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New this Wanderer would not want to spoil anyone's fun. We are strong advocates of good, clean fun—it's really a necessity to a well-balanced life. However, we feel it is our civic duty to remind those who just go to work each day, and automatically stay home Saturday, that today is Thursday, Thursday, April 1, 1948. We have heard, through our grapevine, that there may be several wallets (with unsewn strings attached) hats, (which innocently conceal bricks and other solid materials) and such lying about in conspicuous places. These innominate objects will rate along with the clever booty traps which the enemy leaves behind on the battlefield. Your paying any attention to them probably will not have quite the same consequences as the booty traps, but your reactions will no doubt border on mayhem. Take it easy, neighbor, and no matter how plump that wallet seems to be, leave it there for some other "lucky" person to find.

Yes, Sir! Spring is here, in spite of what the blizzard of Saturday and the chilly weekend may have lead you to believe. This Wanderer, in wandering through several local stores Monday, saw several displays of jacks, marbles and jumping ropes. If that is not enough evidence, we refer you to

the Birmingham police, who have had several recent phone calls reporting that small boys and BB guns are on the loose again. Just huddle down in your pajamas a little longer, folks, and the first thing you know summer will be here!

Three office localities at the city hall have been shuffled around, this Wanderer has discovered. The various city inspection departments have moved in with the city engineers' office; Public Works Director Island Gunn has moved into the space vacated by Engineer Harold H. Corson has moved into the quarters from which Gunn moved.

Right about now most people are anxiously awaiting warmer weather. Not so the persons who love pure maple syrup on their pancakes, waffles, et al. The latter group is bemoaning the lack of freezing weather which makes sap flow slowly. This may result in small maple syrup crop, according to the State Department of Agriculture, and the stimulation of imitation syrups made from sugar.

What is all this talk about women's styles? Where does the heretofore drab male and most worthy bread winner enter into the picture? Well, hold onto your hats, girls, for it seems he has the "new look" this season. "Of the late" fashion for men and there is a decided trend toward semi and full spread collars which may lead to the Byronic age and could involve chin straps and

treatments for care of the throat line! Ties are made in the season and bow ties are "in". Double-breasted suits are to be favored.

One of the most hospitable and gracious ladies this Wanderer knows is Mrs. J. Rodney Weeks whose New England breakfasts are famous with her friends in this area. Therefore, it made us a little sad to learn she is packing her household belongings and leaving for Ash-Pole, Maine, perhaps to remain permanently. "Ledge-mare" her home there, is a family tradition where Mrs. Weeks' father has always spent his summers. Her first visit was when she was eight weeks old. Mrs. Weeks inherited the house and loves it. As a young girl her friends visited Ledgemare; then as the years passed the same girls, then young marrieds, came with their babies and now they arrive with their grandchildren to mingle with Mrs. Weeks' grandchildren. The last string is always out and they keep "dropping in" as Mrs. Weeks puts it from the Philippines, China, Birmingham and all over.

In Birmingham's history is repeating itself. The last issue of The Eccentric carried a story to the effect that chain letters were making their appearance. In preparing the "Happenings of Long Days" for today's issue, this Wanderer came across an item in the issue of April 1, 1948, stating they were rapidly becoming a nuisance. The writer, at that time, suggested it would be wiser to buy war stamps than to send chain letters.

H. P. "Happy Hat" Beuge, versatile advertising manager of The Eccentric, graciously permitted the editorial department to move all advertising off of Page One. Beuge, this week to permit the special city election feature to occupy the whole page, it was believed that this spot was the best place for it, since it will be the first page of the paper each subscriber will see when he takes it from his mailbox this morning.

Driving through Besley the other day, this Wanderer noticed that at the point where all unpaved city streets enter a hard-surfaced through street, signs had been erected which read "PROHIBITED ON Unpaved Streets."

Because of the great local interest centering around Gov. Kim Sigler's talk to the Birmingham Hi-12 Club Monday evening, April 19, club officers have decided to open a special meeting and make it "Governor's Night," to which the wives of club members and guests will be accorded at the dinner meeting. According to present indications, available tickets are becoming pretty scarce.

With less than a month of competition remaining in the \$15,000 Metropolitan Miami Fishing tournament, Walter A. Hammann, 18217 Beverly Rd., Birmingham, is certain citation winner in the bitterly contested sailfin class. His catch of 56 pounds was taken from Baker's Haulover, just north of Miami Beach on Feb. 26. Tournament officials report that this year's entries are running over 20% greater in number than during any previous year with over 250,000 persons expected to have tried for the prize, citations and awards before the tourney closes on April 18. Ten tournament records have been shattered, one fish already accepted for a new world's record, and three others entered for possible world's record recognition.

Seeing Eye Dog Fund Gets Gift

Pride of Oakland Rebeah Lodge 446 entertained 138 members at the annual visitation for all Rebeah Lodges in District 6 at the Community House March 24. District officers, both present and past attended, including Mrs. Lillian Stanley assembly conductor of the state of Michigan. A donation for the Seeing Eye Dog Fund was made by Edgewood Lodge 299. Entertainment consisted of a comedy skit, after which refreshments were served.

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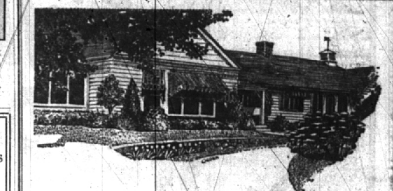
OCSC Anglers to Get Up Early for Spring Perch Run

Oakland County sportsmen and their sons are slated to "invade" Bayport, on Saginaw Bay, for the opening of the annual spring perch run on Sunday, April 11. Two buses have been chartered to take the vanguard of OCSC men and boys on this fishing jaunt. Robert Sitts, OCSC member living at Bayport, will be host to the visiting anglers. Reservations for bus seats are going fast. Jerry Wolliver, chairman of the "expedition," reports. Members of OCSC who asked for reservations must pick up their bus tickets at the OCSC office in Pontiac, this week. The buses will follow this schedule: Leave the Martin Lines garage in Royal Oak at 5 a.m. sharp, leave Birmingham (Maple at Woodward) at 5:15 a.m.; leave OCSC office, Pontiac, 6:50; leave Bayport, Pontiac (Dixie and Saginaw roads) at 8:45; leave Clarkston at 9:55 and Ortonville (M-75 and Narrin road at 6:10 a.m.

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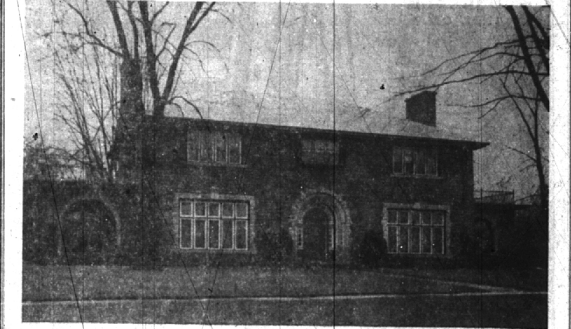
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