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FOR CHRISTMAS

Shoppers to Find 'Instant Credit'

"Instant credit" will be available to Christmas shoppers in Birmingham this year. The Retail Merchants Division of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce has announced that it will set up a trailer on Henrietta St. at W. Maple to house the credit office. Shoppers will be able to open charge accounts at more than one store in the city and eliminate the need of filling out credit forms at each of the stores where they want to establish an account. The trailer will have a direct telephone line to the Birmingham Credit Bureau, where the applicant's credit will be immediately checked while the customer waits. When the shopper is notified of his credit acceptance, he will be issued a slip of paper indicating he has charge accounts at the stores requested.

THE CREDIT service will be open during the regular store hours beginning on Dec. 9, according to Bill Wizer of the chamber. Wizer said to his knowledge this was the first time such a credit bureau had ever been set up. The bureau will be operated by the Birmingham Credit Bureau under the direction of Wayne Combs. In addition to the credit service, the trailer will also house a special information bureau sponsored by the chamber. Shoppers will be able to get information on where to buy a specific item they might wish to purchase. CUSTOMER service girls will attempt to find out whether or not a piece of merchandise is available in town, thus eliminating the need for a shopper to run from store to store. If the item is available at more

Office Space Is Discussed By 5 Groups

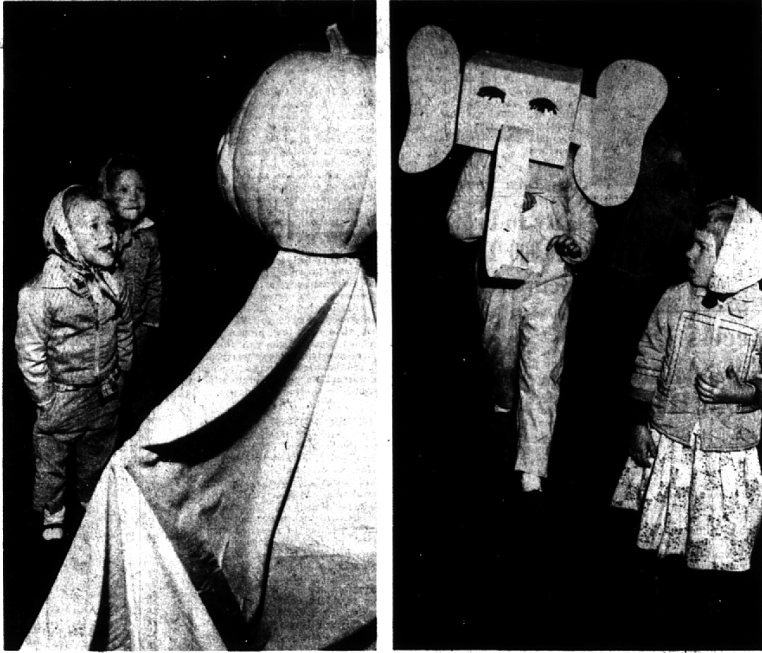
Representatives of five community organizations met Tuesday night at the Community House to discuss the possibility of setting up central office facilities. Robert A. Bogan, Jr., executive director of The Community House, said although no definite plans were made for the establishment of a "central office," the individual groups' needs were brought to light. The American Association of University Women, Birmingham League of Women Voters, Junior League, Oakland Citizens League and Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce were all represented at the meeting. "EACH GROUP seemed to have their own specific needs," Bogan said. "One group said they were interested in only telephone serv-

than one store, the shopper will be given a complete list of the stores where it is for sale. A third service to be offered at the trailer will be a gift-wrapping counter under the direction of LaBelle's. Although most of the stores do their own gift wrapping, Wizer said the trailer service will be of the "fancy variety." There will be a charge for the wrapping, he said. The trailer will be open from Monday, Dec. 9, Men's Night, until 5 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Committee Set For Study of C-C Activities

Birmingham's Chamber of Commerce has set up a special long-range planning committee to study the activities of the chamber. The committee, headed by former chamber president Harris Machus, is made up of Edward Lech, Detroit Bank & Trust; Robert Kilpatrick, Michigan Bell Telephone; and Ward Ouradnik, The Birmingham Eccentric. Machus said the committee has three main purposes. "We hope to review and evaluate the chamber's activities, analyze the budget and conduct a survey of peoples' attitudes toward the chamber," he said. "THE COMMITTEE will review the chamber's activities, including organization, program, policies, public relations and image. "The budget will be reviewed in respect to the objectives and goals to be obtained by carrying out the chamber's activities," Machus said. "We also plan to conduct a personalized survey of a cross-section of the people and organizations in the community to find out their opinion of the chamber," he said. "The committee is hoping to come up with a set of guidelines to present to the board of directors of the chamber for recommendations of future activities of the group."

MSU annually sponsors a U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute at the university under the direction of Dr. R. Winston Oberg and Clark DeLaven of the College of Business and Public Service for Continuing Education. MSU and DeLaven told the committee the chamber must continually study and re-evaluate its entire operation to keep pace with changing business and community conditions.



And Where Were You When the Goblins Were Out?

It was Halloween, and the goblins and the witches and all of the other spooks were on display at area homes or marched through Birmingham in the annual parade last week. Possibly the only two youngsters (photo at left) who weren't afraid of the "visitor" on the lawn at 1948 Haynes, Birmingham, were Michele Zimmel (left), 5, and her sister, Lynette, 4. They had watched as their father,

Louis, assembled the ghost with several small stepladders, broomsticks, a sheet and a pumpkin for a head. The young elephant (in picture at right) was protected from any rain that might have fallen during the Halloween parade last Thursday night. And the young lady in front looks as if she isn't sure if she approves of the whole affair or not. For other Halloween pictures, see Page X-A.

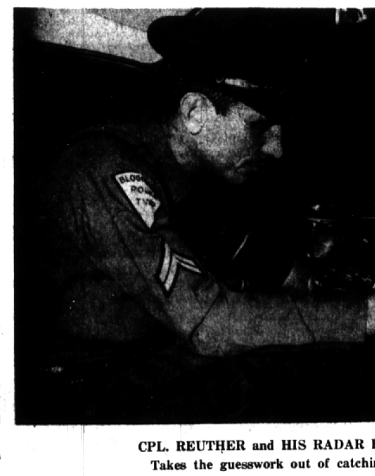
Opinions Vary on Smoking-Liquor Law

Authorities in Birmingham have varying opinions on an announcement made last week by the P.T.A. Council that it would look into the possibility of lowering the legal drinking and smoking age in Michigan from 21 to 18 years of age. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley is strongly opposed to allowing 18-year-olds to buy liquor, while Municipal Judge John C. Emery, Jr., sees "a certain logic" in the proposal. Both Moxley and Emery can see nothing wrong in lowering the legal smoking age to 18. They feel 18 would be a more realistic age.

"I certainly think it would be a mistake to lower the legal drinking age to 18," Moxley declared. "We have found that many youngsters between 18 and 21 who get into trouble with the police have been drinking alcoholic beverages," he said. He cited a recent case in Birmingham where three youngsters between 18 and 20 were arrested for breaking a number of store windows in the downtown area. Drinking was involved in the case, he said. Moxley AGREES with the P.T.A. Council in that it would be easier to prohibit 16- and 17-year-olds from buying liquor if the restriction were lowered. "This," he said, "would eliminate a whole segment of the population (18-20) and make our enforcement job easier." Drinking today is one of our most serious problems," Moxley said. "Just because a youngster has reached the age of 18 does not mean he is mature in his judgment." The chief singled out New York as a prime example of what can happen when a state allows 18-year-olds to buy and consume liquor. "New York has the highest crime rate in the country," he said. Moxley feels a visit to one of Detroit's skid row areas would be very enlightening to any youngsters who are inclined to want to drink. (See OPINIONS, 2-A)

Take a Ride in the Radar Car

"SIR, YOU WERE GOING 61 IN 50-MPH ZONE" zone," he explained, pointing to the receiving box of the radar unit. The corporal then pointed to a device that looks like a large spotlight, attached to the left rear door. "This is the antenna and radar transmitter," he said. "It shoots out an electronic beam that bounces off the vehicle and is recorded in miles per hour on this receiving unit." "I can't understand it," said the man from Grosse Ile. "I thought I was just keeping up with traffic." "You were, until you pulled ahead of the other cars," Cpl. Reuther replied. "The beam picks up the lead car and tracks it until it has passed the radar unit." THE BEAM has a maximum range of 1,500 feet for cars and 3,000 feet for trucks. Error in the new radar units is almost non-existent with a deviation of 0.2 per cent. When the man left the police car, he made a revealing statement. "I won't forget this town." What he meant is open to conjecture, but the end product is exactly what traffic safety officials are aiming for. They want motorists to remember Bloomfield Township as a place where traffic laws are rigidly enforced. "When an area becomes known for its law enforcement—that's when a speeder and accident go down," Police Chief Norman Dehke has said again and again. SPEEDING AND an increase in the accident rate spurred the township to action in February, when the traffic safety division was created. The war against accidents started with the purchase of a pursuit car; Cpl. Reuther joined the battle as the first full-time traffic safety officer; and radar was added about two months ago. In September two more men were moved up from patrol duty to join Reuther in the traffic division. He is Patrolmen Ed Quintal, 30, of Waterford, and Fred Harbrueger, 29, of Keego Harbor. The three, working in shifts, spearheaded the fight against speeding. EFFECTS OF the radar unit are remarkable. In the first month of its use, total accidents in the township dropped 28 per cent. During the month of September the three officers issued 294 tickets. Judging by initial success, Reuther predicts that the accident rate will continue to tumble in the future. "Our main objective is to reduce accidents as much as humanly possible," he said. "This will, in turn, save lives and reduce the number of persons injured each year in Bloomfield Township."



CPL. REUTHER and HIS RADAR RECEIVER Takes the guesswork out of catching speeders.

Dec. 14 Date Eyed by Group Of Ministers

By LARRY EVOE City Editor A group of Birmingham area ministers is planning a civil rights demonstration for the city sometime in December. The ministers represent "what I think will be a majority" of the members of the Birmingham Council of Churches, according to the Rev. Carl Savers, St. Stephens Episcopal Church, chairman of the affair. "I think we represent the viewpoint of the majority," he said. Rev. Savers said the demonstration is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 14, but the date depends somewhat on the schedules of Gov. George Romney, former Gov. John B. Swainson and Cong. William S. Broomfield. All three have been invited to participate in the program.

Guns, Liquor Cash and Safe Stolen in Area

Guns, liquor, cash and a 500-pound safe have been reported stolen in a series of break-ins in Birmingham during the last three days. Alban's Bottle and Basket, 188 N. Hunter, was burglarized sometime early Monday morning. Police said an unsuccessful attempt was made to open a safe but several cases of whisky were reported missing. The home of George H. Mayer, 1968 Shipman, also was broken into sometime late Sunday or early Monday. Lt. Merlin Holmquist said two pistols, a record player, record albums and about \$42 in cash were taken. Entry was gained through a side door, police said. ON MONDAY afternoon \$1,000 in cash was taken from the manager's office at the National Food Store, 490 S. Hunter. Police said the attention of the store employees was distracted by several persons while the office was being robbed. A 500-pound safe was taken early Wednesday morning from the Saunders Auto Parts, 1600 S. Woodward. About \$471 was inside the safe, along with the company's checkbooks and records. Holmquist said the parts shop was broken into through a side door. The thieves backed a truck parked in the shop garage out onto the street, moved their own vehicle into the building and loaded the safe into it.

Commission Cancels Meeting Next Week

Because four of Birmingham's city commissioners will be out of town next Monday night, there will be no commission meeting. Mayor William H. Burgum and Commissioners Ralph A. Main, Carl F. Ingraham and Charles W. Renfrew all have indicated they will not be available for the meeting. It takes four commissioners to make the necessary quorum to conduct a meeting. Mayor Burgum said the commission will hold its next meeting on Monday, Nov. 18.

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