

Cub Scouts Meet At Booth School

Members of Cub Scout Pack No. 1017 and prospective new members will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Booth School, Bloomfield Township. This will be a get-together to organize pack activities for the coming year, including the Pine Wood Derby. Cubs are asked to bring both their mother and father to the meeting.

BIRMINGHAM



By R. L. KILPATRICK, Manager.

OUTGUESSING A GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS on their way to or from school requires special alertness, special skill, on the part of every driver. That's why Michigan Bell's safe driver training program gets extra emphasis right now. Actually, traffic safety education is a year-round program with us, required of every employee whose job includes driving a company car or truck. It's one of the most important ways in which we try to be good citizens and good neighbors.

IN A STEW about lots of errands to do—when you have to stay home and cook a meal, too? If so, you need a handy kitchen extension phone! With a kitchen phone, call a TV repairman, check up on the youngsters at a neighbor's house, ask if that dress in the ad comes in blue... and still keep your eye on what's cooking. Besides, an extension phone adds just the right spot of color to your kitchen wall. Costs just pennies a day, after a small, one-time installation charge. Call us now and order yours.



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For the Ski Slopes

The newest thing for the ski slopes or for winter-afternoon shopping in the suburbs is this burly ski parka. New ideas include the longer, belted styling and suede shoulder inserts. The black stretch ski pants are a must for the slopes, an added idea for casual slacks.

Women's Society Begins Fall Season

The Women's Society of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Birmingham, will begin its fall season today with a dessert and business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Alvin Knorr will be presiding for the first time. Plans will be discussed for two forthcoming events, the World's Fair of Missions, to be held at the church on Oct. 9 through 11, and the rummage sale on Oct. 24 and 25.

Following the meeting, Pastor Theodore Wuzgazer will show slides and comment on his recent trip to the Holy Land. Hostesses for the day are Mrs. John Allmon, Mrs. H. Heaselberg and Mrs. Knorr.

The unit of measurement known as the decibel represents about the smallest difference in sound intensity that the average human ear can detect. A man's heartbeat creates a sound of a little more than 10 decibels, whereas the purring of a cat accounts for from 25 to 30 decibels and a single typewriter scores 40 decibels. A few other common noises are rated as follows: Barking dog, 65 decibels; piano practice, 75; average motor truck, 80; pneumatic tire, 105. All noises above 120 decibels are painful to normal ears.

Conservation Guide Ready

The 1963 edition of the Conservation Directory is now available for \$1 per copy from the National Wildlife Federation, 1412 NW Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C. 20036.

A complete and up-to-date listing of American and Canadian natural resource agencies and organizations, the Conservation Directory this year includes an alphabetical listing of the thousands of key individuals' names which appear between its covers.

THE DIRECTORY is a reference book used by professional resource workers, outdoor writers and conservation group leaders. The new edition contains more information of previously-listed organizations than ever before and lists many groups for the first time. The Conservation Directory was published for 44 years by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service before the National Wildlife Federation took over its preparation.

Its publication is now part of the federation's conservation education program, which also includes the publishing of National Wildlife magazine and the newsletters Conservation News and Conservation Report, and the sponsorship of National Wildlife Week.

MICHIGAN MIRROR

Civil Rights Policy Brought to Forefront

By ELMER E. WHITE
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Official state policy on civil rights is that no citizen should be denied education, employment or other opportunities because of his race, religion or creed.

This policy, a long-standing one, has been spelled out in detail a number of times in recent years. The emphasis throughout the country this year on civil rights has again brought Michigan's policy to the forefront.

Gov. George Romney reminded state agencies of this policy when he first took office. A short time before that, former Gov. John B. Swainson re-issued a statement of policy to all agency heads. Prior to that, Gov. G. Mennen Williams emphasized his support of the equal opportunities policy.

ACTIVITIES in the South recently prompted the leaders of the two major political parties here to appoint new human relations coordinators to improve the civil rights picture in Michigan.

At the same time, the state attorney general announced a plan to implement the civil rights provisions of the new constitution, taking effect Jan. 1.

On the education front, Superintendent of Public Instruction Lynn M. Bartlett formed a state committee on equal educational opportunity. The committee's job is to determine where improvements might be needed to insure that each Michigan citizen gets his full civil rights in education.

IT MIGHT be observed, that these recent efforts can only serve their intended purpose if continued on a long-term basis. One-shot efforts in the field of civil rights would be of little value if their purpose was just to "win friends and influence people."

In at least one other governmental unit, civil rights are being emphasized to contractors who deal with the state. The State Highway Department issues a letter each year at the beginning of the construction season.

Commissioner John C. Mackie informs contractors wishing to bid on

state projects that they should hire on the basis of ability. A contractor who takes into consideration other factors could be disqualified from bidding on state work.

Continuing, unending efforts of this type appear to be those which will further the state policy in the long run.

CONCENTRATION on civil rights this year brought forth one other interesting point: a paradox of sorts.

When school superintendent Lynn M. Bartlett was asked how many Negro teachers were employed in various school systems, the paradox brought about by just a few years' passing came into focus.

In past years, applications for various jobs including those in most school districts contained a blank where "race" was listed. Some years back, however, a hue and cry about racial discrimination prompted school districts and many other employers to leave this off job application forms.

Thus, when Bartlett was asked to count Negro teachers it became a large task to survey school districts, which in turn had to check each school.

The simple line on a job application would have eliminated this extra census, but the desire of the Negro community a few years ago had been not to have this designation available.

AN "OPERATION Bootstrap" appears to be in order among Michigan's and the nation's youth.

Within this state alone, an estimated 10,000 young people joined the long list of high school dropouts this fall. About double this will probably be added as the school year progresses. Past experience shows the persons on this list often are also on the unemployment rolls.

As in most experiences of life, one learns by his mistakes. For the school dropout, however, the lesson often comes too late to correct the error of cutting off education.

A YOUTH DETERMINED to leave school most likely will have a deaf ear to a parent or older friend who attempts to convince him otherwise.

Statistics indicate that young people are unemployed at about three times the rate for the total work force, while some jobs geared for young people go unfilled be-

cause of the lack of trained applicants.

Monticello Board

A concentrated effort by youth leaders in the schools might well be able to spot the signs of droopiness before a dropout is recorded and convince the individual that it is in his best interest to remain in school.

Julienne Bragan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Baldwin, 4059 Fairlane Drive, will attend Monticello College, Aton, Ill. this fall. Looking for a job... a home... a special service? See the Want Ads.

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