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MOST unusual describes the setting as well as the house. From the front it's a cute, low, rambling ranch house—in the rear, where the hill slopes down to the stream, the basement becomes a first floor room giving onto the garden level.

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As Your Wanderer walked through a local drugstore a few days ago, his eye was caught and held by a strange advertisement, decorated with the head of a painted native and looking much like it had originated in Somaliland. It was an ad for perfume of a strange and exotic kind, BUT—and this is what made us stop and wonder—the name of the perfume sounds, its makers aver, "like the love call of a lonely little cricket lost in the ecstatic contemplation of a dewdrop." And those last quotes, so help us, are direct ones!

Did you know that the women of the Ladies' Union of the Baptist Church congregate each morning this month in the church kitchen to put up garden produce of all kinds for the children of the Children's Home out on 13 Mile road? This week they have been doing tomatoes and peaches and have canned hundreds of quarts. In the past weeks these women have put up green beans, peas, carrots and other foodstuffs; all of the produce used is donated by church members from their own gardens. Once during this canning season, members of the men's club of the church got together in the church kitchen for an "appreciation bee" at which they can nothing but appreciation. Apples for the sauce are donated from a local orchard, which also supplies the Children's Home with fresh apples during the summer and fall. W. G. Olsen heads the Children's Home Committee, and Mrs. Max Hillman is president of the Ladies' Union.

Utility meter readers could save much wear and tear on housewives' nerves if they would only push the doorbell before walking in to read the meter in the basement. One startled woman called the Wanderer this week to say she heard odd noises in the basement one day. Being alone in the house (she thought), she wondered whether to call the police or to grab the nearest baseball bat. Investigation showed the meter reader.

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or fumbling around in the basement attempting to locate the meter. She would like them in the future to ring the doorbell before entering the house so she won't be so startled.

Those veterans' quest hats will not be ready for occupancy for another couple of months yet, according to a conversation between the Wanderer and the construction foreman. Will the veteran be allowed to move in as each unit is completed? The Wanderer asked. The foreman replied in the negative, saying that the whole project must be completed before anyone moves in. This is to keep people and children out of the construction gang's way, he said. The Wanderer inquired from his remarks, however, that vets will be able to move into the Poppleton units when they are all finished, without having to wait till the Cranbrook site is completed.

The Wanderer obtained a good idea of the speed with which a street could be resurfaced when he observed the crews from the Oakland County Road Commission Friday morning. They were putting tar and fine gravel over Oakland avenue from Woodward to Poppleton, and thus covering up the holes and rough spots which have elicited a number of hard comments from motorists. Brown street, too, obtained a new topping, as did several other streets in southeast Birmingham. Incidentally, since the city has no equipment to do the type of job done on Oakland and Brown, the county does it but the city pays the cost.

Your Wanderer happened to be talking to the local draft board office the other day and gleaned a little information unknown to him which he passes on to you. Any discharged servicemen who has not spent at least six months in active service in this country (those overseas assignments excluded) is eligible for re-classification into 1-A and may again be inducted. This means that all men who spent their entire service time in college or specialized schools are now eligible for regular Army or Navy service.

"Style, as in a dress or a suit of clothes, is the quality upon which the public today is insisting in motor cars. Long past the day of crude experiments, automobile manufacturers find their greatest problem is that of anticipating the public's reaction to the appearance of a new car." That is an excerpt from a speech made in 1928 by O. T. Gruzer, director of the General Motors Corporation, as discovered in the old files of the Eccentric by the Wanderer. Even today, though, we find that John Public has a terrific reaction to the appearance of a new car; they are so rare that when one finally does appear, the lucky owner

ers are regarded with awe as miracle workers.

During the week and the odor of burning leaves lingered over many neighborhood areas in Birmingham, testifying to the actual entry of Fall into the State. However, Fall did not officially arrive until September 23 this year, due to various celestial machinations, the Wanderer notes. The falling leaves bring up that annual question, "Shall I wait till all the leaves are down before I clean the yard—which would be the sensible thing? Or shall I keep it looking tidy with daily raking?" Depends on the physical stamina of each homeowner, the Wanderer believes.

During Monday night's commission meeting, the conversation toward the end of the meeting got around to the street problem again. Said City Attorney Forbes Hascall to the commission, "I'm certainly happy that Oakland avenue got that new topping, but it results in another problem—when I look out of my driveway now the back bumper scrapes the street. But he added that he'd rather have the "new" street, since one can't have the cake and eat it, too."

The State of Michigan has okayed the Birmingham schools for the hot lunch program, Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, has announced. This means the schools here will get nine cents back on each meal, plus two cents on milk. However, he indicated that the State would be asked to raise slightly the present price of school lunches in order that still better meals could be provided.

The Eccentric last week received an anonymous letter expressing certain opinions on the local high school fraternity-sorority situation. While The Eccentric encourages its subscribers to

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make use of its columns to express their reactions concerning civic matters in Birmingham. We want to know the names of the persons who write these letters. So the Wanderer again this week

asks that persons writing The Eccentric put their names and addresses at the bottom of the letter they send to the editor. If the person who writes these letters is in the news columns, he

may so state and The Eccentric will protect his anonymity. "Better late than never," so Eugene Allen, 459 Townsend. (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)



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