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William H. Breech, president of Great Lakes Tractor and Equipment Co., has been named chairman of the 1948 Dearborn Red Feather Community Chest drive, according to an announcement this week. Breech, son of Ernest H. Breech, of Manor road, vice-president of Ford Motor Co., is a member of the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce and the Detroit Board of Commerce. He is also a member of the Detroit Sales Executive Club and the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Wanderer has heard it said and doubtless you have too, that a city is only as good as its police department. If that be true, then all the nice things you hear about Birmingham are partly to the credit of the police. It was last Wednesday, June 9, that we visited the police department (purely social, we assure you) and heard them planning the officers who would act as the escort for the Baldwin high school graduates as they went to the Birmingham Theatre for Commencement Exercises. That's what we call out-and-out efficiency, for, as you know, the exercises are being held today, June 17.

This Wanderer listened to Gov. Kim Sigler's speech at Saturday night and for the benefit of those who happened to miss it, are happy to pass along the information that Michigan is observing its 100th Anniversary Week, beginning June 19, incidentally, the governor said

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that there were over 3,000 registered private pilots in Michigan, with the state aviation board hoping that number will be greatly increased in future years. Michigan is making a strong bid to become one of the leading lights in the skyways of the country.

Property owners on both sides of the alley extending from Lincoln north to London, and between Woodward and Ann, have petitioned the city commission to close the alley. The matter has been referred to the city manager for report and recommendation.

A month or so ago a very pretty gray lady cat wandered into St. James Episcopal church and made it her home. Church members, however, noticed she looked "expectant". Sure enough, one day last week she disappeared for looking much sadder. But everyone wondered where the kittens were. Finally John Adams, church custodian, located two gray and two gray-and-black kittens behind the footboard of the church organ. With little or no protest, the mother cat and her kits were moved and now occupy quarters in a box in the church office.

Twenty-five years ago this week, Mayor Milton F. Mallender was graduated from Baldwin senior high school, a member of the first class which took its entire senior high school courses there. There were 63 graduates, three of whom have died. Last Friday evening at the Community House, the class held its first reunion on the 25th anniversary of their high school graduation. Twenty-six members were present, and during the evening one classmate telephoned from another and a third from New

York. During the evening someone remembered to bring along a copy of the 1923 class will. The crystal-gazer who wrote it said that "Milt Mallender would return for the class's 25th anniversary as mayor of the town." He did.

Here's a preview of a good share of the social news in our July 1 issue: Miss Doris Kus, The Eccentric's society editor, reports that at press time for this issue 10 local girls are to be married here on June 26.

Several women called The Eccentric's editorial office Tuesday morning to learn the outcome of the previous day's annual school board election. When they were told the results, everyone of them gave out with a disappointed "Oh!" They evidently were only interested in whether Mrs. Peter B. Loomis had been re-elected, which she wasn't. One of these callers suggested, "Oh, well, may be the men outvoted us women this time."

Col. Henry H. Burdick, the Free Press' real estate editor and longtime resident of Bloomfield Hills, gave our community a nice write-up in Sunday's paper. This Wanderer believes the Colonel did a nice job of restraining himself on the glories of being a Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills resident. He said our community is nice hereabouts. He was out here gathering material 10 days before Spence was voted, but he did submit it in written form the Wednesday before publication day.

The Birmingham resident who knows little of nothing about political elections would think the week that only 287 persons voted in Monday's school election. That figure was the number of votes cast for the first place candidate, Ross Campbell. The exact number of voters will not be known until tonight when the Board of Education holds a special meeting to canvass the vote. An excellent indication that many people voted for one person rather than the requester was in the voting precincts, Franklin and Pierce. In the Franklin area, Campbell polled 60 votes while the model Benny was for the two other candidates was only 28. In the Pierce area, where the Southfield voters cast their ballots and could be expected to support William Spence heavily, Spence got only 52 votes, only 52 for his opponents. In other words, one single vote for only one candidate was worth two votes cast by one voter for two candidates.

Shades of Jack Benny's Maxwell! Be sure you include a trip past Campbell's Village Store this week end. For there, in all its glory, will be a 1907 Maxwell, property of F. B. Hunter of Birmingham road. The car, six years older than the model Benny has made famous, will bring fond memories flooding back upon the older residents of the city. They will recall the days of long linen dusters, hats tied securely to their owners' heads with "motoring veils", flat tires that were almost a major event, radiators that did queer things, and headlights that did queerer ones. However, let us assure you that the strange noises which will creep into even the quietest corners of the town will be the repressed giggles and hoots of the Younger Generation.

The need for air in soil has been emphasized by experiments with so-called nutrient solutions, in which plants are grown without soil. Except in California, some device by which air can be supplied to the roots has been found necessary for healthy growth. A loose soil, composed of coarse particles, allows air to penetrate.

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YMCA Supports World Service

Dr. John K. Ormond, chairman of the Birmingham YMCA, states that \$223.00 has been collected locally toward aiding associations in other lands. This is Birmingham's share of the \$30,000 which has been raised in greater Detroit to provide tools for democracy in those countries overrun by the devastation of war.

The associations in the United States and Canada will provide approximately \$90,000 to their fellow associations in some of the countries hardest hit during this past world conflict.

Some of these YMCA's that have had their buildings blasted, equipment destroyed, and personnel depleted at a time when they were faced by the crucial needs of bereaved and impoverished, war-shocked boys and girls and young men, are in need of these tools.

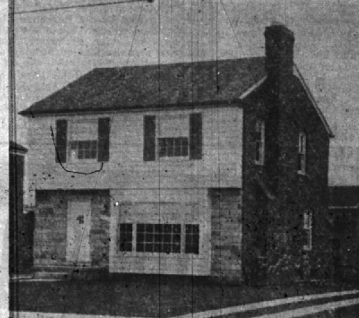
Camping experiences likewise are being provided youth in European countries and many a starving youngster appreciates this free meal in the YMCA.

Dr. Ormond said: "It is there is any unique genius inherent in the YMCA—and it has flourished for more than a century and reaches into 74 countries—it is perhaps its ability to use the common, every-day things—hobbies, interests and aspirations of young people—as effective tools in the building of character and teamwork. The need, both overseas and at home for this kind of building and all the tools and know-how it requires, was never more urgent than now."

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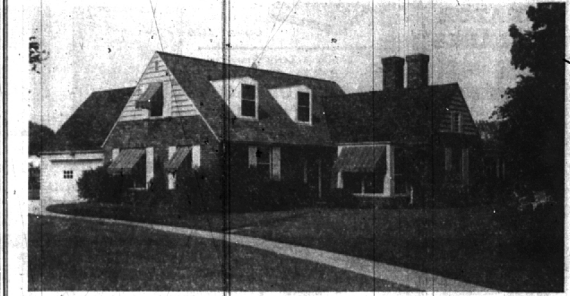
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