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Dramatic Guild of Detroit will open its fall season of plays on Sunday, October 12, according to Charles D. Adams, managing director. Announcement of the first presentation will be made soon.

Those wishing to participate in any phase of the Guild community theatre program, such as ushering, stage craft, acting and costumeing are asked to apply at the Dramatic Guild office, 413 Ford Building, or phone CAdillac 0948.

"Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," starring Shirley Temple, plus 5 technicolor cartoons. The cartoons will probably draw the kiddies to the Bloomfield Theatre for the Early Bird Matinee Saturday morning, September 20, but one more look at that little curly-haired sweetheart of the 1930-35 screen will probably cause a lot of dads and mothers to accompany the kids to this one. Wonder how she'll stack up with the little girls of today? She certainly was a gem some fifteen years ago wasn't she?

The Birmingham Theatre is coming up with a special kiddies show, too. This one is scheduled for Saturday morning, September 27 and consists of an old Mickey Rooney favorite, "Huckleberry Finn" and five of the latest cartoons.

How many miles can be covered in an automobile on a two-

week vacation? It probably is down in the record books where, but Roland E. Erickson of 464 Townsend did pretty well in his allotted two weeks when he covered 3,600 miles going both east and west. He visited the Eastern Seaboard and then turned around and went as far west as Minneapolis. He says it is too much traveling to be enjoyable.

John F. McCallum, of the McCallum and Dean Electronics and Suppression Engineering Company on East Maple, is introducing a new comic feature to Eccentric readers with this week's issue. The new comic is entitled, "Provoking Personalities" and it will appear each Thursday. It is described as a masterpiece of mirth.

Note to Ed Kirbert or any one else who may be planning to field an independent basketball team in Birmingham this winter. M. H. Dunlap of Jackson, writer, sports department of the Eccentric, saying that he would like to schedule home and home contests with teams of this vicinity. He says his team, the Glen Davis V-8's is made up of former high school and college stars. Anyone compiling a basketball schedule can contact Dunlap at 901 E. Michigan Ave., Jackson. It would be nice if Birmingham could have at least one fast-stepping quintet that could play out-of-town opponents for the amusement of local fans.

Perhaps many of our readers remember Wayne Smith's contribution to this column last week, when he told of the startling rooting in the chimneys of Birmingham buildings. Now comes a notation from Walter P. Nickell, ornithologist at Cranbrook, saying that the characteristics of the

birds described by Smith lead him to believe that they may be chimney swifts instead of starlings. They, state Nickell, are small insect-shaped birds that are constantly in flight, except when roosting, and eat all kinds of insects. It would be a shame to kill them in the manner described in last week's Eccentric, he added. Nickell says it is very difficult for anyone but a bird expert to distinguish birds of approximate sizes in flight, and often members of conservation departments have been mistaken. He also says he would be glad to come down town and take a look at the birds to determine if they are the hated starlings or the beneficial chimney swifts. He can be reached by telephoning 3470 after five p. m.

When it comes to picking the sportiest man in town, our vote goes to Pat Miller who lives on East Ruffner. He is the only one we know who has white sidewall tires on his cement mixer. Putti, Putti!

The other day the metropolitan association of Pontiac dealers held a dinner and outing at Birmingham Country Club. It is quite a spectacle to view an entire country club parking lot filled with nothing but 1947 Pontiacs. One new Buick in the middle of the lot looked lonesome and ill at ease, just like a sinner at a camp meeting.

Who can blow the biggest bubble out of the new plastic "Bubble-Loon"? The biggest we've seen was inflated by Jon Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin V. Clarke, of 739 Willets. His bubble measured 20 inches in diameter and was just a little bigger than the one owned by Clark Hallas, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hallas of 931 Forest. These youngsters brought in their balloons, claiming they were the champions of their neighborhoods. Anyone care to dispute them?

The luckiest man in town could be Ralph A. Wilson who left his drug store the other afternoon and started home. He reached his car and discovered he had locked his keys on the inside. "It sure is a good thing that I put my extra keys in my pocket and forgot to take them out this morning," he exclaimed, as he reached for the spare set.

Wonder how many people who now live in Birmingham can remember the old Wooster Hotel that used to stand where the Birmingham National Bank is now, and extended back over the property where the new addition to the bank is being constructed? The big shovel that is doing the excavating for the new addition unearthed an old type gasoline storage and generator tank there the other day, that is believed to be the one used by the old Wooster Hotel. It was a wooden tank with a light metal covering. It was cylinder shaped and about 6 feet in diameter. Many other Birmingham businesses used to employ the same lighting system and no doubt many other tanks of this type are still buried beneath the business district.

Two or three Birmingham automobiles joined the Exchange Club Cavalcade that invaded the city last Saturday morning, and continued north on a goodwill pilgrimage that took them to Bay City and parts of the thumb district. The parade organized in Highland Park and picked up members in Ferndale and Royal Oak before reaching Birmingham Municipal Park, where they were greeted by Mayor Ralph A. Main and given the keys to the city. From here the chain of cars, decorated in the Exchange Club motif, continued to Pontiac and Flint where they picked up more cars, before reaching their destination.

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2. Thirty new ranch type homes now under construction in Pembroke Manor Subdivision. Five and six room, two and three bedroom bricks. Some with oil A. C. heat. Priced from \$9,950 to \$13,600. Reservations now being taken for these houses.

3. We have three other large building programs that will start this fall. Call at our office for information as to location, price and terms.

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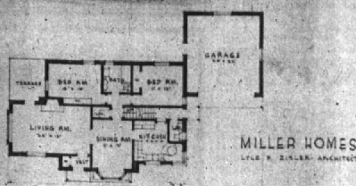
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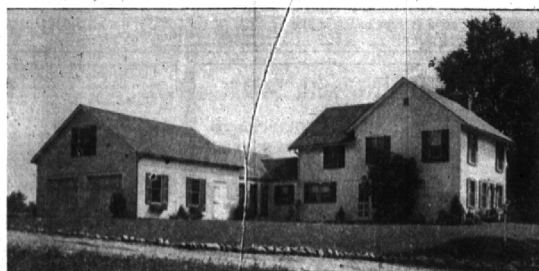
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"Remodelled" scarcely describes what has been done here—so little remains of the original farmhouse. It's new from the outside walls in—complete new insulation, plaster, windows etc make it a 1947 home. If 8 rooms and 1½ baths on the first floor sounds large just remember that the laundry and recreation rooms have been moved up from the basement to make them usable rooms. The 3 bedrooms and large Bath on the second floor are just right for the average family, with extra Bedrooms on the first.

There's a lively stream on one of the 3½ acre boundary lines and permanent access to one of Bloomfield's largest lakes provides water activities for all members of the family. The beach is safe for the youngsters. Bus service to Birmingham schools solves a very important problem and the taxes are nominal. The neighborhood is one in which you'll want to live and play. Let's look today!

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