

Bits of Birmingham

Back in March, the Dale Al. Brights of 2345 Bermuda Lane, Southfield discovered a raccoon who had taken up quarters in their basement incinerator. After intensive efforts to coax her out, they thought they had finally succeeded. Recently, they discovered that inmates of this type do not give up easily. It seems the raccoon is back, making her home at the base of the incinerator and she is not alone. She has given birth to three babies. The Albrights are resigned now to letting her stay until she decides to move her family outdoors. They have learned from the Southfield dog catcher that she will probably "take to the hills" soon. Meanwhile, they can't resist peering at the little clan who can be viewed through the incinerator door.

W. A. P. John of 556 Tooting Lane, Birmingham, sent a letter to the city commission this week in which he disagreed with the City on its plans for a municipal parking lot in the block south of Shain Park. (A copy of the letter was sent to The Eccentric and appears at the top of page 1-B in today's paper.) The letter drew this comment at Monday night's commission meeting from Commissioner Ralph A. Main: "He (John) addressed his letter to the honorable city commission, but when he gets through, we wonder how honorable we are."

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Main

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He drew support from Ingraham and again the motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioners then went on to hear objections from residents on proposals to construct sidewalks on:

- St. Andrews, east side, from Dorchester to one-half block north.
- The other side of St. Andrews from Dorchester to one-half block south.
- Torry, west side, from one-half block south of Lincoln to Gennaville.

ALL OF the hearings were adjourned until next week.

The programs involved construction of new or replacement of old sidewalks.

All but the Torry walks are in the Pembroke area in the northeastern section of the city.

Some residents of the Pembroke neighborhood have protested in the past few weeks to plans for new walks on their streets. (See letters to the editor on Pages 1, 7-B of today's Eccentric.)

CITY MANAGER L. R. Gare explained that the walks are all part of the program for that area of the city. Each year, the city administration presents a sidewalk program to the commission for its approval following a survey.

Residents at Monday's meeting questioned the need for the walks in their streets and the amount of benefit they would obtain. Some felt that the walks would not be used even if they were installed.

One protestor pointed that a sidewalk would create a traffic hazard on his street by giving school children one more place to cross.

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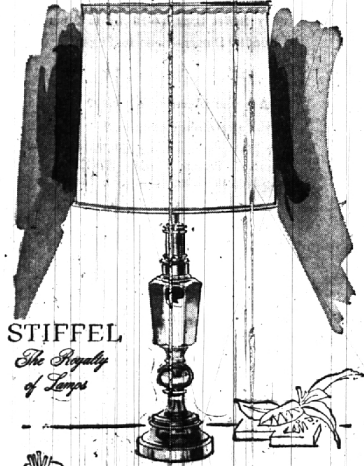
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Honors

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An informal dinner was held at the Kingsley Inn before the group returned to East Lansing.

SHOWERS TUESDAY morning failed to dampen the spirits of the newcomers. Club Hospitality Day festivities at Maple and Henrietta.

Under the direction of Mrs. Edward Talbert, club members in pink and white dresses were on hand at 10 a.m. to pass out free pop, cookies and gifts.

Mrs. Talbert reported having a little trouble in giving away one of the gifts—an imported mohair sweater.

Three persons refused to believe they were actually getting something for free and wouldn't accept the gifts.

Finally, Mrs. Frank Nagelvoort, 1977 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills, came along and was happy to receive the gift from Kay Baum's.

ON WEDNESDAY several hundred members of the various Birmingham service clubs were entertained at their annual outdoor luncheon by the U.S. Air Force CONAC band and bagpipers.

The 50-piece band also appeared at Greves and Derby schools before returning to Selfridge Air Force Base, Mt. Clemens.

Accused Murderer Mute in Court

SOUTHFIELD—James H. Butler, 31, of Taylor Township, charged with first degree murder in connection with the April 30 death of his wife, Virginia, 25, stood mute Monday at his arraignment before Oakland County Circuit Judge Arthur D. Moore.

Butler, who is currently surrendered to police at his wife's home, 28493 Brentwood, on the day of the killing, he told them he clubbed her with a rifle. The couple had been separated.

Pool

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of the school district, with children attending St. Hugo. In addition to a letter to the board, Ackley appeared at the Tuesday meeting.

He asked inclusion in the Bloomfield Hills School District budget of funds for audio-visual testing services for his children.

Board member Earl Givens told Ackley that it is patently impossible to use public funds for private enterprise.

Superintendent Eugene Johnson explained to Ackley that the audio-visual testing of children in the Bloomfield Hills Schools was under the auspices of the Oakland County Health Dept., with school funds paying the actual charges of the testing at a \$20 per day fee. The same arrangement could be made by St. Hugo Johnson told Ackley.

Ackley asked for a written answer from the school board on his request.

2-Car Crash Injures Four In W. B'field

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Four persons were injured early Saturday morning in a two-car collision at Maple and Orchard Lake roads.

In satisfactory condition at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with broken ribs is Maurice H. Bricker, 37, of 5275 Pontiac Trail, West Bloomfield, driver of one of the cars. His wife Patricia, 22, is in satisfactory condition at the same hospital suffering broken legs.

Two passengers in the second car were taken to Pontiac General Hospital. They are Mary Hall, 18, of 1270 Clarendon, and Gail Grandbliss, 18, of 1155 Vaughn, both of Bloomfield Hills. Miss Hall suffered a possible concussion and Miss Grandbliss lacerations.

Leaders

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Members Division are Mrs. James T. Wilson and Graham Benedict.

The Advance Gifts committee will have a kick-off meeting at 7:30 p.m. June 4 in the auditorium at the MacMans, John & Adams advertising agency in Bloomfield Hills.

ROBERTS explained that contributions are being sought on a payment plan spread over a three-year period.

He said that contributions may be made for memorial units, too, ranging in amounts from—generally—\$1,200 to \$180,000.

Roberts said that "many opportunities exist to perpetuate the memory of a loved one, one's own family name or the public spirit of a group or firm" through memorial contributions.

Lathrup Okays Street Paving

LATHRUP—The paving of Lathrup Blvd. from Cambridge to San Quentin has been approved by city council.

The action was taken Tuesday night when residents of the street submitted more than the required 70 per cent of signatures requesting an asphalt road. The area to be paved is located north of 11 Mile Road.

Parking Meter Revenue Dips In Birmingham

Birmingham's quarterly parking meter survey showed a slight decrease over last year, city commissioners learned last week.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said the survey, conducted the week of April 20 to 26, showed an average decrease per meter of two cents. Last year the average per meter was \$1.78; this year the average was \$1.76.

Mayor William H. Burgum noted that parking revenue on the whole for the entire city is up about 4.8 per cent over 1962. Total revenue thus far amounts to \$86,292 as compared to \$82,513 in 1962.

IN HIS quarterly report Moxley said the four-hour meters in lot No. 1 near the municipal building continued to be in heavy demand.

Township Board Cracks Down on Rubbish Burning

WEST BLOOMFIELD — Starting a fire without a permit in West Bloomfield Township could cost violators a \$100 fine, 30 days in jail or both.

Fire Chief Herbert I. Morgan has received instructions from the township board to start a strict enforcement of the township ordinance which prohibits any kind of burning without a permit, except in a suitable rubbish burner.

The action came after Chief Morgan told the board that the 45 field fires to which the fire department responded in April were almost entirely either of undetermined origin or started by careless burning of rubbish without a permit.

"We must bear down," Board Member Charles Forbes told Morgan. "Our ordinance must either be enforced or changed."

Morgan was told to issue tickets wherever a violation was found.

Road Intersection Closed to Traffic

BEVERLY HILLS — Queries now closed to traffic, will remain so from merchants along Southfield for approximately 60 days.

south of 13 Mile Road brought information from the council Tuesday that the intersection of 13 Oakland County Road Commission Mile Road and Southfield, which is program.

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