

If, ordinarily, you are not an early riser, try it often during the summer time. As you step out into your yard you are greeted with the solemnity of a new day, with its early freshness of the floral world that, somehow, itself was refreshed and made more beautiful during the night. It's great to greet the morning, early!

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What Is A Good Buy

Generally a good buy in a home is one that offers the maximum of housing—the best location—and generally the lowest price as compared to that asked for similar properties.

QUARTON DISTRICT—A very well kept four bedroom, 2 bath English cottage on a non-traffic corner. Living room and Recreation room have fireplaces. Auto. oil heat—the house is fully insulated. \$27,500.

NEAR THIRTEEN MILE ROAD—A perfectly lovely ranch house with new carpeting, blinds and so forth included. Two first-floor bedrooms and tiled bath with extra tiled lavatory. Recreation room and radiant heat. It's perfect. \$20,950.

LATHROP TOWNSITE—More than 80 evergreens and dozens of flowering shrubs in this gardeners paradise. Three bedrooms, two tiled baths, air-conditioned heat. The house-keeping is plentiful. \$21,500 includes stove, refrigerator, carpets and drapes.

NEAR QUARTON SCHOOL—Five bedrooms and 3 baths at a bargain price. Recreation room and living room with fireplaces. 2-car attached garage. Auto. oil heat. \$28,000.

NEAR ROCHESTER—An appealing old home for those who like to remodel antiques—and a 6-room cottage all on 1 1/2 rolling acres. Sell off the extra land in sites and more than pay for the whole. \$35,000.

BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE—A dandy colonial on a well-shaded site. Four bedrooms, 2 baths for the family and servants room and bath. Panelled library, recreation room with tile floor. Beautiful carpets included. \$32,500.

In our opinion all of the hereinbefore listed properties are good buys.

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Bits of Birmingham

Final totals for the recent Girl Scout annual penny drive resulted in \$464.40 given by Birmingham residents, this Wanderer has learned.

Final details are being agreed upon for the contract to be signed by the city and Frederick Graf, Franklin realtor, for the development of "Greenfield," which is to be supplied with city water when the homes are erected.

Larry Nelson, local accountant, was inducted into the Birmingham Rotary Club Monday noon by Vice-President Oscar Peterson.

To this Wanderer a local chap reported the other day that he was staging a fairly successful attempt to break his cigarette smoking habit. "Been over a week now since I swore off cigarettes, although I've switched to a pipe," the citizen explained. "Pipe tobacco isn't taxed—yet—by the State and after all, why would I pay for my own bonus? Probably a number of other GIs feel the same way, but perhaps haven't stopped smoking the 'coffin nalls.'"

While some people will claim that the housing picture has steadied somewhat in the past few weeks because people are more hesitant about paying the current rents, rentals are still being snapped up in a hurry. Especially in Birmingham, where there is still the average number of rental units. In illustration of this fact, this Wanderer was told of the Birmingham family to which one of those huge Martin bird-houses in the back yard. A local realtor, over for the evening, was told that the Martins were late in arriving this year. "Let's give 'em another week and if they haven't arrived by then, let's put the house on the market and rent it," eagerly offered the real estate agent.

Those few persons who think intercity bus drivers are a pain in the neck should get out of that notion. As another example of how courteous and helpful they many times are, the following example was reported Tuesday to this Wanderer: A passenger on a Greyhound intercity bus which travelled between Pontiac and Detroit—was our informant. The driver, stopped at a suburban traffic light late one evening, was prevented from going ahead by a woman driver whose car had stalled in front of the bus. So the driver, after getting out to see what the trouble was, returned to his bus and pushed the woman's car around the corner to the nearest gas station, which was closed by that hour. Then he took the woman aboard and continued on his route till he passed a lighted repair garage. Thereupon he stopped and let the lady off—and didn't charge for the service, either. So, brother, next time your old bus doesn't work on the road, a courteous bus driver may save you many anxious moments, you never can tell.

Boys from the local YMCA, as well as a number of local Rotarians, are planning on going down to Briggs Stadium next Monday afternoon for the club's annual "Rotary Day." They'll see the Tigers tangle with the Philadelphia Athletics that afternoon.

The latest advertising methods are now being applied to the fish worm business, it has been reported to this Wanderer. On a Fourth of July vacation up around Traverse City, a local resident reported that between TC and Kingsley, a little town to the south and east, he saw a sign advertising not just "angle worms for

sale," but "peppy" worms at that. Our reporter didn't buy any, he claimed, but it is wondered if the "peppy" kind can attract more fish to the hook than the "regular" type.

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area apparently is making less than a half-hearted attempt at meeting the area's quota in the current Salvation Army fund drive. This Wanderer learned Monday from P. G. Burnett, local treasurer of the drive, that only about \$500 of the \$3,500 quota has been received. Any contributions may be sent to Burnett at the Birmingham National Bank.

That faded, used-looking American flag which was displayed July 4 at the home of Mrs. Hubert G. Smith, 1078 Hazel street, has quite a history behind it, this Wanderer has learned from Mrs. Smith. She explained that it is about 85 years old and was rescued by her grandfather, Captain Von Volk, during the siege of Fort Sumpter by Confederate forces during the Civil War. When he saw it being damaged by rifle and cannon fire, he climbed out after it and stuffed it in his shirt. It has been in the family ever since, Mrs. Smith stated.

Just how good is your memory? Remember anything you learned verbatim in 1907? Homer F. Gaskill, 175 W. Frank street, and the Fourth of July nearest, last week recited for this Wanderer a 15-verse poem about the nation's Liberty Bell which Gaskill learned as a young boy 60 years ago. He has something on all the ex-high school graduates who can't even get beyond the first few lines of Hamlet's "To Be or Not to Be" speech.

Comes a time in the lives of all second-assistant title holders when the regular jobholder and his assistant happen to be away from their jobs at the same time. This happened at the local Rotary

Pickpocket!



Jimmy Hughes, Toledo, O., Zoo keeper, has to be alert when he cleans Toots' quarters—here she is "littering" a carrot out of his hip pocket.

club's Monday luncheon when Walter B. Fausser, local Michigan Bell manager, provided the piano accompaniment for the group singing. Regular pianist Vic Ulrich was in Pennsylvania learning more about choral directing from Fred Waring, and Dwight B. Ireland, his first assistant, had left to teach a summer course at Syracuse University. Club members, however, enthusiastically applauded the vigorous renditions of Fausser.

Store employees in a local business establishment this week are pondering the question "Shouldn't flea powder be applied to where the fleas are?" This whole matter arose when a woman phoned in to ask, in all seriousness, "Where is that you can sprinkle flea powder on a cat where it can't be licked off?" The woman was told

that between the eyes is the only place, that any other area would be useless if the cat licked it so well it ate the powder. This Wanderer believes that if the woman goes through with this method of application, word will get around the flea world that the cat is a haven for powder-pestered fleas. And the cat won't like this in the least.

Regular readers of the Satevepost, especially those who read the magazine's editorial page, noted that last Friday's publication printed a guest editorial written by a Birmingham man, Frank Rising, 1020 Brookwood court.

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A.—764 Kennesaw. On one of Birmingham's loveliest streets, this White Colonial is just right for a small family. 3 Bedrooms, library, screened porch. \$19,750.

B.—Ranch home for two. Built last year, it offers radiant heat, 2-car attached garage and 100 feet of frontage. \$16,500.

C.—736 Abbey Road—in the trees! A brick home, beautifully designed—with library, games room, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths. Easy walk to school.

D.—1495 W. Lincoln. All on one floor with a big living room and dining space, you'll like its easy, comfortable feeling. 2 bedrooms, one with a boy. Games room, screened porch, fenced yard. Carpeting too! \$18,000 takes it!

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Birmingham, near Quarton School. Very attractive brick colonial with beautiful shade trees, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, screened porch, recreation room. Owner moving. Price \$25,000.

New England Farm house—3 bedrms., bath, sleeping porch 2nd, large rms. and lav. on 1st. Oil heat, beautiful country, garage with space for apartment, barn, chicken coop, orchard. It's close in—Only \$21,500.

Birmingham—1942 brick bungalow, screens, storm sash, 2 bedrms., tile bath, recreation rm. space, gas heat, fenced yard. Real value \$10,500.

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Statement of Condition

as of June 30, 1947

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$1,352,948.00
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	19,656.50
Properties sold on Contract	35,081.31
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	51,500.00
U. S. Government Bonds	627,901.82
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	74,321.57
Other Assets	3,571.86
Cash on hand and in Banks	151,931.94
Total Assets	\$2,316,708.00
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$2,179,567.92
Loans in Process	33,412.25
Advance payments by borrowers (taxes, insurance, etc.)	355.19
Other Liabilities	327.71
Specific Reserves	2,932.20
General Reserves	86,112.73
Undivided Profits	14,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$2,316,708.00

State of Michigan (ss County of Oakland)
I, Walter L. Moreland, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WALTER L. MORELAND—President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day July, 1947.
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