

## Missionaries Observe Holiday in Congo

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written by Dr. Earl Weston of Wing Lake through the facilities of his amateur radio station. Another attempt at direct radio contact will be made in two weeks.

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Dr. and Mrs. White both expressed their desire to be remembered to the people in the Birmingham area at this Thanksgiving time. They had just received the welcome word that their large shipment of supplies had arrived, on the river.

This would mean about an eight-hour truck to pick them up but bringing supplies in by the waterways is much less expensive than overland transportation.

There will only be nine people at their Thanksgiving table this year. The table will not be filled with the delicacies we have learned to expect but they do have plenty of food and will open several special items saved for the occasion.

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requested their friends to keep writing.

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## Resident Joins Fight To Save Battlefields

A Birmingham resident, interested in preserving the Gettysburg Battlefield Park, has joined forces with other directors of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, to carry out a campaign to insure the future safety of important battle sites.

James K. Flack, 286 Larchfield drive, returned recently from the association's first annual meeting at Gettysburg.

TWO OF THE most historic sites there, he reports, have been saved from commercialization by the group. The two sites, revealed by Marshall F. Allen, executive director of the organization, are the 55-acre Wolf Trail and the 118-acre Meals Farm where the GBPA stopped a large housing development which had started on the property.

"Our present purchase obligations and financial position limits the extent of our land acquisitions at this moment," Allen said, "but the Pennsylvania Junior Chamber of Commerce, which has endorsed the GBPA program, is now ready to launch its publicity campaign in our behalf."

FLACK, WHO heads the Michigan committee, said that plans were discussed to expand the organization to include all 50 states. Flack and his fellow directors are now embarking on a campaign to raise funds to buy privately owned battlefield sites to prevent them from becoming housing and commercial developments.

ported, "We had hoped that by now Congress would have taken a firm hand in this alarming situation. But the restrictions tied to the federal appropriations in the form of local zoning requirements prevent the adequate use of these funds by the national park service."

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**Leaves on Cruise**  
Navy Ensign Henry H. Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Beam, 331 Larchfield drive, departed from Norfolk, Va., Oct. 31, aboard the attack transport ship USS Monrovia for a six-month cruise with the sixth fleet in the Mediterranean.

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## Exams Scheduled For Coast Guard Academy Openings

Applications for entrance to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy will be accepted until Jan. 10, according to Congressman William S. Broomfield.

Broomfield said that nationwide examinations for the Coast Guard Academy will be held in 123 cities on Feb. 20 and 21.

THOSE WHO pass rigid physical and mental tests will be offered a four-year course at the Academy which leads to a commission as a career officer in America's oldest sea-going service and a bachelor of science degree.

"There are no appointments or geographical quotas for entrance to the Coast Guard Academy," said Broomfield. Qualified young men from Oakland county who are interested can write for details and an application to Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

CANDIDATES for the examination must be single, must have reached their 17th but not their 22nd birthday by July 1, 1961, and must be in excellent physical condition.

A high school diploma is the minimum educational requirement, although high school seniors assured of being graduated by June 30 are eligible to take the examination if they will have at least 15 credits by that time.

All applicants must have three units of English, two in Algebra and one in plane geometry by graduation.

## Birmingham Man Helps to Recover Discoverer XVII

McCLELLAN AFB, Calif. — 1st Lt. Paul Phillips of Birmingham helped in the successful recovery from the fringes of outer space of the Discoverer XVII capsule, a recovery dubbed by Major General O. L. Richard, commander of the Air Force ballistic missile division, as "the most successful in the Discoverer series."

## Rotarians to Give Party for Children

Birmingham Rotary club members will assist in the Crippled Children's Christmas party from 1 to 3:30 p. m. Dec. 14 at the Elk's Temple, Pontiac. The local club has collected \$98 to help pay for the party. The annual Goodfellows paper sale is planned Dec. 16. Matthew Cammareri is in charge of the program.