



Answering An SOS for Skates

Susan Peck and Tom Waggoner are among the first Birmingham-area youngsters who have heeded the call for used ice skates by the Westchester Women's Club. The skates will be given to children's homes in the Oakland County area. Accepting the gifts are Mrs. Tommy Shannon (left), chairman of the

youth activities in the Westchester area, and Mrs. Raymond Reid, president of the Women's Club, while Don Burba, principal, adds his support to the project. A box will be set up in the Westchester School corridor until Feb. 15 for the collection.

President's Ball Still Rolling High After Ten Years

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Only the cleverest of minds must have conceived the idea of a President's Ball for the residents of Franklin and their friends. The inspiration came over a decade ago and the proof of its strength is in its popularity, for it was furnished throughout the years.

Nurtured carefully by the Franklin Community Association, the traditional President's Ball is planned far enough after the holiday season to permit full restoration of spirit, energy and finances, but soon enough so that not all residents have flown southward in search of the sun.

COMING FEB. 1 at Plum Hollow Country Club this year, the dinner dance is just the place to acknowledge unrequited Christmas cards, sport the new Christmas mink or complain about the tired party given before Dior dreams up a new hemline. Motivation to attend varies, but never the mood.

The mood of the President's Ball is always warm, gay and friendly. The occasion honors the former president of the community association and his wife, and the new presidential couple and their respective boards of directors. Honorees on Feb. 1 will be Dr. and Mrs. John Burger and Mr. and Mrs. George Howard.

FOLLOWING dinner, for which reservations should be made pronto with William Dickey, the music of Johnny Titus will encourage dancing while the evening will be sparked by an occasional burst of song from the Franklin Barberop Quartet.

The Gloria Kelter Memorial Fund was announced recently by the Franklin School PTA board in order to create a suitable tribute to the late Mrs. Theodore Kelter, mother of six children. Contributions made out to the fund and mailed to Franklin school will be used for a piece of playground sculpture, characterizing

Mrs. Kelter's enthusiasm for art and small children.

SOON NATIONAL attention will be focused on New York and the World's Fair featuring the Ford Pavilion as an architectural triumph.

Sitting back in his easy chair and enjoying all the excitement will be D. Carleton Bell of Brandingham Ave.

Bell just finished three years of "living" with the Pavilion and its wonders as an architect representing Ford Motor Co. He has worked closely with the designing team and Walt Disney, making more than 25 trips to the West Coast in a 36-month period.

For Bell, it's all over but the shouting, and the strange parental feeling of having his three-year-old "baby" ready to meet the world.

THE FRANK Fennells of Woodlore will be moving to Pittsburgh soon.

Mrs. Hugh Dean, who recently sold her late husband's 80-acre estate in Wood Creek Farms, is now a resident of Franklin. She recently purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Starrett on Irving Road.

The Ralph McGruthers will be living for a while in the former Rodgers home on German Mill Road while a new home is being built on the "east side of town."

THERE'LL BE A run-off of the Pinewood Derby for the five dens of Cub Scout Pack 1011 tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Franklin School. Ribbons will be given for the fastest car in the five dens. A cup will be awarded to the fastest car from the run-off, and ribbons given for second and third place winners for the best-styled car. A cup will be awarded to the over-all best design.

REHEARSALS ARE in full swing every Sunday, Monday and

Farrell Roberts Enters GOP Race In 19th District

Michigan's 19th district has its first Republican candidate to run for the newly-formed seat in the United States Congress.

He is Farrell E. Roberts, 2486 Lafayette, West Bloomfield Township, and Oakland County state senator since 1960.

Roberts said he was motivated to seek the GOP nomination because "the new Oakland district will need an experienced legislator in Washington to represent its unusual makeup, and I strongly feel that the legislative branch of our government has to be made more effective in its functions and less of a rubber stamp for the executive branch."

ROBERTS, A 1944 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, is a partner in a Pontiac law firm. He was elected to his first term at the Michigan House of Representatives in 1956.

The senator was re-elected in 1962 and established a Michigan legislative record by being named chairman of the judiciary committee and vice chairman of three other committees: taxation, labor and elections.

Roberts cites his eight years experience in the legislature as his

County YMCA Camp Begins '64 Season With 35th Reunion

Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See will begin its 1964 camping season at over 35th annual camp reunion on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pontiac Y.M.C.A.

Honored will be the newly-elected members of the board of directors from Birmingham: Robert Bates, 265 Larchlea, and Royal Paulette, 856 Lakeview.

THE GROUP will hear plans for the coming year, which follows their most successful season in their history.

The group is now licensed to house 130 boys with the construction of a new shelter house known as "Jeffers Outpost," erected to the memory of Dr. Fred Jeffers, a former Birmingham camper, counselor and president of the camp board.

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'63 Accident Record Soars in Birmingham

Birmingham traffic accidents reached an all-time high in 1963, according to figures released this week by Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley.

Moxley said the total number of accidents last year was 987 or almost 17 per cent of the 844 mishaps in 1962.

"Personal injury accidents were up almost 17 per cent with 320 occurring in 1963 and 269 in 1962," Moxley said.

"The number of persons injured went from 312 to 427 last year, which is an increase of 37 per cent. "Two persons were killed on Birmingham streets in 1963, whereas the previous four years saw only two persons involved in fatal acci-

dents," he said.

"WE IN Birmingham," Moxley said, "have little to be proud of as drivers as this record shows." "Common courtesy in yielding the right-of-way to other drivers contributed to almost one-third of the accidents and is a high percentage of those throughout the year," he said.

"During the winter months road and driving conditions are much more hazardous than at any other time of the year.

"Drivers are not compensating for these conditions resulting in

motorists not being able to stop their cars in time to avoid an accident," Moxley said.

THE CHIEF noted that the year 1963 was past and "the record stands." "With the new year here," he said, "it is up to us as responsible drivers and citizens to make a resolution to do a better job of driving."

"It is important for us to show courtesy to the other driver and to have a genuine desire not to allow 1964 to be another 1963," Moxley declared.

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Transportation Study Proposed For Future Needs

The transportation needs of Oakland County residents by 1990 will be one of the topics in a proposed study launched this week by the Detroit Metropolitan Area Regional Planning Commission.

The six-county \$1.5 million transportation study, if undertaken, promises to be the largest research project started outside the New York Area.

OFFICIALS ARE seeking \$24,000 first, to finance preliminary work to define the study, from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency Funds. The rest of the \$36,000 estimated cost for the year-long project will be financed by local agencies.

Officials said a key element in the proposed study will be research into a mass transit system.

Thursday for the cast of "See How They Run" — Franklin Village Players' March offering.

Director Paul Bergeron, with assistance from Mrs. Nell Price, is putting them through their preliminary paces in an improvised rehearsal hall in the vacant store quarters under the Gerald and Chet Beauty Salon on Franklin Road.

Stripped to the walls, the vacant store gives an avant garde feeling to the production. But it is home—at least while the show is developing here in Franklin, minimizing the tedious drive to the Farmington Barn and wear-and-tear to recreation rooms.

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