

Today's widespread confusion, lack of confidence in many of our political leaders, reminds me of the answer a famous Frenchman gave to a young man who asked: "Sir, what did you do during the French Revolution?" The old man smiled and answered: "Young man, I did what I could, but mostly only lived through it!"

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Bits of Birmingham

According to the latest reports, Mrs. Carol Flustead will continue to serve as executive director of the Community House till Fall. The committee, headed by Mrs. Neil C. McMath, which is to select the new director, is looking over various applications. However, it will be some time before a new one is appointed, the Wanderer learns.

"Why can't the City of Birmingham clean up the downtown streets of all the paper and refuse that clings to the curbs?" a local citizen asked the Wanderer this week. "That mechanical sweep the City owns could do the job in short order. It is very discouraging to see the streets so littered. What must out-of-town guests think when they see the debris? And it doesn't add much to the mental well-being of local folks, either."

The following conversation between two local women shoppers was overheard and reported to the Wanderer: First woman: "Anything worth buying in that grocery?" Second woman: "Well, there's no meat—but they have some lamb."

In case the serviceman in your family has want to drop into the Detroit USO when he's back in this neighborhood for a few hours, you might tell him that it has moved to a new location; in the former Moose Temple, 418 West Elizabeth, at Cass avenue.

Although the police department may not be able right away to clear various street intersections of bushes and shrubs that obstruct the driver's view, the department asks local residents to report to the department any intersection where a clear view is not obtainable. They'll be put on a list and be corrected as soon as possible.

Now that Detroit boasts of professional baseball, football, hockey, and heavyweight boxing champions, this Wanderer has received reports that if their winning keeps up, the Motor City may have the professional soccer championship, too. Now all someone need do for the final touch is to add cricket to the list of American professional sports.

Following in her famous father's footsteps is what this Wanderer would call it, Ellen Van Wagener, daughter of Murray D. Van Wagener, former governor of Michigan and candidate for reelection on the Democratic ticket next November, was elected governor of the Massachusetts Colony at the Sixth Annual Wolverine Girls' State at the University of Michigan.

A letter of warning to parents came to the Wanderer's desk Monday from Evan Prowse, 1760 Norfolk drive. It's about a little scene witnessed at the Southfield and Northlawn crossing. The lady driver in the car ahead of him suddenly swerved toward the ditch to avoid a little boy on a bike who came scooting off Northlawn onto Southfield without stopping. The lady asked the lady if he couldn't—his brakes didn't work. Prowse and the Wanderer are concerned about this little lad and others like him. The children cannot be held responsible for the condition of the bicycles—that is the parent's territory, and, after an accident, what parent would feel proud of saying, "He didn't tell me the brakes weren't working?"

One of the drivers from a local dry-cleaning establishment stopped in the other day to tell the Wanderer his troubles. It seems that women call in and ask that garments be picked up for cleaning and pressing. He reports to the home, only to find that the housewife has to dash about hunting through closets and chests for the garments. It isn't that the driver minds waiting while this hunting takes place, but taking a week's tally of the time spent waiting on individual housewives, he finds that he loses at least a day each week, time which he feels could be spent giving customers faster delivery. He suggests that clothes be searched out and bundled before calling the cleaners, or improve his trousers, so when he calls the bundle is handed out and no time is lost.

Beatrice McDonald, 2220 Big Beaver road, will have some of her writings in "Poetry Broadcast," an anthology of verse specially compiled and prepared for radio presentation, which has just come from the publishers.

If you happen to be in Wilson's Drug Store during the next few days and hear one of the clerks uttering a noise that can be described as a chirp, you will probably be hearing correctly. Ralph A. Wilson, proprietor of the store was in attendance at the state pharmaceutical convention in Lansing last week and was one of the lucky delegates who drew a cash prize. Yes sir, Ralph came home with ten dollars' worth of bird seed and he doesn't have a bird to his name.

Lloyd L. Lake, Birmingham's new jeweler, told the Wanderer about the Lake family pet last week. "Beauty" is the name of their pet collie dog who has been a faithful companion for the past sixteen years. Experts on dog life have set an average age for dogs of this breed at eleven years. The Wanderer asked Lloyd to what he contributes "Beauty's" longevity and he informed us that she has always demanded plenty of sleep. We wonder if any other family in Birmingham can boast of a family pet with a longer life span than "Beauty"? Perhaps we should limit the dog owners, but when you stop and consider, fifteen years is a long time for the smaller class of animals to live. The Wanderer knew of a dog that reached the age of 37 before she decided to give up.

When the Swedish steamer Grifholm steams out of New York July 6 two famous Bloomfield Hills couples will be aboard; they are Mr. and Mrs. Eliel Saarinen, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Milles. They plan two months of travel through Sweden, Finland and Denmark. Mr. Saarinen is a world famous architect and Mr. Milles is equally well known as a sculptor; both are attached to Cranbrook's educational system. If possible, Mr. Saarinen may see his old friend, Sibelius, noted music composer. Mr. Saarinen designed much of modern Helsinki, before coming to the United States, and since has been responsible for much architectural work in this country, including the buildings at Cranbrook, the new General Motors Research building in Macomb County, and others.

The Birmingham Bowling Alley has been closed for the summer months, during which day the alleys will be given their annual going-over preparatory to the Fall opening. The Wanderer learned this week. Opening date will be about mid-August, the management says.

Directors of the Birmingham National Bank, although this Wanderer will be all of them have been checking account there, evidently haven't taken a real look at the bank checks in a long time. If they'll look closely, they will find three "old model" automobiles on the face of the checks, in the style that was "new" back in the '20s, by the looks of them.

When Max Broock, Inc., moved its real estate offices into their new location at Woodward and Evans street, Percie A. Broock, president of the firm, told this Wanderer, "When we closed our Detroit office in 1939 and entered our activities in Birmingham, we did so in the belief that the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills area was the future residential section preferred by those who wanted country atmosphere to live in rather than the noise and dirt of a big city. No better proof of the fact can be given than the startling growth and development of the Birmingham area has achieved in the past ten years and the very considerable future growth anticipated in the next decade. We feel that the Birmingham area is the future residential location of those who wish the proper environment for their families."

All traces of the \$1,000 fire which occurred at Oakland Hills Country Club last May have been obliterated and the club has returned to normal, John Brennan, club manager, reports to the Wanderer.

An interestingly-written and comprehensive picture of Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe is given in the report written by General Dwight Eisenhower. A copy of the report of this Wanderer this week, and it is a piece of work that could well fit into the permanent library of any well-informed person. Copies may be obtained from the Government Printing Office in Washington for one dollar.

Just because a person happens to be driving a green sedan model of one of the most expensive automobiles does not give him the "open road" to do as he pleases. Nor does it permit him right-of-way over pedestrians who are lawfully crossing a street with the green light in their favor. This Wanderer witnessed last week a young lad at the wheel of a green Cadillac which made a right turn from W. Maple south onto Woodward. With a blast of the horn and a look that said, "You know better than to make me stop," he rounded the corner and pushed the pedestrian to pull up sharply rather than be hit. The police department emphatically says that the pedestrian crossing with a green light has the right-of-way over any vehicle making a turn. Let's show a little more courtesy, shall we?

A Couple of Aunts
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