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Dick Beals Starred In WWJ-TV Program

Dick Beals son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beals, 139 E. Brown, made his first professional television appearance last Wednesday evening over WWJ-TV. He is starred as the El in the J. L. Hudson "Sketchbook" broadcast. The program will run for several weeks, beginning each Wednesday night at 8:15. Dick, a senior at Michigan State College is majoring in radio and speech.

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COLONIAL COTTAGE

Those who like a country atmosphere will appreciate this small two-bedroom home, all on one floor, in the Oakland Hills-13 Mile section. The plot is five acres in size and there are a few young fruit trees, a small woodlot and some very fertile garden loam. The house is well located back from the road and, for those who like dogs and horses, a small kennel or stable. The Birmingham School bus stops nearby. It's priced at only \$16,500 and easy terms are possible.

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The newly-created Birmingham City Plan Commission has a job on its hands in determining just what sort of city we citizens want Birmingham to be years from now. In planning this future, certain of TODAY'S problems have a direct bearing on this future. By discovering what desires we local residents have NOW, and by learning what civic problems we are most concerned with TODAY, the Plan Commission can proceed much faster and with greater accuracy.

To that end, then, The Eccentric in the past several issues has printed the following questionnaire regarding certain PRESENT and FUTURE matters of particular importance. It is hoped that EVERY citizen will answer, this questionnaire IN FULL, and mail it to The Managing Editor, Birmingham Eclectic. We, in turn, will transmit all questionnaires to the Plan Commission for their analysis and relation to Birmingham's future.

If, for some personal reason, you do not wish your name to accompany the questionnaire to the Plan Commission, so indicate in the space reserved below. We will then cut your name and address off the bottom of the questionnaire before it is presented to the Plan Commission. However, to attest to the sincerity of your answers, The Editor must insist on your signing the questionnaire before it is mailed to him. If you desire to remain anonymous to the Plan Commission, he will see to it that your name does not accompany the questionnaire any further than his desk.

This is the last time this questionnaire is to be printed.

Is your street gravelled? _____ Roaded? _____ Permanently surfaced with concrete or blacktop? _____ Does it have curb and gutter? _____ What would you eventually like your street to be? _____ Does your sewer back up? _____ How often? _____ Do you have a water softening outfit in your basement? _____ Would you like the city to provide water softening for everyone at the city wells at about \$6.00 per service per year? Do the police patrol your neighborhood? _____ How often? _____ Think the city needs more policemen? _____ More squad cars? _____ Is there a playground or recreational area nearby? _____ Do your children use it? _____ How often? _____ Is it properly equipped? _____ What extra, needed equipment would you suggest it needs? _____

Live near a school? _____ How far away is it? _____ Need one closer to your neighborhood? _____ Are you in favor of an immediate start on a new high school to relieve present overcrowded school conditions? _____ Do you find it tedious to locate a downtown parking space? _____ Think municipal parking lots would receive enough cash customers today to pay for themselves? _____ If not, how many years before this would happen? _____ Do you think the city's Municipal Park (bounded by Bates, Martin, Henrietta and Merrill streets) should be converted into a parking lot? _____ Does your neighborhood need any additional street lights? _____ If so, where? _____

Traffic lights? _____ Where? _____ Stop Signs? _____ Where? _____ Other remarks? _____

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NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

Do you have any objection to having your name accompany this questionnaire to the City Plan Commission? YES _____ NO _____

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Bits of Birmingham

Birmingham firemen are wondering just how hot a game it was that caused it. One day last week they were called to the home of a Birmingham resident to extinguish a fire which had broken out in a pinball machine in his basement. They still insist things must have been raining pretty hot!

According to the newspaper, the Wanderer learns that Birmingham's bicycle safety program is gaining considerable notoriety. This coming Sunday The Detroit News is supposed to have the Pierce School "Bike Court" featured in its Pictorial Section. Life Magazine reportedly is coming out to "take some pix of the court either next week or the week after, to be used in a feature issue.

George Auchterlonie of Wing Lake has reported out for the Peria Institute Bulldogs basketball team at Big Rapids. Those who have been watching him in practice indicate he will go a long way in the court game.

Birmingham Police are more or less soliciting the help of Sherlock Holmes and the good Dr. Watson, as they work on another local crime. A report reached them the early part of last week from the Community House that some files were missing. Evidence of such a crime vanishes almost at once, especially if the culprit happens to be a small boy, and so seems to us, at least, that for the eminent Dr. Holmes and Watson to tackle.

Several citizens have called the Wanderer's attention to the fact that the civic questionnaire currently running in The Eccentric contains no queries regarding conditions in the fire department. "Have you got any suggestions or comments to make?" we asked each of them. "Why, no, I just wondered why it wasn't included," they responded. Well, the Managing Editor, we discovered, was thinking along the same line. It is generally conceded that local firemen are pretty efficient, witnessed by several recent fire communications. The Ed praising the fire-eaters' efforts.

Congratulations to the Baldwin High School band! The Wanderer was one of the "stay at homes" Thursday morning, but we could not help but notice, as we fastened an ear to the radio, the excellence of their performance during the period between halves. It sounded swell, and we're very sorry we could not be present at the game to see the marching and formations.

The Wanderer imagines that many of the patrons of the Christian Science Reading Room at 255 East Maple were surprised to note in last week's advertisement that the Reading Room is open daily, except Sundays and Fridays. In fact, so were the folks at the Reading Room, because the fact that it was open most days and should have read—Sundays and Holidays. The room will be open every day as always, including Fridays.

Texas' one-man chamber of commerce in Birmingham is the Rev. W. Glen Harris. Whenever he gets the opportunity to boast his native state he does so. But Monday noon, at the weekly Rotary club luncheon, he was at a loss for words for perhaps the first time. Fellow member Rex Humphrey presented Glen with a current Satevpost cartoon concerning Texas; it depicted a corpulent Texas cattleman standing before St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. Said St. Peter: "From Texas, heh? Well, you can come in but you won't like it." Glen just had to laugh—he couldn't confirm or deny the cartoon.

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