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Visitors to the regular Monday evening city commission meetings are now being supplied with mimeographed copies of the evening's agenda. This permits them to more easily follow the matters coming up for discussion that night.

Mrs. Fern Theacher, for the past two years secretary to City Manager Donald C. Egbert, has begun her duties as purchasing secretary for the City of Birmingham. It will be up to her to see that city supplies and material are ordered and received. She has been with the city since 1934 and spent 12 years in the assessor's office. Mrs. Bernice Reule is Egbert's new administrative secretary. Although she is living in

Detroit at the present time, she is a former Birmingham resident of about 10 years standing. It was about 15 years ago that she left here for Detroit in order to be closer to her former job.

The Republican Women's Federation of Oakland County will hold a "Victory in '48" rally and picnic supper Wednesday, June 10, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ellis, 3531 Dixie highway. County candidates will be introduced to the guests and entertainment is planned. An invitation has been extended to all Birmingham Republicans to attend the event.

It seems to be a part of the summer season annoyance for this Wanderer, but it never fails. Why do people persist in going off and leaving children and pets in locked cars? There's nothing can become more like the inside of a furnace than a car left in a sunny spot for some time. Last Wednesday afternoon we saw one such parked car, left in the boiling sun on Woodward avenue with two little children inside. Somehow it doesn't seem quite right—and certainly not quite human.

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Local Dog Entered in Coon Trials

At least 250 dogs from eight states, as far away as Jewett City, Conn., will run in the fourth annual Oakland County coon dog championship field trials at David R. Wilson Sportmen's Park, Waterford, Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13.

James Devitt, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Devitt, 1447 El Chapin, has entered his 3-year-old hound, "Red Fox", who has been entered in 6 previous contests and was runner-up in four of the events.

The Oakland County Sportsman's Club, sponsors of the event, announces that 193 dogs were entered before the nominations closed last week-end, and more than 60 dogs are due to be post-qualified.

This promises to be the largest coon dog field trials in America this year, according to Norman Carie, of Pontiac, and Jack Hamilton, of Orionville, co-chairmen of the OCSA coon dog field trials committee.

Sportmen's Park is on Waterford Road just east of Waterford Village. The public is invited. The races, of which there are more than 20 heats, will begin at 4 a.m. (fast time) Saturday and Sunday, with the semi-finals and grand final Sunday afternoon.

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There's a moral to every story, it seems. The one which might be taken from this story is to never write more than one letter at a time. But, be that as it may, there was a certain young lady in Birmingham who spent some anxious moments last Thursday morning until she found out for sure that the right letter had gone in the right envelope. Of course, if you must write two letters at the same time, you can always neglect to mail 'em; at least you don't have to haunt the poor postman as the aforementioned young lady did.

This Wanderer was guilty of a very common mistake last week and now is a good time to set himself straight as well as many folks who insist on referring to Forest Lake Golf Club as Forest Hills. That is a mistake. Forest Hills is New York City Forest Hills, but the popular golf club on Square Lake Road near Telegraph is Forest Lake.

In order to vote in the state primary September 14, those local persons who are not registered in the city clerk's office at the Municipal Building on or before August 25, Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk, has this week suggested that people not wait till the last minute to register, but to do it sometime this summer. She also said that the state legislature this year changed the voting day requirements to include any person who was out of town or ill at home on the closing day of registration. She explained, can no longer swear in his vote at the polls any later than 4 p.m. on voting day.

Midshipman William E. Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Holmes, 512 Madison, is attending the Naval Pre-Flight School at the Naval Air Training Base, Pensacola, Fla., the initial step in winning his wings and Ensign's commission. Pre-Flight is a six-month course of intensive academic, physical, and military training designed to prepare fledgling pilots for the exacting requirements of military flying.

Harold Turner, local Ford dealer, has planned an unusual advertising promotion start for June 18, the day the new 1949 Ford is unveiled before the public. He wanted to include an aerial bomb in his "program". But the city commission turned thumbs down on that idea, stating that fireworks demonstrations were limited to civic and public holiday celebrations. But Harold says he will substitute some other "attention-getter" in place of the bomb.

City Commissioner C. Theron Van Dusen realized one of his lifelong ambitions Monday evening while on the commission's yearly tour and inspection of the Birmingham Fire Department. He slid down one of those brass poles in the fire house. "It's easy", he commented as he straggled his tie after reaching the bottom.

Fred Agl, construction superintendent at the new Michigan Bell project at Martin and Henrietta, last week succeeded in getting his carpenters to cut "observation windows" at strategic points along the fence guarding the work. Each about 6 inches square, the 28 holes provide ample opportunity for passersby to get a "look-see" at what's going on behind the fence.

Qualifying Matches for National Meet

The first United States Lawn Tennis Association officially sanctioned center tournament for boys and juniors opens June 21 on the Kingswood School-Cranbrook courts.

The winners and runner-up qualify to play in the national juniors and boys championships at Kalamazoo, August 2-7. The tournament is sponsored by the Birmingham Tennis Club. Wayne C. Smith, 659 Bloomfield Court, is in charge of entries.

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