



### Scouts Honor

The four Eagle Scouts pictured above represent 32 years of scouting in the Birmingham area. From left are Dave Curry, 1611 Villa, Jay Dillon, 1231 Yosemite, Chuck Guggie, 1447 Yosemite, all of Troop 1004, and Joe Mercier, 2646 Buckingham, Troop 1012.

With the boys is Mrs. D. H. Curry. Mrs. Curry served as den mother when the four boys were Cub Scouts. Although she no longer is officially connected with the boys (except as mother to Dave), she still watches their scouting progress with much interest.

## Postage Hike to Nickel Same as 1815 Stamps

The new nickel letter rate recently enacted into law is the same postage rate Americans paid for letters when the United States issued its first postage stamps 116 years ago, Postmaster Rollo Reese said yesterday. The new rate goes into effect a week from tomorrow.

Research shows that, in 1847, the Post Office Dept. issued its first 5¢ stamp, including a nickel rate for the basic prepaid letter stamp. Postmaster Reese said.

A nickel was a lot harder to come by in those days the postmaster added.

Since 1962, Postmaster Reese said, while living costs for the American family have skyrocketed by 118 per cent, the cost of mailing a first-class letter has only increased by one cent, or 33 per cent. At 5 cents, he said, as in 1847, it will still be one of the greatest bargains in American history.

OF THE TOTAL volume of first-class letter mail handled locally and in the nation, 75 per cent, he said, is generated by business concerns. The remaining 25 per cent, he said, is generated by individuals.

The one-cent increase on first-class mail, he noted, will only cost the average family about one half cent per day, or about \$1.80 a year.

He cautioned, however, that patrons after January 7 must affix an additional penny stamp when using 4-cent stamps to send first-class letters.

The new five-cent stamp, he said,

will bear the picture of George Washington and will be printed in blue. In all, he added, more than 70 different George Washington stamps have been issued and 1.3 billion of such Washington stamps sold totals more than 405 billion.

## Six Youths Hurt In Auto Crash On 12 Mile

A 16-year-old Oak Park youth was reported in satisfactory condition Wednesday morning at William Beaumont Hospital from injuries suffered in a Lathrup accident late Friday night.

Four other boys and the driver suffered injuries and were treated and released by the hospital on the night of the accident.

Paul Oren suffered a bruised right shoulder and chest in the accident which occurred on 12 Mile Road near Bloomfield Avenue.

RICHARD R. WEARING, 18, of Ferndale, the driver of the car, told police that he was traveling east on 12 Mile at 40 miles per hour when the brakes on his car locked. Wearing said the car hit the shoulder, turned over and then hit a tree.

The four other injured youths were Angelo and Eddy Decca, Harry Foster and Fred Lukanehoff. Another passenger, George Leinow, escaped injury. With the exception of Wearing, all the youths were Oak Park residents.

## Hunter-Oakland Light Approved

Birmingham city commissioners last Thursday night approved the temporary installation of a delayed amber traffic signal on Hunter at Oakland.

The temporary signal will be in effect while the Michigan State Highway Dept. conducts a traffic survey at the intersection.

Commissioners are studying the possibility of prohibiting left turns for northbound Hunter traffic at Oakland. The traffic desiring to make the left turn would be routed onto Lawndale from Hunter, then left onto Oakland.

The \$196 cost for delayed amber installation will be split 50-50 between the state and the city.

## B'ham House Damaged by \$4,000 Fire

A fire from an overheated hot water system caused damages estimated at \$4,000 to a house at 216 Hawthorne, Birmingham, Sunday night.

Firemen said most of the damage resulted from smoke. No one was at home and the fire evidently smoldered for several hours before the fire department was summoned.

The blaze was brought under control by firemen from the Chestnutfield station within an hour after it started. The first alarm was turned in at 10:25 p.m.

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## Obituary Notices

**Ralph C. Hunter**  
Ralph C. Hunter, 77, of 484 Park St., Birmingham, died suddenly Wednesday at his residence. A retired manufacturer's representative, Mr. Hunter had been associated with the Mueller Brass Co. of Port Huron for 35 years. He had lived in Birmingham for six years, and in the Detroit area for 60. He was a member of the Wood-

ward Avenue Presbyterian Church, a life member of the Palestine Lodge No. 357, F. & A. M., a member of the Moslem Shrine and a life member of the Detroit Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine B.; a daughter, Mrs. Earl Glaffelter of Royal Oak; two sons, William J. of Birmingham and Donald R. of Chagrin Falls, O.; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandson and a sister, Mrs. Herrmann Brook of Southfield.

Funeral services will take place Friday at Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with interment at White Chapel Cemetery.

**Edward F. Walter**  
Services for Edward F. Walter, 72, of 16950 Buckingham, Birmingham, took place Monday in the William Vasa Funeral Home, with burial following in Roseland Park Cemetery. Mr. Walter died Dec. 29 at Sherwood Hall.

Preceding his retirement five years ago, Mr. Walter had been in the experimental die department of General Motors' Fisher Body Division for 32 years.

He is survived by a son, Edward G.; a brother and two grandchildren.

**Mrs. John Winfield**  
Mrs. John (Ethel) Winfield died suddenly Dec. 28 in Pompano Beach, Fla. She had been a resident of Birmingham for 33 years.

She was a life member of the order of Eastern Star No. 220, Birmingham; also a member of the M.O.M.S. Club of Birmingham and a member of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Roy Richards, of Harrisville; two sons, Jack R. of Pontiac and Arthur H. of Birmingham; a sister, Mrs. Frank Christie, of Sault Ste.

**William J. Martin**  
William J. Martin, 50, of 533 E. Bonnaville, Birmingham, died Dec. 26 in Veteran's Hospital, Dearborn. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Martin had lived in Birmingham for nine years, coming here from Sturgis, Mich., where he was the proprietor of the Sturgis Laundry and Cleaners.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy S.; a daughter, Roberta, at home; a son, Richard of Wayne; two sisters, Mrs. Ada Gamble and Mrs. Thelma Hill of Battle Creek and one grandchild.

Services took place Dec. 29 in the Sawyer Funeral Home, with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery.

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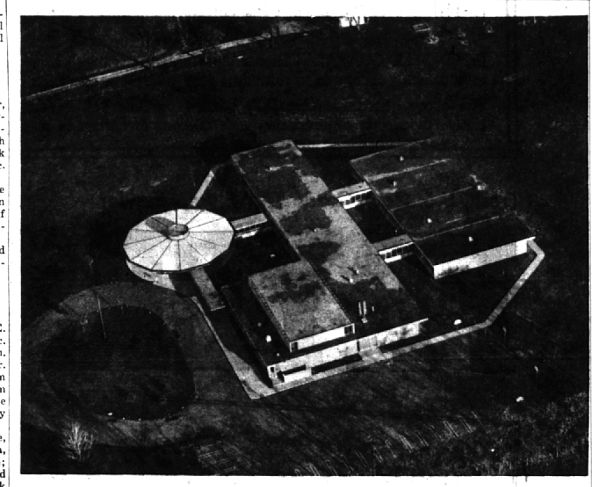
Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham will represent Birmingham whenever municipal matters are before the 1963 state legislature.

He was chosen for a second year by fellow commissioners at Thursday night's meeting to serve as contact man for the Michigan Municipal League.

The date for the Region IV annual meeting of the MML was also announced last week.

WARREN WILL be the host city for the Jan. 10 afternoon-evening gathering of municipal officials. Edward A. McLogan, Con-Con delegate and member of the league's committee on local government, will be the speaker at the dinner session.

Mayor Florence H. Willett and Commissioners Ralph A. Main and Robert W. Page will be among those representing Birmingham at the meeting.



## A View from the Air of Pine Lake School

LOCATED ONLY a few hundred feet from Pine Lake is the Pine Lake Elementary School, which was dedicated Nov. 13, 1958. The school opened with Lester A. Utterback as its principal and 165 pupils utilizing seven classrooms. The old school bell from the little one-room school house down the road was

placed atop a structure in a court. The Callow bell tower was marked with a plaque honoring Robert and Mae Callow, who contributed the school site at far below its true value. This aerial view is by pilot-photographer Sid Coale, for The Birmingham Eccentric special series.

**WNF and G Sees Southern Fashions**

A fashion show was presented at the recent meeting of The New England Estates, Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association in the home of Mrs. Edward Carter, 4172 Blackburn Drive.

"Southern Wardrobe," with fashions by Don Loper, featured Emily Murphy as commentator and Donna Nevatta as model.

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**Cranbrook Science Naturalist Gives Illustrated Lecture**

Walter P. Nickell, naturalist of Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills will present a program next Thursday at 8 p.m. before the Organic Farm and Garden Club of Royal Oak.

With color slides for illustration, Nickell will speak on "Native Animal and Plant Life Environment and the Results of Chemical Spraying."

His lecture, open to the public, will be given at the Royal Oak Women's Club, 404 S. Pleasant, corner of Fourth St.

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