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## In Bloomfield Village



White clapboard and brick is the hallmark of the true Colonial so well designed and executed in this attractive residence just outside the city limits. Large rooms make it a gracious home.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### Do Men Like Women?

Maybe you read that recent article in a national magazine, claiming that American men don't really like the company of women. They just put them up on a pedestal and leave them there.

But I wouldn't say that that was so in our town. Look at any married couple—like the Cuppers. Jane wouldn't nag if Dee spent his evenings "with the boys"—but actually Dee likes nothing better than to stay home by the fire, sharing a glass of beer with Jane, playing cribbage, or just talking.

And when he does go out, for an afternoon of fishing down at Seward's Creek, or for an evening glass of beer at Andy Botkin's Garden Tavern, Jane is almost always with him (except when she's got a spot of baking in the oven).

From where I sit, respect doesn't rule out everyday companionship... and never should. They go together—essential parts of a successful marriage.

Joe Marsh

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## Bits of Birmingham

An interesting discussion should result on tonight's "Town Hall of the Air" over WXYZ when several well known authorities discuss the question, "Should Our Public Schools Educate for Marriage and Public Relations?" Always a hot subject, this Wanderer believes many Birmingham ears will be listening to the discussion, with explosive listener comments being made as the program progresses.

While this Wanderer knows where to go in Birmingham for some of that rich, smooth-tasting ice cream (as do many Birminghamites), he is happy to learn that in the near future when he goes to the City of Detroit for dinner he can get an ice cream dessert made of the old, pre-war stuff. Nothing so discouraging to one who likes ice cream is that which is similar to fast-tasting, frozen water.

Several persons were in last week to question Birmingham Board of Education President Lee E. Josly's reference to the local school district as "School District of the City of Birmingham."

"Why, when it includes parts of Southfield township, extends westward to include to Bloomfield Village, Walnut Lake and Franklin?" they ask. Checking with Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, this Wanderer was told: the old graded school district was abolished on December 20, 1943, when school district electors voted to become a third class school district in line with State laws which permit school districts in cities of 10,000 population or more to leave the ungraded classification. This was back when the local district switched from a five to a seven member school board. At the time of the change, Southfield,

Franklin, Walnut Lake and Bloomfield Village were not parts of the Birmingham district. They were annexed subsequent to the 1943 election. "Should the change from a graded to a third class district have been made today, it would still be called 'The School District of the City of Birmingham,' for that is the municipality included in the district which is over 10,000 in population," Ireland explained.

Architect Carl B. Marr, 821 Henrietta, is represented in a new book, "100 Homes," selected from over 900 designs submitted in a recent national competition for designs of 8-bedroom houses, this Wanderer has learned.

Howard R. Estes, chairman of the health committee of the Michigan House of Representatives, was among the first state officials to take advantage of X-ray facilities brought to the capitol last week by the Michigan Department of Health. Estes, who has interested himself in public health all his life, is a member of the Northern Michigan Tuberculosis Hospital and Pontiac State Hospital committees. The X-ray was similar to the one which appeared at Birmingham's Municipal Building several weeks ago.

Birmingham was well represented among the various branches of the armed services during the last week. A great number of these ex-GIs are members of various organizations composed of the Northern Michigan Tuberculosis Hospital and Pontiac State Hospital committees. The X-ray was similar to the one which appeared at Birmingham's Municipal Building several weeks ago.

Constituents of a district to the north of Birmingham can rest assured that their representative's remarks in the Michigan legislature will sparkle with the latest jokes. This Wanderer encountered the newly-elected legislator in a book store the other day and noted he was looking through a joke book. "You're in the wrong department; what you probably want is a textbook on legislative procedures, don't you?" we asked him. "Nope, I just want some jokes with which to enliven any speech I may give," he bravely admitted.

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A number of boys from Baldwin high school's senior class have been attending meetings of the city commission for the past several weeks. They attended in order to learn various commission procedures that will be explained to the student "commissioners" who will participate in the Student Control Day next April 21.

The Birmingham City Commission has been informed by the Garden Club that many of its members appreciate the new tarpaulins which cover the city trucks carrying debris to the city dump. This Wanderer will venture to say that another appreciative group is those residents living along the truck routes who now won't have to pick up as many papers, cardboard boxes, etc., that have fallen or blown from trucks enroute to the disposal area.

While city commissioners are very interested in having as many persons as possible vote in the April 7 election, they had to turn hands down on a proposal by the group sponsoring the "Voters Rally" March 31 that overhead banners be allowed at Woodward and Maple, and at Woodward and Hunter, both north and south ends. While only the voters were to "VOTE" was to have appeared on the sign, the commission didn't want to establish a precedent for such signs.

Those topics, several of which appeared on downtown shoppers and businessmen last Thursday night, were undertaken and taken back into the closet Saturday. This Wanderer believes practically everyone will experience the same situation in the next few weeks as we try to decide whether it is still winter, or that spring has finally arrived.

Newest member of the Birmingham Rotary Club is George Wm. Averill, managing editor of The Eccentric, who was introduced to club members at their noon meeting Monday at the Community House. He was inducted into the club by his father, George B. Averill, first president of the local group, who explained to his son the principles of Rotary. George presented him with his membership card and recognition pin.

This Wanderer hears from Chet Brown, commander of American Legion Post No. 14, that the post celebrated the post birthday last Saturday, along with every other Legion Post in the world. The American Legion, he told us, is 28 years old and now embraces 16,000 posts all over the world. Brown recently visited a few of the posts in South and Central America and is now compiling notes on what he saw there. Should be interesting reading when he finally gets a description down on paper of the many spots visited.

During the recent clothing drive in Birmingham schools for the benefit of needy European youngsters, Mrs. Walter C. Morgan, 727



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## 3 Religious Leaders Speak to Members of Homemaking Class

Purdy, hesitatingly accepted an invitation to tell a Barnum Junior High School class about her experiences in sending boxes of food to devastated European areas. She originally intended to speak for just 30 minutes, but it developed that she gave three 45-minute talks to 180 students and five faculty members. During the past three years she has mailed hundreds of letters to these families, writing as many as 16 in one week. Numerous packages of scarce items she has sent—19 to one English family. The Barnum social studies class was so moved that it sent Mrs. Morgan a lovely corsage in appreciation of her talk. When it arrived, she said, "I shall never forget this day or what the flowers mean."

This Wanderer trusts everyone obtained enough rest over the weekend to make up for their having spent all Friday night and Saturday in a desperate attempt to get their income tax statements off to the Collector of Internal Revenue.

According to the calendar, tomorrow is the first day of Spring, 1947. This Wanderer will reserve until tomorrow noon his opinion as to whether it actually appears like Spring. Too many climatic changes have been taking place lately for anyone to go out on a limb with a definite prediction.

## Have You Met? . . .

Two new families of Webster street? They are Mr. and Mrs. Lee White and their two children from Pontiac who live at 1363 and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown of 1953, who came here from Wilsonville, Ill. Mr. White is a policeman with the Birmingham Force and Mr. Brown is a commercial artist with the Wayburn Bass and Lockoff Co.

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## 3 Religious Leaders Speak to Members of Homemaking Class

The recent visit of three religious leaders to the homemaking class at Baldwin highlighted a study of religion in relation to marriage. Speaking on the subject were the Rev. Ralph V. Barton of Holy Name Church, the Rev. Walter H. Young of Christ Church Cranbrook, and a representative from the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass.

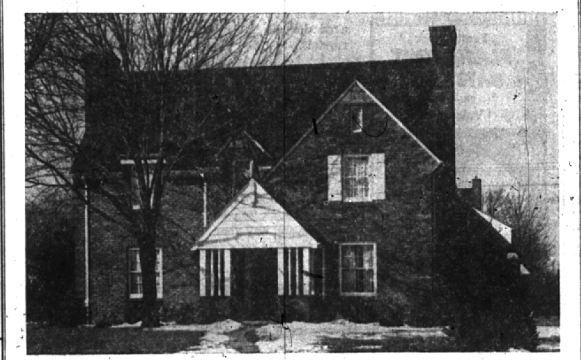
A Baldwin chapter of the F.H.A. is also being organized, holding its first meeting yesterday. Anyone with a semester of home economics is eligible. The club plans to send two representatives to the state convention at MSC March 29 and 30.

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