

New Dealing
A new deal is my hope so fond.
Expectantly I look beyond
And wonder what the draw will bring
To cards not now worth anything.
The ace of hearts is what I need
To give a Royal Flush good speed

And then I sigh, "Oh, what's the use?"
I get a club and it's a deuce!"
Absence of occupation is not
A mind quite vacant is a mind
distressed.
—Cowper

Bits of Birmingham

Local police officers who have the job of checking downtown traffic conditions are repeatedly reminding this Wanderer of the indignity he has suffered. "We notice several such careless motorists each day," patrolmen remarked. Then, late Sunday evening, Patrolman Edwin Russell approached this Wanderer and said, "Why don't you ask Buick owners to turn off their motors before taking the ignition key with them?" Pointing back up North Woodward, he added, "There's a Buick convertible up there that has been running some time now and the key's in the ignition. That boy will have to put some water in the radiator for the temperature, from standing there running, is up past 212 degrees." That's a nice way for a careless motorist to become car-less by leaving the ignition keys in the car, or, in the case of Buicks, forgetting to turn off the motor.

Treasurer Russell T. Berger, "Stepping up to a BAA rating makes any future city bond issues just that much more of a recommended investment for such institutions as banks, etc.," Berger stated. He admitted that the goal of his office was to obtain the "AAA" rating, or the best there is. The city's next step, however, is to grab off an "A" rating. But just when this will be, Berger would not speculate.

Local picnickers who have tried to hold successful outings at Cass Lake State Park only to have fought a losing battle with the mosquitoes, will be delighted to learn that the Conservation Department last week sprayed the park with DDT from a low-flying airplane. If the DDT is as all effective, this Wanderer has reason to believe the mosquito are now stacked knee-deep all over the park. There were so many of them.

The Local YMCA has revealed that 13 Birmingham boys were the recipients of partial scholarships at YMCA camps this past season. Most of the money was furnished by interested businessmen who were anxious to get youngsters from large families out in the open and participating in some new experiences away from home. Members of the Lions and Rotary Service Clubs personally took care of 7 boys and 6 were sponsored by men who wish to remain anonymous.

The City Commission has sent a request to the city plan commission for a review of the present zoning along the north side of Wilcox street, from Woodward to Chester, with the possible idea of having it re-zoned to a business classification. Most of it now is zoned for multiple dwellings.

Sidewalk construction costs are at a point where it is becoming too expensive to consider much more sidewalk repair for this year, City Manager Don Egbert has informed city commissioner. "There are still some sidewalks which are in need of repair, but

today's costs are at the point where we may have to postpone their construction for a year," he stated.

The Hunter Boulevard water tower site would make an excellent place at which to train hunting dogs because the area is enclosed by a fence, city commissioners agree, but they hesitate to give permission for such an activity because they do not think the place is feasible nor advisable. The situation came up as the result of a request by Don E. Dashar, 501 Ridgeland, who would like to conduct dog obedience classes at the tower site. Commissioners have placed the matter in the hands of City Manager Don Egbert for study and recommendation.

Preliminary surveys for the new bridge on West Maple have been made but are not in final form yet, city officials have announced. In recent commission meetings, commissioners have mentioned the bridge improvement, indicating their desire to proceed with the project as soon as conditions permit.

A number of persons, particularly the women, evidently have no idea of the length of time it takes for cement sidewalks to dry before they can walk on them. This Wanderer, last week end, noticed several women who police had to warn not to walk on the freshly laid sidewalk on the east side of Woodward between Maple and Midway on the walk, and the cement was dry. They certainly would have reinforced their shoe leather if they hadn't been advised to walk around the soft concrete.

Southern Oakland County Hospital Authority officials this week revealed that a \$8,000 contribution to the proposed Woodward General Hospital had been received from the Consumers Power Co.

Convertibles are a lot of fun, either to own or to ride around in. But there is one element that perplexes the owners: how to beat the top down and yet be able to keep the sun from heating up the leather seats? This Wanderer notices that one such convertible owner has apparently solved the problem. Along Pierce street, just below Maple, he saw a cream-colored job with top down and the sun streaming onto the seats—which were covered with some old rag rug.

Despite the mid-90 degree heat of Tuesday, local Rotarians enjoyed a brief respite from city sweltering when they held their weekly luncheon at the Orchard Lake Country Club. Bill Torrence, local Rotary president, made the arrangements. Members agreed that just looking at the lake made them 10 degrees cooler.

A wider sidewalk along both sides of Merrill street, between Woodward and Pierce, will be constructed shortly, according to City Manager Don Egbert. "When the new parking meters were installed there recently, it cut down the passable portion of the existing sidewalk," Egbert explained. "The city plans to make it considerably wider so pedestrians won't have to dodge around the meters when they meet someone coming in the other direction."

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Troy Boy Scouts Plan 'Round-Up' This Saturday

Scoutmaster Charles Becker and Committee Chairman George Ford report that final arrangements have been completed for the Troy Scouts' big Round-Up to be staged Saturday, August 23rd at 18 1/2 Mile and Livernook.

The Troop T-1 Scouts will be in camp Friday night and Saturday morning making ready for "Guest Hour" which commences with a baseball game that starts at 4 p.m. After the game the public is invited to inspect the camp—mothers and dads will be requested to be as critical of the boys' camping quarters as they would be of their bedrooms and clothes closets at home.

The purpose of the inspection tour is to determine the "tent-of-the-day." The winners receive the honor of becoming the Flag Patrol, which in scouting is the ambition of every tent in camp.

After inspection will come the highlight of the day's activity—camp-style dinner, served at tables in the open air at 6 o'clock. Jake Schell, committee chairman in charge of advancement, will prepare food. His menu includes corned beef and cabbage, baked beans and wieners; also there will be plenty of variety, side-dishes, drinks and ice cream. Jake is all prepared for a big crowd, and in case of rain, the meal will be served under canvas.

Evesing Program
Kenneth Lawrence has a full evening's performance outlined to entertain the guests who wish to remain. There will be inter-club contests, skits and scenes by members of the troop. There will be a campfire at 8 o'clock with songs and sayings and funny stories, open air movies winding up with the first public showing of the movies Ken made of the troop in camp this summer.

Tent and Good Night is planned for around 9 or 9:30 p.m. Tickets for the occasion can be obtained from any scout or scouter, and many of the local merchants and service stations. Proceeds will provide parts for a kitchen trailer the scouts are planning to build this winter.

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Ensign K. C. Brown On Goodwill Tour

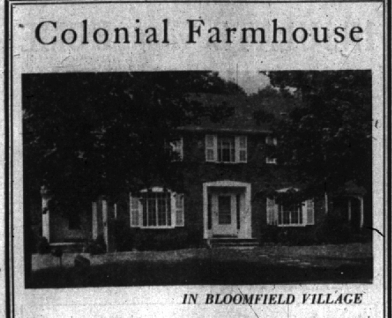
Ensign Kingsley C. Brown, USN, who is with the Navy goodwill tour in the Pacific, is believed now to be in Japan. He left San Francisco some weeks ago, expecting to reach Japan on Aug. 14.

Enroute his ship, the carrier "Antietam," docked at Saipan, Guam and Australia. They were also in the Philippines on July of Charing Cross Road.

Fourth to help the islands celebrate their independence. Mr. Kingsley, who is a signal officer on the "Antietam," saw many of the rains inflicted on these countries during the war.

The ship also docked at Hawaii, where they spent about ten days. From their present port-of-call they will go on to China, returning to San Francisco on Oct. 14.

The young officer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley W. Brown and is in the Philippines on July of Charing Cross Road.



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