

Mike Day Takes S. American Tour

Michael Edward Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Day, of 19335 Riverside, Birmingham, will, as a member of Patrol Squadron Eleven, U.S. Navy, depart from the U.S. Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine, in early August for an extensive training and goodwill tour of South America. Day is an aviation electronics technician second class.

The U.S. Naval units participating in UNITAS II will be commanded by Rear Admiral Louis A. Bryan, USN, commander of the Atlantic Fleet's Destroyer Flotilla Two.

The task force will consist of the destroyer leader USS Norfolk, the destroyer escorts USS Courteney, USS Cromwell, and USS Hamnerberg, the submarine USS Clagmore and the three-plane detachment of Patrol Squadron Eleven.

THE UNITED STATES Naval units will depart from the U.S. West Indies, by mid-August and proceed to Panama, thence down the west coast of the South American Continent, exercising enroute with various military units from Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, and Peru.

As the surface forces travel southward, the Neptune will operate from major airfields along the coast. Then while the ships transit the Chilean Inland Passage and the Straits of Magellan to the Atlantic, the P2V-7s will fly across the Andes to Argentina.

Thereafter, the task force will proceed northward exercising with the ASW units of Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil, completing the

O. S. Wessels Announces Hospital Drive Head

Ormond S. Wessels, 356 Lake Park, Birmingham, president of the Crittenton General Hospital Board of Trustees, has announced the appointment of Howard L. McGregor Jr. as general campaign chairman of the forthcoming Rochester unit of Crittenton General Hospital.

McGregor is president of National Twist Drill & Tool Co. of Rochester.

In announcing the appointment, Wessels said, "Selecting a general chairman for this important project was given serious thought and consideration by our board and our first choice was Howard L. McGregor Jr. With his reputation and record of accomplishments in other positions of community trust we feel honored upon his acceptance of this responsibility."

McGREGOR IS chairman of the board of the Metal Cutting Tool Institute and holds membership in the Detroit Board of Commerce, Engineering Society of Detroit, American Gear Manufacturers Association and the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers.

He has served his home community of Rochester as president of the school board and is currently serving as treasurer of the town-ship library and president of the Community Chest.

In accepting the position, McGregor said, "I am convinced that there has never been a more worthy project for the citizens of existing Oakland and western adjacent Counties to support than the planned establishment of a Hospi-

tal to serve the residents of this area.

"THE ESTABLISHMENT of this health facility," said McGregor, "is imperative if we are to continue to be regarded as a progressive, forward looking area. The tremendous recent population increase that eastern Oakland and western Macomb Counties have experienced, together with congested traffic on our highway leading to places in the metropolitan area places a responsibility upon each and every one of us that for our loved ones should they be stricken with acute illness or personal injury.

"I am sure that residents in the area to be served by the new hospital will back this kind of project solidly and I pledge my best efforts to help in every way that our \$225,000,000 project may be achieved speedily and completely.

"MEMBERS of the campaign executive committee, most of whom will be residents of the new hospital serve areas together with representation from the Rochester project committee of Crittenton's board, will be announced in the near future," McGregor said.

Birmingham residents currently serving on the hospital's board of trustees are Victor A. Brain, 6091 Franklin, Perry H. Holmes, 1030 Fairfax, Neil W. Hylk, 465 Tisbury, Harold J. Kennedy, 633 Hawthorne, John E. Martz, 724 Lakeview, Arthur S. Metcalf, 1241 Fairfax, Edward A. Warnica, 640 Temple, Howard G. Willett, 655 Filigon, William H. Giles, 624 Ludgate, Bloomfield Hills.

Proposed Building On Hunter Blvd.

A Birmingham real estate firm is proposing to erect a building on Hunter Blvd. between Ridgedale and Maple.

The firm, Weir, Manuel & Snyder, Inc., 298 S. Woodward, informed city commissioners Monday that architects Erby & Friedman and builder Lloyd E. Smith, Inc., have prepared plans for a 31-by-35-foot building on property immediately north of the old Moulthrop lumber barn and adjacent to an alley on the north.

Commissioners referred to the city manager's office and the plan board for study and recommendation of a request from the real estate firm for paving the alley.

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NEW YORK — With changes taking place in the way the average family is handling its household dollar, questions arise as to how much are Birmingham families spending per year? and "Where are they spending it and for what?"

The answers are provided by the Standard Rate and Data Service in a voluminous market data report that covers the entire country.

In it, each community is examined with respect to its purchases of food, merchandise, automobiles, furniture and other items.

IN BIRMINGHAM, it appears, most of the money that was spent in retail stores went to those selling food and automotive equipment.

These two attracted 60 per cent of all retail business locally.

It was more than they accounted for in most parts of the United States, 41 per cent.

They averaged 41 per cent also in the East North Central States.

The breakdown shows that total food purchases last year in the city's bakeries, grocery stores, supermarkets, butcher shops and the like came to \$19,050,000, a rise from the previous year's \$15,890,000.

THIS AMOUNT, which represents 23 per cent of all retail sales, was for food bought for home consumption. Not included was money spent for outside eating and drinking.

Food buying in Birmingham was equivalent to \$2.44 per local family, determined by dividing the total purchases by the number of households.

Outlets for cars and other automotive equipment, such as motorcycles, boats, batteries and tires, accounted for \$23,383,000. They garnered 27 per cent of the retail dollar.

STURDY SALES volumes were recorded by other retail lines as well, despite the sag during part of the year due to the recession.

Department stores and variety shops selling general merchandise grossed \$1,246,000, which amounted to 2 per cent of the retail dollar locally.

Sales in apparel shops, including those selling hats, shoes, underwear and other clothing, came to \$10,753,000, or nearly 13 per cent.

Home furnishings stores had a sales volume of \$3,707,000, equal to 4 per cent.

But for the mood of caution that prevailed last year, upon considering in most parts of the United States, retail trade would have been \$4.4 billion bigger than it was, estimates one economist.

Croze Places 2nd In Photo Contest

Harvey Croze, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, recently won second prize in the black and white division of U. S. of America Magazine's 1961 photo contest.

Croze received a 14-foot boat with an electric-starting 40-horsepower outboard motor.

He was among 210 winners of the contest which offered \$30,000 in prizes.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER was Coast Guard photographer's mate Kenneth Mather of Lansdowne, Md. Mather took first prize in both the black and white and color divisions.

Over 67,000 black and white and color photographs were entered in the event with submissions from all over the world.

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