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## Fred J. Walls Will Attend Chicago Meeting

Fred J. Walls, 629 Pierce street, who is Detroit office manager for International Nickel Co., will be in Chicago next Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22-23, for the annual board meeting of American Foundrymen's Association.

The executive group will meet Tuesday morning and the full board that afternoon. Presiding will be Sheldon W. Wood, president of the AFA and president-general manager of Minneapolis Electric Steel Castings Co.

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**392 WEST LINCOLN—\$14,000.00**  
This white brick English cottage has three bedrooms, A/C oil heat, two car garage and is most attractive throughout. The recreation room is pine-paneled.

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## Bits of Birmingham

**King, the big lively Doberman** belonging to the Clyde Bennetts, Jr., has the new home he was seeking last week. Mrs. Bennett reported that there were many inquiries about King, and offers for a home where he could run and play without further entanglement with the law, which descended upon him in the form of the local dog catcher. He is now located at what might be called a dog's heaven-on-earth, for his new home there are three boys and an acre and a half of land. Not even a Doberman could ask for more!

A controversial subject seems to be the long skirt-length for the modishly dressed women. Those who are for it are very decided in their opinions, while those against the mode are equally strong in their objections. Glancing about, it also seems that there are a large number of women who can take the new styles or leave them alone, for many skirts remain unchanged.

A note to the city's DPW. Pierce street, between Lincoln and 14 Mile, is full of holes again. (This Wanderer still believes Pierce street residents will be up before the city commission before long to have the street improved with a hard surface. Their assessments would be more than offset the savings resulting from the periodic replacement of shock absorbers, springs, etc.)

Several P-80 pilots have been giving Birmingham residents a preview of the aerial show that is given at Selfridge Field Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2. This Wanderer still believes that Pierce street residents will be up before the city commission before long to have the street improved with a hard surface. Their assessments would be more than offset the savings resulting from the periodic replacement of shock absorbers, springs, etc.)

In spite of the internal distress that India has been having in recent weeks, a large segment of that country's population believes in a concept which American businessmen undoubtedly would like to see established in the U. S. The religious view of debt in India maintains that he who dies in debt suffers torment or degradation in the next life which can be ended only by payment of the debts. Hindu merchants then, observes one Birmingham business man, probably don't have to write off as many bad debts as their American counterparts.

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## Like Father, Like Son



George "Sluggo" Kurohski, Jr., four-year-old son of the Cardinals' third-sacker, "Wh'ey" Kurohski, looks like a small edition of his well-known dad as they put in a pre-game workout at Sportman's Park in St. Louis.

we do for an automobile or a new meat prices as they are.

As you notice the traffic patrolman writing up a parking meter violation, don't jump to the conclusion that it's another local resident who's neglected to put in the correct number of pennies. According to word from the local police department, quite a number of these offenders do not live in the Birmingham area. Detroit and Pontiac motorists are getting their share, too. Even out-of-state visitors are gathering in a sizeable amount of tickets. Should a warrant have to be issued for the court appearance of a violator—and a number of them have been served—it'll cost an average of six bucks to settle the issue, a dollar for the original violation and an additional five-spot for court costs.

Last Saturday and Sunday appeared to be quite a week end for a number of local families as they scattered to nearby communities for family reunion picnics. This Wanderer discovered quite a number of them about sore muscles and blisters, the result of over-participation in softball games, horseshoe pitching, swimming, and other forms of recreation generally associated with such gatherings.

During heavy rain storms in the summer, youngsters still make a practice of donning their bathing suits and splashing through curbside puddles. Although it is a lot of fun and keeps them out from under Mother's feet, it can also be a dangerous sport, as this Wanderer observed last week Wednesday afternoon. While driving west on Maple avenue at Irving street, he attempted to avoid a puddle at the corner and was prevented from completely doing so by a car coming in the opposite direction. As he went through some of the puddle, two youngsters sitting in the deep water at the curb's edge ducked their heads and bodies forward and under the spray from the wheels. If the sewer in this area is backing up and needs to be cleaned, maybe the city can

prevent water from accumulating in this spot and thus remove temptation from neighborhood youngsters. Some day some boy may take a chance and lose his life. That should be prevented if at all possible.

City commissioner Don Bell had the dubious honor of being the first city resident to require the fire department's new 1000-gallon-per-minute pumper to answer an alarm. It happened Saturday evening when a bathroom heater caused a short circuit and started a fire in the bathroom wall. Damage was slight. But neighborhood residents turned out and inspected the new pumper, which received a "pat of the" and a "pat of the".

It won't cost city officials a penny for this Wanderer's solution in the startling problem, and this is it: the city should make the recipe for starting pie so famous that Birmingham residents would be seeking the birds as a table delicacy. It might even be that we can establish a certain day of the week as "Eat More Startings Day."

Another letter this week from some reader who won't sign his name. He makes a number of caustic comments on local situations, some of which have merit, as far as potential stories for The Eccentric are concerned. But, as is usual in practically all newspaper offices, his letter will wind up in the editorial wastebasket merely because there is no signature at the bottom of the letter. An editor figures that nameless contributions or comments are penned in a moment of mental distress by persons who have something to get off their chest, rather than as worthwhile and constructive criticisms.

An estimate of 15 million tons of commercial fertilizers used in 1946 sets a new high record for the United States.

## Quick Change

Arriving in Dallas, Tex. for a tour of the state, Babe Ruth gets fitted for a 10-gallon hat, part of the traditional Texas welcome.

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1495 W. LINCOLN BLVD.  
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