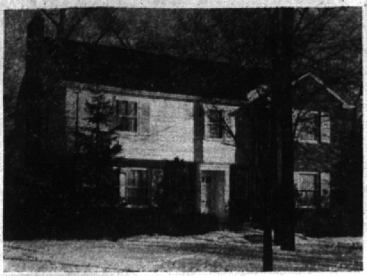


Each morning offers new opportunities to obtain new-found happiness and security. I think that, when one rises each day, the very best thing he can do is to remind himself that by going forth as a cheerful, helpful person, he is doing the very best thing possible to wrap the same realities of mind and heart that he exemplifies.

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Bits of Birmingham

Most Birmingham residents will agree that the month of March really outdid itself on this "in like a lion—out like a lamb" best news. As one of them said to this Wanderer Monday, "It appears like March came in more like a polar bear than a lion."

Motorists who drive daily between Birmingham and Detroit have experienced a new sensation the past week or so. They now are able to rest past most of the traffic lights on Woodward in Ferndale if they hit the first one when it is green and maintain the legal speed limit of 35 miles per hour. Just last week the State Highway Department went in and regulated the series of lights so through traffic would be benefited. Until that time, most motorists found themselves confronted with a red light at every one of the signals. The installation of the new timers is only a stop-gap until the Highway Department can put in an entire new block control signal system. Ladies, if your husbands still don't get home any earlier from Detroit, they at least can't pull the Ferndale traffic problem on you any longer.

Monday morning, at this Wanderer was typing off these little bits of information for the column, he heard a "crunch" which sounded very much like crumpled fenders. Glancing out the front door, there was a Greyhound bus which had tangled with an automobile backing out from the curb. Not much damage resulted. However, it calls to every motorist's attention the hazard of backing out into the street without carefully observing if the way is clear. Every day it happens to someone that isn't cautious.

One out of every nine workers in the United States has an added dependent, whether he likes it or not. Recent figures indicate that on the average, every nine workers in private industry support one government worker in either local, state or federal government. (No armed forces are included in the computation.) Which government worker do you support? This Wanderer figures that he is supporting a New Mexico office boy in the bureau of desert development for applied science.

Birmingham residents would be surprised if they could go through the city's residential basements and see the number of street signs that are tacked up in various corners. Or they go up to the boys' room and see the signs hung against the wall. According to Birmingham city officials, many high school youngsters have the universal collecting urge and expend it by swiping city street markers. After a certain length of time, the boys tire of having them around and the signs wind up in rubbish baskets slated for the city dump. Every sign so collected, this Wanderer was told, costs the city from one to three dollars for replacement, plus a four month's waiting period for delivery during which the street intersection is unmarked. Parents ultimately pay for this type of theft in taxes to the city for replacement. If each parent was interested in saving himself some money, as well as the trouble of traveling several blocks to locate a sign indicating what street he was driving on, he could impress on his youngsters, should they bring one of the signs home, that the same "collecting bug" could be put to use by collecting stamps or butterflies.

This Wanderer glimpsed a few pictures of Birmingham's photogenic canine set the other day while leaning through a bush by dog-trainer Bob Becker. "How to Raise and Train Your Puppy,"

displayed on a local merchant's shelves. Included were some truly beautiful shots—a dachshund owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tracy of Bloomfield Hills; an English setter belonging to Mr. Herbert Stacey, also of the Hills, and a striking chow, the pet of Mrs. Marie de Pagter of Birmingham. The Staffordshire terrier of Mrs. Clayton Harriman's was shown to advantage, and the little Boston bull owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Colbeck, was also pictured, as well as many different pointers and setters owned by Erik Borgisjagen. The wee cocker spaniel owned by Fraser Kennedy looked particularly cuddly. Each of the dogs pictured illustrated some point in training your dog well.

A number of PTA members who attended the February 24 "open meeting" of the PTA Council, have commented to this Wanderer about the eye-opening charts several school board members used to illustrate their information. "Those charts really explained the facts and figures about the present school situation," they generally agreed.

Howard Ester, chairman of the boys' and girls' work committee for the Lions club, is still working on the project of securing musical instruments for the youngsters at the Boys' Republic to use in starting a band. The members of the committee have no money with which to purchase instruments, so the local Lions are asking anyone who has an instrument around the house that is not used any more and of which you would like to dispose, to call Ester at his home, Birmingham 1652, or at his business, Birmingham 3179. He will see that some member of the Lions club calls for it and that it gets to the boys at the Republic.

Some families take more care of the family pet than they do of themselves, which just goes to show how highly considered such a pet is to a family. And this Wanderer knows that the Paul E. Baker, 736 Brookside, have such a family pet which they are endeavoring to locate. Mrs. Baker penned a note to this Wanderer this week in an effort to widen what is up to now a fruitless search. Write Mrs. Baker: "Hedy La Baker is missing. Not a pedigree to his name. Couldn't even suggest he might be part Persian. Just an ordinary gray-striped tiger cat."

Gray, that is, Gray nose, plain gray vest, gray pads on his feet, darker rings on his tail. (Mother saved by a raccoon.) He was a rascal. Slept in the neighbors' beds whenever he could slip into their houses. Made himself comfortable in the neighbor's baby buggy. One by one, he removed every ball from a bedspread trimmed with ball fringe. And then under the edge of the rug. No one would want such a naughty cat but one little Giny, six little twelve-year-old mistress had planned on baking him a tiny cake to mark his first birthday in March. You will have to call 3824 quickly so he can be home in time for the party.

While the nation has more or less gone off its wartime footing, there are still several million men in the armed forces who regularly look for the hometown paper to keep themselves posted on local happenings despite the fact they are still scattered in many places around the globe. Just such a soldier is Pvt. James B. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jensen, 216 Ridgeway, a letter to his parents this week. Private Jensen remarks, "I have already read the four Birmingham Eccentrics that came in today's box and you can't imagine the enjoyment I got out of them. It's really a good feeling to get the scoop on every little incident around town." I take it from one of the articles about the parking meters are really "cleaning up." Thanks, Private Jensen; we're happy to know The Eccentric brings you a little closer to home even though geographically you are stationed . . . Korea.

Directors of the Oakland Citizens League have gone on record as enthusiastically supporting Judge John Hartrick's one-man grand jury activities against organized crime within the county. Birmingham officers of the organization include John T. Shaw, vice-president, and Henry S. Booth, secretary, both of Bloomfield Hills, and Russell A. McBride, treasurer, of Birmingham.

Burton H. VanGeison, 1211 E. Lincoln avenue, has completed a course in practical and theoretical radio and television at the National Radio Institute in Washington, D.C. This Wanderer learned this week.

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