

Now that the current elections are over, and the American voters have spoken, many States of the nation, many new leaders will appear on the horizon to help, or hinder, the business of self-government. The intelligent citizen will, between elections, praise and/or criticize them, as he should.

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## Bits of Birmingham



The Wanderer hears that our neighboring community, Big Beaver, is making the month of November "Safety Month" in their public schools, when special efforts will be made to developing habits of general alertness in the use of our streets and highways. "Safety," they say "should be taught as a part of every day living. Thousands of children each day must meet the hazards of entering and leaving buses, street cars and automobiles. Others find it necessary to cross one or more streets to get to school." Parents, too, could learn and practice more safety habits, the Wanderer believes.

One brisk Sunday afternoon, the Wanderer happened to be sightseeing through a partially completed house in Birmingham when he happened to come upon a family which had from all appearances already moved into the dwelling. Up on the second floor, behind the cotton insulation, lay a mother cat and her one kitten. The kitty looked as if she were being very much disturbed that anyone had invaded her privacy. As far as the Wanderer knows, the "family" is still there.

Mrs. Alice Bailey's first experience with garden huckleberries has provided her with enough of the fruit to stock her cellar with quite a number of jars of jam, she reports to the Wanderer this week. At her 864 Forest street residence, her 18 berry bushes are just loaded, she says, and ready for picking. For those persons who like huckleberry pie and jams, she recommends several of these bushes. She is personally responsible for distributing several dozen of these bushes to her huckleberry-minded friends.

According to a release from the Army, Birmingham veterans who are not citizens yet wish to become such, still have up to December 31 of this year in which to apply. As that date the special naturalization privileges obtainable because of service in the Army end.

Birmingham's new November, 1946 telephone directory which is being distributed this week, appears to have all the latest phone numbers in it. But as the weeks go by, the Eccentric's editorial staff will begin to accumulate new numbers in its weekly efforts to put out the community's news. Incidentally, the Wanderer learned recently that there are cities in which a new phone book is printed every

day. But that is the largest one, like New York, Chicago and Detroit—to keep the information up to date on the new numbers and changes that take place the day before. Birmingham will have to grow considerably before that happens here.

Joe Bryant, Birmingham's postmaster, figures that about 75 letters left Birmingham for points in South America on Nov. 1 in that "Test flight" which an airline was making to show how fast airmail gets to where it is addressed. Each letter, by the way, had that special Air Mail Week cachet on it. For a fact that the Wanderer thanks the Exchange Club for him for its sponsorship of the cachet. McCullum & Dean, the radio shop, also came in for acknowledgment as having set up the "talking" mail slot in the post office.

One of our local residents, Mrs. Alice B. Wood, 634 Forest avenue, has received a letter from the Real Estate Association, located at Battle Creek, thanking the Philomen Club of Birmingham, of which Mrs. Wood is publicity chairman, for the money they have donated for a wheel chair, which will be sent to a patient at Percy Jones Hospital.

The Eccentric's Department of Domestic Science reported to the Wanderer this week that an art gum eraser is very good for removing the fine down feathers from a duck without weakening the skin. That is in case, housewives, the "old man" managed to bag a bird or two on his annual hunting expedition.

It has come to the ears of the Wanderer that a Birmingham building contractor recently reported 50 bags of cement stolen

from a house under construction on Penniston, near Bradford. This comes almost on the heels of another contractor's report of insulation missing. Now picking up stray nails around a house is one thing, but lifting of such hard-to-get items as cement and insulation is quite another matter, and the Wanderer sincerely hopes the police department will soon catch up with the person or persons doing the stealing.

More things happen at a newspaper office—and this is one of the items the Wanderer didn't even have to wander out of his office chair to obtain. A candy salesman visited the office offering samples. A few of us did succumb to the temptation and bought a box. As the salesman was about to leave, he passed a gentleman coming in the door, offered him a sample of his wares, sold him a box of candy in the doorway and left. Surprisingly enough, the gentleman coming in, who displayed such a small amount of candied fruit, turned out to be another salesman!

One of our gray-clad postmen dropped in to tell the Wanderer how considerate some people are. He was passing a grocery store when he saw a woman emerge from one car and put a nickel in the coin-meter for the car parked next to her. He told her that was the wrong box, but she flashed an embarrassed smile and said: "Oh, I know it's not mine, but the meter has run out and the poor woman is probably so busy shopping she hasn't realized it. You know how strict the police and husbands are!"

If a police officer or sheriff approaches you as you are gathering nuts from roadside trees, don't get the idea that you can give him a piece of your mind for stopping you. The Wanderer discovers that under the Michigan law, those trees are not public property—they belong to the owner of the crops in the field, to the farmer whose land the road crosses.

NEWS COPY must be in the Eccentric editorial office by 9 a. m. each Wednesday for publication that week. However, early Deadline for CLUB NEWS remains at noon Mondays. adv. tf

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No. 1. English Design—brick, on a broad street with lots of good open country, this 3-bedroom home is spacious. Has den and lavatory on 1st floor. Sile 75 x 150 with 2-car garage. Carpeting and draperies. Quick delivery. \$15,900.00.

No. 2. White Colonial—Chesterfield at Pine—2 blocks from Quanton School. Built 1938. Modern in every respect of course. 2 Bedrooms and bath up. One down with lavatory. Screened porch, picket fence, 2-car garage. Storm sash and carpeting too. \$19,500.00.

No. 3. 1081 Lakeside—A fine 4-bedroom, 2-bath Colonial with a library. Extra large 90' site in a prime location. For details just call us.

No. 4. 1670 Northlawn—is a semi-modern ranch style with baths on both floors, likewise 2 bedrooms each. Games room, extra large 2-car garage and picket-fenced yard. Outlook over the fairways is superb.

No. 5. 670 Fairfax—Southern Colonial style with full 2-story column pillars in front. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, attic storage. A wonderful screened porch and lovely yard. Games room, sprinkler system, storm sash, awnings.

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## Worth Reading

If youth would realize the truth. As aged people view it. They'd pay a home And pay the loan While young enough to do it.

Woodrow Wilson spoke these words, "To waste breads discontent." The "he is gone His words live on—'The Base of Waste is Rent'."

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