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## Bits of Birmingham

This is probably one of those cases which was far more amusing to the on-looker than it was to the mother, but—one morning last week as this Wanderer started down Woodward, a mother and her small son were just ahead. As they came to the intersection of Hamilton the lad darted across the street while mother voiced loud protests from near The Eccentric office. Always mindful of mother and the fact that he should do what he is told, the boy turned around and re-crossed the street, loudly calling, "What did you say, Mommie?"

This Wanderer was a little startled last Sunday to look up from transplanting some seedlings and discovered a horse peering over the fence at us. The horse was riderless and seemed rather elated about that. A few minutes later, along came the rider, who also decided to stop and watch the gardening awhile. Rider and horse continued back to the stables together, friends once more.

Spring is definitely here. This Wanderer can prove it. We were chased by a bee while admiring a jonquil in full bloom.

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Here's a sequel to the last week's story concerning Mrs. Squirrel and her new home. This, however, concerns her four babies. When the soft maple they used as a home came down, John Tomaszewski, a department of parks and forestry employee took the youngsters to his farm home on East Main and the babies were injured in the fall and died. The other three, John reports, have taken over the house, particularly the sewing machine which has intrigued them.

And how did you adjust yourself to daylight saving time? Easy or difficult? We have already received reports that a number of persons arrived for church services just as they were over. And a few Sunday employees struggled in an hour late. This Wanderer knows of one particular

The "cracker barrel" idea has spread to The Eccentric now. Alice Morgan's desk has been acting as a sort of smorgasbord table for peanuts, cookies and the like. Harold Buege specializes in the cookies, and the rest of the staff hold their own on the peanuts.

One never ceases to learn something new every day. The latest bit of information this Wanderer has picked up is that sheik is correctly pronounced "shak". It's first hand information, because Sheik Hanna Bisharat Pasha said so himself when he visited town last week end.

On one of their recent trips together, Gov. Kim Sgier and George E. Averill, editor and publisher of The Eccentric and the Governor went to bed early while GHA stayed up a while longer to do some reading. Turning out the light before getting into bed himself, GHA stumbled over a piece of hotel furniture and the governor woke up. "What's the matter, Georgy, walking in your sleep?" the Governor laughed. "Yep, Kim, I was having a nightmare. I was dreaming that I was being chased by two senators and three representatives from the Michigan legislature," responded GHA.

The three high scores of the season were bowled in one and the same week at the Birmingham Recreation & Athletic Club. This Wanderer was bowling with Ray York when he racked up eight straight strikes in the Sideline Quarterback league. He finished with a big 268, but Len Libarda, formerly of Birmingham, now of Detroit, hit a bigger 279 on the local lanes. Then, for the first time in the history of the local alleys, a 300 game was accomplished. It was rolled in open bowling Park YWCA for a tea May 26 on alley 3 by Dick Caroy of Detroit.

The man with his neck stuck out the farthest, in the Wanderer's opinion, is Hart Ladd, one of baseball's greatest fans—and loyal to the Tigers, too. He says, and we quote: "The Tigers will win the pennant by 15 games." Hart is a long way out on the well-known limb, so it had better be a big one.

That two-story addition to Pierce school is practically on schedule. Norman A. Wolfe, assistant superintendent of schools, reported this week. It will be ready for classes next September, he said.

Walter B. Farnes, local Michigan Bell manager, has assured this Wanderer that special holes will be bored through the fence at Henrietta and Martin to permit spectators to look through and

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see what is going on. "We'll have four kinds of holes—at different levels, of course—for little kids, kids, high school students and adults," Walt agreed.

In front of Lawrence Hulbert's house at 680 W. Brown street is a big elm tree. One of the large limbs was in pretty bad shape so Hulbert asked the city to cut it off before it fell and possibly caused damage. This week city Manager Donald C. Egbert received a letter from Hulbert commending John Johnson's parks and forestry department. Write Hulbert: "Our Forestry Department did a very nice job on the elm on the Southfield side of my property, and I believe with this trimming and the care which I shall try to give the tree that it will live. My immediate neighbors have all remarked on the improved appearance of the elm and commented on the work of the boys. This is one line of activity in the direct interest of our residents, and I am sure that wherever the Forestry Department works along the streets of Birmingham, the beauty of our trees the results will be appreciated. I thank you for your deep concern in this particular tree problem."

**Birmingham's annual Girl Scout "Penny Drive" will be held June 5, whether permitting. Otherwise it will be staged a week later.**

That Redding road improvement project, between Woodward and the Rouge, will be up for discussion by the city commission in about two months, City Manager Donald C. Egbert reports, who adds that it will take that long to study the situation and compile the facts. The project involves the reconstruction of this particular stretch of road.

Commissioner Bruce G. Booth believes there should be a traffic light at Woodward and 14 Mile. So does this Wanderer, who has been advocating such action for many months. But the State Highway department said their sure rides with 14 Mile motorists who have to cross Woodward. Near misses are a dime a dozen.

A group of Y-teens attended a meeting Wednesday, April 22, at the Highland YWCA to plan the year's programs and social activities.

In attendance from Birmingham were Eloise Fowler, Shiraz Burnett, Gerry Woolley, Alta Toothacker and Joyce Daniels. Plans include a breakfast Saturday, May 1, preceding the last inter-club council meeting for the season to be held at the Highland Park YWCA for a tea May 26 honoring the mothers of Y-teens members, and for a swimming party in June.

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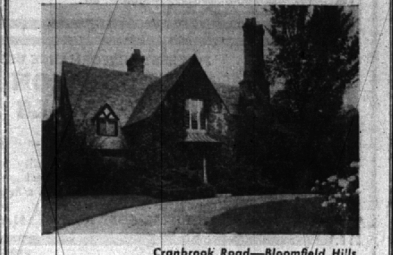
The Cranbrook School Junior Varsity baseball team lost last week's game to the Big Beaver High School nine by a 5-3 score. Runs for the winners were scored by Richard Mouch, D'Arcy Tyrell, Charles Looney, Jerry Wisner and John Hodges. Gerald Lelue scored two of the Cranbrook School runs and Ivan Scholnick the other. Richard Mouch made two hits for Big Beaver and Ivan Scholnick made four for Cranbrook School.

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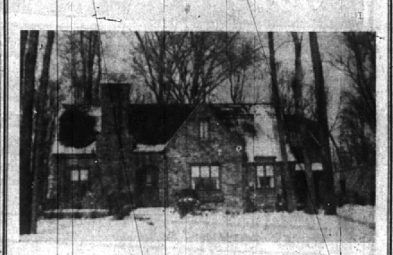
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