

There always will be more followers than leaders on this earth. It has always seemed to me that the duty of democracy by prime objectives ought to be to train and encourage the development of leaders, give the masses would not be plunged into depression, racial hatreds, wars, and similar chaos.

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The Wanderer late Monday afternoon heard a bit of praise of Kim Sigler, GOP gubernatorial candidate, which the Wanderer has been asked to publicly reveal in this column. The fellow who called in was Hugh C. White, a resident of Franklin Village, who had this to say about Kim: "Sigler never forgot 'The Town That Time Forgot' in spite of the fact that he has flown all over the state during his campaign. Friends of his in Birmingham and vicinity, like Ernie Sabayrac and myself, and all his other friends in Birmingham, say there is no other like him. We wish him well; and Franklin and Birmingham say, 'Kim Sigler will be our next governor.' Never before has there been a fellow who came around and said 'I'm going to the 'Town That Time Forgot.'"

The place usually occupied by City Manager Donald C. Egbert at the Monday night commission meetings was filled last night by City Engineer Harold E. Gorson. Your Wanderer doesn't even want to hint that Egbert's absence was the reason for Monday's extraordinarily short session, but it was noted that all Commission business was over the board by 9 p. m.

Officers of the Birmingham Side-line Quarterbacks Club have informed the Wanderer that there appears to be some misunderstanding regarding entrance requirements for their organization. Once again it is pointed out that it is

not necessary to have a son playing on the club's roster. It is a win or Barnum schools to join. Any man in the community is welcome and urged to join, according to Harold Gasser, spokesman for the quarterbacks. The Wanderer adds a bit of advice for would-be Quarterbacks—if you want to see the moving pictures of the best football game of the season, go to Baldwin High School at 8 p. m. next Monday evening, when the quarterbacks show the Army-Michigan film. Everyone is welcome whether you want to be a Quarterback or not, but if you want to join this would be a fine opportunity.

Woodward avenue, from Detroit to Pontiac, is certainly beginning to look much better now that the State Highway department has put a new layer of asphalt over many of the miles of roadway between the two cities. Many Birmingham residents, having driven over the rough spots during the war, will never miss the jolts and bumps that will be eliminated. One of the latest stretches to be improved was the northbound lanes from the northern limits of Bloomfield Hills to the Pontiac city limits, a distance of 2,565 miles.

Mort Naff, 2252 Yorkshire road, will be the guest speaker at the Institute for Radio Engineers at their meeting tomorrow evening at the Ruckman Building in Detroit, according to information received by the Wanderer from Fredy Friedenthal, chief audio-engineer of WJB, and secretary of the engineering group. Mort, director of research for the Wirerecorder Corp. of Detroit, plans to demonstrate the result of more than three years of experimentation concerning wire-recorders.

Newest addition to the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association is the Wine Shop, 255 Pierce street, according to Clarence Vile, executive secretary of the association.

Every one in a while somebody comes through with an unusual classified ad in The Eccentric and

which is worthy of mention in this column. The Wanderer noted one such ad last week. It was placed by Max Broek, Inc., and while it listed various items of real estate, it also provided a public service in calling attention to two civic proposals: (1) taking active part in government by voting, and (2) urging citizens to endorse Dr. Dwight D. Ireland's plea for 5 additional miles for schools.

The Wanderer wonders how many Birmingham persons failed to register for the November election by the deadline yesterday.

Aras from Mozart's famous comic opera "Figaro" are to be featured in this week's regular Thursday evening recital concert at Baldwin Public Library. Other selections on the program will include Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," the "Finlandia" of Sibelius and the Mendelssohn E Minor concerto with Yehudi Menuhin. The "concert" opens at 7 p. m. and lasts until the library closes at 8:30.

Next regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will be Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 8 p. m. in the Community House, according to Tony Freeman, secretary of the new organization. The Wanderer hears that the latest developments regard the group's "charter night," the first of next month will be discussed.

If there are any "amateur" carpenters who need a few nails to build a few shelves around the house, then the Wanderer this week offers a suggestion as to where they may be located. It will take a little time for the search, however, but just stop by these new homes that are going up with the apparent idea of looking them over. Then look around the floors and around the outside near the foundation—you'll be able to discover quite a few perfectly good nails.

High spot of the annual dinner for the Bloomfield Village volunteer fireman given by the Village's Protective Association at a Bloom-

field Hills eatery one night last week was "Variety Four," that local Gay Nineties quartet composed of Leo Sullivan, Merrill Dean, Archie Livingston and Clyde Dalton.

Regardless of how many times Saturday's Army-Michigan game will be re-played by spectators or radio listeners, it will never be doubted that the game itself was one of the most interesting, breath-taking and spectacular that has been played in this area—a lot of people will say in the country—in many years. The Wanderer was one of the fortunate persons that had a couple of tickets to the contest, although the fact that they were in the end zone didn't mar the enjoyment of the game one bit. One interesting highlight of the game was that all but probably about 1,500 people who attended that game were in their seats by half an hour before game time. Another factor in the contest was that the rain held off until about five minutes after the last play of the game, yet couldn't get them; the Wanderer Monday night talked to one evading the beginning of a fall season for the game but didn't go. In an establishment, we failed to discover what could have prevented him from attending.

One Birmingham resident, who has traveled in Mexico, mentioned President Truman's suggestion of letting Mexican cattle into the U. S. to fatten up for American markets. "That's the first square meal those Mexican cattle have ever had," the gentleman remarked.

Birmingham's police department has the dubious honor of having placed the first parking violation ticket on Kim Sigler's new Buick at the Community House rally Monday night. And this is traveling thousands and thousands of miles through Michigan's 83 counties. The Wanderer might suggest, however, that Kim, wasn't driving the Buick—he traveled to the Birmingham meeting in his Buick. The Detroit newspaperman who parked the Buick at the corner of Townsend and Bates explained it this way: "There simply wasn't any other parking space for blocks when we pulled up at 8:30 to report."

While Birmingham from the ground looks as if it were pretty well built up with business establishments and residences, one really has to look above it in order to obtain a view which shows big gaps in the building pattern. The Wanderer, the other day, was generously given a half-hour's plane flight over Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and vicinity by Bill Berk, Jr., 19-year-old son of the local airport manager, Young Mill, who possesses a private pilot's license for both single and multi-engine planes, took us up in one of the small Avroton Champions. He permitted us to handle the plane aloft for about five minutes, which the Wanderer did with a few hands and feet is the main obstacle to becoming a pilot. The Wanderer wants to thank young Mill for the flight.

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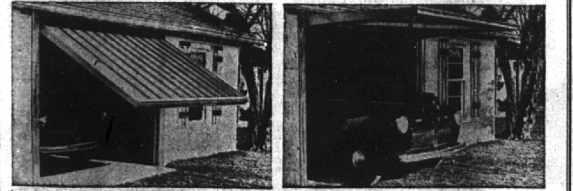
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