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Little 17-month-old Johnny Hoenicke, of 1775 Ruffner, hasn't eaten a good meal since Sunday noon, all because he has lost the best pal in the world—a youngster could have—his dog. Three months ago his mother gave Johnny a part-cocker puppy, which was immediately named "Cindy" because she was as black as a lump of coal. Johnny hasn't learned to say very many words yet, but he can call "Cindy" which is her cue to come a-runnin' and romp on the floor with Johnny. But Sunday, just after dinner, Johnny called for his Cindy but she didn't appear. She had been let outside for awhile, as all dogs are, and she never came back. Johnny can't figure it out, either, for while 4-month-old Cindy was very friendly, she never went too far away from the house. Johnny has been so worried about Cindy that he just pecks listlessly at his meals. Now his mother is getting worried about Johnny's not eating.

and she has asked this Wanderer to tell the person who walked off with Cindy to please return the black, curly pup so Johnny will be happy again. "All Johnny does now is call for Cindy and gets no barking response," his mother related sadly. "We feel sure that someone else took her home. She's not a thoroughbred cocker, as it might appear at first glance. But Cindy means the world to Johnny. I hope we can get her back—and then Johnny'll be happy again and start eating."

Designed to give quicker service to its patrons, a local cab company last Thursday placed into operation a two-way radio service between its five cabs and the "home office. It works so well, the owner of the company reports, that on the first day the service was used a fare had hardly passed the call when a cab was at her door.

Seven new parking meters have made their appearances downtown. Located on the north side of Martin street opposite the City Hall, the meters are to give bargains to rates for those motorists with appointments at the doctor's, dentist's or hairdresser's; two hours for a nickel, or 24 minutes for a penny.

Eighteen habushkas, left unclaimed for nearly a year at the Community House's lost and found department, have been given to a mission school in the South Pacific at the request of a local woman. This Wanderer wonders how South Sea Islanders will wear the Russian bandanas?

Dale Young announces another cartoon show for Birmingham kids. Two hours of cartoons to look at. What a way to recover from a big Thanksgiving. The show will be on November 28, the day after Turkey Day and will start at 2 p. m.

A Thursday morning preview of things to come, by a school student, walking very sedately, along Woodward, his eyes staring at a book he held almost shoulder-high in his left hand, while with his right hand he conducted his imaginary band through the measured beats of some apparent masterpiece. The young man was completely unaware of the smiles of passersby.

An elderly gentleman was recently asked his opinion of the "New Look" in women's styles. After a moment's thought he replied, "Well, it really isn't new, they were like that when I was courting my wife. Do you know, I went with that young lady for three years and never dared put my arm around her waist? The woman went up and down so fast I was afraid to try it, for fear I'd either trip her up or choke her to death!"

The Troy Township board of supervisors has postponed until its December 3rd meeting consideration of a petition of J. W. Torrence for the annexation of approximately three acres of land to the City of Birmingham. The triangular property is located just outside city limits at Eton and Holland streets. The Troy supervisors discussed the petition at their Nov. 5 meeting, but tabled the proposition. They felt they did not have all the facts in the case. According to Miss Elizabeth Miller, deputy township clerk, either Torrence or the City of Birmingham will have a representative appear at the December meeting to supply the facts which the supervisors wish to know.

Curb service deluxe! Last Friday afternoon this Wanderer was walking past a local drugstore when he saw a neatly uniformed chauffeur come out of the store's side entrance a soda in each hand. Walking up to a limousine at the curb, he handed one of the sodas to each of the two women seated in the back.

This Wanderer sees where the city has painted some new yellow lines at various major street intersections. Yet the one at Manie and Woodward, where hundreds of Maple motorists are forced to violate a city traffic ordinance when turning left onto Woodward, goes unmarked. What's the matter with daubing a little paint here?

At least 12 members of the congregation of Christ Church Cranbrook this week are cooling off after having been given parking violation tickets by Bloomfield Hills police for violating ignored newly placed "No Parking" signs on Church road. These 12 persons parked their cars in this zone, then went to church last Sunday morning. When services were over, they returned to their cars and discovered the tickets. According to word from the Hills' city office, the signs were okayed last July by the city commission, but were not installed at that time because the signs weren't available immediately.

Tucked away in some Birmingham attic or basement corner must be an upright piano that hasn't sounded a note in some years. And there is a place in Birmingham that is in need of that piano. It is the Ranch Room at the Community House, according to Miss Amy Wild, the house's youth activities director. The young folk who use the room have just learned that their former piano has succumbed to old age and the unusually wet atmospheric conditions this past summer. Now, a gang of healthy young folks, bent on an evening of fun, can get the utmost of enjoyment out of a piano. If any Birmingham householder has an upright that is not seeing much use at liveliness these days, this Wanderer has a sure cure for it: just contact the Community House and the piano will have an excellent home, with lots of fun and activity going on all the time.

Birmingham Fire Marshal George Scott this week sent to approximately 50 local business establishments which handle, store, or sell flammable liquids, a circular pointing out the various local and state regulations applying to such liquids as gasoline, alcohol, turpentine, fuel oil, naphtha, etc. "There are several new businesses which should be advised of these

regulations, while the circular will serve as a reminder to the rest of the group," Scott explained.

A blank copy of the "gripe sheet," upon which the Greater Jackson Association asks its citizens to report civic matters which they believe should be corrected, has been forwarded to this Wanderer. The local individual who sent it in added this remark, "It wouldn't do for Birmingham to take this chance." However, this Wanderer will turn the form over to the officers of the new Birmingham Chamber of Commerce for their consideration.

It had been previously reported that the State Highway Department wanted to regulate the traffic signals between 8 and 12-mile roads so that a smoother traffic flow could be obtained. This Wanderer, who occasionally travels this section of Federal Highway, is pleased to note that this week the highway Department has stated that the proper equipment has been received and installation of the controls will be completed by next spring.

Women of the Lutheran Church were dismayed the night of last week when they went to the church for a society meeting. They discovered that the night before the glass window in the attractive bulletin board located in front of the church had been shattered and the letters strewn around in front lawn, evidently the work of juvenile vandals.

On the school news page this week, our readers will notice that the phrase, "Get that Jug!" replace the customary cut in dances between stories. As explained to this Wanderer, it is part of the psychological campaign being conducted at Baldwin High School to return the "Jug" to Birmingham by means of a victory over the Royal Oak football team in the Thanksgiving Day game. "Get that Jug!"

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