

Ask the Doctor



This column is presented here as a public service by the Oakland County Medical Society and The Birmingham Eccentric. It will be written by "465 physicians in Oakland County" who are members of the society. Questions should be addressed to the Oakland County Medical Society, 346 Park, Birmingham. Questions must be of a general nature, as no effort will be made toward diagnosis or treatment in specific cases.

HEART DEFECT CAUSE NOT KNOWN

Q—What is a "blue baby" and why do bad hearts develop in babies?

A—A blue baby may have a malformation of the heart, or of the major blood vessels near the heart, which prevents his blood from getting enough oxygen. Since blood which is low in oxygen is a dark bluish red, the skin and lips take a blue tinge (cyanosis).

THE TERM "blue baby" is most commonly used for a defect called tetralogy of Fallot but some other heart defects may also cause blueness.

Blueness may result from conditions other than congenital heart defects.

In most cases, we do not know what makes the heart develop abnormally before a baby is born.

MANY MEDICAL scientists believe that if the mother has German measles (rubella) during her first three months of pregnancy, this may in some cases damage the baby's heart during its key stage of development, or produce other malformations. The possibility that other virus diseases may be involved is being investigated.

The role of heredity is still being studied. Although more than one child in the family may have a congenital heart defect, this rarely occurs.

We have no definite information about the effect of the mother's diet on the baby's prenatal development. It has long been known, however, that good nutrition is essential to the health of the expectant mother, so careful attention to diet is considered to be a wise precaution in any case.

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD (DISTRICT NO. 141)

TO THE OWNERS OR OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOTS AND PARCELS OF LAND:

Lots 4 thru 41 inclusive, Gilbert Lake Estates, Section 18, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the following described improvements to the property benefited therefrom:

Construction of water main and appurtenances as follows: 210 feet of 8" water main from Gilbert Lake Road, west in North Shore Circle, south in West Shore Circle, and east in South Shore Circle to Gilbert Lake Road. 110 feet of 6" water main in Cottingham Lane from Gilbert Lake Road to Shoreline Circle.

Section 21, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, 4700 Telegraph Road, in the Township, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., on February 19, 1964, for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. DELORIS V. LITTLE, Township Clerk (48-48)

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Lots 1 through 39 inclusive, Williamsburg Subdivision, Section 13, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT A Special Assessment Roll has been prepared and is on file in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the following described improvements to the property benefited therefrom:

Construction of water main and appurtenances as follows: 1640 feet of water main in Bracken Drive from Franklin Road to Bracken Drive. 1360 feet of 6" water main in Sparrowwood Drive from Franklin Road to Bracken Drive. 1410 feet of 8" water main in Bracken Drive from Franklin Road to the north boundary of the subdivision. 280 feet of 8" water main in Blair House Court from Bracken Drive to the east-east.

1650 feet of 6" water main in Coachmaker Drive from Bracken Drive to the east-west. 120 feet of 8" water main in Timson Lane from Bracken Drive to Coachmaker Drive.

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Forbes S. Haswell, Atty., 240 Briggs Bldg., Birmingham 2, Ala.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 24th day of January, A. D. 1964.

Present, Hon. Donald E. Adams, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM BENNETT BROWN, Deceased. Bennett Martiner Brown having filed a petition praying that an instant order be granted that said estate be administered as if the testator had died intestate, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner as executor named in said will or to some other suitable person, and for the determination of the legal heirs of said deceased.

It is Ordered, That the 24th day of February A. D. 1964, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three consecutive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published and circulated in said County, and that respondent cause a copy of this notice to be served upon

Happenings

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accept the contract, Mr. Crandell declined to answer, or to discuss any of the details.

With an enthusiasm which brought approximately 200 couples to the Community House, Birmingham responded Tuesday evening to the invitation extended throughout the country to hold and attend a Birthday Ball in honor of the 52nd birthday anniversary of President Roosevelt. As a result, this city will be able to send to the George and Wynn Springs Foundation, created by President Roosevelt for infantile paralysis, at least \$160.

15 YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1949

By Overwhelming majorities, Birmingham residents approved of a city-sponsored water softening program and an immediate start on a new high school to relieve present overcrowded classroom conditions. These two facts were revealed this week as The Eccentric completed tabulating the answers to its civic questionnaire, published some weeks ago. One-hundred ninety-one local citizens took the time and trouble to answer the questionnaire, results of which show definite trends on specific questions.

Marine Private First Class Donald E. Thom, son of George P. Thom, 1819 Bates Street, Birmingham, and presently serving in Washington, D. C. at the Marine Barracks, was one of 300 Marine guards on special duty about the Capitol building grounds during the inauguration ceremonies of President Harry S. Truman last week.

In a contest that was rated the top in the state, the Maple cagers averaged a pre-season journey defeat last Friday night by trouncing the Port Huron hardwooders 44-37 in the local gym to get into a two-way tie for league honors between Birmingham and Port Huron. The Maples led all the way except in the first stanza when they trailed 9-8. Birmingham's third stanza play was outstanding as the Maroon tide rolled up 14 points.

The longest year in history was 46 B.C., the year Julius Caesar made the first major reform of the Roman calendar. It was 445 days long.

annually or by registered or certified mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the houses here, at law, leagues and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

DEMONSTRATION WHEREOF: I have heretofore set my hand and affixed the seal of the Probate Court at Pontiac, this 24th day of January, A. D. 1964.

Senior Deputy Registrar of Probate Court, Oakland County, Michigan (48-49-20)

Poets Welcome New Members To Area Group

Nine new members were welcomed to the Birmingham-Bloomfield Poetry Group Jan. 13 at Alban's Basket and Bottle, Birmingham.

Laurate honors for the evening were accorded by acclaim to Robert G. Green, one of the new members, for his work "Sanctum Sanctorum."

Sean Monk, bard of the group, opened the meeting with an informal welcome in which he defined the poet's purpose as threefold, for reading, writing and exploring the techniques of poetry.

He welcomed those present to advance their ideas for future activities, ranging from the establishment of a role in the arts festival to the implementation of a publishing.

FRANK LINDER, Dean Coffin and J. S. Hodges, Jr., were appointed official critics for the Feb. 10 meeting which will be held at Alban's at 8:30 p.m. Interested visitors will again be welcomed.

Other original works read at the January meeting included a welcome by Mrs. William Deering and "To My Daughter on Recalling Her First Love Note;" Monk's "Epitaph to JFK;" two contributions by newcomer John Ruhl, "This Is My Golden Cock" and "Kylan's Foot Bruiseth No Root;" and poems by Mrs. Scott Purvis and Mrs. Charles Komer. Chief reader of the evening was Mrs. Jack Warner.

Hawaiian Maneuver Includes Local Army Sergeant

Army Sgt. Floyd S. Kannel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Kannel, 1178 E. Ruffner, Birmingham, and other members of the 25th Infantry division are participating in Exercise HIGH TOP I, an Army-Navy Air Force field training maneuver on the Island of Hawaii.

The exercise, scheduled to end Feb. 8, began when the soldiers were transported by air and sea from the Island of Oahu to the Island of Hawaii where they will engage in live fire simulated combat maneuvers.

SERGEANT Kannel, a squad leader in Company C, 1st Battalion in the division's 14th Infantry regularly stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, entered the Army in Jan. 1961. He completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and arrived in Hawaii in June, 1961. The 20-year-old soldier attended Birmingham High School.

GM Ad Director Is AMA Speaker

Gail Smith, director of advertising and market research for General Motors Corp., evaluated advertising effectiveness in his talk, "Unto Thine Own Self Be True," to the American Marketing Association.

Open to executives who are interested in advertising research, the group met Jan. 28 at Carl's Chop House in Detroit.

Smith, 3530 Franklin Road, Bloomfield Hills, is a member of the board of directors of the Association of National Advertisers, and also serves on its broadcast committee and a special advertiser-agency committee for the improvement of advertising.

The Panama Canal is the only canal in the world with the distinction of connecting two oceans. It is used by an average of nine or ten thousand ships every year.

Eccentricities

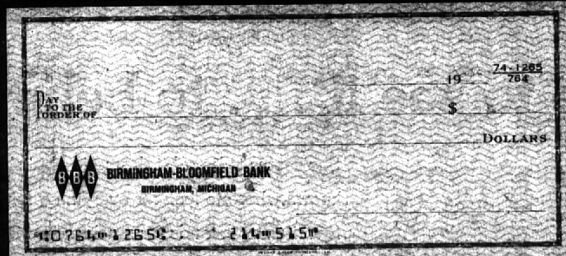
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Our cars wouldn't have a floor full of tobacco were our pipe fell off the dash board during a period of non-use.

And yet without a pipe how could we show the girls that we are college men, and what device would we use when we wanted to think before answering a question, if we couldn't sit back and slowly light up our pipe.

Well, I hope the medical profession isn't too rash in condemning pipes because I still have a drawer full of left-over Christmas matches.

Let's Hope for a Cloudy Day



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Compare this to the cost of other checking accounts. We think you'll find our plan to your advantage. If you'd like to open a checking or savings account with us, drop in. We're right in the heart of Birmingham, corner of Martin and Bates.

If you're busy during the week, come in on Saturday. We're open until noon.