

Halloween Parade, Party Ready for Area Youngsters

Birmingham's 25th annual Halloween Parade and Party will be held for more than 6,500 local youngsters.

Tots through sixth-graders will be entertained with a parade, food, prizes and a play at Baldwin Elementary School.

Teenagers will be entertained at special events and dances at Baldwin and Derby Junior High schools and Seaholm and Groves High schools.

THERE IS A major change in the parade route this year.

It will form in the western end of Parking Lot No. 5, alongside and behind the First Baptist

Church. Youngsters will march west on Bates to Merrill east on Woodard to Woodard and north on Woodard to the east end of Parking Lot No. 5 where the food lines will be set up.

The new route is expected to result in better lighting at both ends of the parade and will not interfere with traffic as long as in past years.

SEAHOLM AND Groves High School marching bands will lead a snappy band of the parading youngsters.

When they return to the parking lot, food line committees will serve hot dogs and cider. Prizes will be

given out to each child.

The parade will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and will lead off assembling at 7:30.

Students from several area schools will march together, according to Recreation Director Ed Hildebrand.

They include Adams, Baldwin, Greenfield, Harlan, Holy Name, Midvale, Terry, Pines, Quanton, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Our Saviour, Sherman, St. Columban, Pleasant, St. Luke and Beverly Elementary schools.

FOURTH TO SIXTH grade students from all the Birmingham schools are invited to attend a

one-act play from 8 to 9 p.m. at Baldwin Elementary.

The dances will be held according to Principal Arthur Reller, some 300 to 400 students are expected to attend. The play will substitute for the series of one-act plays in past years.

BOTH SEAHOLM AND Groves High schools have dances and movies planned for the students.

At Seaholm, the Student Congress sponsored dance will be from 9 to midnight in the Maple Room. According to Mrs. Carol Darling, dean of students, about 400 stu-

dents are expected to attend. Parents and teachers will also be on hand to chaperone. Refreshments will be cider and cookies from Macbus.

AT GROVES, the festivities will be from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. A dance for eighth to twelfth graders will be in the gym. Movies in the speech theater are also planned.

According to Mrs. Jean Sharard, director of student activities, about 300 students are expected to attend. Some 30 parents and teachers will also be present.

AT DERBY JUNIOR High, an estimated 750 to 800 students are

expected to take part in the record hop, movies and games with prizes, according to Harry Keller, director of student activities.

The dance at Derby will be from 7:30 to 11 p.m. in the gym. The movies will be in Rooms 106 and 108. About 40 to 50 parents and 20 teachers will be on hand to chaperone in addition to members of the Birmingham Auxiliary Police Force, who will be stationed at all the events.

In addition to prizes, cider and hot dogs, Derby students will be in on a "home call program." From 10:45 to 11 p.m., calls will be made to students who attended the party. If they are home to answer the

call, they will receive a silver dollar.

BARNUM JUNIOR High—about 500 of them—are expected to attend the dance, movie and game program from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., according to Charles Boyette, assistant principal.

Some 120 parents and 40 teachers will also be on hand.

Robert Rixon will be the disc jockey for the dance in the gym. Movies will be shown in Rooms 206, 214 and 222. Games will be in Rooms 200, 208 and 216. Both the movies and games will be on four-cycle intervals. Refreshments

will be served in the cafeteria. Boyette has asked students and parents to use one of the main entrances to the building.

The financial status of the annual event was about \$1,900 short of the needed funds, according to Charles Mortensen, manager of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

Both Mortensen and Harry Kreege, director of the Chamber of Commerce and general chairman this year, are seeking donations from business and professional people and parents to underwrite the event.

Habit more often than is stronger this season. You may have acquired a sugar habit, one that you wish to discard; it may not be done in a day, a week, or any definite time. No damage is done in a brief time, either. But any negative habit can be supplanted by a positive one providing you remain vigorous to perform the desired improvement until it, too, becomes a habit.

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SECTION A

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The Birmingham Eccentric



This and That

by George R. Averill
Phil Shoots (I, Too) Heap Big Moose In Canada Wilderness

Also About Lumber Woodsmen Who Log Newspaper Timber

This is to report on two related subjects: Living in a part of the Canadian wilderness where timber is cut and milled for newspaper, and at the same time stalking the environment where numerous wild animals, including the majestic moose, are found in natural habitat.

In this column last week I described in part, the scene and scenery of the beautiful King's Highway 17 that runs across Ontario; the portion, that Midland (Mich.) newspaper publisher & editor Phil T. Rich and I drove over from the Canadian Soo to Nipigon, just 50 miles east of Port Arthur and P.E. Williams.

We left this Highway 15 miles west of Nipigon and then drove about 45 miles north to Camp headquarter camp for the Great Lakes Paper Co., of P.E. Williams, whose guests Rich and I were for a few days. This route into the camp was gravel, winding and, as you might expect, and as you could see, reasonably fast speed over it, enjoying the richness of the undulating topography, its rich landscape, balsam, spruce, birch, various pines. Not many maples and elms and oaks are this far north and west, we discovered.

PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS for our reception at the camp had been made by Bruce Fallova, vice president of the paper company and a thousand official acres of square miles of timber land from the Ontario government. Most of such wilderness timber is leased by nominal acreage rental and also a percentage of the value of the timber or minerals taken.

At the camp we were met by Tommy Birkeland, a 35-year-old Norwegian chap who is superintendent of the camp, one of four separate active camps that leasehold presently being timbered by about 450 woodsmen. We soon learned to call our able and experienced guide, "Tommy," which just about everybody in the camp, including the lumberjacks, so addressed him. He and his wife and three youngsters live in the camp's "Townsite," a partially isolated area where about ten other families live. Each and I were housed in a sort of guest house portion of a plain building near the camp office, and not more than a hop, skip and jump from the camp cookhouse and dining room—all in one large open part of the building.

JOE RUDYCK PRESIDES over the culinary dept. of this camp, where he has been for 23 years. Cafeteria style serving is the rule, and the workers take their trays to long tables where, within 10 to 15 minutes, generous portions of delicious food are eaten.

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Bulging School Buildings Need Constructive Relief

Second in a Series
See related story 3A

By LES LANGLUIS
City Editor

Birmingham's bulging school building problem can be boiled down to plain and simple mathematics.

It takes no slide rule or algebraic equation to recognize the problem and its solution.

The district's 18 schools with a capacity for some 12,000 students cannot effectively accommodate the current enrollment of over 17,700. And a more acute situation threatens the picture with an estimated 27,000 enrollment.

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Of course, more schools mean more money—but not more tax dollars at such a rate that even with bonding, principal and interest on previous building bonds are being paid off at such a rate that even with bonding for the proposed five-year building program, the present debt of \$2.4 million can be reduced to \$1.8 million.

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Local Lawmakers Endorse CBD Concept

Birmingham Plan Board has endorsed "as a concept" the Central Business District Development plan.

And the board is asking the city commission to take steps to acquire right-of-way for the plan's proposed peripheral route.

Commissioners and plan board members are expected to meet Tuesday, Dec. 5, to discuss the plan, its goals and its implementation.

Reporting the endorsement to commissioners Monday night, Plan Board Chairman Elliot Robinson commented:

"This plan represents the initial phase of an overall development plan for the city; but, more importantly, it is a guide to future development and development of the CBD."

The plan was drawn up by the Central Business District Development Committee, a group of local merchants interested in the future of the central business district and the city, after several years of study. Willard Johnson is chairman of the committee.

THE PERIPHERAL route, carrying traffic around the CBD, would follow a path of Chester, Brown, Forest, Broadwell, Park, Oakland and Willits streets.

Decisions still to be made are whether this route will be one-way or two-way divided or undivided and two-lane or four-lane streets.

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Mayor Gets Mich. Week County Post

Appointment of Birmingham Mayor Florence H. Willett as Oakland County chairman for Michigan Week in 1962 has been announced by Charles F. Adams, regional chairman for Southeastern Michigan.

Mrs. Willett is serving her second term as mayor and third term as city commissioner.

Adams, executive vice president of the Bloomfield Hills advertising agency of Clements John Adams, cited Mrs. Willett's contribution to the Birmingham-Bloomfield bond drive. She is a Michigan Week community chairman.

He said, "Her enthusiasm and hard work resulted in an outstanding local campaign. An acknowledgment of her role as Oakland County chairman."

MRS. WILLETT is a member of the Birmingham League of Women Voters, the Home Garden Club, PTA, the First Methodist Church, and a wide range of other civic and community groups.

Born in Springfield, Mass., she has lived in or near the Birmingham area for most of her life. She is a graduate of Miss Newman's School, Detroit, and is married to the late Edward Willett, Jr., president of Standard Fuel Engineering and Incinerator Products company in Detroit. She has three children: Mrs. H. Howard (Howard) Willett, III, a senior at the University of Michigan, and Gordon, Jr., a junior at Seaholm High School.

The family resides at 655 Pilgrim.

Women Voters League Supports School Issues

The Birmingham League of Women Voters held a special meeting Oct. 20 in support of the proposed school millage issues which will appear on the special school election ballot Nov. 20.

Announcement of the league's support was made by the Birmingham Eccentric by Mrs. George N. Hilderger, league president.

The decision was based on information developed by the league during its study of the school district in the early 1950's and re-evaluated in 1957.

A COMMITTEE HEADED by Mrs. Albert Weirich presented the ballot proposals to the membership for consideration at the league's meeting Oct. 18.

Mrs. Douglas Doane described the background and details of the school district's proposed building program which would be financed through the ballot request for a \$4,915,000 bonding authority.

Mrs. John F. Hamilton provided the details of the plans for operating and instructional improvements which would be financed through the ballot request for an \$11.5 million.

COMPARATIVE SCHOOL ap-

Asks Action On Peripheral Route in City

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Library Staff Happy To Provide Services

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is the second in a series of articles by Baldwin Public Library officials concerning programs offered and programs requested.

Due to increasing use of the library by other than Birmingham residents, library board members are seeking to replace the present family fee policy with a system of contracts with neighboring communities.

They hate the sight of empty-handed people going out the door at Baldwin Public Library.

When they see their patrons leaving with stacks of books, framed pictures, Spanish lessons on long-playing records, or any of the countless other available items, library staff members are happy with their work.

If you don't know what you want to borrow, they'll help you to decide. They are anxious to see people find the books or information they're seeking.

They're ready, too, to show the records, magazines and other material which a lot of people don't realize are available to them at Baldwin Public Library.

Staff members emphasize that all services are available to all Birmingham residents and to all non-residents holding library cards.

ITS ALL PART of the services SHE CAN HELP you find the book you want, or show you the record alcove behind her desk, where you can listen to recordings or borrow them for that leisure hour at home.

"We're building up our foreign language record collection, too," she says, "because we have so many." (See STAFF, 8-A)

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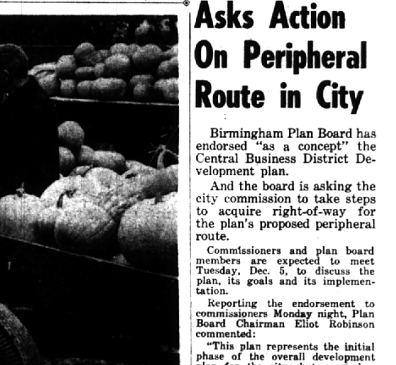
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... Drawn by the Cleveland Indians. Story on Sports Page 8-E.

CD Plan on Next Commission Agenda
Birmingham's survival preparedness plan will be the agenda for the city commission meeting next Monday night.

Commissioners are expected to determine whether to adopt the plan as a standing policy or to proceed in making preparations for a possible nuclear attack.

Drawn by the Cleveland Indians. Story on Sports Page 8-E.



Postcomers Club Benefit Bridge Party Scheduled Today

The Postcomers Club will have its annual benefit bridge party at Birmingham Community House at 1 p.m. today.

Admission will be charged, and proceeds will be used to buy supplies for the Senior Ladies' Workshop, which is sponsored by the Community House and meets there every Friday.

Money from the bridge party is used to buy bread with which to sew cancer pads, yarn to knit clothing for the Veterans Hospital and materials to make other useful items for the Veterans Hospital.

New Schedules Announced by Grand Trunk

New local commuter schedules to be effective Oct. 30 were announced today by Grand Trunk Western Railroad.

The Birmingham depot agent announced this schedule for trains leaving Birmingham for Detroit:

6:50 a.m. Monday through Saturday

7:20 a.m. Monday through Saturday

8 a.m. Monday through Saturday

4:37 p.m. daily

LEAVING DETROIT for Birmingham:

1:40 p.m. daily

4:55 p.m. Monday through Friday

5:25 p.m. Monday through Saturday

11:15 p.m. daily except Saturday

Grand Trunk will eliminate its present 6:15 p.m. commuter beginning Oct. 30.

The train leaving Birmingham at 8 a.m. will be the Chicago-Detroit passenger train which leaves Pontiac at 7:45.

B'ham Pharmacy Robbed of \$600

Six-hundred dollars in cash was taken from the Hiram-Maple Pharmacy last Thursday.

According to Birmingham Police, the money was taken from a cigar box on the prescription counter.

City OK's Purchase Of Land For Park

Birmingham city commissioners approved Monday night purchase of property that would bring about a continuing strip of park space almost to Lincoln.

The city's purchase of a portion of a lot owned by John H. Rosso along the river bordering on the Hiram-Maple Pharmacy is a park in that area. Sale price is \$21,500.

City Manager L. R. Gare recommended acquisition of the property for park use.

Showcase Closes Activities Affected

Showcase Inc., 136 Browneville, Birmingham, closed its doors Friday.

Whether the closing is permanent or temporary has not yet been disclosed. Owner Mrs. Mildred Puddington, 312 E. Brown, was unavailable for comment.

Reports that Showcase was filing for bankruptcy were unconfirmed.

The secretary at the Bankruptcy Court of the U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, said no such declaration for bankruptcy was filed there last Friday.

Among those affected by the Showcase closure were the Export-Import Fair, sponsored by Kosovo Delta Sorority Alumnae Association, Women's Service League, Yule Shoppe, presented by Child Research, which was to have its display Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

A special exhibition of the work of artist Elinor Gantvalley Milord which opened last Thursday at Showcase, will be moved to Denny's Birmingham Room Wednesday.