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Parents sometimes amaze this Wanderer (who isn't one) by the things they do. Watched a couple park their car on Woodward Wednesday afternoon, put it in reverse gear and go off, leaving two children in it. The youngsters, probably about five and seven years old, immediately began to take a trip. They jerked the wheel, blew the horn, and in general were having a high old time. Shortly one began fussing with the gears, among which was the starter button. The car gave what might be described as a frantic leap backwards—almost into the stream of north bound traffic. We suppose it is easier shopping without the small fry under foot, wanting cookies, toys and what have you. Is this system particularly safe or sane?

Young Tom Goad, 1090 Glenhurst, will be one of 43 anxious boys who will await an important announcement next Tuesday evening, Aug. 24. That evening, at a dinner which the boys will attend at the Stabler Hotel in Detroit, eight university scholarships will be awarded to winners in the national competition of the Fisher Body Craftsmen's Guild. Tom recently won both state and regional honors for his model car, which placed him in the running for the national prizes.

Some 30 Birmingham telephone subscribers last Saturday were cut over into the new dial equipment now operating the Jordan exchange, giving them a taste of how

local numbers will function when the new Birmingham dial office begins working.

A number of religious liberals, having expressed a desire to form a Christian Fellowship group here in Birmingham, held a preliminary meeting last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hess, 812 Ridgedale. Unitarian Sunday school is also contemplated, this Wanderer in town. Interested parties may obtain further information by contacting Harold D. Heym, 1688 Beckingham.

At nearby Royal Oak Memorial Park (Woodward and 13 Mile) beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, a benefit program including baseball and other entertainment will be given, proceeds to be used for aiding the predicament of a 12-year-old Royal Oak youth, Steve Daunch. Prime objective of the August 28 affair is to get enough funds to buy young Steve an artificial left hand, he having lost his own last July 6 when some fireworks exploded. People are funny... you don't really know how generous they can be until they undertake a project like the above for the benefit of some extremely unfortunate person.

Real estate salesmen, in contacting people about new homes, once in a while run into a person whom they will remember for some time. Local agent Rex Humphrey met one such individual a couple of days ago. Humphrey will remember him for the quick way he deliberately misinterpreted Humphrey's opening remark. As the male prospect entered his office, Humphrey greeted him with, "Good afternoon, would you like to see a model home?" Right back came the answer, "Glad to; what time does she quit work?" Then, after a good laugh, the two got down to real business.

Last week's Eccentric carried the item that Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Randall, 770 Shirley, had returned on the Queen Elizabeth from a trip to Europe. Also, the item stated: "Many of the ship's passengers... reported Europe suffering from war nerves, 1939 style." Last Saturday morning Randall personally called upon this Wanderer to say that he certainly was not one of the passengers who "reported" such an impression. In

fact, he came in the office and went out so fast that we didn't have time to find out just what his impression was. The entire item came to the Eccentric from the steamship company's public relations office, so the latter is to be held responsible for the above quoted paragraph.

The mystery of a child's mind! Last week a local woman took her little grandson to the zoo and after they returned home asked what he had liked the best. His answer of sparrow and her somewhat flabbergasted so she asked for an explanation. "Well, Grandma, they were so brave, going in those yards with the lions and tigers and elephants. I just had to like them best!"

Although there are still some persons who continue to make U-turns on Woodward avenue between Hamilton and Brown streets—and they are being picked off steadily by local police—this Wanderer has noticed a decided lessening of traffic congestion in this area, now that the "No U Turn" signs have been replaced.

Birmingham Boys Return from Camp With Many Awards

Many Birmingham campers from Camp Nisakone came home with awards for archery, canoeing, swimming, riflery, land sports, nature study, and citizenship. The boys and their awards are: Chip Crater, Junior Yeoman Pin, Junior Yeoman Arrow, Canoeing—sternman, swimming—Minnow Club, flying fish, land sports, and citizenship award; Bob Machus—JYP, JYA, Swimming—Minnow Club, and NRA Pro-marksmen award; Charles Weir—JYP, JYA, YP (Yeoman Pin), swimming—Minnow Club, flying fish, land sports, citizenship, and canoeing—sternman.

Donald Weir—JYP, JYA, YP, JJP (Junior Bowman Pin), JBA (Junior Bowman Arrow), nature study, and citizenship award; Steve Stubbs—JYP, JYA, JJP, JBA, plus bowman pin, swimming—Minnow club, flying fish, canoeing—sternman, land sports, and citizenship; Bill Waters—land sports, JYP; Leo Butzel—NRA-Pro-marksmen award and the marksmen award; Tom Bell—JYP and citizenship award; and Tom Crater—nature study, JYP, and citizenship.

In the horse-racing, Tom Bell, Tom McNaughton and Bob Machus ranked fifth. Tom Bell was selected as best junior horseman and came in first in the junior turning contest. Tom McNaughton placed second in the junior contest, and took a third in the junior turning contest. Bob Machus came in third in the middle potato race, (this required the rider to walk his horse to end of the track, dismount, pick up a potato, remount and race back as fast as possible).

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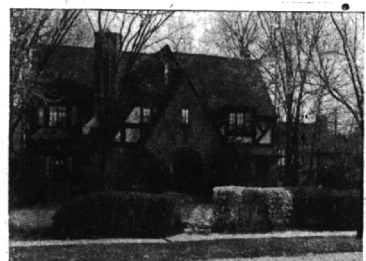
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