

20 Years of Scout Service Began With 1 Little Question

By MIKE SKINNER
Staff Writer

It all started back in 1942 with this question: "Dad, will you take me to a Cub Scout meeting?" Jim Buchanan thought a minute, then decided, yes, he would take his nine-year-old son to the meeting. Today, after 20 years, Jim Buchanan, 940 Henrietta, Birmingham, is still going to Scout meetings and now he's more active than ever.

Climbing in rank from chairman of old Pack 67—now 1067—Buchanan is presently Scout commissioner of the North Trias District in the Birmingham area.

HE'S STILL rising in rank, too. This fall he will assume greater responsibilities by moving up to the Detroit area council level. All this activity is time-consuming

ing—Buchanan has attended as many as 18 meetings a month as a scouting volunteer—but he says he hasn't regretted a minute of it. In fact:

"I've always enjoyed working in this program and, even after 20 years, it's fun," he said. "When it ceases to be fun it's time to get out."

BUCHANAN works from the leadership angle of the Boy Scout program. Specifically, his job is to function smoothly and that a capable adult staff is manning the direction.

This involves scheduling meetings with other leaders to discuss ideas, and with acquainting future commissioners with the full scope of the Scout program, from the Cub through the Explorer levels.

There's good reason why Buchanan

feels boy scouting is important and that's why he's spent 20 years in the organization.

"THESE SCOUTS" will someday be the leaders of our country and they should learn early the basic principles of freedom and democracy upon which our country is based," he said.

However, in teaching these principles, one problem remains that has always plagued the organization—active leadership. "We still lack enough leaders," he said. "Too many parents are willing to contribute money rather than time. In our organization we often need the latter."

For those who do contribute their time, he said, there are many rewarding moments, like friendships made at national jamboree gatherings, where Scouts and leaders from coast-to-coast meet.

BUCHANAN said another of his rewarding moments is seeing the efforts of many men culminate when a boy is awarded an "Eagle" badge, a Scout's highest honor.

"One of my greatest pleasures is watching the faces of these boys when they receive this badge," he said.

Often presenting these badges at courts of honor, Buchanan himself has been decorated with the highest adult honor, a "Silver Beaver" award.

He has also received another leadership award, the "Commissioner's Key."

According to Buchanan, the philosophy behind the Scout program is that everyone does a little so that no one is burdened with too much of the work.

CONCERNING work—and as Buchanan said earlier—when it ceases to be fun it's "time to get out." Obviously, the work is still fun for Buchanan. He has proved that by accepting the Detroit area council post in the fall.

That acceptance is just another one of Jim Buchanan's ways of furthering the Boy Scout program in America.

Refrigeration Code Decision Is Postponed

At the request of City Manager L. R. Gare, city commissioners Monday held off a decision on a proposed refrigeration code ordinance.

Gare asked for time to "simplify" the measure. In previous discussions, Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham has objected to provisions that would require Birmingham applicants for a refrigeration operator's license to be interviewed by a Detroit examining board.

THE CITY'S legal counsel, Devan G. Beier, explained that the revised ordinance provides the machinery for Birmingham to establish its own examining board if and when it deems it necessary.

Gare said that Birmingham may be able to adopt Detroit's reciprocity ordinance by reference, with some changes geared to the local situation.

Osteopaths to Build 206 Bed Hospital In Southfield

A \$3½ million hospital is projected on Evergreen, south of Twelve-Mile, Southfield, as a branch of the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital. A federal grant is to take care of one-third of the cost for the 206-bed "open staff" building, according to Dr. R. F. Lindberg, OD, medical director.

Plans on the building were received Monday night by the Southfield City Council and they referred the plans to the City Plan Commission for recommendation.

Pending Southfield approval, Dr. Lindberg said that work on the building would start about March 1. A completion date is scheduled in 12 to 14 months, he said.

SITE OF THE building is on a

20-acre parcel owned by the hospital 700 feet south of Twelve-Mile on the east side of Evergreen. The property is in a secondary residential zoning district with provisions for a hospital with special permission of the City Council. The building, a "T" shaped structure that would occupy 800 feet of Evergreen with a depth of 1,000 feet, would be built with provisions for a fourth floor, Dr. Lindberg said.

CALLED SOUTHFIELD General Hospital, plans call for a 100-man staff. The building's facilities will include an emergency ward.

Osteopaths as well as general medical practitioners may apply for residency, Dr. Lindberg said.

He also said that plans are complete except for authorization from the City Council. The Plan Commission is not expected to make a



Little Giant on Big Bus

Arriving at the Birmingham YMCA where he'll catch the bus for a day-long outing, six-year-old Arthur Rymes, 1500 Overhill, Bloomfield Township, is greeted by counselor Conner Gordon, of 1635 Bates, Birmingham. Arthur is a member of the local YMCA's Little Giants program, for children 5½ through 7. Little Giants like Arthur pack up their bathing suits and lunches and take the bus to Kensington Park once a week for swimming and boating.

When Doing Bicycle Exercises, Be Careful

By RUTH VOGT
Special Writer

For those who decide to "move pants" the exercise way—plus embracing a starchless diet—may a word of advice be given so that others won't huddle with longed-up, skinned knees.

In the beginning—a long four months ago—when a bicycle was employed in order to emerge by fall with a slim and budgeless figure, it was handled with much respect. In return? It treated the rider with the pounds with gentle reverence by moving up to the Detroit area council level.

last Friday around 3 p.m. Since the summer diet had been supplemented with a couple dishes of cold ice cream and cookies to boot, the thought of "pushing out" the two extra pounds was tops in the mind when the bike was grabbed for a spin.

PUSH, PUSH, push we charged along with concentrated effort for about a mile. A slope zoomed up. "Here is where I can coast," was declared. The front wheel suddenly lifted, and I flew, right onto a bed of gravel. Both knees came up bleeding, but nothing else was hurt.

The bike "it me huddled back to the garage. I sneaked in and scoured bruised parts with stinky soap.

The dinner conversation that night? "Look! Maw! No hands." But I didn't say it. The others did. With great laughter.

Taxes

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city, \$10.10 to the county, and so on.

LOOKING further, let's add up the total property tax of every resident in the two active, and one inactive, school districts. This results in a total assessed valuation tax revenue of \$12,042,300 for 1962. The total equalized valuation tax revenue is \$22,197,060 for 1962.

With its \$26,500 per \$1,000 share, the city receives a \$22,700 revenue share. Less delinquent taxes, this revenue amounts to \$23,000.

Is this the only revenue the city receives to meet its yearly operating expenses?

NOT QUITE. Other sources are state returned monies, which include portions of state and intangible taxes, plus a share of the motor vehicle highway fund. This amounts to \$48,800. Then there are miscellaneous city funds, including law infraction fines and state liquor license fees, amounting to \$23,000.

Finally, cash-at-hand money, which comes from the unused portion of an emergency surplus figured in the budget each year, comes to a \$40,000 total.

Therefore, what all this assessing, sharing and saving has brought us to is the complete budget which the city must work with in 1962, a figure of \$426,000.

ONCE THE budget figure is determined, the city divides it for payments of its multitude of operating expenses.

Bloomfield Hills has 23 city employees, the salaries of each figuring substantially in the budget.

Second—highest among the police is the 11-man, 2-car police department. Requiring \$90,700 to operate in 1962, the department is composed of Capt. Walter Sluiter, three sergeants and seven patrolmen.

Chief of both the police and fire departments is Robert Stadler, director of public safety.

Third—high in operational costs is the highway department. Requiring \$700 less than the police department to function, it handles all road maintenance work, including snow removal. There are three road maintenance men. The city has no department of public works.

City administration expenditures total \$50,000 in 1962. Included are salaries of all city

officials—city clerk, city manager, building inspector, city engineer, city attorney and electrical expenses—auditing and elections, plus taken salaries for the mayor and four commissioners.

\$35,100 WAS allotted the fire department. Composed of Capt. Raymond Wachter, one sergeant and three firemen, the department operates with three pieces of equipment.

Contingencies, including all miscellaneous items, were figured to cost \$26,040; the Planning Fund \$6,720; and Retirement and Security Expenses for city employees \$11,550.

The highest operating cost in the 1962 budget is the allocation for sewers and drains. Amounting to \$109,020, this expenditure is financed under a general obligation bond and is concerned primarily with individual hook-ups to the Evergreen Interceptor.

UNDER this bonding program, every homeowner pays a flat \$602 cost per \$1,000 assessed valuation of his home.

This bond system was chosen by residents at a public hearing in lieu of two other possibilities, the tap-in system and the special-assessment system. It has a double advantage over the other two: One, all lateral drains can be constructed together; and two, interest rates are lower.

Rubbish collection, handled strictly by private contractors, is not included in the 1962 city budget.

In Colorado

Airman Basie Bruce C. Velvick, son of Mrs. and Paul G. Velvick of 25622 Stonycroft, Southfield, is being reassigned to the United States Air Force technical training course for munitions specialists at Lowry AFB, Colo.

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Public Hearing Rescheduled for Aug. 16

FRANKLIN—The public hearing on the proposed hard-surfacing of 600 feet of Wellington Road and the entire length of Evelyn and Franklin courts is set for Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. in the Franklin Village offices.

The date for the hearing was originally set for July 30, however, notices were delayed so that a new time had to be established.

Both areas are major roads and half the cost of hard-surfacing will be borne by the village under budgeted road funds.

The village and the Birmingham Board of Education have agreed to share the costs of having 600 feet of Romany Way, alongside Franklin School, improved without involving the two private property owners abutting the road.

9 STOCKS IN AMERICA'S MOST PROMISING GROWTH INDUSTRY

Our Monthly Letter discusses in detail the electric utility industry, which in 1961 showed a growth in electric energy production two- and one-half times the rate at which the Gross National Product expanded. Regardless of recessions, wars, and the effect of high taxes, the industry has continued to grow. By 1972 it is expected to be double its present size. Our analyst recommends purchase of the common stocks of nine vigorous electric companies with well-diversified steadily growing revenues. For your copy of this Monthly Letter, available to investors, simply mail this advertisement.

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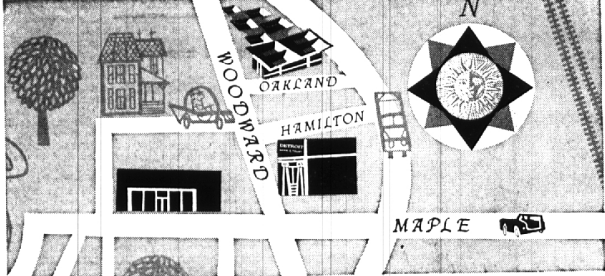
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