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Hills Are Alive

... with the sound of new music. See photo of new carillon bells for Kirk in the Hills on page 1-B.

Church Women Convene

... for annual meeting. See story and photo on page 6-B.

Silver Anniversary

... for United Community Services. See page 1-C.

Maple Tankers

... sink Mt Clemens. See page 8-E.

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This and That

by George R. Averill

Patriarchal John L. Lewis, of miners' union fame, has resigned from the presidency of his labor organization, after heading it for 40 years. Noted for his mastery of axiom-making phraseology, which he decorated with word pictures that often verged on poetry, he became a character on the American landscape. He did much to make his mind known to the masses. In his last years he revealed more of real labor statesman than any of his living colleagues. His bushy eyebrows, his flaring shock of hair, his flashing orbs were his physical trademark. Now 80, he appears in good health ... and we trust he will live to see his life ... and that, mayhap, he'll write a real good book about his experiences ... the kind of book that will aid Americans better to govern themselves ... and the kind that will expose lawless and demagogic in and out of labor and politics work to the public's harm.

George Santayana, the brilliant Harvard philosopher, once declared: "That to cannot remember the past are condemned to relive it." When a child touches a hot stove, seldom during the remainder of his life does he repeat the same mistake. When the educational world learns how to impress past mistakes, as recorded in history books (are they really properly recorded?) upon each new generation, perhaps youth may make fewer mistakes of their own. Education's lack in this respect has much to answer for.

A solution to the problem of grease stains on the wall is to replace that part of the wall's surface where the stain is ... replace the plaster with new, and from now on keep all greasy beads away from the wall.

Jim Hare, Michigan's Secretary of State, wants to become a Democratic candidate to succeed George Williams, but can't come forward openly and declare himself until several months later. Hare says he won't run for a second term. Have you seen, is finding it difficult to out-foot Mister Williams.

Board of Review Members Named

P. G. Burnett, 563 Hanna, has been appointed to Birmingham's board of tax review, but will be the first time for Barrett Mason, 1944 Grassfield. They'll get \$25 per month for serving with City Assessor Clark Hagstrom and evaluating the city's 1959 tax assessment roll. The board will review assessments on March 8, 14 and 15 in Birmingham at the municipal building. All notices of lower rates received on or after Jan. 28 and on or before Feb. 15, 1960, will be considered.

Many of us, quite often, are in need of being reminded of the blessings we already have. Being reminded should bring about feelings of gratitude and when one is grateful he has little chance of being in need of the little differences he may find in others. How wonderful if one has acquired the habit of constant gratefulness ... it can win friends, it can make one enjoy being with himself.

Teachers' Pay Raise Awaits Voters

3 B'ham Incumbents Running for Re-election

William Roberts Still 'Undecided'

Three of the four incumbents will seek re-election at the annual municipal election April 4.

Mrs. Florence Willett and William H. Burgum will file for a three-year term, while Lance C. Minor will go for the one-year vacancy, they revealed Monday.

William E. Roberts, the fourth commissioner whose term expires this April, told The Birmingham Eccentric he has not yet made up his mind whether to run again. If he did, it would be for his third three-year term. He first was elected in 1954.

MRS. WILLETT was elected in 1955 and re-elected in 1957. Burgum was named last year to fill commission vacancy which also expires this April.

Minor was named last year to fill a one-year vacancy which expires this April.

MRS. O. E. (Dorothy) Rodgers, 962 Winbloss, has declined to run for a second term.

Mrs. C. (Katherine) Smith, 1836 Oak, is running for her first three-year term.

THE INFORMATION will enable the foundation to plan its future patient aid and research program better.



'My Leg—It Hurts! Somebody Please Shoot Me!'

Twelve-year-old Peter M. Stevens lost his leg after the motor scooter he was a passenger on collided with a car at Adams and Derby roads at 4:55 p.m. Jan. 20.

Doctors at William Beaumont hospital, Royal Oak had to remove his right leg below the knee.

Gerald B. Lawrence, 15, Steven's half-brother, and driver of the scooter, was treated for a slight concussion, shock and bruises at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac.

NO ONE IS SURE how the accident happened. The motor scooter, northbound on Adams, swerved around the right of a car driven by Mrs. Edith H. Bauer, 55, of 2468 Dorchester, Birmingham.

YOUR COURT REPORT

He Centers Life Around a Corner

Justice Lives and Works At Woodward Corner

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—He used to keep chickens where Woodward avenue now runs. And just a short way from that spot, Bloomfield Hills Justice Alva J. Richardson would hold court daily.

make a left turn onto Derby road. Traffic was clear, she said.

THE BOYS ARE the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore P. Stevens, 2870 Big Beaver, Troy. Peter is a sixth-grader at Harlan school; Gerald is a ninth-grader at Derby junior high.

THE ACCIDENT still is being investigated by Birmingham and Troy police who are looking for witnesses.

Mrs. Bauer was released after making a statement to the Oakland county prosecutor.

LEAVING B'ham For Job with City of Phoenix

BIRMINGHAM City Engineer George Serenbetz will become an assistant city engineer March 1 for the city of Phoenix, Ariz.

L. L. Colbert Is DAC's New President

THREE BLOOMFIELD men were elected to the top offices of the Detroit athletic club in its annual election last week.

See a Tragedy, And Learn a Lot About Policemen

By JULIE CANDLER Staff Writer

Sometimes you get mad at policemen. You don't like the way they step out in front of a red light and stop you for going 10 miles over the speed limit. You resent it when they hand you a \$10 ticket, even if the yellow light did turn red when you passed through the intersection.

James Thurber headlines Your February 4 'Suburbia'

James Thurber heads the list of contributors to the February issue of 'SUBURBIA TODAY,' which will come tucked in the Feb. 4 edition of your Birmingham Eccentric.

THE FUTURE OF suburbia is discussed by eminent economic geographer Dr. Jerome P. Pickard in "The Super City." Dr. Pickard forecasts the arrival of mammoth combines of city and suburb which most of us will live to see.

SPRAWLED over and around Peter's wounded leg were the evening papers which the two boys had been delivering. Three had applied a handkerchief tourniquet, his mangled leg nearly torn from his body by the rear bumper of a car.

More Millage Needed

A pay raise for Birmingham's teachers and other school personnel will depend on the outcome of a special school district election this spring.

EXACT AMOUNT of the millage increase still is to be determined, but School Supt. Dwight H. Freese estimates it will be slightly over 3 mills.

MILLER SAID the proposed increases would cost \$201,415 additional the first year, plus another \$65,000 the following year. He said this alone would require 1.5 mills more in operating costs.

INCREMENTS for the first three years (period of greatest farmer) would be after that, \$250.

BIRMINGHAM fell behind in other fields in the attempt to balance the 1959-60 budget, the superintendent added. Seventeen teachers were dropped from Birmingham rolls. Ireland took on the additional job of personnel director when two previous directors, George Caross, resigned. Maintenance fell off.

There's another gay feature in which romantic novelist Faith Baldwin joins in "Want a Community Skating Rink?" and surveys the great increase in skating interest now sweeping the country.

INDOOR gardeners will welcome Earl Boungain's new ideas on what to do with the weeds, roots and tops of many common vegetables and fruits. For further information, have a look at "Turnips in the Parlor."