

## Recreation Board Gets New Reports

Recreation department Director Robert Girardin submitted reports on the teen center, kite tournament and Easter egg hunt to the recreation board meeting Thursday night.

Rather than discuss the impending budget during the regular meeting, the recreation board held another special meeting Tuesday afternoon at the municipal building.

GIRARDIN told the board the teen center would begin operation on April 10, at the YMCA building and would be open on Friday evenings.

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## Bloomfield Village Man Hurt in Fall

Injured in a fall from a ladder late Tuesday afternoon, William H. Schack, 74, of 901 Covington, Bloomfield village was rushed to William Beaumont hospital by ambulance.

A hospital spokesman said Wednesday that Schack was in satisfactory condition. He suffered a fractured hip in the accident at 367 Ferndale, Birmingham.

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In other reports, he revealed the kite tournament has been set for April 4 at Poppleton park and that the Easter egg hunt will be held March 28, at Springdale park at 2 p.m.

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## New Recordings' Qualities Vary

Glenn Gould, the young Canadian pianist whose eccentricities rival those of the famous De Pachmann, plays Beethoven's Concerto No. 1 with Vladimir Golschmann and the Columbia symphony on Columbia records.

There is little to recommend in this performance of the Beethoven. Taken at break-neck speed, played in a strangely heavy-handed manner, it lacks grace and charm and fails to evoke even so much as a mild Mozartian ghost.

However, such errors in judgment are mild compared to the effrontery of two original cadenzas by Gould that have been tacked on to the first and third movements.

THESE quasi-contemporary harmonies resembled a Russian cadenza grafted onto a Cotswold English cottage—neither cadenza appears to be anything more than a baffling technical harmonic exercise, having apparently nothing to do with what goes on before or after its performance of the Bach Concerto No. 5 in F is also irritatingly slow, played in a heavy-handed manner.

In both cases Gould should have stood in bed. Golschmann contributes an innocuous background to Gould's musical shenanigans.

Capital has issued an impressive recording of "Belshazzar's Feast" by Walton and the "Coronation Anthem; Zadok the Priest" by Handel, played by Sir Malcolm Sargent, conducting the Royal Liverpool philharmonic orchestra with chorus and bass solo.

WRITTEN IN 1930, "Belshazzar's Feast" depicts the fall of the city of Babylon. It is a fine example of the art of Biblical oratorio, metamorphosed through 19th and 20th century tonal color. It is romantic in flavor and conservative in harmony.

Some of the words are not always intelligible, especially when all participants are operating at full tilt. The Handel works are robustly sung in a fine example of English royal pageantry.

Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Symphony Orchestra's composite "Gaité Parisienne" and Khachaturian's "Gayane Ballet Suite" on Victor records. The beguiling vision of Moscow Rouge is somewhat obscured by unrestrained use of the heavy timpani. For the most part, very little of Gaité's characteristic rhythmic abandon shines through in tempi that consistently lag.

THIS PERFORMANCE of Gaité is a case of a courtesan who never allows herself to get beyond a mildly flirtatious nod. The Khachaturian suite, however, is given a fine reading. All the fire missing in Gaité comes through. Khachaturian's embellished folk-melodies make this work eminently pleasant to listen to; and his famous "Saber Dance" is brought off in a fiery display of tempestuous rhythm.

## Painting Instructor

Fred Mitchell, painting instructor at Cranbrook Academy of Art, begins a third series of 10-week evening classes for "advanced amateurs" tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 in the Cranbrook Academy of Art Galleries. Mitchell recently closed a one-man show at the Howard Wise Galleries in Cleveland.

## Troy News Briefs

### Road Repair Funds Transferred by City

The city of Troy will transfer state rebates totaling \$7,500 from its major road fund to its local road fund in order to take care of the unpaid streets, which are expected to break up in the spring thaw.

Acting City Manager David W. Hasse said the city transferred the same amount of funds in 1958.

State law allows the city to transfer 10 per cent of its estimated \$30,000 payment from the state. Troy will ask for permission to transfer another 12 per cent in the near future.

### Rotary Club Elects C. Snoke President

Clarence L. Snoke, 47, of 506 S. Knowles, has been elected president of the Troy Rotary club. Snoke, manager of the Troy branch of Wayne-Oakland bank, succeeds Stuart Baker, 3034 Daley, Troy.

Other officers who will be installed in May, include Boyd R. Larson, vice president; Roy W. Bemis, secretary; and Wallace E. Rice, treasurer.

## VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS

### Notice of Public Hearing for Changes, Amendments and Additions to the Zoning Ordinance.

TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Village Council of the Village of Beverly Hills on the 7th day of April, 1959, at 8 o'clock P.M. in the Greenfield Elementary School located in the aforesaid Village, for the purpose of considering the following changes, amendments and additions to Ordinance No. 1, being the Zoning Ordinance:

1. To change from Residential 2 Zone use to Education-Research-Office Zone use the following described property: "Lots 56, 57, 58, 60, 61, 62, 65 and 66 through 72 inclusive of D. J. Healy's Golfhurst Subdivision."
2. To change from Residential 2 Zone use to Education-Research-Office Zone use the following described property: "Lots 63 and 64 of D. J. Healy's Golfhurst Subdivision."
3. To change from Residential 3 Zone use to Education-Research-Office Zone use the following described property: "Lots 1642 through 1646 inclusive of Beverly Hills Subdivision No. 4."
4. To change from Residential 3 Zone use to Residential 4 Zone use the following described property: "All of the South 1/2 of Section 2 lying South of Beverly Road presently Zoned Residential 3 Zone."
5. To change from Residential 3 Zone use to Residential 5 Zone use the following described property: "All of that portion of Beverly Hills Subdivision No. 10 lying East of Evergreen Rd. and North of Riverside Drive, and also that portion of Lot No. 1 of Supervisor's Plat No. 3, previously zoned Residential 3 Zone."
6. To amend Article VIII of said ordinance entitled "General Provisions" by the addition of a new sub-section reading substantially as follows: "Section 3.24. Fences are permitted or required subject to the following: (a) Fences in Residential Zones shall not exceed 4 ft. in height above grade and shall not extend toward the front of the lot farther than the rear of the house. (b) Fences which enclose public or institutional playgrounds shall not exceed 7 ft. in height above grade, and shall not obstruct vision to an extent greater than 25% of their total area. (c) Fences are required in Commercial Zones for the enclosing of areas of outside storage of goods, material or equipment. Such fences shall not be less than 6 ft. in height above grade. (d) Fences shall not be constructed of solid materials, shall contain no barbed wire, electric current or charge of electricity, provided however, that fences in Commercial Zones which enclose storage areas may have barbed wire connected therewith, provided such barbed wire is more than 6 ft. in height above grade."

All persons interested will be heard. Objections to the proposed amendment should be filed in writing and it is requested that any such communication shall be filed with the Village Clerk not later than April 1, 1959, so that they may be duplicated and forwarded to members of the Village Council prior to the meeting on April 7, 1959.

DATED: March 19, 1959. ALICE M. SPENCER, Village Clerk

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

This Wanderer heard recently that the persons who visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farmer's annual "Christmas Village" display contributed \$35 toward muscular dystrophy research. Mrs. Farmer, 1376 Bennaville, opened the display, consisting of typical village scenes and hundreds of miniature figures, Jan. 1 and closed it Feb. 28.

With last week's issue, The Birmingham Eccentric entered its 82nd year of continuous publication. It was 81 years ago—in 1878—that the adventurous Almeron Whitehead and George Mitchell brought the first copy of The Eccentric off their printing press. There's been a lot of printer's ink flowing onto the thousands of pages of news that have been printed in the ensuing years!

Ever try to get four or five kids to hold still long enough to let you take their picture? If you've tried, you can appreciate a good portrait of a group of little children. This Wanderer heard about a picture of the five Robert B. Hamly children, so good that it won a blue ribbon and cup in a recent competition. The picture is on display now at Northland. Our "tipster" was the children's grandfather, Edward J. Radenberg, 15011 Ramsdale, Lathrup Village. He says the picture is wonderful, but admits he is especially like the subject matter. The Hamlys live at 4524 Woodlawn in Birmingham, out North Adams way.

One of the requirements for becoming an apprentice in the International Typographical Union (printing grades) is to pass the equivalent of a seventh grade spelling and punctuation examination. During the past several weeks the

Detroit ITU local office has examined 33 young men on these subjects, and only three of them passed. Yet every applicant (including five from this area) was a high school graduate. "It doesn't speak too well for the spelling and punctuation standards of some of our public schools," declared an ITU official.

Just recently, this Wanderer is told, a local man parked his car at a Birmingham restaurant and, when returning to the car, he observed another car stopped next to it. A woman got out and started her car had just been dinged by his car, and "you'll have to pay for having my car fixed." The man is reported to have offered her the name of his insurance agent—at the same time wondering how his parked car could have run into hers. Anyway, it's said that the lady reached into her large purse, extracted a lipstick pencil and quickly used it to mark up not only the man's car upholstery, but also a portion of the man's clothing. She left in a hurry. The man didn't get her car license number, either.

### Drunk Driver Goes to Jail

Found guilty of driving under the influence of liquor in a trial before Birmingham Municipal Judge John C. Emery Wednesday, a Birmingham man is serving 15 days in Oakland county jail. John C. Howe, 25, of 971 Bennaville, was arrested by Birmingham police Dec. 18. Judge Emery ordered him to pay a \$100 fine or serve the jail sentence. He chose to serve the sentence.

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## Aboard Seaplane

Kenneth Freeman, airman USN, son of Mr. B. Freeman of Goolidge road, Birmingham, is serving aboard the seaplane tender USS Valcour operating in the Persian Gulf, Middle East Area.

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