Villagers and the Village

—By THE WANDERER—

Mrs. Clinton Sears, of Madison avenue, a leader in work in the Birmingham Girl Scouts' organization, talked briefly before local Rotarians last week. She pointed out the value of scouting for girls, emphasizing that it is just as alluring for the development of "the gang spirit" among girls as scouting does for boys. Interesting facts revealed by Mrs. Sears were: there are 18 women on the Birmingham committee for Girl Scouts, with 206 girl scouts enrolled, in seven troops, each troop having a leader and lieutenant. There are 268,000 Girl Scouts in the United States. "We are seeking to train our girls into real leaders through educational and active instruction," stated Mrs. Sears. "Wholesome minds in wholesome bodies is our goal. We shall appreciate every aid given us in this area to benefit our girls."

Clarence Vliet, discussing the local tax situation, told a group the other day that Birmingham village and school tax rates are half-way between the two extreme rates in Michigan, "Of 120 communities investigated, Birmingham was sixty-first in the schedule, showing that it occupied a comparatively healthy position."

One-eyed automobiles in Birmingham are doomed. This Wanderer into the police department recently was informed by chief of Police John P. Hackett that motorists who insist on risking their own lives and the lives of others by driving with defective headlights will be prosecuted and patrolmen on night duty have been instructed to check up on all drivers of such cyclopean vehicles.

Add to the harbingers of spring—sandlot baseball. While the sport has been officially abandoned at Baldwin High School, it has not died in the village playgrounds and this Wanderer has recently observed several groups of "scrub" nines engaged in the sport on muddy fields. At Maple avenue and Bates street the other day a group of youngsters attracted a crowd with their shouts of excitement as they played the game on what had recently been a skating rink but had melted sufficiently to permit wading.

Elections have, for James V. Bayley, Bloomfield Township clerk, an attraction that few others of his official duties approach. Mr. Bayley for years now, has studied each succeeding election with all the enthusiasm of a child at a circus. He tries not to miss anything. Everything which he must personally do or supervise for the smooth conduct of an election, is done carefully, methodically, until an election to "Jim" Bayley today, is an art.

This Wanderer noticed him Monday morning. How carefully he placed the exact number of pencils in each cardboard box for each election booth! How religiously he devoted his time and energy to make certain each precinct received its just allotment of string, sealing wax, mucilage, rubber bands, blotters, pens, sealed ink!

If you know the telephone number of the Rev. Warner Forsyth of the St. James Episcopal Church, it is not difficult to remember the telephone number of the Rev. R. M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, this Wanderer observes. The Rev. Forsyth's phone number is 189 and the Rev. Atkins' phone number is 289.

"Roddy" Cox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Cox, of East Maple avenue, almost certain to be one of the University of Michigan backfield men when the grid season starts next fall, is assisting Coach Hoyt and his track team in preparation for the spring track season, this Wanderer learn in a dispatch from Ann Arbor.

A travelling salesman, visiting a local store the other day, displayed the latest in women's wear. The proprietor of the store was greatly interested. In fact, this Wanderer learns, he was so interested he distracted the salesman's attention for a moment by his enthusiastic approval of the apparel. In the meantime, however, he placed an old, very old corset among the salesman's displays. Unaware of the joke, the salesman took the order and at his next stop undoubtedly withdrew the corset in the presence of another buyer, to their mutual consternation.

Birmingham's Easter Egg Hunt, the first in the village's history, was so successful it was almost a failure. Howard Holah, manager of the Birmingham-Palmer Theater, who sponsored the hunt, told this Wanderer that twice as many children as had been expected were on hand early Saturday at the River Rouge Park hunting the eggs left by the Easter Bunny. In no time at all, most of the eggs were found, and while Mr. Holah tried to engage the attention of the children with stories, Mr. Holah's aides tried to hide some more eggs. "The little dickens couldn't be fooled, though," Mr. Holah said. "And in no time at all they were swarming away from my eloquence in the direction of the three men who were planting the extra three dozen eggs. Prizes were awarded the lucky children who found the various colored eggs.

One of the Wanderers, (this time G. R. A.), herewith acknowledges to the whole world the receipt of a box of smelt from Beulah, Mich. It was sent by Andrew Johnson, Beulah newspaperman. Upon opening the box, there was revealed some very clean, whole-some looking fish. We turned them over to Mrs. G. R. A., and suggested that she delve into her favorite cook book for some culinary ideas concerning the smelt family. As this is being written we have not yet tried out the smelt—but if they taste as good as they look, we'll tell Norman Lyle about it so that when we go out next month for some brook trout in near Alpena, we'll have something to relate to Carl Strand, Tom Schooley, and Fred Johnson as we return to the log cabin after a day's successful angling on a trout stream.

Rabbits, how to breed and sell them, is the topic of greatest conversational interest in the Birmingham Police Department, this Wanderer observes. With the success as a rabbit fancier achieved by Patrolman Stephenson, many other members of the department are now interested in raising them for sale next Easter.

If the good weather prevails Birmingham's motorcycle officers Robert Apsell and Robert Emmett soon will be on the roads again apprehending speeders and other traffic law violators, Chief John P. Hackett announces.

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Be Thy Rest" be sung at her funeral was fulfilled by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph, Mrs. Bliss and Mr. Crandall. Mrs. Schultz sang "Sometime We Will Understand," another favorite song of Mrs. Symons. The congregation sang "Rock of Ages."

Among the floral offerings was a wreath from the family containing 300 double tulips.

The active pallbearers, members of the Knights of Pythias, were Reginald Robinson, George Cahan, Charles Coburn, Leonard Snyder, Dale Carter and Cecil McCallum. The honorary pallbearers were Bernice Gebhardt, Mrs. Robinson, Florence Cole, Thelma Burkman, Eloise Carnahan, Arma White, Dorothy Marbleck and Genevieve Wahl.

"What a courageous soul she was!" said Mrs. Symons. "How hopeful, optimistic and self-sacrificing! In spite of weakness—suffering—face of death—how confident. How like:

"She gathered up the sunbeams lying all about her path,
She kept the wheat and roses, cast ing out the thorns and chaff;
She found her sweetest comforts in the duties of the day,
With a patient hand removing all the briers from the way."

EARLY APRIL BUILDING INCREASE REPORTED

During the first four days of April Birmingham experienced a decided increase in building activities, Donald C. Egbert, building inspector reports. Permits for new buildings and miscellaneous repair work for this period amounted to $69,550, Egbert reports.

If You Ask Me - -

By MARJORIE ELAINE PORTER

MENTALLY, it's a dangerous thing to put all your eggs in one basket. Expand, study, progress—these are the watchwords of the modern business woman. Her idea is to mix business and culture for the sake of a broader outlook. Characteristically, what she wants she plans to attain.

Through the medium of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women an interesting experiment will be conducted to further adult education. It is to be a "school of the printed page," and its resources will be available to the 60,000 members of the National Federation.

Study outlines will be presented monthly through the official publication of the organization. These outlines will be prepared by such an educational authority as Miss Frances Louise Nardin, dean of women at the University of Wisconsin, who will serve as dean. The faculty will include three other prominent women educators.

From a practical viewpoint as well as from that of cultural, the series of study outlines which will appear in the April issue of the magazine, will be grouped under the subject "Classical Art as a Background for European Travel."

This school is unique as an educational experiment, and one to be watched with interest. The idea of incorporating study outlines in the magazine is bit of strategy. The average study outline, as such, is too often, carefully laid away in the graveyard of good intentions for the leisure-or-culture hour that seldom arrives.

In a group of ambitious women like members of the National Federation, the experiment will no doubt, succeed.

SOMETIMES, when you wistfully look in a florist's window at the orchids or gardenias or pink or yellow roses, doesn't ever occur to you that there is one woman in the country who can order what, whenever and how many flowers she desires without any thought of cost. She is the First Lady, the President's wife, and at her command is all the horticultural talent that the greenhouse at the White House can muster.

There is one man in Washington who could and does tell intimate anecdotes about the floral preferences of women whose fairy fortune it has been to reside in the White House. He was the man who selected the best of the orchids with which Mrs. Edith Wilson was wooed and won by the President. He, Charles Henlock by name, told recently how he "picked the gardens clean" for the wedding of Alice Roosevelt.

He also had the sorrowful task of supplying flowers for the funeral of President Harding, and it was he who sent one white Killarney rose daily to Mrs. Coolidge to be placed on the grave of Calvin Coolidge, Jr.

It would be interesting to invite Mr. Henlock to tea some afternoon, were it possible, and learn more about the interesting women he has supplied with flowers to please them and fancy.

EVERY up-and-coming woman chuckles to herself now and then to learn of a clever sister whose cleverness has given the dear public a jolt in some way or other.

To wit, there is Marjorie Bowen, noted British author. As an author she wields so prolific a pen that she has created two authors from her imagination, for whom she supplies literary material.

Recently George Rünnell Preedy was hailed by critics and publishers as a startling new light on the English literary horizon. "Mr Preedy" won fame as the author of "The Rocklitz," which appeared in this country as "The Prince Darling."

Then came "The Devil's Jig," a book on old London, by "Robert Paye," who is another Preedy. And now it develops that both Mr. Preedy and Mr. Paye are imaginary authors created by Miss Bowen. Yes, she admits authorship of their novels. Even though British critics squirm because of their somewhat extravagant praise for Mr. Preedy and their failure to recognize Miss Bowen's identity.

But this is the wonderful thing about it. Miss Bowen finds time to supply "three authors" with novels, to supervise the education of her three sons—in private life she is Mrs. Arthur Long—to paint and do needlework.

After reading about Miss Bowen the tasks of the average housewife seem too small to warrant the alibi "I would have done this, but I haven't the time."

And what a "kick" it gives one to know that somewhere in this world is a woman who can fill not only one man's job, but a job big enough for two men and a woman.

FOR YOU who are interested in international affairs here's an amusing tidbit. The Russian embassy at Berlin occupies an imposing cream colored mansion in Unter den Linden. Rather too swanky for a proletarian government, but it was bought by the Czar, and the proletarian government has not done anything about it.

It seems, however, that the place is infested with peddlers and beggars. They are constantly waiting back and forth and around the embassy, but they never seem to dispose of their wares. Sh-sh-h! They are not peddlers and beggars at all!

They are Sappies. The explanation is that the aristocrats who were driven out of Russia by the Reds maintain spies to check up on the Reds. And the Reds maintain spies to spy on the spies of the aristocrats. So they all disguise themselves as peddlers and spend the day playing "I Spy." They have this over the advantage, however, few Russians need to buy false whiskers to make the disguise complete.

The mills of the gods grind slowly. In international relations in times of peace, speed is no consideration. For instance, the Franco-Italian relations. The proposals drafted by Foreign Minister Aristide Briand after consulting with the Italian ambassador Count Manzoni, will be submitted to experts for the final draft in London, April 14. One of the points involved in discussion is the difference between the words "accord" and "treaty."

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The Cave. They ordered food and remained at the table for an hour. Norvil Lucas, an employe, said Thin they drew guns and ordered Harbison, the employes and patrons to hold up their hands and back to the wall. One of the bandits took the money from Harbison while another prevented employes in the kitchen from giving the alarm. The third bandit forced the men patrons to give up their rings and watches. Women guests were told to remain quiet and that nothing would be taken from them.

Told To Lie On Floor

"We've got machine guns in our car, so follow us if you feel like it," Lucas said the bandits declared. As they left, they ordered the employes and guests to lie face down on the floor. They tore the telephone wires from the wall.

The robbery was reported by Lucas and J. C. Storey, 120 Calvert avenue, Detroit, who drove to Royal Oak police headquarters. Alarm was broadcast over Detroit and state police radio systems.

At 2:15 a. m. the bandits again visited the Jockey Club. This time they drew revolvers as they walked into the building and ordered employes and six patrons to throw up their hands. Two patrons were robbed of $22 while Dwyer lost $169. Mrs. Gladys Dwyer, wife of the proprietor, was threatened by one of the thugs who thought she was hiding some of the club's money.

At the Edison hotel, three bandits, answering the description of the three who held up the Southern Oakland county places, held up the clerk and six guests.

A waitress in one of the cabarets informed detectives she had frequently waited upon two of the thugs in a Pontiac restaurant.

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Mr. Brennan declared he had conferred, now are not in favor of the proposal when they urged it a short time ago. Mr. Brennan argued that he did not believe the alley was warranted because of business conditions and that it "business keeps on as it has been lately, I don't think there'll be anything there but wigwags."

It was further explained that John B. Williams, the owner of the postoffice site had invested $50,000 in the building there under the belief that the people wanted the alley and because they had signified their desire for it by signing the petition. Mr. Hacall told the commission that the usual clause in the lease enabling the government to cancel the lease on short notice had been deleted and that although an appropriation of $150,000 for the site and construction of a new postoffice in Birmingham had been recommended to Congress by the Treasury department, it was not probable that the appropriation would be made for some time.

Commissioner Frank S. Packard requested Mr. Parry to submit estimates on the cost of an alley, at grade with the present property, and the hearing was adjourned.

The first annual swimming meet for Scouts of the Birmingham District was held at the Barnum Pool last Monday. Despite the absence of quite a few of the swimmers there was keen competition in most of the events. Coach Engel and E. A. J. Wright, of the Detroit Council, refereed the meet. The first place winners will go to the Council-wide meet which will be held in Detroit early in June.

By means of six first places Troop 3 was able to win the meet scoring a second and a third to bring their total to 40 points. Troop 1 was second with three firsts, two seconds, and two thirds for a total of 27 points. Troop 2 with three seconds and a third was fourth with 14 points and troop 4 was last with one point to its credit.

200-yard relay-first, Troop 3 (T. Martindale, D. Stewart, G. Kinnison, Thompson) second, Troop 2 (K. Jones, D. Smith, B. McCormick, B. Pettypiece) third, Troop 1 (D. Burgess, C. James, D. Ellenwood, G. May).

25-yard free style for tenderfeet-first, G. May, Troop 1-second McCormick, Troop 2-third, Thompson, Troop 3.

50-yard back-stroke for first class-first, Kinnison, Troop 3-second, Ellenwood, Troop 1.

25-yard free style for second class-First, Geggie, troop 3. No other contestants.

25-yard breast-stroke for tenderfeet-first, James, Troop 1-Reynolds of Troop 3 and Forbes of Troop 4 were disqualified.

25-yard back-stroke for second class. No contest.

50-yard free style for first class-first, Stewart, Troop 3-second, Cushing, Troop 1-third, Jones, Troop 2.

50-yard free style for tenderfoot and second class-first, Geggie, Troop 3. No other contestants.

50-yard breast-stroke for first class-first, Burgess, Troop 1-second, Stark, Troop 3.

100-yard free style, open-first, T. Martindale, Troop 3-second, Smith, Troop 2-third, Cushing, Troop 1.

The banner presented to the winning troop will be awarded at the Court of Honor, May 22.

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According to the records of the Chairman of the Court of Honor, Shelton Wright, Lloyd L. Stanley, former Commissioner, has the largest number of merit badges in the Birmingham District. His total is forty-four. Alfred Schalm, Scoutmaster of Troop 3, has the next highest number of badges with forty-three. Dumont Mills of Troop 3 has forty merit badges and Pennock Wollaston and Howard Crull each thirty-six. C. D. Carr holds the one merit badge possessed by the District Committee.

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An inter-patrol signalling contest was the feature of Troop No. 1 meeting last Tuesday. The week-end hike for the Bear Patrol was called off because of insufficient attendance.

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The meeting of Troop 4 took the form of a hike last Tuesday. Star study and games were on the program. Plans for the troop's overnight hike at Camp George, Apr. 18, were made. At that time several birdhouses built by the boys will be taken out and erected.

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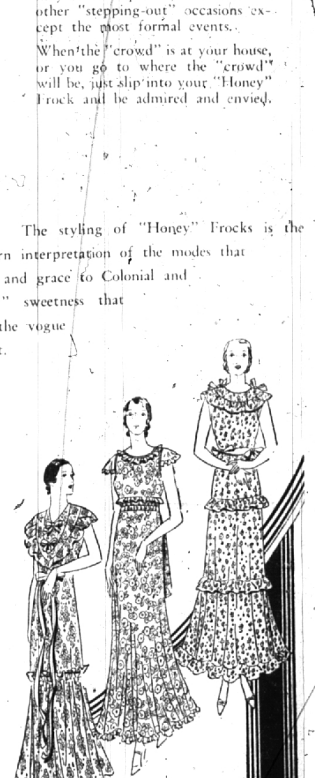

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DEFAULT having been made in conditions of a certain indenture of mortgage, made by George H. Mann and Jessie Arnold Mann, his wife, of the Village of Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan, mortgagors, to the Clarkston State Bank, a corporation, under the laws of Michigan of Clarkston, Oakland County, Michigan, dated the 8th day of July, A. D. 1926, and recorded on the 21st day of July, A. D. 1926, in Liber 425 of Mortgages, on pages 161 to 164 inclusive, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland, at the City of Pontiac, Michigan, and whereas, by the terms and provisions of the said mortgage, it is provided and agreed among other things that in case default be made in the payment of principal or interest, or in taxes or insurance, or any part thereof, when the same are payable, and should the same, or any part thereof remain unpaid for the period of thirty days, the whole principal sum of the said mortgage, together with all arrearages and interest thereon, shall at the option of said mortgagee, its legal representatives or assigns, and without notice become and be due and payable immediately thereafter though the period above limited for the payment thereof may not have expired, the commencement by the said mortgagee, its legal representatives or assigns, of proceedings to foreclose this mortgage in any manner authorized by law shall be deemed an exercise of the said option. Whereas, the said mortgagor having failed and neglected to make payment of installments of principal and interest as evidenced by a certain note which the said mortgage was given in secure, and more than thirty days having elapsed since the happening of such default, and whereas the undersigned as the owners of the said mortgage have elected and do elect to declare said mortgage in default, and to exercise their right to declare the whole amount due on said mortgage due and payable forthwith, and whereas, there is claimed to be due and owing on this date for principal and interest the sum of, ($1,959.56) One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-, and 56/100 Dollars, and whereas, the undersigned as owners of the said mortgage, does hereby declare the whole amount of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable forthwith, and whereas, no proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover said money or any part thereof. Now, Therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, the 25th day of June, A. D. 1931,** at twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Northerly or Huron Street entrance of the Oakland County Court House in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held), the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as will be necessary to realize the amount due as aforesaid, on said mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs allowed by law, and provided for in said mortgage, including the statutory attorney fees, to-wit:

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