

Family Service to Hear Ohio Family Court Judge

Judge Paul W. Alexander of the Family Court Center in Toledo, O., will speak on "Family Life and the Law" at Family Service of Oakland County's annual meeting on March 12 at Pontiac Northern High School's Little Theatre at 8:30 p.m. The general public is invited.

Judge Alexander will talk on the impact of juvenile delinquency and the high divorce rate on the total health of the community and its individual citizens.

He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, former chairman of the Advisory Council of Judges in the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, and the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges.

HE IS A member of the Inter-

professional Commission on Marriage and Divorce Laws as well as the section of Family Law in the American Bar Association.

Judge Alexander is founder and president emeritus of the International Association of Y's Men's Clubs. For 25 years he has been judge of the Family Court in Toledo.

Seaman Cruises

Kent E. Wroblewski, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Wroblewski of 1653 Taunton St., Birmingham, is serving aboard the escort destroyer USS Courtney, which returned to her home port at Newport, R. I., Feb. 17, following a one-month training cruise in the Caribbean.

Republican Go-Party Set for B'ham in May

Hollywood Producer - Director LaRoy Prinz has been selected to cast and direct a stage spectacular to be produced by the Republican Committee of Oakland County in Birmingham sometime in May.

According to GOP County Chairman Charles L. Lyle, Prinz is already holding preliminary discussions with such stars as Tony Martin and the Mills Brothers.

The stage spectacular, called GO-Party by the Republicans, will be the second to be produced by the local political organization.

Last year the GO-Party featured such stars as Gordon MacRae, Jane Powell, George Murphy, the Step Brothers, the comedy team of Rowan and Martin, Edgar Bergen and the June Taylor Dancers.

Prinz, HOLLYWOOD motion picture artist since the early thirties, has achieved fame for his work in such pictures as "Sayonara," "Night and Day," "Rhapsody in Blue," "South Pacific," "Ten Commandments," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "This Is the Army" and "My Wild Irish Rose" and others.

In 1946 he received an Academy Award for a dramatic short entitled "The Boy And His Dog" which he directed.

Prinz said the 1962 GO-Party in Birmingham will have some of the top names in show business.

"I have already talked with Tony Martin and the Mills Brothers," Prinz said from his Hollywood office. "There's a good chance they will be available. However, I am still looking for a female pop singer and a team of comedians."

"WE ARE hopeful," Lyle said, "that this year's show will surpass the fine entertainment we had to offer last year. We want everyone in Oakland County to not only want to come but to enjoy an evening's entertainment that far exceeds anything with New York, Miami and Las Vegas."

The annual GO-Party is used as a fund raising program for the local Republicans. Several communities in the state, working in conjunction with the Republican State Finance Committee, produce the show each year.

Although specific dates for the GO-Party have not as yet been selected, the show is planned to be produced in Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Lansing, Detroit, Flint and Oakland County in May.

Tab Shows Birmingham Goes Up in Smoke Rate

(Special to the Eccentric)

NEW YORK—As a whole, Birmingham residents do not frighten easily. Especially when it comes to smoking.

The latest tabulation shows that local people are puffing away at a record rate, notwithstanding the mass of reports from medical and health organizations to the effect that there is a relationship between cigarette smoking and ailments of the heart and lungs.

During the past year, some 3,245,000 packs of cigarettes were smoked locally, well over the 1960 total.

The count is based upon national data released by the Department of Agriculture and upon regional sales figures issued by the tobacco industry.

IN TERMS of the local population of age 14 and up, it was equivalent to 184 packs smoked a year per person.

Throughout the rest of the United States, the average was 194 packs per person among the 14-plus group. It was 186 packs per capita in the East North Central States.

In some parts of the country, the figures show, people smoke much more heavily than in others. Residents of Utah, for example, consume only a third the quantity that District of Columbia residents do. The D. C. rate is nearly 220 packs per person.

The Agriculture Department report shows that more than 490 billion cigarettes were consumed do-

mestically in 1961. The increase over 1960 was 4.2 per cent.

THE USE of tobacco in other forms also rose. Sales in cigars reached 7.2 billion units, sales of smoking tobacco, 75 million pounds, of chewing tobacco, 65 million pounds, and of snuff, 34 million pounds.

Some of the increase in cigarette smoking is attributed to the rise in population. The rest, to a great extent, was due to the fact that incomes in general were higher and, therefore, more was spent for cigarettes.

HOW MUCH do residents of Birmingham spend per year on this little pastime? Approximately \$51 per smoker, it is estimated. For the local smoking community as a whole, it totals \$879,000.

Nationally, the expenditure last year was \$6.9 billion, of which \$2.1 billion was for Federal, state and local taxes.



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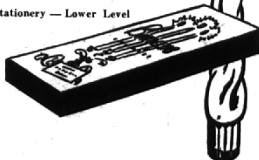
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