own electrical contracting company) has received Scoutings' coveted Silver Beaver award in 1957 for his service to youth.

GM Pays \$5,000 For Good Ideas

DETROIT—General Motors today announced it will raise the maximum award for Suggestion Plan ideas to \$5,000, twice the maximum established in 1951 and five times the amount awarded when the company-wide plan was introduced in 1942.

John F. Gordon, GM president, said that new maximum payments to GM employees would be applicable to suggestions reviewed after May 1. Under the Suggestion Plan, GM employees receive awards for submitting ideas on ways to make their jobs safer and easier and improve plant operations.

Since the GM Suggestion Plan was placed on a company-wide basis 17 years ago, more than two million ideas have been submitted. More than 500,000 of these ideas have been adopted and awards of more than \$28 million have been made.

Sewer Bid Accepted

Advance Contracting Co. of Detroit, low bidder, has been awarded a \$12,994.50 contract for a sewer to serve property north of Derby and east of Adams, Troy. The sewer will connect to Birmingham's system under an agreement involving Birmingham, Troy, and the Birmingham school district. Additional multiple dwelling units are under construction in this triangular area.

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Baldwin elementary school PTA and the PTA Council are the first PTA organizations to answer the appeal from the Birmingham Student Loan and Scholarship association for more funds to add to the interest on the loan funds for scholarships. The scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding students in the graduating class at Birmingham high school.

Each year the Board of directors of the loan and scholarship fund association appeals for money to augment what they receive from the principal of a fund which was raised during the 1920's by the AAUW, the PTA Council and many other groups in Birmingham.

THIS WAS and is still primarily a loan fund. In recent years the loan fund has been comparatively inactive and the interest has been given as scholarships.

The association will award the following scholarships this year: The Baldwin Elementary school PTA scholarship to a former Baldwin elementary student, Marianne Ulrich.

The PTA Council scholarship to Barbara Sayle, the salutatorian of the 1959 graduating class of Birmingham high school.

Four scholarships from the association were awarded to Walter Schmeigel, Sandra Myers, Cherry Kimmusan, and Laura Szymko. Members of the Birmingham Student Loan and Scholarship fund board are Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, permanent chairman; Donald Scriven, president; elected by BHS alumni; Bennett Root, appointed by the board of education; Lewiston C. Tabor, appointed by the AAUW; Mrs. Dorothy Hilty, appointed by BHS alumni; A. M. Henry, PTA council appointed; and J. W. Dunn, delegate-at-large.

1st Chief Honor Guest at Fire Bell Dedication

Birmingham's first fire chief will be the honor guest next Monday at 7:15 p.m. when the town's first fire bell is dedicated as a memorial to the department's volunteer firefighters.

The ceremony will be at the Adams road fire station. He is James W. Cobb, 163 Oak, and now in retirement. He was volunteer chief from 1913-15. He was postmaster from 1923 to 1933. The late William D. Olsen, who served from 1915 to 1930, will be represented by his son, Merritt.

FORMER CHIEF Vern W. Griffith (1930-55) also will be a guest, as will present Fire Chief Park H. Smith.

D. H. Reynolds also will attend. If he hadn't bought the fire bell for \$5 when the old fire hall was razed nearly 30 years ago to make way for the Briggs building at Maple and Woodward, there wouldn't be any ceremony next Monday evening.

Mayor Harry M. Donyes, Jr., will conduct the ceremony. City commissioners then will go to the municipal building for their regular 8 p.m. meeting.

Former volunteer firemen, and the general public, are welcome to attend the ceremony.



Honor B'ham's War Dead

Birmingham Veterans Memorial committee honored Birmingham's war dead Saturday noon in ceremonies at Greenwood cemetery. Participating organizations were the American Legion, its auxiliary, its juniors, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gold Star Mothers, B'ham MOMS club, and representatives from county organizations. As Bugler Bill Ives sounded taps, the delegations came to

attention like (from left) B'ham Legion Adjutant Clem Bednarz, long-time Legion member James Flack, B'ham Legion Commander-elect James Casey, Legion Life Member Jerry Cronin, Auxiliary Officer Mrs. Ruby Howard, and Memorial Committee and Americanism Chairman Hugh McHugh.

Pay First If Live On Private Street

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Art Ed Group Sets Schedule

The Oakland Art Education association met at the Derby junior high Wednesday May 27, where committee chairmen presented plans for 1959-60 which include a fall dinner, workshops and demonstrations, a student art exhibit, a teacher art exhibit and an art education newsletter.

The purposes of the newly formed organization are to promote creative art teaching, foster community understanding of art education and encourage the creative abilities of the membership. Officers of the association are:

president, Leo Deporin, Oak Park schools, vice president, Margie McCullough, Birmingham schools, secretary, Howard Malwitz, Birmingham schools, and treasurer, Eva Pavogel, Royal Oak schools. Birmingham area members are Margaret Nichols, Dottie Bonestell, Phil Savaglio and Carolyn Switzer of the Birmingham schools and Earl Smith of the Southfield schools.

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