

To those who know and appreciate the variety of fundamental values of the great Universe in which we appear to live, the earth that supports the human family is, all things considered, a lovely place; beautiful to those who seek beauty; it is something opposite to those who see otherwise. One reflects himself—seeing either good or evil.

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## THREE NEW RANCH HOMES

Near Franklin --

White clapboard and stone, on 2 acres near Northwestern highway, plenty of land to garden or play. All on one floor with living room, extra paneled library or third bedroom, 2 nice bedrooms and bath and a beautiful kitchen. Attached 2 car garage with workshop or utility room; full basement under the house. Oil-air conditioning and complete insulation. **\$18,000**

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Served by Birmingham schools and post office this ideal home represents a real value at \$18,000.

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## Bits of Birmingham

At the risk of having a great deal of criticism heaped upon him by rabid Tiger fans, this Wanderer would like to make this observation: at the first of the current baseball season, the Tigers were fighting for first place; then midway in the drive they were fighting for second place. Now they are trying to hang onto third place. Mr. Briggs certainly could use some first-class pitchers.

Dominic S. Caputo this week was elected senior junior wardward of the Foresters of America in a convention held in Hartford, Conn. When this Wanderer asked Dominic to be more specific about the duties of the office, he replied, "It's just about the same thing as a sergeant-at-arms in other organizations."

George Thomas, a local electrical motor manufacturer, told his fellow Rotarians Monday noon some of his thrilling marine adventures and early experiences in setting various automobile speed records in 1908-10. He gave an able description of boat trips down the Mississippi and across the Gulf of Mexico to Spanish Honduras during the winter of 1904. "Never came across so many storms in my life as I did, on that trip," George recalled.

Up and down Woodward avenue this week and last, many motorists were not bothered by the usual parking meters. As the sidewalk construction crew went along, the city removed many of

the meters so they would not be damaged during the repairs. Thus local motorists, where they did not impede the crew's trucks, were able to find several meterless parking spots.

Commissioner Milton F. Mallerer at Monday's commission meeting, publicly thanked The Eccentric for its front-page feature story last week concerning the paved and unpaved streets in Birmingham. Said the Commissioner, "I was very much pleased to see the article and I hope The Eccentric will follow the lead along until all city streets are paved." Mallerer is known for his championship of the proposal to have all streets paved as soon as possible.

Citizens may find in the next few weeks that the city has started to resurface Woodward avenue between Oakland and Brown streets. According to a statement from City Manager Donald C. Ebert this week, the city is just about to ask for bids on the job.

Fred Pew, 320 S. Saffell, is one of the local citizens in the Quanton Lake Estates section who is intensely interested in the progress the city is making in its attempts to provide a storm sewer for that area to relieve basement floodings. Floyd street residents, too, have flooded basements. Fred has learned, even though the Village officials years back provided Floyd street with four sewers. When Fred heard of this condition, he immediately suggested to

city officials, "If there any possible chance to borrow a couple of them for our section until the new one is put in."

Hardly anyone likes to hear the alarm clock ring out in the morning to herald the start of another working day, and one young Birmingham woman evidently has found the ideal solution to the problem. (This Wanderer, however, wouldn't recommend it as a general practice.) According to this secretary in a local real estate office, she was awakened by her father one day last week and told she would have to rush to get to the office on time. "I wondered why I had overslept that morning—then later in the day I discovered why," she explains. "Just before I woke up, I was dreaming that I was at the office and the phone rang. In my dream I answered the phone, but what really happened was that I had reached out and was unconsciously turning the alarm clock."

Michigan State Parks are doing a land-office business these warm days. This Wanderer can vouch for several in this area which he has visited off and on during the current warm spell. Everyone has the same idea: get to the nearest body of water and get in it. Local electrical appliance stores report that for the month of August, an unusually large number of persons are trying to buy electric fans, think nothing of it. They flew in the window as the boys worked with their air hammers on the old sidewalk.

Local Rotarians obtained a first-hand view of the new Michigan Bell mobile radio-telephone Monday noon when local Bell manager Walter Fauser had a car equipped with the device brought into Birmingham that day. The pleasure of first using the instrument went to Rev. Glen Harris who called his wife, Lynn Hudler, a service engineer from the Detroit office, demonstrated the telephone.

Andy Merrell, manager of White Chapel, this week came up with a foolproof method of forecasting this hot weather. Says Andy, "If the sun is behind some clouds, it will be hot. If there are

no clouds, it will be hot. And if it isn't hot at the time, then you know darn well it's going to be hot!"

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Howard J. Tuggey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Tuggey of 612 East Maple, came through with the same solution to the local starting question about the same time as did a couple of local residents. (This Wanderer, a military academy in Lebanon, Tenn., young Tuggey sent this Wanderer a clipping from a Nashville newspaper telling of successful starting "eliminators" in West Allis, Wis. According to the clipping, metal ovals were successful in the Wisconsin community. Metal, stuffed with alive, ovals seen the answer to the problem.

While Superintendent of Schools Dwight E. Ireland was teaching his course in administration at Syracuse University this summer, he confounded his students with the following problem: what would they do if a city council would want to prevent the school board from exercising local school board functions? Ireland said he obtained his example from the recent conflict here in Birmingham over the matter of that same board's construction of the Field. "The problem threw the class into confusion because it had never been of such a thing happening in school administrative history," Ireland commented to this Wanderer.

Last Wednesday evening's rain and windstorm certainly played havoc with many of Birmingham's fine trees. Branches, both large and small, as well as some good-sized trees themselves, fell the ferociousness of the storm and fell to the ground. The city's forestry department was kept very busy during the end of last week removing the fallen limbs from the many streets. Motorists, too, were handicapped. Many of them caught on the road were forced to stop and wait out the height of the storm when the wind whipped the heavy rain into what resembled a fog. Various portions of the city were without lights for some time as falling branches felled power lines. Edison crews repaired them as fast as possible.

Howard R. Estes, Birmingham's representative in the State Legislature, was written up in an article printed in the August issue of the Michigan Milk Messenger. The account particularly mentioned Harold's sponsorship of the statewide pasteurization bill.

Only four more days before local trout fishermen pack away dry and wet flies until April of 1948. September 1 marks the end of the Michigan trout fishing season, except in a comparatively few streams. However, the local Isaac Walton enthusiasts to whom this Wanderer has talked this summer have reported at least average success in landing some of "the big ones." Only a few were disappointed in their efforts.

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