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Have You Met . . .
Former Detroiters Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell and their daughter Marilyn who are making their home at 632 Oak? Mr. Mitchell is a buyer with J. L. Hudson Com-

Elegant Luncheon
Don't forget the elegant luncheon of a cold meat platter on hot evenings. Place an assortment of ready-to-serve meats, varied breads and several condiments on a tray. Let the family "fall to" on their own.



Bits of Birmingham

This wanderer could not help but be a bit puzzled Friday afternoon while walking along W. Maple, busily wiping the well-moistened brow. We met a man, not just a common, ordinary man, but one dressed in a regulation suit and wearing a top coat. It came to us that he might be proceeding on the theory that what keeps out the cold will also keep out the heat. At least he must have had some reason.

Last week we ran an item from the 1938 issue for July 8, telling that a vicinity creamery was paying 80c a hundred for top quality milk, delivered to their plant. It brought many comments, especially from housewives who are a bit disturbed when they stop and think how few quarts they can buy today for the same price.

Every now and then the Wanderer sees a new machine or gadget being demonstrated that seems simple enough in principle so that even he might have conceived the dang thing. Such a device is now in operation at McKee's Service on North Woodward. It is a new type tire changer that actually makes fun out of stripping off a stiff-headed tire and putting it back on the rim. Any old "Drive De-

mon", who has put in some time in a gas station can easily bring to mind a few dillys he has had to handle. The new changer at McKee's can manage five such stubborn tires in the time that it takes to do one by hand and according to boys at McKee's it's a pleasure to operate. If you can imagine such a thing in connection with tire changing.

Well, today is the day—St. Swithin's Day. Other than the important part which this particular day plays in the part of the Episcopal Church it has a superstition which touches us all. An old, old saying has it that should it rain today, it will rain every day for 40 days thereafter. Be sure and check on the weatherman before you plan picnic dates for the next month or so, won't you?

A Birmingham fisherman returned from the long week-end spent on and in his favorite river, with a new brand of fishing story. He noticed a fellow-dend standing knee-deep in the water, decked out with creels. As our local friend of Isaac Walton drew nearer, wondering why the two creels, he heard music, and was amazed to learn that the other man was carrying a portable radio in one basket and his catch in the other. The baseball game was going full force as our friend worked his way down stream.

The "Credit where credit is due" department, this week recognizes the work of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thorndyke in producing one of the finest flower and vegetable gardens the Wanderer has seen this season. Diversified and devastating are two adjectives which describe the creative portion of the Thorndyke premises behind their home at 1471 East Ruffin. Some folks might think that Mr. Thorndyke's occupation as a professional gardener might have a lot to do with the fine appearance of the garden and it, no doubt, has, but it's Mrs. Thorndyke who really puts in the tedious hours it takes to add nature in such a project.

M. T. (Pat) Patterson, who along with Everell Fisher, owns Birmingham's North Chevrolet Company, teamed with Marty Fargol, colorful young golf pro of Albuquerque, N. M. to win the pro-amateur event at the Motor City Open. It was probably the thrill of a lifetime for Pat, but before teeing off he allegedly took a look at the big cup which he eventually won as his prize and remarked to a friend "I'll bet somebody's wife will thank him for bringing that monstrosity home." Little did he think at the time he would be taking it to his house in a few hours. The Wanderer wonders if it looked any better to him as a symbol of achievement.

Last week we ran a story about a bridegroom shower and Friday morning after the July 8 paper came out, this Wanderer had a call from the Earl Bisso home. It seems that last Sept. Mr. Bisso was host at a bridegroom shower for Ray Lewis, Jr. Lewis was presented with a card table set and also with the usual facetious gifts. This Wanderer wants to give credit where credit is due, so here's

a retraction of our statement that "perhaps the first affair of its kind" was really the second party of that kind. That is, unless someone else had the idea before Bisso last Sept.

The alley between the two Eccentric offices was invaded one day last week by two tricycle fiends who took the narrow driveway at terrific speed and cut short corners that would leave us more conservative drivers rather breathless. We are happy to report that no one suffered any injury whatsoever in the race and besides, after a few minutes, the glass window into this office proved a much more fascinating object. The newspaper staff was under "observation" for several minutes.

On Sept. 20, Mrs. George H. Mitchell, widow of one of the founders of the Birmingham Eccentric, will celebrate her 94th birthday. She is now living at 841 Seventh avenue, Sacramento 14, Calif. Perhaps many of her old friends would like to send her birthday greetings this year. This Wanderer heard from her daughter, Carrie E. Mitchell, that the "young lady" of almost 94 very much enjoys hearing from Birmingham acquaintances.

It was quite a reception that R. W. Budd, Birmingham resident and president of Great Lakes Grayhounds, held in Detroit Monday, when his company dedicated the new Greyhound maintenance center and general offices on West Lafayette in Detroit. Among the very much impressed

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guests were several from the Birmingham area including Morgan D. Douglas, president of the Commission; Chris E. Holzworth, vice president of the S. S. Kresge Company and Paul Averill, business manager of the Birmingham Eccentric.
How many pounds of road (More BITS on Page 2, Part 2)

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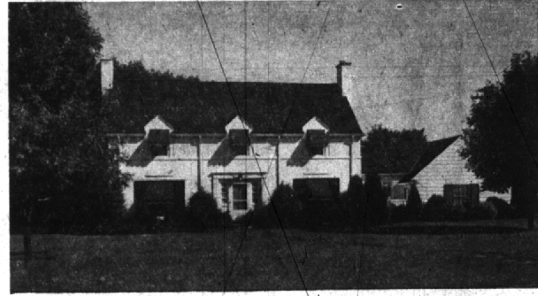
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