

All about us are the lives of people; some of them are so young they know not that they live; others so old they care not that they live. Each life is an expression of eternity in its spiritual attainments only.

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1. **Quarton School**—A well built brick at 517 Kimberly, only a step from the School, on a quiet street with no traffic hazards. Corner lot 63 feet wide, yard surrounded with white picket fence. Large Living Room with fireplace, Dining Room, Breakfast Room and Kitchen on the first floor; 3 fine Bedrooms (each will take twin beds) and a tiled Bath with both tub and stall shower on the second. Automatic heat. Charmingly decorated. **\$19,500**

2. **Golhurst**—A brick Cape Cod, 1940 built, at 17988 Buckingham near the Birmingham Country Club. Wide lot 106 by 136, breezeway attached garage. Panelled Library, Living Room with fireplace, Dining Room, Kitchen and extra Lavatory on the first floor; 3 fine Bedrooms and a tiled Bath on the second. Light dry basement, oil air-conditioned heat. Carpeting included, possession now. **\$21,750**

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## Bits of Birmingham

Mrs. Harold Chalk has reported a "Believe It Or Not" to this Wanderer. A book entitled "How to Worry Successfully" was among the titles seen in the Book Booth at the Adams School frolic last week. Mrs. Chalk proved her Scout training on preparedness by searching for an antidote, possibly entitled "Peace of Mind," but reported her search was unsuccessful.

Remember during the Big Depression days when the slogan was "a car in every garage and a chicken in every pot"? Birmingham parodied that, during the past week, with a chicken in the car. A Detroit woman reported to local police that while driving on Lakewood road a white chicken flew onto her car. The police blotter said it would be returned to the owner upon proper identification.

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Which brings up this question: How does one identify a chicken?

There might not be gold in them thar hills, but there certainly is silver in them thar snor banks. This Wanderer watched a member of the street cleaning crew one day last week as he picked up several silver coins along the street. A few days later a man was overheard to say, "Well, shoveling snow ought to pay good. I'll bet I've lost a dollar or more in change this winter because it was too blamed cold to take my gloves off and search through the snow on the ground for the change I dropped. I simply went into my pocket for more."

This Wanderer would not even stoop to hint that the Birmingham Police Department is going to the dogs. However, we will venture to say that the dogs are going to the police department. It would almost seem that the hardest working man on the city's payroll is the dog warden, for entry after entry on the blotter at headquarters deals with lost and stray dogs. For those who love dogs, we might add that the gentlemen in blue are doing a mighty fine job on returning Fido to his fireside.

"My success in baking cherry pies can be attributed to my grandmother's instruction," 18-year-old Dorothy Stevens, 1386 Lakeside, told this Wanderer this weekend. Dorothy, a member of the Bloomfield Hills 4-H Club, won third place among eight Oakland County 4-H finalists in the recent pie baking contest held in Pontiac. My grandmother, Mrs. J. G. Fouk of Detroit, has showed me

"how" many times, either here at the house or at our summer cottage. Dorothy explained. A June 1947 graduate of Baldwin High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark H. Stevens.

All ex-patients are cordially invited to attend the regular meeting of the Patients Benefit Club of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, to be held tonight, 7:45 p. m., at the Royal Oak Health Center, Stephenson Highway and Fourth street, Royal Oak.

Birmingham's many trout fishermen will shortly discover that this year the State of Michigan will collect a "stamp tax" from all trout fishermen—a special one dollar license fee. Stamps must be affixed by residents and nonresidents trout fishermen alike to the general rod licenses which are issued to persons who fish in Michigan's inland waters. Money obtained from sale of the stamps will be used for trout propagation and planting. Michigan is believed to be the first state to use the stamp method of license fee collection, although the federal government has been selling "duck stamps" to wildfowlers for a number of years.

Distributors of fishing licenses will sell the "trout stamps." The trout season opens April 24, ends September 12. The stamps go on sale March 15. Here is what the stamp will look like:



Checking back into the reason R. J. "Dick" Hawkins, 188 Townsend street, advertised in last week's Eccentric, is a Detroit resident, this Wanderer uncovered a very unusual story. Back in 1923 in Syracuse, N. Y., the two men both worked for the same Connecticut insurance firm. Adam was transferred to the company's Cleveland office in 1926, and Hawkins went to Philadelphia in 1929. The two lost track of one another until 1948 when they met in a Detroit restaurant. Adam by that time was the company's group life insurance manager for Michigan, while Hawkins had gone into business for himself. Hawkins moved to Birmingham in 1943 and Adam in 1943. It was then that the two families renewed their acquaintanceship.

T/Sgt. Franklin Boyer, USMC, brother of Mrs. G. M. Hopkins, 1670 Northlawn street, is attending the School of Music at the Naval Receiving Station, Washington, D. C.

In his annual report on the fire department, V. W. Griffith, fire chief and assistant superintendent of the water bureau, expressed his thanks to the men of the department. He also extended thanks to the residents for their splendid cooperation in helping to prevent fires and to the clerks who have carefully and accurately compiled the reports of the year.

Mrs. Josephine Parent of Royal Oak is 91 years old and still going strong. She is the mother of

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12 children, 34 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Parent knits for overseas clothing drives and maintains a lively interest in current affairs. The Michael R. Leslie, family with whom she makes her home in Royal Oak, honored her with a birthday anniversary dinner Feb. 5. Mr. Parent assisted in building the Detroit City Hall in 1889. He passed away in Birmingham in 1933 at the age of 79.

That oft-repeated remedy for frostbite, rubbing with snow, can be exceedingly harmful, this Wanderer learns from local medical authorities. Common when the temperature drops below 10 de-

grees (and we've had lots of that this winter), frostbite should be treated by covering the frozen part with the hand, woolen sock, mitten or scarf until circulation is restored. The frostbitten part must return to normal temperature gradually. Rubbing accelerates this return, it is pointed out.

Baldwin High School students have found it easy sliding these past few weeks. Plenty of snow and ice around, that's why.

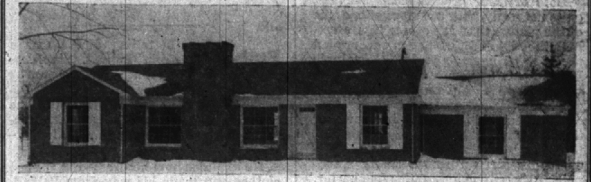
Japanese papers which are in Navy Custody have not revealed any information on the missing aviatrix, Amelia Earhart.

## Chapin Improvement

Surfacing of Chapin street, between Grant and Woodward, has been recommended by City Manager Donald C. Ebert. The city commission Monday evening instructed Ebert to obtain necessary information on costs prior to a hearing on the improvement.

## Attend Convention

J. Ely and Dennis Merrett represented the Leonard Electric Co. at the annual Shullans convention held by the Shell Oil Co. last week at the Hotel Statler in Detroit.



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