

## TEEN SCENE

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### Area Teen-Agers Risk Lives As Volunteer Firemen

DO YOU KNOW that this is Fire Prevention Week? And DO YOU KNOW that every time a fire breaks out in the Metropolitan Area, a teen-age volunteer fireman is risking his life to help the community? According to the District Fire Department, there are



approximately 300 teen-agers who are volunteer firemen in the area, and one of these is 18-year-old Kenneth Wood, a senior at Montgomery Blair High School.

Kenneth, a member of the Takoma Park Fire Department, explained the life of this public servant: "I receive no compensation; it's strictly volunteer work. The moment I hear the siren blowing, I have to come immediately to the firehouse, that's whether I'm in bed, whether it's raining or snowing, or whatever time it may be.

"From there on, I work on the same basis as the paid firemen. I'm there to save lives and property at all fires, and I've come to all the fires. Oh yes, no man can leave the firehouse, not even in an ambulance, if he isn't completely in uniform. The reason for the special uniform is that you have protection against the heat; a gas mask to keep you from suffocating; and wide brimmed hats to keep hot

boiling water from trickling down your neck!

"You have to be 18 to become a volunteer; however, if your father is a fireman, you can become one at 16. Before you can become really active you take a fire training course, which is taught either at the fire department or at the University of Maryland. You learn all about pumps and ladders and all, and then the second part of the course deals with saving lives and property.

"It's a swell thing to do," Kenneth concluded, "you've got to have quite a bit on the ball, be fast, do your work, and then it's exciting, as well as giving you the feeling that you've done something good."

Also fire-prevention-wise, still another outfit, strictly teen-agers, is learning about fire and its danger. At Wakefield and W-L High Schools, there are organized clubs called "Fire Fighters." They are teens who are being trained to become firemen but who aren't actually fighting fires yet. So you see, everybody, in case of fire, teen-agers are right there!

### Week-End Parties On Teen Calendar

Tomorrow night a fabulous Fall Ball is being held by the Toy Teens of the Southeast Jewish Youth Association. This



great autumn affair is being held at the Beth Israel Congregation at Minnesota ave-

nue and C street S.E. There will be music by the Four Stars with Jimmy Potter, and dancing will go from 8 to 12 p.m. This will really be a gigantic fun treat; it's 75 cents stag and \$1.25 drag. You get tickets at the door.

Two other activities this week end—from the Y-Teens. Tonight, the Junior Y-Teens of the Bethesda Y-Teen Cottage are having a "Get Acquainted With Our Foreign Neighbors" party. Each country will be represented through dishes served at the buffet supper. Hey, that sounds yummy. It begins at 7:30 and everybody can come.

And tomorrow, the Senior Y-Teens of the same cottage will throw a huge square dance. This big fling of a thing, partner, begins at 8 p.m. No tickets, no money, no nuthin'!

### Outstanding Teen Goes to Tech High

Now that school is clipping along again, Teen Scene will highlight each week the outstanding teen-agers in all fields—in school, hobbies, sports, interests, etc. So, if you know of someone who is an OUTSTANDING TEEN, then get on the beam and let me know. OK?

To begin the series, this week's outstanding teen is the all-around athlete. He's 178-pound Danny Torboll of McKinley Tech High, who plays all the sports and is good in all of them.

Standing 5 feet 8 inches tall,

Danny is a member of the Circle T Club, that isn't a dude ranch, it's the varsity athletic club for boys. Right now, he's first-string right halfback, and in basketball he's a guard, and in baseball he's a shortstop.

"I started sports when I was 6 years old," Danny said, "and the sport I liked the best then as I do now, is baseball. I like it best since it's more fun, and the knowledge of the game and techniques comes to me better." In his slugging, he's got about 450!

"I want to be a professional baseball player when I get out of school," Danny explained hopefully.

An 18-year-old junior with blond hair and blue eyes (who just started going steady this week!) practices two hours each day with the football team, and as far as the greasy-food restriction, Danny said, "I just eat anything!" His only gripe about any sport, he said, was that he didn't like to get beaten!

Danny, who learned all his sports from the Boys Club, is interested in fishing, movies, hanging around with the boys, and being with his girl.

If my baseball dreams can't come true, I'm hoping for a football scholarship to Miami! You see, it pays to be active in all sorts of sports!

Next week you find out what teenagers hate about newspapers, there's a new book, and a CELEBRITY! See you next Friday!

## Democratic Recording Available

Mrs. Katie Louchheim, director of Women's Activities of the Democratic National Committee, announced today the release of a long-playing phonograph record featuring Democratic Congresswomen.

Entitled, "First Ladies of Congress," the record is being offered free to all Democratic groups requesting it. Mrs. Louchheim revealed. Requests should be sent to the Office of Women's Activities of the Democratic National Committee.

Put out under the auspices of the Democratic National Committee, the record gives listeners a half-hour of informal interviews with the Congresswomen "outside the halls of Congress, in their offices, in committee and even in their homes."

Introduced by Mrs. Louchheim are Mrs. Iris Blitch of Georgia, Mrs. Martha Griffiths of Michigan, Mrs. Edna Kelly of New York, Mrs. Elizabeth Kee of West Virginia, Mrs. Edith Green of Oregon, Mrs. Gracie Pfoef of Idaho, Mrs. Coya Knutson of Minnesota and Mrs. Eleanor K. Sullivan of Missouri.

Mrs. Blitch, the first woman from Georgia to be elected to a full term to Congress talks about her committee work while Mrs. Griffiths deplores the recent cuts made in the home research program.

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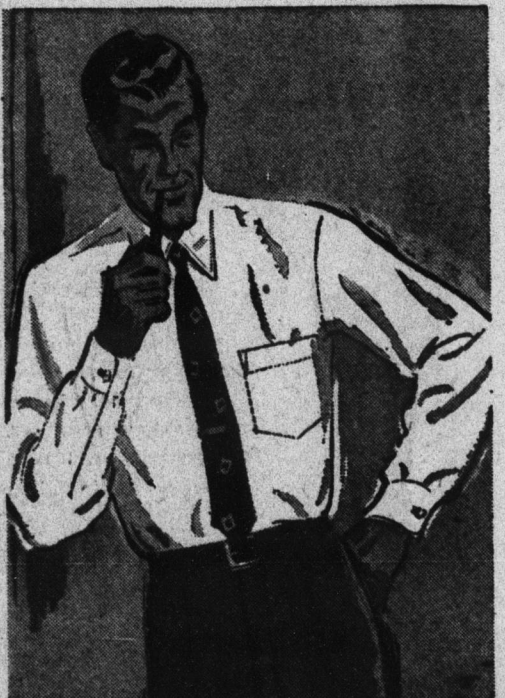
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