

Scout's Bravery Was a Family Affair

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WALNUT LAKE—A bronze medal can glow. The one Mark Whittlesey has been wearing since a recent Cub Scout meeting casts light on the face of every member

of his family, and especially on little brother Grant. Grant owes his life to his big brother whose alertness in a California swimming pool Sept. 2 saved the little boy from drowning. Mark's parents credit his quick clear thinking and action to

his Cub Scout training. Cub Scout Whittlesey, age 10, received his medal at a meeting of Pack 41 at Walnut Lake school. It was presented by his Cubmaster, Art Brooks, who via mighty push of the boy also. Brooks lives at 6100 Westmore.

THE SONS OF Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Whittlesey, 4700 West Maple, Birmingham, Mark has been a Cub Scout since May, 1950. In addition to his medal, he received a letter of commendation from Scout Executive Edward H. Leland of Clinton Valley council number 276. Boy Scouts of America.

Mark put a month of swimming and "snorkeling" practice, to say nothing of his Cub Scout training, to good use at the end of a four-day vacation in La Granda, Calif., little brothers Grant and Paul, and parents were enjoying a last dip in the pool of a neighbor of his Grandmother, Mrs. Patrick, when Grant fell into the 10 feet of water at the deep end. His brother immediately swam under water and intercepted the would-be Olympian. By the time his mother and father reached the spot, Mark was already pushing Grant up over the side.

GRANT was rescued so quickly he barely had time to realize he was in real danger. His parents, however, are sure "a more complete situation would have resulted from any delaying action on Mark's part."

Leland's letter to Mark gave him credit for averting a great tragedy and said it was "gratifying . . . to learn that you were so acted quickly and intelligently, and did not become 'trilled,' and did not become a hero. He is also in everyone's estimation, a Wolf in the den of his organization."

Proposed Changes In Junior Highs To Be Discussed

SOUTHFIELD—Two meetings have been scheduled by the board of education to discuss proposed improvements for future planning at the junior high school level in Southfield's school system.

A study meeting will be held Nov. 4 at 8 p.m. at the high school. Dr. R. France and Dr. Robert Glaze of Wayne State university have been invited to attend. The two men recently completed studies in junior high programming and organization.

Dr. Carl Kramer, representing the State's department of public instruction, will also be present. School Board President Mrs. Elsie Lloyd said the meeting tomorrow was a special study session, the purpose of which was to discuss future expansion and improvement of the school system's junior high program.

Mrs. Lloyd said she will preside at the meeting, and that interested parents and citizens are invited to attend to hear the experts discuss junior high education.

THE SECOND meeting, open to the public, will also include board members and the administration. It is scheduled for Nov. 18 at 8 p.m., at the high school.

The meetings are the outcome of a request by board member John Campbell who presented a seven-point program at a recent board meeting. Six of the points will be discussed at the two forthcoming meetings.

Campbell's proposal to make all seventh grade work an integral part of the regular junior high program has already been adopted by the board and Southfield schools are now set up in a 6-3-3 grade system.

PROPOSED ARE formulation of plans to hold all seventh grade pupils in large enough groups to achieve most effective academic results in a departmental program using present school facilities.

Discussion will also include implementation of the junior high program by assigning teachers who are major or specialized in basic subjects they teach. Curriculum

6-E—THE BIRMINGHAM (MICH.) ECCENTRIC Nov. 3, 1950 Announces Gym Class Schedules

LATHRUP—The Lathrup recreation commission announced this week that boys' and men's gym night begins tonight at Lathrup

changed to provide accelerated and remedial programs for seventh, eighth and ninth grades will be discussed. Other possibilities to be reviewed will be establishment of a school program with actual hours of scheduled work comprising academic subjects and establishment of standard procedure for grouping pupils to develop maximum educational potential.

Discussion will also include establishment of standard procedure for assigning pupils to schools on or before the end of the semester.

school gymnasium. The time for girls' baton twirling classes has been changed the commission announced.

Boys of high school age are urged to try out for the basketball team as well as their school team. The recreation team meets from 7:30 p.m., Thursdays.

Boys from the ninth grade and up will meet for gym from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and the men's volleyball will meet from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

The girls' baton twirling classes will meet on Fridays at 3:45 p.m. at Birney school instead of the previous Tuesday date given. The girls may register and pay fees at tomorrow's meeting. The group meets in the multi-purpose room.

Miniature Queen Wins Grand Prize

BEVERLY HILLS—Someone used her head to dream up the grand-prize-winning costume worn by Joyce Dittich, 6, of 19900 Chelms, at the Beverly school P.T.A. Halloween party Saturday evening.

Her costume consisted of a sheet draped over her head, embellished with collar and bloody-colored colorful antiseptic. With her big doll's head tucked underneath her arm, the miniature Anne Boleyn stole the show and headed for home with a white ribbon.

Eighteen ribbons, including the grand prize and runner-up for same, were won by costume moggets in the annual holiday horror show.

INCIDENTALLY, Patti Pray did not lose her head to Henry VIII. She just gave her all to a little queen.

First prize winners for grades were Richard Weiss, Gregory and Terry Lynn Irving, Walden Price, David Godlew, Mark Handra, Christopher Stevenson and Marsha Song.

Second place honors went to Ernest, Leo and Mitchell Savol, Barbara Cochran, Leslie and Bobbie Elkins, Claudia Shader, Lynn Buhalla, Tina Omselsoff, Denise Thompson, Carolyn Beavatis, and Margaret Bonmarito.



Among the spectators at the Halloween dance for fifth and sixth graders at Beverly school Friday night was a wide-eyed little clown named Susan Walter, 4, of 10950 Buckingham.



WALNUT LAKE—Little Grant Whittlesey, 4, has had reasons to look up to big brother Mark, 10, who saved his life Sept. 2. When he tumbled into a swimming pool, his Cub Scout brother fished Grant out.



WALNUT LAKE—Cub Scout Mark Whittlesey, standing between his Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Whittlesey, receives a bronze medal from his mother in a surprise presentation at a recent meeting of Walnut Lake Pack 41. His cubmaster, Arthur J. Brooks, is also admiring the decoration.



Is 'Kitty' a Cool Cat?

LATHRUP—Apollo, an ocelot belonging to Mr. and Mrs. William Weimann of Washington, Mich., is not the least bit wild about a recent role as "mute witness" in a misdemeanor trial at justice court. The case against sister ocelot, Wendy, owned by Edith McNeal, 27350 E. California, was dismissed. Meanwhile, Apollo disdainfully looks away from the lady in the blouse of imitation ocelot, Mrs. Sherri Brown of Grand Rapids, and snuggles up to its owner in a "purr-sonal" manner.

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Trout Rise to Bait For Elated Couple

LATHRUP—For a first time at trout fishing, Mr. and Mrs. John Paulus did right well, hauling in a catch of 10 during a recent week end at Pine lake trout club at Solon, Ohio.

The first two fish, were netted by Mrs. Paulus who says a dinner dance at Cleveland and the trip to Ohio by private plane combined with the fishing for a notable holiday.

A gala holiday is reported by Mrs. R. H. Arkles of Glenwood, who returned recently from Hawaii. She made the trip with her mother, Mrs. William Floch, and her sisters, Eleanor Floch and Mrs. Clifford Stanton, all of Birmingham.

Mrs. K. M. Farnum will entertain guests at a luncheon and card party next Thursday. The Farnums, incidentally, returned recently from a 10-day trip to New York City and naturally, they will as a bit of shopping by the lady of the house.

The Lathrup village supper club meets for the second time this season, come Nov. 12. Place is the Lathrup Community Congregational church and a potluck supper is being planned. Heading arrangements are Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Little.

The Lathrup village dance club will hold their second dance of the season, also on Nov. 11, at the

Maplewood club with the Walter Baughmans, Lawrence Tills and Rex Harricks on the arrangements committee. The Thomas Munsons program co-chairmen this year.

The Fun fair at St. Bedes on Nov. 12 and 13 also attract a big crowd with all the attractions being planned. A country point, cake walk and Santa's pack, as well as refreshment stands and games are being offered. Mrs. J. McClellan is general chairman. The hours are from 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:15 to 7 p.m. on Sunday with proceeds going to the school building fund. The fair is sponsored by the Sanctuary society.

SOUTHFIELD—Last Saturday's Halloween party, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Januzzi of Spring Arbor drive, included 14 couples who shared in neighborhood volleyball ball games this summer. Games were also played for the evening with a total buffet slated to top off the evening.

Talent runs high at the William Christensen of Martha Washington street. Daughter Carol, as you know, is under contract to a film studio in Hollywood and has appeared in several films to date.

Her sister Jan, now living with her in the movie capital, is a dramatic student at the DePaul university and plans to attend the University of California at Los Angeles next February. Carol is a 1950 Southfield high graduate and Jan is a '50 grad.



Bunny-hopping in the gym were fifth and sixth grade goblins, beatniks and animal characters who danced in their costumes following the parade and refreshments at the Beverly school PTA's Halloween party Friday night. It was typical of the Halloween entertainment at town ship area schools. Jack Stuart was chairman of the Beverly party, to which over 700 children and parents flocked.

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Cranbrook Family Enjoy Hobbies In New Residence

CRANBROOK VILLAGE—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Janicki, who moved from Detroit to Northridge drive in Cranbrook very recently, have two lovely daughters to spoil their little brother, Miles, 14 months. The girls are Linda, 17, and Alice, 13, and they attend Parkview high school, Detroit and Groves, high respectively.

Another is a photographer with H. A. Powell studio and he collects guns and skeet shoots in his spare time. Mrs. Janicki loves to dance and garden.

The Halloween party at the Richard Fox home on Bainbridge last Saturday evening sounded like fun. Guest list had reached 50 at last count and the entertainment ran vedy, vedy top secret. Robert Holmes of Birmingham was delegated to do the arranging for the "classical" dom's. We do know that the weather of most original costume was scheduled for a prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Benton, Jr. of Westbrook parkway returned from a quick four-day trip to New York city recently and the William Henrys entertained weekend guests last weekend from Hubbard, Ohio. They were Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Henry and daughter Roxanne.

Four local gals joined a group of 30 and trekked to Detroit and the Casa theater recently to see "Hairs in the Sun." From Cranbrook, they were Mrs. H. Clare Shepard, Mrs. Ronald Smart, Mrs. Bruce Sanders and Mrs. Felix Adams.

And to wind up, the Roscoe Johnsons of Autumn lane entertained at bridge last Saturday evening. The war was trumped with a midnight buffet.

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