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## Above the Stream



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Blending perfectly into its 3-acre hillside setting, the attractive home pictured above is one of the newest in the Vaughan School district. 1939-40 built, it is a perfect example of planning a home to fit the site and landscaping it expertly and beautifully without high maintenance costs.

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## Bits of Birmingham

Some time ago this Wanderer mentioned that a search was being made for the oldest living dog in the nation (family pet, that is). Birmingham evidently didn't have an entry that approached the "oldest" mark, for this Wanderer wasn't informed that any Birmingham pet owners were even given honorable mention. So now comes the Chevrolet Motor Div. of GM, looking for the oldest Chevy truck still in active service. Suppose Birmingham may get in on that award? Check with the nearest Chevy dealer for contest rules. This Wanderer doesn't know what the age of the oldest Chevy truck will be, but he'll wager a guess that if Ford conducted a similar search, plenty of Model T's could be located that are still scoting along the highways.

Veterans who have yet to file their claims for settlement of unused military leave are reminded that the deadline for filing is September 1, 1947. And that date will be here sooner than is expected.

If anyone has occasion to need a list of Birmingham organizations and their club officers—and a great number of persons do—then such a list may be obtained free of charge from J. D. Buckridge, 11 Ravine road. According to Buck, "This one isn't entirely complete and up-to-date, but it's not far from it. A new one will be out in June that's got the latest information in it." Buck adds that he is most anxious for clubs not listed in the present pamphlet to supply him with the latest information by June 15.

Mystery of the week at the J. O. Buckridge home on Brookside is, "Who kissed their three dogs?" On Sunday morning Mrs. Buckridge looked out at the dogs in their Woodward frontage yard

and screamed. "The dogs are bleeding!" However, closer inspection disclosed that each of the big Scotch Collies had been kissed on the forehead—and the blood turned out to be lipstick.

Have you noticed the new numbers which adorn the back and sides of all the local taxicabs? They've been placed there, at the insistence of the city commission, for purposes of easier identification.

Gentlemen, if the little woman comes home some night wearing a preposterous bit of ribbon and wailing about her head, and she calls it a hat, think nothing of it—it could be worse, much worse. This Wanderer, thumbing through his collection of facts and figures, discovered that at one time in ancient Egypt the women used to have their heads so that their favorite headresses would fit. Imagine the family feud that would develop today if hubby got up in the morning and said to his wife, "Good morning, Cebull!"

While a great majority of Birmingham merchants have endeavored to keep prices down, they still do not see how President Truman's plan of a general 10 percent price reduction as inaugurated by the Newburyport, Mass., retailers can accomplish much if the plan doesn't extend all the way back down the line. According to discussion at the recent board of directors meeting of the local Merchants Association, there are too many financial risks involved if retailers alone are the ones who reduce prices. Also, these directors felt the present plan really is not what it seems to be on the outside. When wholesale and manufacturers' prices are reduced, then retailers can cut prices to consumers, they agreed.

Birmingham city commissioners were puzzled the other day when City Treasurer Russ Berger reported that an \$800 first installment on a piece of industrial property included in the Eton road paving district had not been paid by the deadline called for by the city charter. According to the discussion of the commission, this installment is part of a \$4,000 total assessment necessitated by the improvement, a check for the whole \$4,000 which has been promised immediately during hearings on the project.

With the phone strike still going on and on, it may lighten the burden a little to know that inadvertently humor pops into the situation now and then. Take the case of a Birminghamite who was busy with a conference until quite

late one evening and was unable to make it to his suburban home, he simply couldn't call his wife that evening. The following day, finally getting in touch with an operator, he was asked if he called was an emergency. "You be the judge," he told the male operator. "I couldn't make it home last night and I want to square things with my wife!" "Heavens, man, not an emergency—that's a catastrophe!" And he got his call through.

This Wanderer just learned that one of The Eccentric's employees, Miss Harriet Pearson, secretary to our business manager, Paul N. Averill, recently won a scholarship to several advertising courses through an essay she wrote on "What Advertising Entered the Contest, Sponsored by the Wayne University at night, at the Wayne Advertising Club of Detroit, with her classmates, and giving ourselves a little pat on the back, courtesy of Harriet, this means studying at night!"

Thumbing through the "farmer's almanac" the other day, this Wanderer came across a tip which many city homeowners should welcome: how to get rid of quack grass. According to the advice, this type of grass should be fertilized and cut as the heads appear. If it works, it'll certainly save the bona fide gardener a lot of time this summer in his perpetual fight to eliminate this ruin of good lawns.

According to information this Wanderer can piece together, it may quit a little time before the strike of metropolitan Detroit carpenters, plumbers, and other trades is settled. From information learned this week, a number of contractors don't seem to care how long the strike continues. Seems new houses aren't selling like they should, and the contractor figure there is no justification for signing union contracts for higher wages. It is to be remembered that New York contractors recently laid off tens of thousands of building tradesmen because of a marked reaction in the part of buyers not to purchase new homes because of the high prices. Perhaps that plasterer union in Port Huron saw the handwriting on the wall when it turned down a 25-cent hourly increase that was offered it.

Over 400 persons attended that Woodward General Hospital benefit concert held at the Royal Oak High School auditorium last week. It was reported that this Wanderer. The concert marked the first appearance of the newly organized South Oakland Symphony Orchestra.

Notice how much more valuable there is to the city's traffic signals? It's a result of a new yellow paint job, new bulbs and cleaner lenses. Certainly pops up their appearance and makes them much easier to see.

Mrs. Julia Lally, former director of the Community House who moved from Birmingham back in September, 1945, is now out in Colorado Springs and is corresponding secretaries of the local Soroptimist Club there. She was a former member of the B'ham club; this Wanderer is told.

Spring, spring, and more spring, with the sun and other things that herald it, come the rock gardens in full splendor of their color-filled niches. One of the finest that has been seen this year by this Wanderer is the one built up along the side of the McCurry home, 820 Puritan. It measures a full 35 by 50 feet, and is now in full bloom and will be for the next two weeks, it is understood. Full of those special rock-garden varieties of bloom and grass, many people have already made the trip around

the side of the house and taken their look at the garden, but perhaps many Birminghamites remain unaware of this little beauty spot, so easily seen, and they needn't feel like trespassers on the McCurry property, as all such guests are welcomed.

A lei of Hawaiian orchids was the unusual Mother's Day gift to Mrs. Paul Kennedy, 335 E. Brown, from her son, Sgt. John E. Kennedy, now with the Headquarters Company of the AGF in Hawaii. The orchids left the flower shop of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel in Honolulu on Friday, May 9th, at 1 p. m. and were in Birmingham Saturday at 2 p. m. John graduated from Baldwin High Jan. 24, 1945, and along with seven other classmates, enlisted in the Army the following week.

## To Honor Retiring Teacher at Pierce PTA Meeting Tonight

Tonight when the Pierce School PTA meets in the auditorium of the school at 8 p. m., members will pay tribute to retiring 6th grade teacher, Miss Elizabeth Cross.

Following the installation of next year's officers and brief reports from Mrs. Buck Sullivan, Mrs. Wilson H. Feldman and Charles Blunt on the PTA convention held last week in Detroit, refreshments will be served and an opportunity given parents to visit together before the summer holiday.

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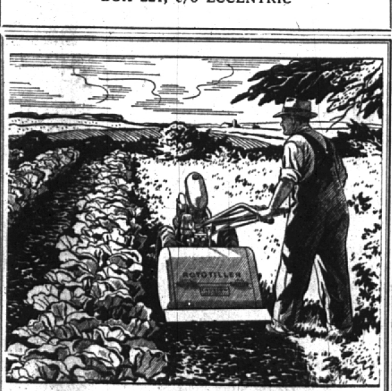
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