Oh, if within the average human head and heart there were the loyalty, faith, and devotion that even a friendly dog shows for his master! What a better world this would be.

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Junior Red Cross Sends Yule Boxes

Oakland county girls and boys are doing their share in bringing cheer and happiness to children in foreign lands. Already Pontiac and Royal Oak members of the American Junior Red Cross have assembled 143 boxes and shipped them to other countries in time for Christmas.

The boxes, expressing good will, include gifts of dolls, toys, pencils, paints, crayons, balls, marbles, whistles, puzzles, tops, ribbons, wash cloths, handkerchiefs, sewing materials, etc. They are assembled for both boys and girls and packed in attractive red and white greetings kits.

The Junior Red Cross is a division of membership of the American Red Cross and functions in the schools. Boys and girls in elementary and secondary schools—public, private and parochial—participate in the Junior Red Cross activity programs under the joint direction of the American Red Cross and the schools.

A total of 703 schoolrooms have been enrolled in the Junior Red Cross in eighty schools of Oakland county. Juniors have made clothing and knitted articles for the war sufferers in Europe, have contributed to the National Children's fund, have made favors and useful articles for veterans hospitals and local institutions.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

The boys at the Lions Club are working on their annual supper-dooper feather party. The date set is Monday evening, Nov. 17.

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"Please don't bugs candles in papier-mache Halloween lanterns," asks Fire Chief Vern Griffith. Sunday evening, firemen were called to the Wallace Dodds home, 636 Puritan, where a candle and lantern caught fire and burned drapeties, a rug, woodwork and books. The loss was estimated at $100.

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Perhaps you have noted from time to time, the various types of display in the Birmingham National Bank, covering subjects from old chinaware to former kinds of money. This miniature display is entrusted to Ray Woolcutten, one of the tellers. Said he to this Wanderer the other day: "I would like to have local people furnish me with old photographs of Birmingham and vicinity, for display in our lobby. Will you ask your readers to contact me if they have such pictures available?"

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Mr. and Mrs. Peter Denny Patten and daughter, Marliette, refugees from Greece who stayed in Bloomfield Hills not long ago, are now in New York where Mr. Patten is employed by a metals concern. Do you remember the story in The Eccentric telling of their exciting escape during the German attack on Greece?

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Winningham are making preparations to leave for Florida around Nov. 15, where they will move into their newly-completed home at Fort Lauderdale.

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We have received a note from Howard D. Crull asking that his Eccentric be sent to 1424 Court street, Port Huron. His office is in the Junior College Building—that gray stone structure alongside the street which leads to the Blue Water bridge.

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The police department has three unclaimed bicycles on hand. There are two girls' bikes—a Vogue and a Flyer, and one boys' bicycle without a name, but black with trim of another color.

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Boys (identity unknown), took some cement blocks from the site of a new house on Kennesaw and put them on the driveway of James H. Barrett, 720 Kennesaw, last Saturday. You can easily imagine what happened; the Barrett car ran into the blocks.

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Mrs. Arthur D. Chantler, 2138 Yorkshire, reported to police Tuesday that her son, John, 11 years old, had been bitten 15 days ago by a dog owned by the W. A. Sicketee family, now resident in Grand Rapids.

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An article discussing the integration of health education into the school curriculum, written by Dr. Rudolph D. Lindquist, director of Cranbrook School, appears in the October issue of the Michigan Public Health Bulletin.

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All was calm at the James F. Elliott home, 5565 Glenhurst, Saturday evening, until at 11:50 p. m., a face outside was seen peering through the window. Police found no trace of the man.

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Have you ever violated section 6 of Ordinance 168? Don't doubt it. It pertains to owning a cow, and letting it roam about the neighborhood. Saturday, police received a complaint that a Smith street resident was permitting her cow to wander hither and yon. Yes, there are a few cows left in this sophisticated city.

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Next time Harold Coldren, 623 East Lincoln avenue, buys an ean, he probably will smear it with dirt and add a few daubs of paint. Last Thursday, his brand-new, bright and shiny auto was stood at the curb and tempted a thief who took it away.

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Patents have been issued to H. R. Birkford for a boiler cleaner; to Frank L. Main, for a master cylinder; and to Clade R. Paton, for a motor vehicle.

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Ray H. Bechtold, high school principal, treated the Rotary Club, Monday, in celebration of his new son, who arrived last Friday. Instead of handing out the usual cigars, Ray gave each man a chocolate bar, plus a clever shipping tag, on which was printed the following information:

"I arrived on the 4:19 a. m.
Aboard the Stork Express.
Both mad and glad I'm called,
I'm sure they will confess.

I weighed exactly 8 lbs. 8.
No featherweight was I.
October 24th the date,
When first they heard my cry.

They named me John Paul,
A name you plainly see,
Hope every well with Bechtold,
If even pleases me!

So come and see me one and all,
I may not be much yet,
But keep on watching and I grow,
And see how big I get!"

John Walter, bowling writer for the Detroit News, has this to say about Birmingham's Mrs. Betty Chapman:

"Mrs. Betty Chapman of the Birmingham Recreation is carrying a 187 average, one of the highest of any woman bowler in the country, as the result of a smashing 661 series in the Merchants League at her own establishment Friday.

"Mrs. Chapman had games of 235, 233 and 213 in the league which is sanctioned by both the ABC and Women's International Bowling Congress because teams are composed of three men and two women.

"The 661 equals the fifth highest series rolled in the United States this season, according to the latest report of the nation's scores by Eli Whitney of the ABC. It is the second highest in Michigan this season, Minnie Sachs, Lemmin, Grand Rapids, having hit a 665 series earlier."

To which this Wanderer adds this remark: "And that ain't nothin' to snooze at."

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Dr. J. B. Hassberger is now a full fledged pilot and has eight hours solo to his credit.

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Here is a new idea: A service is available which allows a bride to have her wedding ceremony recorded on records, including the music and the vows at the altar. Lee R. Davis, who is situated out at Will-O-Way, says he conceals a microphone in a bouquet of flowers to catch the words, while his machine is in an ante-room nearby, recording the sound.

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Mrs. Vernon Sewell, whose husband is in the British Navy, is certainly pushing the sale of those little gold "Thumbs-up" pins, sponsored by the British War Relief Society. She has already banked $75 from sale of the pins. And just while walking about, with a couple of pins on her own lapel, she has sold 90! Costing four cents each, the pins are sold for 25 cents, with all the profits going to relieve human suffering in Britain.

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Does any of our readers have a piano he would like to donate for a worthy use? The Adams School first grade needs such an instrument, for the teacher plans to start an orchestra. Call Mrs. Stuart Cobb, 694 Yorkshire, phone 694. Mrs. Cobb represents the P.-T. A.

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Some one entered the Ingram home, 1859 Yorkshire road, last week, coming in a back window and leaving the less dubious way so the side door. However, nothing appeared missing.

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A Royal Oak resident, Miss Bernice McClelland, 517 Orchard View drive, was driving near Birmingham last Thursday afternoon when she felt faint. She stopped alongside a youth and asked him to drive her to a doctor, so the boy did so, coming to the Wabeek Building. Just as he drove into the parking lot, the woman fainted and deflected the steering wheel so that a minor collision resulted. Sgt. Earl Moody took her to St. Joseph's hospital. The youth's name was not obtained.

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Connecticut Valley

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IT IS HARD to describe perfection. This new home, near the Bloomfield Hills Country Club, is as close to perfection as any home, by thoughtful design and superb construction, can be. It was built only three years ago and was then a show place—with the improvements that have been made, it is even more attractive now.

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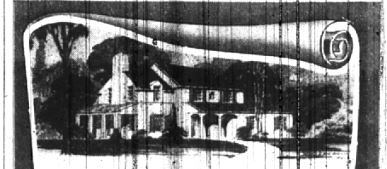

Franklin Village

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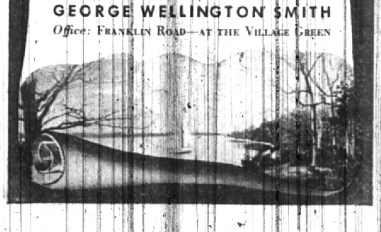

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ALMOST NOVEMBER

Sunny days grow scarce . . . green leaves turn to yellow and to gold and then to deep gold; turn to red and to scarlet and purple . . . deeper grow brown and sear . . . crumble and go back to earth again. The dread cold hangs above like a thick grey curtain, hangs and sways to and fro, comes down lower and lower. Each glorious day holds it in abeyance, keeps it swaying, but high up; and though it will come down, surely must come down, there will be other fall days here and there, days of recompense. Later the snow will come, the white beautiful miracle of the snow, perfect surpassing all perfection, whiter than whiteness and tinted like all the flowers of earth and like the rainbow of heaven, silver spangled with silver like that of the moon and of the stars. After the snow has gone the long span of sunny days will come back to the earth.

—Beatrice McDonald

Look Out

Now that concrete highways are the rule everywhere, it will not be long before some after-dinner speaker refers to the hardening of the arteries of traffic.—Seattle Times.

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