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One of the customs of modern service clubs is to assess fines against their members for various "infractions"—and infractions being whatever suits the whim of the assessing officer, plus the willingness of the members to pay. Since Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham Public Schools, looks over the presidency of the Birmingham Rotary Club July 1, a veritable rash of fines has been levied—from an actual infraction of some rule to a fancied one; the money collected—ranging from fines to quarters—goes into the club's crippled children fund.

Dr. Ireland continues his record in collecting fines, no doubt he'll be drafted by the U. S. Treasury Dept. to help get the nation out of debt—laughed one local Rotary Monday, after paying several fines.

The Servant game Friday night at the University of Detroit's last appearance in U of D stadium until Oct. 26, when the Titans entertain the University of the Missouri Valley Conference. A lot of Birmingham fans were on hand for that game Friday night. The Titans will meet Mississippi State College in Memphis on Oct. 13 and Villanova College in Philadelphia Oct. 21.

There'll be a record amount of key advertising for the Thanksgiving feast this year, one of the city's leading food distributors predicts today. The second largest white potato crop on record, a more than average amount of cranberries and nuts, and plenty of onions, squash, citrus fruits, sweet potatoes, celery, pumpkin and whipped cream, all will be available from now until the first of the year, at least. The altitude high production of 44,000 turkeys this year is 22 per cent above a year ago and 44 per cent greater than average. Cranberry production this year totals approximately 650,000 barrels.

Those Birmingham residents who appreciate brilliant fall colors are just now beginning to take those early October color tours. And for those who cannot tour there is a walk through the parks and woods of the city. Trees here are just now turning color and some of them are really beautiful. So to one who has no car, no dog, or his friends to take him out to far places, just try a visit to the beauty spots right at home. They're here and they're worth seeing.

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The Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Detroit attending the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan. Mr. Harris is chairman of the committees on United Presbyterian and War Time Service, and gave his annual report on Wednesday.

C. A. Sweeney, Michigan Bell Telephone company manager at Royal Oak was down in Boston last week and missed Rotary Club but returned home just in time to journey to Birmingham Monday to make up, and thus maintain his seven-year perfect Rotary Club attendance record. Sweeney says everywhere he went that day around Boston meetings were at night or the next day. He was just out of luck.

Birmingham did have a few football fans down at Ferndale the other day when the Barnum Junior High team of this city met the Ferndale outfit by appointment. This Wanderer asked about any players toward whom Coach Helder and Coach Cliff Irving might be casting longing eyes and was told that in this game Yates was the star. He and Cliff Irving played a lively game at guard. Campbell, in the backfield, had the power when it came to smashing over for the winning point, fans reported.

Perry A. Vaughan, of Stone-Island drive, says he hopes there is some good deer hunting weather in the next few days. He and a group of friends plan to be up at their club near Lincoln where a large number of deer slayers congregated each November. The Birmingham township official explained that the Wanderer that deer hunting had always been good up around their club, but that the shooting had not always been the best; that is, not as far as he is concerned.

Anticipated record sale of resident deer licenses this fall has the game department in a dither. Birmingham hunters are already buying. An additional 15,000 resident licenses has been ordered from the printer, making a total of 323,000 licenses that have been distributed among dealers. The department sent 10 per cent more licenses to dealers this fall than they sold last year. Some dealers already are reporting that their original allotments have been exhausted.

A Birmingham autoist, who drives considerably in the area around Barnum Junior High School asked this Wanderer the other day if anything could be done to keep the school children on the sidewalks and thus leave the streets for use of cars and other vehicles. "I just can't hardly get my car out of the streets nontimes or when school is out afternoons, the autoist wailed. "These kids slobby seem to want to walk about five abreast right down the middle of the street and what chance has a poor auto driver? He just hasn't any. He must almost take to the sidewalk to get through. And while I am about it, why shouldn't I complain about the cars who fail to stop at the stop streets? They pop right up in front of us poor autoists, and it seems that only the aid of the Father Above keeps them from being hit."

LaRoy Weaver, constable in Troy township, tells an unusual incident on East Maple the other day. He says he happened to be in an area where, lately, persons not entirely unknown have been dumping garbage and rubbish along the side of the road. He met a resident from a nearby community and showed him how people were using the roadside for a dump. In one box of rubbish the man discovered papers from his own home. In telling of the incident to this Wanderer, Mr. Weaver asked if an appeal could be made to families to care for their own rubbish and have the city pick up the garbage. "I was about the way the officer stated his suggestion."

Work is being pushed right along on the new additions to the Kinsley Inn building in Bloomfield Hills. This Wanderer was up that way the other day when a resident offered the information that the building would likely be all enclosed "before cold weather sets in." And that reminds us there is quite a bit of building going on in Birmingham, the Hills and the sections surrounding. Additions to present buildings, new commercial structures, some new homes, a garage addition or two and some others. "Looks like progress," one old resident declared.

Among the members of the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Architects who have recently received appointments on local committees of the I.A.A. are Eero Saarinen, allied arts, and Eliel Saarinen, urban planning committee. The local men received their notices Saturday.

One's own disappointment over some happening of life is often softened a bit by the knowledge that someone else has been made happier in connection with the same event. This Wanderer heard the other day of one of those a. m. phone calls which come and then to Birmingham families. A bit of disappointment for the moment to one mother but which breaks a bit of happiness to some other mother's son. Mrs. Mary Hale, 187 Merritt was called by her slumber by the loud ringing of her phone. Just for the moment she thought it might be her son, Sgt. Earl Hale, for some time in the South Pacific, with news that he had received his discharge, or maybe he was making a funnish or the voice was strange. It was that of a friend of Cpl. Shirley Hale, another slumbering and an orphan lad who had no close relative to whom to relate the happy word he was soon to be in again. "I just had to call someone, am so happy," he said. So Mrs. Hale, like a good mother, shared in the youth's good fortune and knew the soldier was happier for having told someone of his good fortune.

In Tuesday's Free Press Major Clemens' Flag of 1283 on the corner avenue, Birmingham, a war veteran alman with 83 missions to his credit, came to the attention of this Wanderer. It seems that the veteran flyer, who wears the Air Medal with two clusters, was granted a private pilot's license but had been told he would have to take ten hours of instruction from a civilian pilot.

Very few people in town ever knew that Chesterfield street extended one block south of West Maple avenue. The street might have been opened sometime in the long time ago. But of late years the land has been covered with weeds and appeared to be just "vacant" property. But if anyone was worried about it they need be no longer for today it isn't a street and its status of "vacant" property soon will be changed. Monday night the city commission closed the street, which extends along the east side of property recently purchased by the First Presbyterian church as the site of its new building. There was no objection made to the street closing and unanimous action was taken Monday by the commission. The Wanderer was told that the church contemplates clearing up the land and keeping it looking more attractive until

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much time as the new church can be erected.

A call to the police department the other day brought word that a car had crashed into a tree along Woodward avenue in the south part of the city and that the car driver apparently was badly injured. Police hurried to the scene and found the car alight, but the driver was missing. "He just vanished in thin air," the police said. A passing motorist volunteered the information that the driver was there when the car went in. But he wasn't there when the police came out. Investigation revealed that the car had been stalled at the scene and that the driver really did not want the police to get him. The car, a 1942 DeSoto, was badly wrecked.

Earl Bond had his two-wheeled trailer parked at 784 South Woodward for some time but it isn't there any more. Someone stole it. That's what Bond reported to the police. "They just walked off with the thing," he said.

Some people appear to be in a real hurry. At least that's what the traffic officers conclude when they catch an autoist driving 60 miles an hour in a 45 mile zone. So James Wall, of Pontiac, drew a ticket the other day and from the general rules in such cases the Wanderer figures it cost the autoist around \$25 of course he lost some time while stopped to get his ticket.

Children being bitten by dogs continues to be one of the frequent complaints made to Birmingham police. Recently Eugene A. Hubbard, 1321 Pierce reports his ten-year-old daughter bitten in the face by a stray dog. Police this week also have complaints of many stray dogs, some with licenses and some without.

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