

A good many years ago I, fortunately, became aware of the fact that when one personizes the evil he sees in another, one can get into easily with another. So I decided that the evil I saw in some person, however large or small, must be viewed as an evil and as a person—and I've been happier ever since.

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It was reported Tuesday to this Wanderer that Ed Kierbert, our local YMCA secretary, is one of the delegates from the State of Michigan to the 8th North American Assembly of YMCA work with boys. He has been busy the past two weeks working on the commission study "Work With Older Boys," giving evidence of the need of physical education in addition to outside recreation with boys between the ages of 14 and 17. Place for this assembly is Great Lakes, Wis., and he will meet with national leaders from the forty-eight states starting May 4 and continuing through May 9.

Birmingham residents interested in having their streets oiled to keep the dust down this summer are reminded to submit their petitions—and turn in the money for such oiling—any time now. According to word from the City Hall, road oiling still must be accomplished by petition at least this summer because the proposed city charter amendment making assessment districts possible will not be up for action till the next election, which is likely to be next spring. First come first served is the city's way of handling these oiling projects, so you and the neighbors should get a move on if you want a dust-free neighborhood all this summer.

"If anyone sees a police officer place any money in one of the city's parking meters in what appears an effort to give additional parking time to some particular

motorist whose parking meter shows a violation, I would like a instant report to me immediately," declared Police Chief John P. Hackett this week. His statement came as the result of an incident related to the commission study "Work With Older Boys." The Eccentric received recently a new car parked near a local bank, noted the meter flag was up and went around to see the car's license number so he could supposedly put it on the ticket he was about to write up. But seeing the license, the officer went back to the meter, put in a nickel and went his way down the street. "This sort of thing I will not tolerate," said Hackett. "A violation is a violation, regardless of who commits it."

This Wanderer hears that a new policy in painting ceilings in every school in the city will soon take effect in order that students may benefit. White, instead of the former ivory, will go on whenever a ceiling needs re-painting. Its greater reflective power, it is presumed, cast more light down on the student's work than the more absorbing ivory.

Mrs. Frederic Bell, former Birmingham resident now living in Winona, Minn., and doing a column for the Minneapolis Tribune under the head of "Child Chatter," wrote in to tell us that she is often homesick for the town, and that items from Birminghamites appear frequently in her column. One in particular refers to an idea of Mrs. E. T. Sheehan from Birmingham, who has found that parakeets make an ideal pet for children of all ages as well as adults. She mentioned how animated and mischievous they are, and while a tropical bird, they hardly are healthy they are. Mrs. Sheehan

particularly suggested a parakeet like her own "Jolly" for a child who is confined to bed for some time.

You'll have to take this Wanderer's word for it that there are 447 lakes in Oakland County; unless you want to go out and count them personally. So there's ample room for all of us this summer to find a little fishing spot or a place to swim that's not too far from home. Incidentally, our county ranks fifth among the counties of the State in regard to the number of lakes contained in each. Marquette County leads the list with 838. In the entire State, there are 11,037 "bodies of standing water occupying a basin and lacking continuity with the sea." If a Michiganian is told to "jump in the lake," he certainly wouldn't have far to go for the jump.

Scientists claim that warm blooded animals in cool regions usually attain a larger size than the corresponding species in warmer climates. If this be so, then this Wanderer in five or ten years shall expect residents of this part of the country to be seven or eight foot, 350-pound giants. It certainly would appear likely, what with winter becoming five or six months long.

The Eccentric every week receives letters "To the Editor" and "The Wanderer" which contain interesting comments on current city matters. However, these same letters do not appear in print because they are not signed. It is this newspaper's policy to insert into the waste basket all communications which do not include the writer's name. If you do not wish your name to appear, include a pseudonym above your signature and your anonymity will be respected.

"One way to solve this hole-in-the-road problem our beautiful little city is cursed with is for all the residents along the street to chip in and buy a road scraper which the men can operate in the event every evening when they get home from work. Then our streets would always be in first class order, and no one would have any complaints," a local chap suggested to this Wanderer the other day. "On the other hand, maybe some of the home owners along the worst streets would have to take onto a bulldozer to take care of the holes in their particular streets," our silver-tongued city's biggest-problem added.

Seen on one of the community's public pay phones was this apropos sign: "Temporarily Out of Service." The current \$44 question: "When will the service be restored?"

That thermometer which won't work still is up at the corner of Pierce and Maple. This Wanderer, or his successor 20 years from now in the Eccentric's "Happenings of Long Ago" column, will probably re-print this fact, together with the comment: "It's still not working."

Have you noticed the four signboards along Woodward Avenue calling attention to the current fund campaign being staged by the Community House? This Wanderer was told this week that they are hand painted, the work of a Detroit advertising agency artist who donated his time and effort to produce the four signs. The boards themselves were donated for the cause during the month of April by the four national advertisers who rent them.

Improvement of Chestfield, from Maple to Oak street, appears imminent. It was indicated at Monday night's city commission meeting. According to City Manager Don Eggett, next Monday night will see a recommendation to the commission asking for an assessment district to improve the street and take out the pitfalls that threaten motorists who have occasion to drive over the road.

Local motorists who have to drop pennies and nickels into the city's "slot machines"—the parking meters—really had a good laugh Monday afternoon when

they noticed the police department's little three-wheeled scooter parked in a North Woodward space when the red violation flag was up. Someone had even placed a note on the seat, reading: "Return every evening when they get home from work. Then our streets would always be in first class order, and no one would have any complaints," a local chap suggested to this Wanderer the other day. "On the other hand, maybe some of the home owners along the worst streets would have to take onto a bulldozer to take care of the holes in their particular streets," our silver-tongued city's biggest-problem added.

This Wanderer wants to know if there isn't some city ordinance which would prevent mothers from leaving their infant offspring in unattended cars, thus permitting said youngsters to black away with the horn while mama is shopping? Such a nuisance easily could cause a number of nervous breakdowns among the hoodlums' employers who have to stay at their jobs and listen to the rumpus.

While the telephone strike has made gathering of news rather difficult the past couple weeks, The Eccentric's editorial staff this past week was somewhat happier to know that we couldn't get normal service—yet else we would have been swamped with calls wondering if our Oakland County Board of Super-

visors had added another representative from the City of Birmingham. We regret to say that Thursday's story announcing the appointment of Mrs. Cyril H. Lewis, 739 Lakewood, as a member of the supervisors' board was incorrect so far as it pertained to Mrs. Lewis. The city officials last Thursday morning hastened to assure The Eccentric that she had not been appointed as the story had reported. Apologies to Mrs. Lewis for any embarrassment it may have caused her through this reportorial error. The other five re-appointments made by the city commission were correct.

Penny, Birmingham's only Manx cat, produced three kittens at exactly the expected time—Monday, April 21st. And not a tail in the bunch! However, no falls were expected as Penny is a registered Manx—and Manx cats do not have tails. While Penny was born in Virginia, her grandparents came from the mother country—the Isle of Man off the North Coast of England. Penny is owned by Justin P. Buckenidge, of 507 Brookside.

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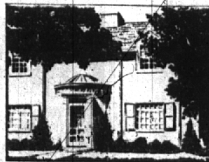
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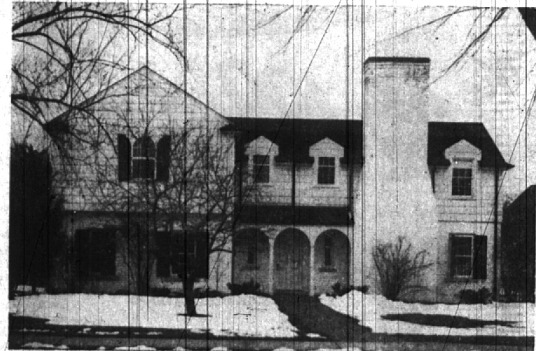
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