

The Eccentric

PART TWO

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"Driving east on E. Maple this noon, I usually follow a few of the city's rubbish trucks from Adams to the railroad," a local gentleman complained to this Wanderer Monday afternoon. "It certainly was quite hazardous, too, with papers blowing around. In front of the car. I even had to dodge a big cardboard carton or two that fell from the truck. I understood that the city had acquired several tarpaulins with which to cover this rubbish, but I haven't seen them in use. Did the purchase fall through, or are they being saved for some more important use?"

This Wanderer wouldn't be surprised if residents along one of the city's streets continually receive a variety of spellings of the street on which they live. However, three sources spell it one way, another source spells it a second way while the street sign itself is a third way. It's either Willis, Willot or Willitts street, depending on where you see the name. The phone company, the city directory and the official city maps say "Willitts." A local map company lists it as "Willot." The Street sign itself proclaims "Willitts." Guess you can take your pick until some official city action is taken on it, which is undoubtedly the only way that can solve the difference.

"Local Girl Makes Good" has been the conversation among friends of Helen Rounds, young daughter of the Georgia Roundabouts, 551 N. Woodward. For Helen, in the current issue of "Life" magazine, has her name listed on the magazine's masthead as one of its picture researchers. This Wanderer learns that Helen, after her graduation from Olivet College in June, 1946, went to NYC that fall and landed a job with "Life" as one of those who interviewed interesting candidates for material for that weekly feature, "Speaking of Pictures." Helen's new job, we are told, involves checking over picture series to see they carry a complete story. If a picture is needed to make the story complete, she's got

the job of locating it, wherever it may be.

A good thing to remember when you're out tobogganing, skiing or taking a cross-country hike these wintry days is that, contrary to popular belief, brisk rubbing with snow is not the way to treat frost-bites. "According to eminent medical authorities"—borrowing an off-hand phrase—both the rubbing and the snow are harmful. Best treatment, they say is to cover the frozen part with the hand until you re-establish circulation. The important thing to remember is this, the frostbitten area should always return to normal temperature gradually. Hot water or other sources of heat should not be used.

It never pays to gamble, especially when these parking meters are concerned, one local young woman discovered this week. She told this Wanderer that she pulled her car into one particular parking space and dropped a nickel into the machine. Many minutes later, when she checked the meter, it still registered "90 minutes to go." She checked a couple more times; the meter was still at 60. When she failed to check it after four trips, the meter began operating. Anyway, when she finally returned to the car, there was a violation ticket on the windshield. "Try to save a nickel and spend a dollar," she confessed.

We're wondering whether or not to credit Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Grindley, 852 Puritan road, with seeing the first robin this spring (?). Last Thursday morning, while eating breakfast and gazing out on their snow-covered back yard, both Mr. and Mrs. Grindley spied a nice, fat robin in the apple tree. The question is: Is it still registered "90 minutes to go." He's a mixed up with June and arrive a bit early, or was he dumb about the bird to stay in frigid Michigan all winter?

It can happen here. The Wanderer has been associated with The Eccentric for a number of years, and each issue of the paper brings

Announce Some of Names in Planned Parenthood Drive

Workers for the fund raising campaign for the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan League for Planned Parenthood will meet at the Community House tomorrow evening, January 17th, at 8 p. m.

Cloud Gray, chairman of the campaign for Oakland County, and Mrs. Berrien C. Ketchum, executive chairman, will conduct the meeting.

Speakers for the evening will include Mrs. James P. McEvoy of Detroit, honorary chairman of the Detroit League for Planned Parenthood, and Mrs. Vera C. Hiltner, director of the Michigan and Detroit Leagues.

Some of Participants

Members of the board from Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills who will work in the \$2,000,000 nationwide drive which opens February 10th are: Mesdames W. Coit Allen, F. A. Bucha, Martin L. Butzel, Lewis E. Daniels, Henry Hart, Fritz C. Hyde, Jr., Edward E. Rothman, E. A. Schirmer, George Trumbull and W. W. Williams.

Workers who have volunteered from Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills are Mesdames Charles B. W. Aldrich, Mrs. Wayne A. Andrae, Martin Archangel, Gordon H. Baker, Jonathan M. Ball, Walter T. Bromley, R. D. Buick, Harry Coen, Mark B. Duffield, James A. Evans, R. K. Evans, George H. Fox, Charles C. Hood, William E. Kegel, Elliott S. Kinney.

Others are Mesdames Semon Knudsen, Charles Kuthe, Alvin G. Lambert, Leonard T. Lewis, Owen R. Luckenbach, Harris G. Machus, Robert J. Mason, J. Robert Mosby, H. Gray Muzzy, Clemson N. Page, Warren Pease, Jr., Fred C. Paw, Stanley E. Reinhart, Albert M. Rogers, R. M. Rogers, Ruth Saunders, John W. Shenfield, R. S. Shroder, Carl J. Whirl, M. S. Perry Williams, Albert N. Woodruff and Howard Z. Yale.

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- A. Birmingham Blvd.**
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Food Specialty Shop Opened in City

New to Birmingham—having opened only recently in the Gourmet Shop in the Birmingham Theater Building, Charles and Dorothy del Gaudio are the owners of this food specialty shop, and they say the business grew out of a hobby of eating the best foods and cooking.

Del Gaudio himself is a former teacher of languages who left a post at the Bedford High School to come to Birmingham. He was Born in Nice, France, while his wife is a native of this country.

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