

Many a time I have been on the verge of passing a critical judgment on some person, only to find that some fault he possessed is offset by some fine virtue. Nearly every person has much of value to provide.

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## Trueman Campbell Named Vice-Pres. of D. P. Brother

D. P. Brother, president of D. P. Brother & Company, Inc., Detroit advertising agency, this week announced the promotion of Trueman P. Campbell, 575 N. Bates, to the office of vice-president. Campbell continues as executive on the AC Spurr, Pine account. Brother aided.

For that article you need, try the Miscellaneous columns of the Classified Ads.



## Bits of Birmingham

February tends to be a big month for the Cubs of Adams School. The Lad-Dad banquet for the end of the month, and for the 7th, a trip to the Shrine Circus which is playing in Detroit. A special block of tickets has been arranged for, so you'd better hurry up, fellows, and get Dad to buy that ticket right away, before they are all gone. It is quite possible that special buses will be secured to transport Cubs and parents to Detroit. There's another way you may go, too, and that will be to get busy on the paper collections. There's a trip to the circus in the offering for the Dan which has the greatest percentage when the drive closes Jan. 31. Appoint some adult from your pack to check weight and condition of bundles as they come in and keep an accurate record of them all, and then get busy in your neighborhood getting every newspaper, magazine or circulated box you can find. Rule each kind separately, and have a swell time at the circus!

The Birmingham Male Chorus, one of the outstanding musical organizations of the city, is seeking new members. During the year several of its members entered the armed forces and others went into civilian war work, depleting its ranks considerably. While it is true that several of these men have returned, there are others who have moved to distant cities and some who have not yet been able to work into it because of business demands. It is these places that are to be filled. First and second tenor, baritone and bass voices are urgently needed. Rehearsals are held each Monday evening in St. James Episcopal Church, so why not make it a point to turn out for the next rehearsal Jan. 19? They promise you good fellowship, a certain amount of musical training, local out-of-town appearances, and an unlimited amount of fun. Remember the next rehearsal, Monday evening, Jan. 19, at St. James Episcopal Church.

There is a group of small boys at Adams school who are going to think Feb. 27 is slower to arrive than Christmas! They are the members of Pack 858-Cubs, who will see the movies of the Rose Bowl game which Jack Blatt, assistant coach of the University of Michigan, will show at their Lad-Dad Banquet. The affair will be held at the Community House.

with R. D. Buick in charge. R. H. Mabley, Joel Riley and Mrs. E. F. Johnson of the Pack Committee will assist him in arrangements. The Cubs are going to be seated according to Dens, with each Den making its own place cards and arranging table decorations.

Missie East Seltzer, long-time Birmingham resident now living in Pontiac, came forward this week to add her arguments for calling Birmingham residents "Birminghamites" rather than "Birminghamers". She writes: Dear Wanderer—So you have wondered of the deep end again? Birminghamers, NOT Birminghamites. Dear Wanderer—Old, harmless customs are like pieces of antique furniture—very precious to those who possess them and realize their value. It may be silly to make an issue of such a thing as a name but the old name is alive all that is left of old-time Birmingham customs. The 'ites' have made vast inroads into our peacefulness and feeling of brotherly love. We believe in progress, but as old Piety Hill is the best, so is old B'ham. The present Birmingham is simply an extension of Detroit and occupied by people who know a good thing when they see it. There are FEW oldtimers (or should we say "timeless") left anyhow. Call me what you like; we should worry. Just as a matter of historical record, this Wanderer would like to hear from other long-time residents concerning this matter. Just who is correct!

Our special roving Wanderer called in this week to report that a bachelor walked into the local Chamber of Commerce office and asked the best method of baking potatoes and the name of a good cookbook. When asked why he was interested in cooking, a gentleman replied, "I get so tired of eating out all the time; I'd like to try my hand at some home-cooking, however I make out."

The Y-Beegees, an organization of young business women active in YMCA work, recently held its first business meeting and accepted the responsibility for ushering and serving in the book store at the Society of Religion to be held in February at the First Baptist Church. One of the projects of the group is to mimeograph Y-Beegee booklets showing dates and programs for future meetings. Any young business girl interested in this organization is invited to contact Elaine Jones at 9012 Roberts Rd. Robert, local 'Y' secretary.

The Birmingham YMCA, in cooperation with the Board of Education, is sponsoring an adult mixed swimming group which will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 in the Barnum Junior High School pool. The charge is 25 cents per person and each swimmer must furnish suit, towel, and soap. Jay Myers, teacher of social studies at Baldwin High School, will serve as instructor for this group. The activity will continue until the Spring vacation.

Whether he got lost on his way south or decided to stay the winter and find out what it was really like, Mrs. John Wiedman, 1013 Madison, doesn't know. But she does know that the robin in her recreation room is very grateful for a nice, warm shelter. As this Wanderer obtained the complete story from Mrs. Wiedman, the robin was noticed around the back

yard the day after Christmas. He remained there until December 31, feeding on the crumbs Mrs. Wiedman put out for him. Then, on New Year's Day, came the first storm. The robin huddled near the base of the house attempting to escape the driving rain and accompanying blasts. Mrs. Wiedman opened the garage door, put some crumbs inside. Soon the robin was in there and feeling a little better. But it was still too cold for him. Eventually he was coaxed into the recreation room where he has perched up and now is seeming to enjoy himself. He feeds on raisins, apples, nut meats and other delicacies. Mrs. Wiedman puts down for him. He will even permit her to come within a couple of feet of him. Dr. Walter P. Nickell, Cranbrook's bird expert, told Mrs. Wiedman to care for the robin as long as it doesn't inconvenience her. "The poor thing would undoubtedly not last the winter if I put it outside again, Dr. Nickell told me." Mrs. Wiedman explained. If her feathered friend doesn't respond to her kind treatment she'll give him to the Humane Society, she told this Wanderer.

Last Sunday afternoon this Wanderer was walking along Detroit's W Grand Blvd. between Third and Hamilton when he heard fire trucks pounding along in his direction. A ladder truck, a pumper and a battalion chief, a rescue wagon and another pumper screamed up. They another rescue wagon and a police car to extinguish a small grease fire at a Todd House. Perhaps the reason behind this display, at this Wanderer figured it, was that the address of the fire was in the Ford Hospital district and the fire de-

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Now on our 30th Anniversary, it gives us great pleasure to take this opportunity to thank the many hundreds of people who have shared our faith and helped to make this Birmingham-Bloomfield area such a desirable place in which to live.

Following is a list of subdivisions developed and sold by our organization during these many years.

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