



Indians in the Forest

On Saturday the Birmingham YMCA at John Averill, Hugh and Rod Acton, Bill Beck, Lincoln and Floyd will begin its annual Christmas tree sale under the direction of the Indian Guides. On hand last week to set up the trees were (from left) Steve and

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paring to enter Yale with a great many things of my mind."

"MY FIRST AND lasting impression of Jack was that he was a lively boy who took his studies seriously, but he was always ready with a quick smile.
"But to be perfectly frank, I really don't remember any specific incidents about Jack," said Hitch, sitting in an easy chair in his provincial-styled home.
"It wouldn't be fair to suggest that I was any more than a 'big brother' during his first months at Choate, helping him meet the boys and getting to know the school and its facilities. I hardly thought of him becoming the future President," said Hitch.

HITCH, WHO played center on the varsity football squad, also coached the young Kennedy in midwest football.

"At that time Jack was gangly, skinny, with a face full of freckles," said Hitch.

Hitch recalled that touch football was a really big sport at the school, and both Jack and his elder brother, the late Joseph, were ardent enthusiasts about the game.
Hitch did not contact Mr. Kennedy until 1959, when he wrote the senator from Massachusetts for information concerning the appointment of his son to Annapolis.
This was the first time that Hitch mentioned to his wife, Gretchen, that he knew Mr. Kennedy as a student.

THE SENATOR wrote back on Dec. 21, 1959, on his official stationery, advising Hitch. He also wrote, "It was a pleasure hearing from you. My very best wishes to you and your family."

Hitch, like many Birmingham residents who watched the President's funeral on TV, was upset by the death of Mr. Kennedy.

"I couldn't tear myself away from the television set. The sounds of the drums shook me up as much as the death of my son at 7. It was almost like a death in the family," said Hitch.

Hitch, a sales manager for Lambert & Lowman, recently moved to Birmingham from New Jersey with his wife and family, Jeffrey, 20; Deborah, 8; and Brad, 2.

COUNTY INSISTS:

Beverly Needed In Road Plans

BEVERLY HILLS—"The county states it has no intention of proceeding with the widening of Southfield and Greenfield roads without the financial participation of the village."
Councilman Edward F. Dolan, chairman of the road commission told the council this Monday night as he gave a report on the Nov. 22 meeting between representatives of the Village Road Commission and the Oakland County Road Commission.

He further said that the county probably could not proceed with these two projects and the improvement of 14 Mile Road without village approval. Both projects were defeated by the voters in a 7-1 vote last March.

PAUL VAN ROEKEL, county highway engineer, told the commission that the purpose of the meeting was to explain the county road program for 1964-65, and that an official proposal will be sent to the village in about a month.
Meantime, according to Van Roekel, the county is surveying rights-of-way and completing engineering and planning so that plans will be ready if the county programs are approved.

He said the county is still very much interested in widening and cutting through 14 Mile Road from Southfield to Evergreen, a program, he says, that the City of Birmingham is supporting.

THE VILLAGE commission said that in its opinion an approved 13 Mile Road would be a more suitable main artery and could be substituted for the 14 Mile Road program.

Van Roekel replied that the county feels all east-west mile roads will eventually be heavy traffic-bearing roads and that 14 Mile Road would be no different from the others.

The county is not asking the village for financial participation in the 14 Mile Road program, but is requesting the right to condemn property 60 feet on either side of the center line of the proposed road, the right of jurisdiction over 14 Mile between Southfield and Ever-

green roads and the right to lay out, engineer and construct the roadway.

The commission asked Van Roekel if the county could proceed if these three requests are not granted and he said they "probably could not proceed without village approval."

WITH REGARD to the widening of Greenfield and Southfield, Van Roekel said that in order to be totally effective, the 14 Mile program and the Greenfield-Southfield programs should both be completed. He said Royal Oak is ready to proceed with the Greenfield program but that Berkley has not expressed a strong desire to participate.

The county will not participate with the village on any improvements on 14 Mile between Evergreen and Lahser without having first settled the other proposals.
The village road commission is planning a series of discussions for recommendations to the council regarding an official reply to the county's request.

Southfield Schools Seek \$1,200,000 Loan from State

The Southfield School Board plans to borrow \$1,200,000 from the state against anticipated taxes.

Authorities say the move is necessary because tax returns probably will not arrive before March and the district has only enough money to operate through the first week of January.

COLLECTIONS will be tied up while the State Tax Commission reviews local assessments on request of several taxpayers who argue that property was not appraised evenly throughout the district.

The review probably will not be completed before Feb. 15 and it could be two to four weeks before tax returns come in.

The loan is one of the largest for operating money in the history of the district.

1st Snows Bring Reminders

By MARY BAHN
Staff Writer

December 2 was a day to remember—the first snowfall of the season.

Sprinkling lightly across lawns, it first looked like a thin coating of powdered sugar. When the snowfall faltered, gusts of wind softly blew away the sheer layers. But by mid-day, it was an inch thick.

Birmingham mothers looked out their picture windows, shivered and went to turn up the thermostat.

Birmingham fathers thought of anti-freeze, snow tires, gas line a freeze-up and shoveling snow (oh, my aching back!). Birmingham children put on

their snowsuits, boots, mufflers, mittens—and went outside to let the soft flakes caress their young cherub faces.

OUTSIDE, salt trucks began to lumber up and down the main streets, leaving a trail behind them that would help prevent accidents. Already traffic slowed "considerably," making Woodward Ave. look like a four-lane procession—very snub, dark and unending.

These were the cars (and the people) that Police Chief Ralph Moxley had on his mind, this first day of snow.

"I personally don't mind a change of season, but I hate to think of the rash of traffic accidents that seem to hit us dur-

ing most early-winter snowfalls. It seems that it takes drivers a certain amount of time to adjust to driving in snow—no matter how many warnings we try to give them," said Moxley.

"**FORTUNATELY**, many of these skidding accidents aren't serious in terms of deaths or injuries. They're an awful nuisance, though; an expense, an inconvenience and an embarrassment to the people involved. And make no mistake about it, the next one could be serious, if not fatal."

Moxley asked Birmingham-area drivers to drive a little slower and use a little more caution—especially during this, the first snowfall of the season.

Dear Santa Claus, North Pole
I am Mike Renard and live at 2339 Manchester, Birmingham, Michigan. I have tried to be a good boy. Also I have a brother, Mark Big Bruiser 4. Snowcone machine 5. who has tried to be good. We would like you to bring us for Christmas 1. work bench 2. wheelbarrow 3. Big Bruiser 4. Snowcone machine 5. show projector and anything else you would like to bring. Thank you very—we will leave cookies and milk for you and the reindeer.
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