

Non-Use of Containers Biggest Litter Problem

The principal reason for the quantity of unsightly litter on city streets is that containers are too often ignored, it was decided by the "Keep Birmingham Beautiful" committee after a study of the problem of litter on city streets.

The committee — composed of Robert Kenning, Ward Curadnik, James Couzens and Virgil E. LaMarre found that trash containers in city alleys and street corners are sufficient in number and capacity, but that in many instances they are not being utilized properly.

REFUSE IS improperly or carelessly packed and, consequently, permitted to scatter or blow away, the group found.

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The committee also felt that the absence of a Saturday morning pick-up invited weekend pilferage and added litter.

The committee has — with the City's cooperation and assistance — drawn up and distributed a four-page brochure outlining existing city regulations concerning the packaging and disposal of litter.

They have also summarized the regulations on a poster which is being printed by the Chamber of Commerce and distributed to all commercial establishments in the Birmingham area by the Jaycees.

City officials have been asked to institute an early Saturday pickup. IN ADDITION, the committee has asked the art departments of various Birmingham schools to cooperate in a city-wide contest to provide a distinctive slogan designed to focus public attention on the need for keeping litter off the streets and a colorful design for the city trash containers to assure greater visibility and use.

Starts Training

Pvt. George Dwelley Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Dwelley, 631 Southfield, Birmingham, has begun training in the U. S. Army administration branch. He is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

C. of C. Warns Against Phone Solicitations

The Birmingham Chamber of Commerce has recently been flooded with calls from residents complaining about phone solicitations.

"The calls range from appeals for funds to high pressure sales pitches," said the Chamber's Charles Mortensen.

"Some of the callers have even implied that they were coming by or cooperating with the Chamber," Mortensen said.

MORTENSEN QUICKLY pointed out that for many years the Birmingham Chamber has had a policy of never supporting any phone solicitations or sales campaigns.

"In fact we have done everything possible to discourage them," he added.

Mortensen said that many of the firms were not reliable.

He advises residents to ask the caller to put the request or offer into the form of a letter if they wish the matter to receive any consideration.

Special Education Topic of Meeting Of 23 Teachers

Barbara Ruen, of the Birmingham Schools special education staff, and Ashia Wald, school psychologist, heard special education consultants describe the six-fold growth since 1955 of the Oakland County program for handicapped children.

They attended an orientation meeting Friday the 23 special education teachers new to the county this year.

Jean Lukens, consultant supervisor for mentally handicapped, stressed that numbers told only a part of the story of the improvement of services offered Oakland County children who need other than normal classroom instruction.

IMPROVED DIAGNOSTIC techniques, greater experience in dealing with handicapped children and better physical facilities, Miss Lukens said, can give parents and teachers reason for greater optimism about the future of their handicapped children.

Harold Abrams, consultant supervisor for mentally handicapped, outlined the county's plan for educating retarded high school age youngsters. Exploration of vocational possibilities, he said, constitute an important part of the secondary program.

DONALD PLACE, consultant for mentally handicapped in elementary schools, outlined the in-service training program the county board of education maintains for teachers of type A and type B classes of the mentally retarded.

B'ham Gas Station Featured in Oct. Suburbia Today

Birmingham's popular "Petrol by Murphy" is featured in the October issue of Suburbia Today that will come with next week's Birmingham Eccentric.

Undaunted by being surrounded by such establishments as "Hair Styles by Charles," "Furs by Robert," and "Fashions by Margie," the owner put up the sign in front of his gas station.

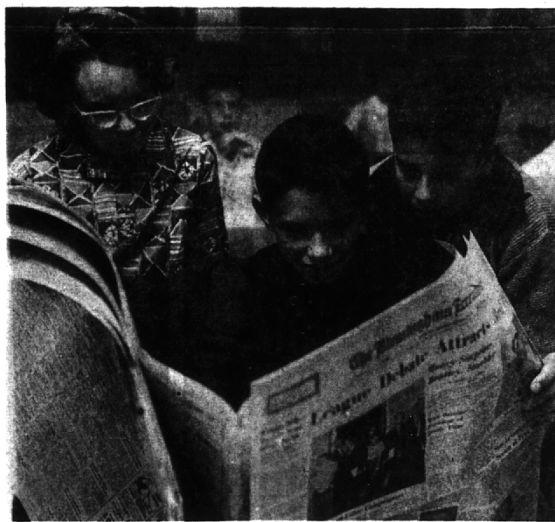
IN ANOTHER ARTICLE Sloan Wilson, creator of "The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit," looks at his stereotype seven years later and finds there's been a change.

He has stopped trying to keep up with the Joneses and instead is devoting himself to extension courses, fine recordings and books that aren't even on the best-seller lists.

On the lighter side of suburban living, there's humorist Al Brown's ABC primer for the suburbs: "From Agent to Zoning." Brown spoofs the land bordered by crab grass, and he offers his own hilarious definitions for all the special words in the suburbanite's dictionary.

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The Eccentric Goes to School

Newspaper reading is an art, these children learn as they try out their new skill in a current events class at East Hills Junior High. From left, Suzanne Cummings, Greg Roche and Stephen Cohen read The Birmingham Eccentric and demonstrate the results of a series of class demonstrations and con-

ferences in news reading, conducted by Mary Waddle. She is a consultant from the department of school services at Wesleyan University. The project was part of an in-service training program for teachers in the Bloomfield Hills school system.

Resident Seeks Preservation Of Old Homes in Birmingham

A Birmingham resident has urged that some of the old homes in the city be preserved for their historical and architectural value. He is Charles F. Clippert, 1792 Pine, who made his request in the form of a letter to city commissioners.

THE LETTER reads:

"As a commuter to Detroit, I have been observing with dismay the ill-conceived destruction of many areas of architectural and historical interest in the City of Detroit. This has been carried on in the name of urban renewal and, so far, appears to have resulted in ineffective land utilization.

"A SOMEWHAT similar and equally disturbing destruction seems to be taking place in our city, too. I am referring to the slow but steady removal of the many charming and irreplaceable old homes which border on the city's business district.

"Birmingham has long been a residential community. Part of its beauty is derived from the diversity of homes within the city.

"The older homes near downtown

News Reading Topic of Program

Mary E. Waddle, consultant from the department of school services, Wesleyan University, will spend a week with Birmingham elementary teachers as part of the in-service training program for teachers. Miss Waddle, who will arrive in Birmingham on Wednesday, will conduct news reading demonstrations and hold conferences with the teachers.

In her demonstrations, she will emphasize the importance of knowing how to read the newspapers and will illustrate the most effective methods of teaching news reading.

Miss Waddle's services have been made available by Wesleyan University as a contribution to the nationwide demand for improved instruction in reading, citizenship and current affairs.

With Sixth Fleet

Robert R. Starr, radioman seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Starr of 299 Westbourne Drive, Birmingham, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Massey, operating in the Mediterranean with the Sixth Fleet. The Massey departed Newport, R. I., early in September. She will be in the Middle East for seven months.

7 Persons Injured In Area Accident

Seven persons—six of them Detroit youths—were injured in an accident at the intersection of W. Maple and Orchard Lake roads in West Bloomfield Township early Sunday morning. All were taken to Pontiac General Hospital.

Still in serious condition with severe facial cuts is Larry Derrosch, 19, of Detroit.

In fair condition is Thomas J. Comotto, 19, of Detroit, who is suffering a possible concussion.

THREE ARE in satisfactory condition. Timothy D. Downing, 20, of Detroit, has scalp cuts and possible internal injuries. Robert Walker, 19, of Detroit, has back injuries and Donald Gordon R. Beach, 31, of Union Lake, scalp cuts.

Treated and discharged were Paul Frischkorn Jr., 19, of Detroit, and Douglas G. Mullins, also 19, of Detroit.

Driver of the car in which the youths were riding was Frischkorn; driver of the other car was Beach.

by Frischkorn was "way up the road." Police said witnesses told them that at the time of the accident the green arrows were not on — but the green light was still on for north and south traffic.

No tickets were issued.

Clerk Announces Registration at Commuter Station

The Birmingham city clerk's office will accept registrations this evening at the Grand Trunk commuter station on Eton south of Maple.

Clerk's office employees will meet the 5:37 p.m. train and remain until around 9 or 9:30 to register commuters and residents of that area who are unable to register at city hall during regular hours.

Gets Promotion

Marine Lance Cpl. Peter J. Tompkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Tompkins of 4645 Pickering Road, Birmingham, was promoted to his present rank recently while serving with the headquarters battalion of the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

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