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Sergeant Earl Moody, of the Birmingham police department, likes to take pictures, including those used in law enforcement work. In a recent case before Circuit Judge Frank L. Doty, in Pontiac, Sergeant Moody was complimented by the judge for pictures he had taken that related to the case then before the court.

Some day, this Wanderer expects, somebody within the structure of Birmingham's municipal government will find a way to make the sidewalk drinking fountain in front of the Kravos store work; most of the time it only dribbles, in tantalizing and unhygienic fashion; now it has stopped altogether.

Howard R. Ester, 492 Rivencok, suggests a novel plan to capture or annihilate pheasants in areas where open hunting is banned—especially where pheasants come in and ruin gardens. "Get yourself a couple of fighting roosters, place them in a location where you scatter plenty of feed; then watch the pheasants, as they come for the food; get into scrap with the roosters. Pheasants are good fighters, but so are the roosters," he explains.

There was one available parking space on West Maple avenue one day last week, and a car came to the customary stop, maneuvering to get next to the curb; behind the car was another that came up suddenly, and, while the first car



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was still maneuvering, the second one got the place. The second motorist jumped out, his countenance ashen at the sight of the driver. "That kind of selfishness," remarked an observer of the situation, "is what makes for a lot of trouble in this world; what a waste of a lot of difference it would have had courtesy on the part of that second driver been practiced."

If people in Birmingham insist on playing games in their back yards, this incident is liable to be repeated frequently. It's high time that all self-respecting birds were heading south for the winter and the other day a papa and mama bird, in company with Junior bird, were passing over Birmingham on their way to a sunnier clime. By the time they had flown to 14 Mile, they noticed that we bird was lagging behind, a trick he had been pulling since the trip began. "You wait here and I'll go back and hustle him up," he said. The mama bird, however, was back to midtown he flew and sure enough he found Junior dilly-dallying along the route and he seemed to be in bad flying condition. In his own words he confessed that he was a bit weary well beat out bird. Dad reminded him that if he hadn't lagged back to play he could have avoided the scrub and he took, and then asked him how it happened. Junior said he was flying along over someone's backyard when: "I saw a little bird down there flying back and forth and up and down, up and down and back and forth, so I went down to take a look at it. It was the dumbest badminton game you ever saw."

Ralph Coryell, Jr., don't know just now whether he is going to get a chance for overseas service or not. Ralph was in that radar study group but ran into a bit of rheumatic fever out on the Pacific coast and has been in the Oakland Naval Hospital. He writes that he is recovering and likely will take a hop down into the southern part of California for the fall and maybe a part of the winter.

One Birmingham hunter declares today he never noticed so many hunters out in the fields and woods on the opening day of the small game season as he saw Monday. "There were actually 50 hunters in one 40-acre field. Roads leading to the pheasant country northeast of Birmingham were literally clogged with cars Monday morning. On some roads the travel was almost bumper to bumper and all cars headed toward some favored bird territory." Some Birmingham hunters report good luck. Others said they had good hunting but no shooting.

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Allen Loomis, Retarian from Elkhart, Ind., is the guest of his son, Peter Loomis, having recently returned to Birmingham. Loomis, three or four months at his cottage near Koscusko, Mr. Loomis told Retarians in Birmingham Monday that he had made up meetings at East Jordan, Boyne City and other clubs of the Upper Michigan country, and that he had even taken the boat trip across to Sturgeon Bay, Wis., to take up on a missed Rotary luncheon.

Changing tires these days sometimes proves a costly bit of work. At least Michael Danko of Detroit took a \$20.00 when he suffered a badly injured hand while trying to change tires on his car on East Maple at Hunter. The injured man was taken to Highland Park General Hospital where the thumb on one hand was amputated.

The Wanderer was told the other day that youngsters of the city might profit by another reminder to take better care of their bicycles. Police have recovered bicycles stolen from Jule Hazard, 339 Townsend and from Chuck Wedge, 911 Smith. One was found in Springdale park and one at the corner of Holland and Adams.

City Manager Harold H. Corson took off by automobile Tuesday afternoon for the north country. Elmer Haack, city assessor, accompanied him and the pair seemed to be on their way to the Michigan Municipal League at Traverse City. A member of the city commission was heard to remark Monday that "it's dollars to donuts that Corson won't be back before the end of the week. I heard he had his sleeping bag and his gun in the rear of the car and I'll bet he stops off somewhere for a try for partridge or pheasants." The Wanderer hopes the hunter gets his limit of nice fat birds.

One of the first of the new unbreakable phonograph records to be sold in town went to the Birmingham Public Library, reports one of the Wanderer's scouts. It's the same size and shape as the old kind but a mighty pretty red color and transparent. And you can take your hands and bend it and it doesn't break. The title is The Merry Pranks of Titi Eulenpiegel, by Richard Strauss.

Bloomfield Hills today has a new city attorney. The resignation of Rogers I. Marquis was accepted at the city's meeting of the City Commission and William B. Hartman, associated with the law firm of Petton & McGee, in Pontiac, was named in his place. Mr. Marquis told the commission he was no longer working in the legal profession. Dr. Worth Ross, physician at Cranbrook School, was reappointed as health physician for the city.

A lot of Birmingham people seem to be very much interested in their city and in the program of work necessary to keep it clean, happy and lively place in which to make one's home. Lately (see a) communications have found their way to the desk of the Wanderer on the matter of zoning, new business and such matters. Today one came from a woman on Hazel street, asking "have you made any protest about the attempts to put slums back of us?"

Color tours, beautiful ones at that, were enjoyed the past week end by hundreds of Birmingham families. Probably Michigan is right now offering its greatest beauty. This Wanderer wandered up through Central Michigan over

the week end and found the colors more brilliant each mile of the way. The beauty spots appeared before one could get out of town and continued to grow in beauty and color until the Wanderer was fairly awed from their brightness. In every direction out of Birmingham the scene was repeating. The farther one traveled north the more colorful became the woods. Every color of the rainbow was there, painted on the leaves and bushes of woods and fields.

During the sixth game of the World Series, in which the Tigers and Cubs stumbled, fumbled and tripped along until the Cubs finally won out in the twelfth inning, mamma was listening to the radio, just as excited as all other good Tiger fans around our city. When it was all over and the Cubs scored a run to win the ball game, mamma slumped down in a chair and cried as she explained to her three-year-old daughter, "the Tigers lost." Baby daughter took mamma very much to heart, too, but she didn't quite understand. Her solution was offered in a pitiful lisp, "I want to get something about that. Can't you just get a three-year-old little girl into a situation as exciting as looking for lost Tigers?"

Walter L. Moreland says he knows relatively little about horticulture, but the Wanderer nominates him as the horticulturist to do all horticulture in Birmingham. "Wait a minute," says Moreland, "I'm raising a tree on a terrazzo floor in Birmingham Federal office and if Burbank ever stops over here we never heard about it. However, I'm not a horticulturist. Wait a minute, I'm a trick with a hole in it. The tree is sprouting through a steam trap in the floor and is now over a foot high."

Now if those "just released" shrapnel shells can only be hurled to Birmingham, a lot of local Nimrods are going to get some chance to get their hands on shrapnel and other such game. Word has come from Washington, D. C., that the Navy has added about four million shrapnel shells to the pool. These, together with about six million which the Army says it is releasing, are expected to find their way to stores shortly. The Navy's contribution is reported to be 12-gauge shells. So it's been going to the west coast to start a day's hunt. Maybe this wanderer can get more than a half dozen shells at a time.

In one of Birmingham's beauty parlors the other day a 70-year-old matron was being prepared for her hair to be styled. "I'm as old as you are," said the "virgin hair." And the Wanderer was reminded that life of men of that age don't have any hair.

Thursday in a local barber shop when this Wanderer was having his hair trimmed (he had to wait until the Tiger won the championship to win that last day's hunt) a customer, customer-father-man wanted one of those ducks so he could roll down the road and kick out onto the lake and start fishing, while a customer-hunter wanted some of those new fangled gins with which to bring down some game birds and deer.

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