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## Bits of Birmingham

Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland quietly left town for a few days this week, mostly for a brief rest. This Wanderer suspects he went down to Washington Court House, Ohio, to see how his farm is getting along. That's the Ireland family's early settling place.

Last Thursday evening saw quite a bit of excitement at the Carousel, what with several Broadway and Hollywood celebrities there for a "midnight supper." Misha Auer and Nancy Carroll headed the list. But here's the story: Misha and Col. Pedro Maybohm, Carousal proprietor, are very good friends. So Misha invited Col. and Mrs. Maybohm and Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Mathews down to Detroit that evening to see "Twentieth Century." After the play, Misha returned with them to Birmingham. Miss Carroll, who has known Misha for some years, dropped in after her performance in "Years Ago" at the Will-o-Way Theatre in Bloomfield Hills. She was accompanied by W-o-W producers Mr. and Mrs. William Merrill and several others from the "Years Ago" cast. Dr. Jack Hassberger, veteran Village Players

actor, happened to drop in and was introduced to Misha. Remarkably, the inimitable Auer met you in 1941 at the Book Cadillac. . . . no, it was the Penobscot Club. . . . right? And Jack had to admit that Misha was entirely correct. The two had been briefly introduced at that time. Misha, if you don't already know, has what is known as a "photographic mind" and remembers people and places extremely well. This Wanderer was tipped off that Misha will be back in Detroit with his own play sometime this coming September and plans to spend a couple of days in Birmingham. He was very favorably impressed with this locality on this visit.

Twelve-year-old Jon Clarke, 792 Willets, has a brand new baseball which none of the neighborhood kids will ever use. It came to him from Bob Muncier, Cleveland Indian pitcher, who tossed it over the fence to Jon when Muncier was warming up in centerfield before the start of the June 29 Tiger-Indian ball game at Briggs Stadium. Jon was one of about 50 Birmingham youngsters which Ed Kibort, local "second" pitcher, ushered to the ball game that day.

A humorous protestation that no one ever gives a shower for the bridegroom-to-be brought about what is perhaps the first event of

that kind in Birmingham. J. Waverly Ellsworth, Jr., who married Doris Prothro on June 26, was the young man who started it all. The shower was a canned goods shower hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cruikshank of Merrill street. The F. A. Prothro family and Mr. and Mrs. George Buffington of Detroit were the other guests. It was reported to this Wanderer that Mr. Ellsworth did all right by himself at the "bridegroom shower."

On her recent trip to Colorado, Irene Hanley, Birmingham city clerk, saw one tornado form three times. She believes it finally got under way and struck part of Nebraska the following day. She was about a three-hour drive from Denver when she noticed the tornado quite a few miles directly in front of her. It broke up, then formed some distance to the south. Again it broke up. A few minutes later in her rearview mirror she discovered it had formed a third time quite a ways behind the car. "That thing came up so fast I didn't know what to do, never had any experience of one before," Miss Hanley explained. "I didn't know whether to stop, keep driving, to take a cyclone cellar or what. But, thank goodness, it skirted the area where I was and the problem was solved."

On July 1 the Wabec State Bank of Detroit, Fisher Building, celebrated the 10th anniversary of its organization.

From a modest start ten years ago, the bank has grown until it now has deposits of more than \$77,000,000 and ranks 217 among all banks in the country. It has more than 200 employees and in addition to its main offices in the Fisher Building, has offices in downtown Detroit, West McNichols road, Ferndale and Birmingham.

George B. Judson, president and directing head of the bank, relates that there are still 26 members of the "early birds" team with the bank, including the original seven directors. The first depositor in the bank was Mrs. James Couzens, widow of the late Senator James Couzens. Her son, Frank Couzens, is chairman of the board of the bank.

## Local Writer Will Publish First Book Of Short Stories

"Thursday Night" the first book of a local writer, Tina Ball, 32, of 1324 Webster, will be published early this fall.

The book contains 10 short stories written from the author's own experiences. While Miss Ball lived in Royal Oak, she came in contact with many artists and learned about their lives in general. "Thursday Night" was the regular meeting night for a group of artists. These were meetings which Miss Ball attended.

A free lance press agent, Miss Ball has written several articles for publication in magazines and newspapers. She has also assisted with putting on shows at the veterans' hospital.

Miss Ball was born in Oakland County. She lived in Royal Oak several years where she attended high school. She has lived with her family in Birmingham for the past 11 years.

## New Manager at Sternal Store

Frank E. Sternal, owner of Sternal's Auto Supply Store, announces that John E. Rockett has been engaged as manager of the business. He fills a vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank Higbee who is now in the gravel business in Big Beaver.

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We regret the error which occurred in the Benjamin & Stephens advertisement in our issue of July 1. The correction is in the size of the living room, which should have read 15 x 27.

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as of June 30, 1948

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First Mortgage Loans	\$2,013,286.33
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	27,873.17
Properties sold on Contract	31,350.11
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	65,650.00
U. S. Government Bonds	376,790.19
Office Buildings & Equipment (less depreciation)	73,039.15
Other Assets	5,851.75
Cash on hand and in Banks	230,222.19
	\$2,823,992.89

Liabilities

Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$2,452,783.34
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	100,000.00
Loans in Process	143,210.47
Other Liabilities	592.23
Specific Reserves	2,194.46
General Reserves	109,212.39
Undivided Profits	16,000.00
	\$2,823,992.89

State of Michigan } ss  
 County of Oakland } ss  
 I, Walter L. Moreland, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Walter L. Moreland, President

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July, 1948.

Hazel E. Lawler, Notary Public  
 Oakland County, Michigan

My Commission expires January 14, 1949.

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