

Sometimes, when I hear one complaining without ever offering a bit of praise, I compare him to the person who thinks of night light only in terms of street illumination. He forgets the stars.

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## Bits of Birmingham

Lillian Siglow of the Big Beaver 4-H Club and Dorothy Shearer of the Bloomfield Club have been invited to membership in the Oakland County Agricultural 4-H Association, it was revealed this week.

George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Eccentric, celebrated two occasions last Thursday. It was his birthday as well as Thanksgiving Day. One of the outstanding events of the day was the 4-way "conference" phone call he had with his three brothers: Paul in Bloomfield Village, Roy in Cleveland, Ohio, and Edgar in Clarksburg, W. Va.

According to city officials, the proposed Maple-Merrill cutoff can be constructed through city park property without the necessity of using any of the private property immediately south, upon which it has been proposed to build a new 6-family apartment building.

Last week's freight train wreck at the local Grand Trunk station was the first such occurrence in about 20 years, according to an investigation by this Wanderer. The last such wreck happened on the old railroad right-of-way (where Hunter Avenue now is) about 20 years ago. Incidentally, many Birmingham residents visited the scene of the current mishap and learned a great deal about how such misfortunes are cleaned up. Railroad repair gangs

didn't waste a minute as they methodically straightened up the area. A railroad superintendent told this Wanderer that the Grand Trunk would send checks to other railroads for their cars which were beyond repair.

The Birmingham Fire Department will be getting 600 feet of new fire hose to replace older lengths. This is done periodically upon the recommendation of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The city commission has authorized the purchase at \$1.08 per foot.

Birmingham's representative to Washington, George A. Dondero, announced this week that local boys between the ages of 17 and 22, who are interested in an appointment to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, may write him concerning the competitive examinations which will be given Feb. 16-17, 1948. His address is: Hon. George A. Dondero, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

The First Snowfall! Remember that poet of your childhood? It went: "The snow had begun in the gloaming  
And bustle, all the night,  
Had been heaping the field and highway  
With a silence, deep and white."  
Last week the first real snowfall of 1947 visited Birmingham and carried many of us back to our

childhood days with gleaming, laughing, red-checked faces, we galloped forth to wallow and roll in it. We watched the youngsters the other morning and again after school, as they flocked to playgrounds and other open spots to enjoy it to the fullest. Almost as though someone had waved a magic wand, forts, small slides and the inevitable snow man appeared. Everywhere, happy, excited voices called challenges and new ideas, urging all to get out and get in the fun. Finally, as the sun slid into its crib in the West, the youngsters trooped home, cold, tired, happy, with mittens and ski pants soaking wet. Yes, the Wanderer admits feeling more than a little nostalgia at watching and listening—from the sidelines.

This Wanderer has been informed that John W. (Jack) Taylor, formerly of Birmingham and now of Wayneville, N. C., has had one of his prints accepted by the National Academy Show in New York. The print, entitled "Saturday Morning," is a wood engraving and now hangs in the 32nd annual show of the Society of American Etchers at the National Academy Galleries in New York City.

That Maple-Willits alley condemnation case, in which the City of Birmingham is asking for right-of-way for the highway, will be on the December 16 docket of the Oakland County Circuit Court in Pontiac, this Wanderer learned this week.

The present gas station at the corner of Adams and Woodward avenues will be torn down and a completely new, modern structure will be erected on the site in connection with the State Highway Department's re-vamping of that intersection, city officials have revealed.

Because of its up-to-the-minute laboratories which maintain a constant check on the weather, Edison Company repair crews are set for emergency conditions that may arise because of storms, this Wanderer learned this week. They may even be on their way to your area before you are aware the storm is coming.

It took ten years to get it, but the Big Beaver School now has fluttering over it a flag which has been flown from the flagstaff atop the Capitol Building in Washington. The flag was presented by Congressional Representative George A. Dondero, who put in his request for the banner more than 10 years ago. Dondero taught school at Big Beaver during 1905-07, and for this reason wished to remember the community with his recent presentation.

The Navy Department would like to locate 200 veterans who have money coming to them for their part in salvaging the German motorship "Odenwald" on Nov. 6,

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