

It has always been my conviction, from long personal experience, that how youth, (as well as adults), uses its leisure time determines just where youth (and adults), is headed for. Some of leisure should be used for recreation, but surely some of it also should be used for self-improvement, through study.

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Most men who read this will say, "That's just like a woman," but in all fairness to the fair sex, this Wanderer knows some men who haven't been too bright at times, themselves. Be that as it may, this is what happened: Last Friday afternoon a winsome maiden deposited her nickel in a public phone, and in the due process of time, was connected with a local cab company. We started in amazement as we heard her say, "Please have a cab pick me up right away,—and then hang up!"

This Wanderer was informed last week of a horseback ride that ended in an accident causing the rider a broken back. Harriet Beecher of 631 Greenwood, a nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac and an art student at Cranbrook Summer School, was the victim of the unfortunate happening, and she is now at Henry Ford Hospital. Since she will be in a cast for four months, and will have to wear a brace for another six, we imagine that visits from her friends would be greatly appreciated.

According to a publicity folder which came across this Wanderer's desk from the University of Detroit, on the tentative U of D football roster for this fall is the name of Carl Blusman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Blusman of Franklin. The bulletin has Blusman, who will be a freshman at the university, stated for a left tackle position. At Baldwin High School he held down the left tackle spot.

Those big piles of broken concrete along certain city streets are free for the taking, this Wanderer learned this week from the DPW.

They result from the broken sidewalks that are being replaced. Persons who want the chunks for garden walks or as a fill can have them by merely taking them away. What is left will be used along the banks of the Rouge near Linden and Brandon streets.

J. O. Buckridge, 507 Brookside, has asked city officials if some kind of restitution can be made for the damage which results from the flooding of the Rouge every year. The Buckridge basement is continually flooding during high water periods. According to city officials, nothing can be done for the family other than reconstruction of the Woodward avenue bridge. However, DPW crews are scheduled to begin clearing the Rouge of trees and other obstructions which undoubtedly will facilitate the freer flow of water. "But there's no guarantee against future flooding," they say.

Residents along Buckingham, between Adams and Rugby, will have to wait till the rest of their assessment district pays up to the 50 per cent of the paving cost before Buckingham will be blacktopped, city officials state. Buckingham property owners have pointed out to city commissioners that in their block 100 per cent of the assessment is paid in.

"Why," they have asked, "can't the block be blacktopped?" Officials reply that since they are included in a larger district, they must wait till half the district's share is paid into the city. "They'll just have to get to the rest of the district and get the payments in," commissioners point out. Meanwhile, straightening of curbs,

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Rainy weather, responsible for this season's profusion of roses and other flowers, is responsible also for a bumper crop of poison ivy. City Nurse Anyce Gillette warned this week. "Learn to identify the plant and be able to recognize it at a glance so it may be avoided and eradicated," she suggests. A creeper or climbing plant with broad, dark green and shiny leaves arranged in clusters of three, she explained the best first aid treatment is if one came in contact with it: "Thorough and repeated washing of the affected skin surface with warm water and strong soap is recommended. The poisonous substance is a resin and the removal of this will reduce the irritation. Self medication should be avoided and a doctor consulted."

Young men and women who are soliciting magazine subscriptions on the basis of obtaining scholarships to schools of nursing are not sponsored by the Michigan State Nurses Association or the Michigan Board of Registration of Nurses, the two organizations informed The Eccentric this week. "We wish you would call this to the attention of your parents and the event such persons attempt to canvass your area," the two groups asked.

Traffic cops have taken to the air, this Wanderer learns from the Michigan Department of Transportation. It has been informed that as part of the Michigan air safety program, patrol planes from the Michigan Department of Aeronautics last week started to be on the lookout for violators of the new flight and regulations. According to reports, pilots of state-owned patrol planes have been instructed to watch for planes flying low or buzzing, follow the violators to their destinations and obtain their names for prosecution. "I'll be interested to see if any of the patrol planes adopt the practice of pulling us into the curb," one local pilot observed.

This Wanderer has received a recent note from Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, our local superintendent of schools, who is at Syracuse (NY) University teaching a course on school administration. He came back from a week end trip with his family to Ottawa and the Thousand Islands, Dr. Ireland relates that he is enjoying his work and it isn't a real vacation in the true sense of the word.

E. J. Warren, 831 Bonaventure, has come across an idea which he believes may get rid of the city's starling population. Warren, who is in charge of the city's bird control program, is planning to set up a series of traps along certain residential streets wherein residents have complained that starlings often exceed the 25-minute-hour limit. Other streets will be so posted should residents request it, police officials report.

Although "ignorance of the law is no excuse," Birmingham police have been placing new signs along certain residential streets wherein residents have complained that motorists often exceed the 25-minute-hour limit. Other streets will be so posted should residents request it, police officials report.

It must be something about the kind of life a man leads—or something! It does seem, though, that there are days that no mat-

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ize that two rings is not long enough to permit people to get in from the yard, up from the basement or down from the attic? This Wanderer can vouch for the inconsiderateness of such persons—it's happened to him many times, too.

What? "Robert," chided mother, "you are you always wishing for things you haven't got!" "Why, mother," retorted the thoughtful lad, "what else can I wish for?"

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