

Though most people realize that what and how they eat brings on many physical troubles, they pay little attention to the rules of good diet; though most people know that to get something for nothing is unwise, they go on getting it; this age appears to be on a drift toward general breakdown of law and order.

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Probably just a secretary's mistake, the Wanderer received this week a bit of publicity from a Detroit corporation which was sent out with an original notice plus five carbon copies. Or maybe they just wanted us to be sure and notice the release. (P.S. as in the case of much of this type of stuff, our readers won't find it in The Eccentric this week.)

Hal Heimer, Baldwin High School football coach, has returned to Birmingham after spending the past two weeks at the Ohio State-Notre Dame coaching school, which was held in Toledo this year. The school is one of the nation's largest.

Besides having a staff of the finest football coaches in the country, headed by Frank Leahy, of Notre Dame and Paul Dixler, new coach of Ohio State, it is attended by Football coaches from coast to coast.

The family dog is not only going to have his day, but rather a whole week this year. For Sept. 22-28 is to be National Dog Week in the nation, the Wanderer learns. And in line with this "celebration," the nation's dog owners will have the opportunity of gaining country-wide notoriety if one of them has the oldest dog in the U. S. If any dog owner in the Birmingham area

has a dog which has lived an abnormally long time, he is asked by the Gaines Dog Research Center to contact Harry Miller, executive secretary of the Center, 250 Park Ave., New York City 17. In case it's a prebred you wish to enter, send registration papers. If a cross-bred, an affidavit from the owner and sworn statements from other persons should testify to the dog's age. Any documentary papers will be returned. How about it—have we any dogs in Birmingham that can make a showing in this contest?

One of the first things a civic-minded family does in moving to a new community is to subscribe to the community newspaper in order to become acquainted with the town or city in which they will live. Such a family is the Irwin T. Whites, who have just moved into their new home at 501 Larchlea. Mr. White is now a Cleveland district manager for a Cleveland manufacturing concern. Mrs. White is the daughter of Congressman Guy U. Hardy, long-time editor and publisher of a Colorado daily newspaper. The Whites have two children, Anne, 8, and Stephen, 7. Snyder, a suburb of Buffalo, was the family home for several years prior to their moving to Birmingham. "Being newspaper-trained," Mrs. White told the Wanderer, "the first thing I did on deciding to move to Birmingham was to subscribe to The Eccentric so as to become acquainted with the new place in which we were to make our home."

Mechanization—that's the password to today's building obstructions. Now that prefabricated houses are appearing on the market, although in limited quantities, I see where modern science has taken another step to increase the speed with which a house can be built—with a saving of money, too," a local citizen remarked to the Wanderer the other day. "There's a new machine on the market now which lays 20 times as many bricks a day as is possible with hand labor. If the machine can be adapted to average home building, we certainly could get a lot of brickwork done on these new homes that are going up."

Beginning next Wednesday, Sept. 4, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Detroit, will begin holding testimony meetings at 12 noon in the Shubert-Lafayette Theater.

The Wanderer had been informed. This new service has been adopted in order to permit office workers and others in the downtown area to attend these meetings, it was announced.

Women shoppers who have often had the misfortune to be carrying home groceries only to have the brown paper bag split and spill over the sidewalks, can look forward to a new type of paper bag headed for grocers from coast to coast. The Wanderer sees where this new bag is so sturdy it holds together even in rain—in fact, say reports, water even makes the chemically treated fibers grow stronger.

Here's a suggestion for some veteran eating about for a business opportunity in Birmingham: how about investigating the local possibility of establishing a local route for the sale—front truck at the front door—of all types of frozen foods? Like the vegetable truck, for instance. (Already Long Island, N. Y., housewives are enjoying this type of service—and at slightly less than store-bought goods, they report.)

"These past few days have been quite cool in our house—cool quite enough, in fact, so that we've had to use the oil burner lately," remarked one Birmingham homeowner to the Wanderer. But the Wanderer surmises that it will have to be quite a bit cooler yet before the coal burning owners begin the trouble to stoke up the furnace.

Summer vacations hit the City Commission hard this week, the Wanderer noticed. Mayor Milton Mailender and Commissioners John Mertz and Bill Martin were absent from the Commission meeting this past Monday—probably enjoying the scenic delights of Michigan for a week or two.

Read to the Commission Monday night was an anonymous letter which called attention to the fact that the city has no hallway light in one of Birmingham's downtown apartment buildings. After due deliberation, the Commission decided that the tip should be referred to Building Inspector Scott Hersey.

Back from a week-end vacation in the northern part of the lower Peninsula, the Wanderer stopped in a couple of Michigan's state parks to see how many vacationers have been occupying the facilities of the parks. The report is very favorable in that many of the camping sites have been occupied. However, for the information of any late summer vacationists, there are still many good sites available in

a number of the parks. That is, if you will avoid the more popular ones and get a little way off the beaten track. Most of the time these rather out-of-the-way parks are just as good—while some are much better—than the ones close to a populated community. (More BITS on Page 1, Part 3)

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