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Location is paramount to many home seekers today. For those who like to be close to shops, schools and transportation the area near Piety Hill is much sought after for only here can be found rural beauty in the heart of the village.

The house isn't new, of course, and the price is based accordingly. There's a long living room, with a sun porch at one end; a good-sized dining room and a kitchen equipped with stove and refrigerator, both General Electric and new. The three upstairs bedrooms are average in size, as is the bath which serves them.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Main, who spent the last week visiting friends in the Pittsburgh region, found the highway anything but good for their trip back to Birmingham last week Wednesday. Roads were slippery and slow and the Main report, it took them nearly twice as long a time as usual for the journey. Both agreed "That was one trip we did not enjoy very much."

Having a deer come bounding across the highway and smash right into the side of one's car really is some experience, and a frightening one, too, for Birmingham folks. But this did really happen last Friday morning while Mrs. Walter Hickey, of Brown street was driving in on Woodward avenue from a morning trip to Cranbrook. The deer, a small buck, dashed out of Charing Cross road, across the northbound lane of the road, across the island to the southbound lane and crashed into the side of the Hickey car. The deer was badly injured and the car considerably damaged. Bloodfield police were called and dispatched the injured animal. The conservation department was notified and sent a truck for the deer. This is the first time a deer has

been seen running wild so near Birmingham, Michigan. Some residents have expressed the belief that it may have gotten away from some estate over near Rochester, while still others say it likely was a real wild deer, for deer are known to wander into far places at this time of year.

It really is a shame to spoil the closing days of vacation by reminding the children and young folks that school opens next Monday, but that's the date set for the return of teachers and pupils to the class rooms of Birmingham schools. The Christmas and New Year holidays have proven quite in keeping with the season of the year, with cold weather and snow aplenty. But the vacation will be over this week end and the back to school journey will start next Monday.

If you're going to do any fishing through the ice this winter, better get your 1946 fishing license. The supply of licenses has been shipped and local sporting goods dealers anticipate at least a few requests for early in the year, for ice on some of the nearby lakes is reported thick enough for fishing shanties. The Wanderer has been told that along with the new fishing license comes a 32-page folder explaining the 1946 fishing laws.

"Maybe Birmingham doesn't have all the good weather available in the world but the city certainly misses a lot of bad weather and maybe the two balance up quite well," said Mrs. Charles Blunt, Pierce street, in telling friends how the Christmas day ice storm had hit some far away places much more severely than it had here in Birmingham. The Blunt had planned to motor to Hendersonville, North Carolina, for

Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Koch, but plans in the family and prospects of bad weather forced a change in plans. "We are glad now we did not attempt the trip," Mrs. Blunt explained. "For my mother writes that the ice storm there was very bad. They awoke Christmas morning to find limbs broken from the trees and some trees broken over or torn out by the roots by the weight of the ice and force of the wind. Roads were blocked, telephones and electric lines down. Homes were without light, power or heat and my parents cooked bacon and eggs over a fire in the fireplace for their Christmas dinner. Their car ran for light during that and several succeeding nights. Some farms had no water until electric lines could be repaired again and physicians found it extremely difficult to make emergency calls. Hendersonville is but a short distance from Tryon where a number of Birmingham people spend their spring vacation."

Don't throw your Christmas tree away! Keep it for the birds, the Michigan Humane Society, a local conservation agency, urges. Simply place the tree in a corner of the yard, tie pieces of suet and bread to the branches and watch the birds discover a friendly haven.

The other day while receiving a new item from our friend of the paper this Wanderer saw two boys come noisily into the editorial rooms of The Eccentric. Not waiting their turn to ask questions the lads let out what sounded like a whoop and asked "Where's Eddie's picture?" and "Haven't you got Carl's picture up there?" They received no answer, but certainly as soon as possible but came to later in the room a minute or two later and heard water pistols, covered desks, records and papers with water. Now this Wanderer prefers to watch nice things about everyone, but just now feels impelled to remark that this are the harbingers of that dread disease, "juvenile delinquency."

The Birmingham Lions, noted for their interesting luncheon meeting programs each Wednesday over at the Community House, did their annual program for the closing meeting of the old year last week when they enjoyed what baseball fans would call a "doubleheader." First they heard Dr. Trout and Hub Walker, two of the Detroit Tigers stars, who are in town for a time. Then they switched to the more serious affairs of recruiting for army service and

heard Sgt. Bryan Doyle, recruiter for Birmingham, and Sgt. David Ballard of the Royal Oak office. The baseball stars told a whole basketful of yarns of interesting happenings in baseball while the army men showed a new army film on the situation in China. Needless to say this Wanderer to say that the program was an enjoyable and informative one.

A number of Birmingham duck hunters, all with good luck all season, said today maybe there were twenty-odd kinds of ducks in Michigan this season, but they did not find that many. Some said they had a half dozen different kinds and some even less, but not one has been found among the local wildfowls with as many as 20 kinds. But the conservation department men have records up in Lansing of the various kinds of ducks found in the state and there enough the count is over twenty.

Now if this had happened just after New Year's few people would have thought much about it, but to happen just after Christmas it did cause some questions. It all happened when Mills Berry, who runs the Berry Airport on East Maple, was seen carrying home—or maybe it was just home—two care fish poles. Mills declared on his honor he was not planning an airplane fishing trip but said he did use the poles in getting snow and ice off the wings of the many planes out at the airport.

"I wish those three boys who went to so much trouble removing our sign would bring it back again," said Mr. Walter J. Bomb of Sleepy Hollow on Evergreen road. It seems three lads unbolted the sign and took it away. It was an old sign and had been a sort of landmark. It required quite a bit of effort to take out the bolts and

move the sign but Mr. Bomb says the boys apparently stuck to their task until it was completed.

The Exchange Club, meeting Tuesday noon, and the High Twelve Club, meeting Monday night, will resume their sessions next week. Christmas and New Year's, falling on Tuesday, sort of upset plans of these two clubs this year; members were busy with these two holidays. Both clubs went back into the swing of things to start of the year 1946.

In the midst of all the slipping going, both for pedestrians and autoists, Chief of Police John P. Hackett urged Birmingham people to use an extra bit of care lest they fall victim to the bad weather. For the autoists he urges they drive slowly and keep car windows clear for visibility. Then don't relax caution when applying brakes and drive with tires a bit deflated to increase traction where roads are icy. Not a bad bit of advice we would say. But this Wanderer might add that it would be a good thing if the city would use some sand or salt on some of the dangerous stretches of sidewalk. And there have been quite a lot of those dangerous stretches of walk the past few days.

Closing of the city treasurer's office at noon on Monday, Dec. 31, brought at least one protest to the Wanderer. One woman taxpayer said she paid taxes at other city offices on Monday afternoon but found the Birmingham office closed. "I would not have thought so much about it if the last day of the year had come on Saturday with its usual closing on that

afternoon, but coming on Monday sort of caught us by surprise, she said."

Mills Berry, owner of the new airport here, went down to Midletown, Ohio, the other day and got a new American airplane, one of those \$2,095 jobs that cruise at 90 miles per hour, costing about one cent per mile for oil and gas. At an altitude of 2,000 feet, he flew it up to Birmingham in two hours and twenty minutes; a nine-tail wind helped him make the 220 miles in that time. This week W. C. Newton, Scott, 1204 Pilgrim, accompanied by Ralph Carmona, an instructor at the Berry airport, will take the Aerocraft to Miami for a brief vacation. Incidentally, Mr. Berry operates an aerial taxi service to and from the Detroit (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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