

Each little blade of grass seems scarcely worth noticing—but many of them make a beautiful green pasture, and life multiplies from the plan behind the single blade of grass. Let's think well of grass.

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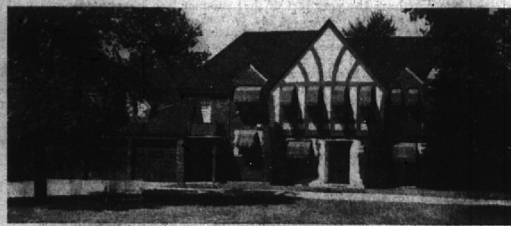
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## Bits of Birmingham

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has recommended to the city commission that it give consideration to the closing of Dixie, between E. Maple and Villa. Not open at the present time, Egbert points out that the city will save considerable in having to open it. He advised that Dixie south of Villa should be kept open until such time as the character of the property south of Villa, the old Porritt farm, is determined. Pedestrians across along Dixie might be provided, Egbert suggested, in the event the city does close it to vehicular traffic.

Just in passing, we thought it might be of interest to our readers to know that just 70 years ago—in 1878—the process of half-tone engraving was invented. This made possible the printing of pictures in magazines and newspapers, and this wanderer ventures to say that few additions to the printer's craft have ever given more pleasure to the readers. Incidentally, The Eccentric was celebrating its first birthday that year.

Residents living on Chapin and Enmons, west of Woodward, can walk along sidewalks until they get to the alley, just west of Woodward—then there isn't any more sidewalk, either side of the two streets. So the city commission has decided to require property owners at that point (who don't have sidewalks in front of their lots) to put in same. Since a property owner has the option of having a sidewalk put in by a private contractor, it usually results in the city doing it and then billing the owner.

How about leaving that road oil in the street, chum, rather than fix up your driveway with it? Word from the DPW says that some residents have been observed shovelling some of the recently oiled gravel road surface onto their driveway approaches. Such action only leaves a very thin oily spot opposite the driveway, and will go out very shortly. What's the difference—a good driveway and a bad spot in the road, or a poor driveway entrance and a good road? Why not

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leave it the way the city oiled the street and save yourself some labor?

The Atlantic Monthly Company has announced the resignation of Lawrence C. Howe, former Birmingham resident, who has been director of promotion for the magazine since April, 1946. Howe came to the Atlantic in Boston after many years as an executive with the General Motors Corporation's Fisher Body Division in Detroit.

Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk, is enjoying a 10-day vacation to the west. She left here last Friday, driving out with a girl friend from Howell, and will be back at her desk next Monday. Prime objective of the trip for Miss Hanley is a visit with Mrs. William S. Tuckey of Colorado Springs. Mrs. Tuckey is the former Julia Lally, director of the Birmingham Community House from 1936 to 1943.

Miss Elizabeth Davidson of Scotland is here in the States visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Clark, 1785 East 14 Mile road. This is the first time in 17 years the sisters have been together. A hospital supervisor in Eton, Scotland, Miss Davidson has just received an invitation from the King and Queen of England to a garden party in the palace of Holyrood, house near Edinburgh.

According to the American Radio Relay League in West Hartford, Conn., Hartland B. Smith, 467 Park, has recently been awarded the WAC (world-all continents) certificate of the International Amateur Radio Union for having communicated with at least one amateur station in each of the six continental areas of the world.

### Champ Queen



Gretchen Merrill, national women's figure-skating champion of Boston, Mass., smiles amid blossoms after being crowned Queen Sherrandub XXI to reign over the annual Winchester, Va., apple blossom festival.

world; North and South Americas, Africa, Europe, Asia and Oceania.

"Cuddles", Birmingham's one and only pet crocodile, is in a pretty bad way—for the past few weeks he has been moody, pouts, and won't talk to anybody. Marshall Fredericks, to whom "Cuddles" belongs, told this Wanderer this week that the little "croc" has been taken to University Hospital in Ann Arbor "for observation". At the hospital, it was discovered that "Cuddles" had worn two holes through the armor plate of his belly. Evidently his thick hide is not too strong to withstand crawling over the stones and other rough surfaces in this part of the world. Ordinarily, he would be sliding over soft, smooth mud in Yucatan, Mexico. But hospital interest is considering the possibility of "vulcanizing" the two holes "Cuddles" now has in an effort to improve his condition.

That terrific bump in the east-bound lane of East Maple, midway between Adams and the railroad viaduct, is going to be brought to the attention of the Oakland County Road Commission tomorrow. City Commissioner Ralph A. Main told fellow commissioners Monday evening that he would present the facts to the OCR. That spot recently caused considerable trouble to Commissioner Theron Van Dusen. He was a passenger in a car which lost a hub cap when it hit that particular bump.

Dale Young of the Bloomfield Theatre announces a new program that will make a hit with the youngsters in town. Special summer matinees have been arranged, which will be called "Fun Shows". They will feature the newest cartoons and considering the possibility of any number of shows the younger generation will go for in a big way. The regular program will be for each Wednesday afternoon, but a special one is planned for Monday, July 5.

If they had been charging admission, Harold Turner's two-week end when the new Ford hit the showroom, they would have had a very profitable run of business. According to Leo Fenn, who along with other Ford men throughout the country, kept count of all adults who visited the showroom on Thursday evening and Friday and Saturday there were 9,400 visitors at the Harold Turner establishment to see a look at the new car. His report also listed thousands of kids.

As far as John Johnsonot knows, the city of Birmingham has no Japanese beetles. Johnny, who is the city's forester, has received several calls from alarmed residents that this type of beetle is on the loose around here. He has checked

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## Frank Damico Opens Shoe Repair Store

Frank Damico announces the opening of his new repair shop in the basement of the liquor store at 152 South Woodward. The

fully equipped shop is prepared to handle any type of shoe repair work. Damico, a native of Italy, came to this country with his family as a child. For some time he was engaged in shoe repair work in the east, and since coming to this vicinity has continued in this field.

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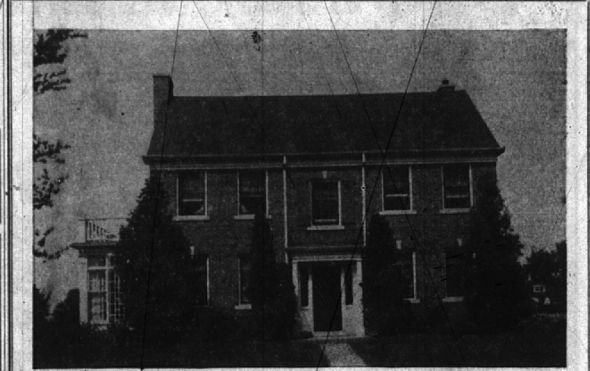
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