



BEING INFORMED ON THE NEW EXPLORING PROGRAM IN BIRMINGHAM
Seaholm Senior Troy Hornberger (center) talks to Tom Ward (left) of the Optimist Club and Robert Bialach, North Trails District Scout executive.

New Exploring Unit Initiated at Seaholm

More than 300 Seaholm High School boys attended an "interest survey" meeting of a new Exploring unit of the Boy Scouts last Wednesday.

The success of the introductory meeting has initiated a January meeting, according to Robert B. Bialach, North Trails District Scout executive.

Bialach emphasized that the new Exploring group is not just an extension of Boy Scouts activities, but a young man's club. Co-sponsors of the new group are the Birmingham Optimist Club and the Seaholm Varsity Club.

Exploring activities include mixed parties, sports such as archery and bowling, canoe trips, fishing expeditions, learning of career opportunities and community service projects.

Optimists who are aiding the beginning of the program are Philip N. Skillman, Dick Forbush, Tom Ward, Robert Patterson and Paul Whelan.

Dear Santa Claus:
These are the things I want for Christmas: shoe boots, play dishes, a Skipper, lion, concentration game. That is all I want for Christmas. I will try to be good for when you come. Please bring me surprises. I wish there was more snow on the ground so you could come on my sled. Merry Christmas.

Love, Cindy Thiesen
16231 Buckingham, Birmingham

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2 Workshops Slated For B'ham Schools

Two phases of the Birmingham Plan of the public schools will get under way in workshops next week.

The first team-teaching institute will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Berkshire Junior High School.

The other project, is a workshop for the development of a program for the academically-able on the elementary level. It will be held at Berkshire on Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Forty-four volunteer teachers who expressed an interest in team teaching will attend the two-day institute. The workshop, under the direction of Supt. John Blackhall Smith, will include the objectives, background and exploration of team-teaching plans.

PARTICIPANTS in addition to Dr. Smith include Donald Prothero, who is currently working on his doctorate at Wayne State University, and Mrs. Gertrude Green, principal, Franklin Elementary School.

Both Prothero and Mrs. Green were on the staff of Dundee Elementary School, Greenview, Comm. when he was one of the first team-teaching schools in the country.

Prior to his superintendency in Greenview and before coming to Birmingham, Dr. Smith was instrumental in the organization and operation of several team-teaching schools.

Dr. Elizabeth Drews, who is on the staff of Michigan State University, will be the principal speaker and consultant for the academically-able workshop.

DR. DREWS, who divides her time between teaching and research, is a nationally known authority in the field of academically-able education.

John Molloy, diagnostician for the Birmingham schools, will serve as chairman of the workshop. Other participants include Grant Barber, principal of Pierce School; James Ladle, principal, Bloomfield Village School; Fritz Pimis, principal, Adams School; and Marjorie Tate, principal, Quanton School.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please may I have ice skates and a bell for my bike? We will have a sandwich and milk near the chimney for you. I love you Santa.

Love, Cindy Thiesen
1573 Penitence, Birmingham



DR. ELIZABETH DREWS

B'ham Seeks 4th Victory In Field Day

The fifth annual inter-city Forestry and Parks Field Day will be held beginning at 9 a.m. today at Taft Park, Eight Mile and Allen Avenue, Ferndale.

This year's competition will pit the Forestry and Parks departments of Birmingham, Ferndale and Pontiac against each other. The program will consist of eight safety and ability events.

Darrel C. Middlewood, superintendent of Birmingham's forestry department, said a new event, "tree felling" has been added this year.

"The three teams will be required to 'fell' a standing tree stub in a predetermined direction," Middlewood said. Other events include rope throw, spur climb relay, cross cut sawing, tractor and broom course, power saw relay, knot tying and tree tapping.

BIRMINGHAM HAS been the winner of the past four field days. A win today would give the city permanent possession of the "Chromed Saw" trophy.

The city has already won permanent possession of a chromed axe in competition in previous years with Oak Park.

Dear Santa Claus,
Tiger Joe, a shiny new steam shovel, shiny red ball, a jeep. I am 4 years old. How much I like you. Santa Claus, I want Jimmy Yoma and a model. Dear Santa Claus, I love you, Santa Claus elf. I was been good enough to have all the toys I asked for.

Love, Chipper Van Mols

Fire Protection Pact Okayed by West Bloomfield

WEST BLOOMFIELD — An agreement to provide fire protection for the new City of Orchard Lake Village for a period of six months was approved by the township board last week.

The contract between the two communities will be effective until July 1, 1965, and cannot be broken unless there is mutual consent.

Trustee Walter Whitmer at first opposed an agreement that would run more than 60 days. As chairman of the township fire committee, he said he wished to discuss the matter first with the board in an executive session.

HE SAID he would like to be assured that the township would receive ample notice if Orchard Lake ever decided to cancel the fire protection.

"Otherwise, it could throw our whole budget off," he said.

West Bloomfield presently provides protection from fires to Sylvan Lake and Keego Harbor. The question was raised as to which would receive priority in case there were fires in more than one city.

"There would be no problem there," said Whitmer, "since we have mutual aid agreements with other communities in this area."

In other business, the board approved the appointment of Mrs. Margaret G. Evans to fill a vacancy on the township planning commission.



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Services

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Y Holiday Dance To Gauge Interest Of Teen Center

NOW, AS AN adult involved in such a frenzied, preholiday whirl, it's a wonderful hour's retreat that makes Christmas what it really is, a religious holiday.

After a month-long frantic search for the right Christmas card, gifts, decorations, dinner arrangements, party plans, etc., etc., and etc., it gives me the proper perspective for the coming year to sit quietly in a house of worship and see the religious beauty of the season unveiled.

This is especially true when so much of the religious aspect has been lost during the planning and preparation so that it needs to be awakened. And on what better night than Christmas Eve?

There couldn't be a more perfect hour in any evening, since even as one gets older, none of the traditions really ever change.

THE OUTDOOR creech is lighted, along with the last candle on the advent wreath which helps to get churchgoers in the proper mood.

Even when attending an unfamiliar church, people at this time are usually so full of the holiday spirit that they will smile and greet strangers as friends.

The beloved Christmas carols sung so beautifully by the choir also issue a special invitation, while the church itself is lit with the radiance of the holy and spiritual decor, adding to the mood.

On this night, the sermon is one of joy and hope for the coming year, which gives a feeling of contentment, of "glad to be alive."

The high point of the service on this night is the reading of the gospel which tells the beautiful story of the birth of Christ. No matter how gay or depressed, one can fortify himself in the magic that is Christmas Eve.

Let your lips speak of the stranger.
Whose first cradle was a manger.
Never fear to speak his name.
For even wise men to Him came.
For a moment put away
All the worries of the day.
Tell the joy of Christmas morn,
That "Unto us a Child is born."
—Paula Ze-Forn
of the Birmingham-
Bloomfield Poetry Club

Dear Santa:
I want a barn and a parking garage. I like you. I am 7. My name is Michael Francis Collins.

Love, Michael Francis Collins

Christmas Hearts
Christmas hearts; open wide.
Let the warmth of love inside.
Let your eyes reflect the star,
That shepherds gazed at from afar.

Let your lips speak of the stranger.
Whose first cradle was a manger.
Never fear to speak his name.
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Christmas Services Planned at Church In Orchard Lake
Christmas services have been announced at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Route 2, Orchard Lake, the Rev. John W. Wigle, rector.

Two services will be held tonight, a festival Holy Communion at 7:30 with a nursery available and another at 10 p.m. with Holy Communion.

A 10 a.m. Holy Communion service will take place tomorrow, Sunday. Holy Communion will be held at 8 a.m. and baptism and carols will be included in the 10 a.m. service.

Dear Santa:
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Love, Michael Francis Collins

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