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Safe at Last
"Is there anything you fancy to eat before the execution?" asked the warden.
"Yes, mushrooms," said the condemned man. "I've always been scared to try them fearing I'd be poisoned."



Bits of Birmingham

A reader called this Wanderer Friday to tell of an incident she witnessed last Thursday. The good lady was going along the street in the vicinity of Barnum School, just at the time the curbside trash collection was being made. Someone called to one of the young men, "Hey! How's business?" He straightened from his labors long enough to reply, "Picking up, picking up!"

MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., national advertising agency with headquarters in Detroit, will celebrate its fourteenth birthday Tuesday, May 11. James R. Adams, president, and W. A. P. John, chairman of the board, founding partners of the firm and Birmingham residents, will be co-hosts at a cocktail party and buffet supper for the staff that evening in the Fisher Building's L.A. lounge.

As a lasting tribute to Mrs. Dorothy Holt Vary, beloved member of the Birmingham community who died in April, Vassar College friends have initiated a fund from which will be purchased books for the Baldwin Public

Library. These books will be designed by book-plate. "From the Dorothy Holt Vary Book Collection" and will be in the field of sociology. Mrs. Vary's interests were many and included participation in the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom. Her interest in people and warmth of personality endeared her to many. Other friends wishing to contribute may do so through the Baldwin Public Library or through Mrs. William Emery, 240 Aspen road.

Lloyd Dean, Glen Whitney, Ralph Wilson, Don McGaffney and John Czentner represented the local Exchange Club at the state bowling tournament held in East Lansing May 1 and 2. While the boys did not return to Birmingham laden with trophies, they did report having a grand time. After all, when you cover a whole state you meet some pretty stiff competition. Better luck next year!

A complaint has been (or will be) lodged against the Michigan Bell Telephone Company by the Birmingham Society of Sidewalk Construction Engineers if more and better holes are not provided in the fence around the Bell building construction site. One day last week this Wanderer watched three men taking turns peering through the same too-small hole. One gentleman, unable to await his turn, was trying to see what was going on through the slits between the boards. In order to use both eyes, he had to turn his head at a most uncomfortable angle. First thing they know there will be an epidemic of acute astigmatism in town, and Birmingham scurry around piles of debris, concrete mixers and busy workmen.

It sure is funny. The summer of 1947 saw Birmingham scurry around piles of debris, concrete mixers and busy workmen,

and hopping across streets still soft and warm with fresh paving. The summer of 1948 finds crews of mites and power hammers busily digging holes in our nice new walks and streets. It sure is funny.

Mrs. F. R. Woolfenden received a second thrill last week when she learned that Seymour Lipkin, her former pupil, was to be the May 15 guest soloist on the Telephone Hour. The previous week he won first place in the Rachmaninoff Memorial Fund contest for pianists. Preliminary and final of this nationwide contest took approximately two years to complete, with 135 contestants entered.

Bowling scores are still skyrocketing at the Birmingham Recreation. The Tibbits Construction team had a very nice recent score, 3961. A. McKelvie was largely responsible for this, having games of 243-245-235 for a total of 723, which, incidentally is the highest individual series ever rolled at Birmingham in league competition. Crossing the boards with the Tibbits team was Beverly Hills Drive-In with a 1131 team game and 2997 pins for total three.

And were you fortunate to have made your cabin cruiser by the front door Sunday and Monday? If you weren't, you undoubtedly had a pretty hard time swimming about town. Tremendous sales of those Army "ducks"—which travel on land and water—could have been made here those two days.

John T. Carano, Detroit tax consultant, gave Birmingham Rotarians at their Monday noon luncheon a resume of the recent 1948 Federal Tax law which lowered income tax rates.

The resolution passed by the city commission last week prohibiting residents from putting crumpled or other inferior oil on streets, incidentally is the highest in the summer, does not prevent them from using calcium chloride, City Manager Donald C. Eberhart points out. "The inferior oil does not mix well with the gravel street surface. It also hampers the city if such poor oil is on the street when we have to put the good grade of oil on it. The two oils do not mix well together," Eberhart explained.

The condition of Scott Hersey, city building inspector who collapsed at his desk in Birmingham in a heart attack, is described by hospital authorities as "improved," this Wanderer has learned. Hersey Scott is expected to remain at St. Joe's for at least a month.

Malcolm W. Welty Joins Ford Motor

Appointment of Malcolm W. (Pete) Welty, 236 Chestersfield, as staff assistant of the Ford Motor Company's industrial relations department was announced today by John S. Bugas, Ford vice-president and director of the department. For the last five years, Welty has been assistant manager of Automotive and Aviation Parts Manufacturers, Inc. Bugas said the post is newly created and it will function under immediate supervision of Mal E. Lindquist, manager of industrial relations. In his post with the parts manufacturers organization, Welty devoted much of his time to labor relations and personnel matters. He also assisted in gathering and distributing information on an labor contracts, negotiations, rates of pay, and personnel practices. Welty is 42, a native of Anegon, Kansas. He was graduated from the University of Kansas in 1926. He was employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company prior to joining the parts manufacturers association.

Florez Sells His Ad Agency Stock to C. E. Rickerd

Change of name from Florez, Phillips and Clark to Clark & Rickerd, Inc., and expansion of organization has been announced by agency president H. A. Clark. C. E. Rickerd, well-known Detroit advertising man, joins the firm as executive vice-president. Rickerd and G. H. Bobert, F.P.C. vice-president and member of the board of directors for more than two years, have purchased the stock holdings of G. A. Florez, 2875 Sunfield, who has found it necessary to devote all of his interest to the rapidly expanding activities of Florez Insurance Co. S. S. Phillips severed his connection with this organization in 1945.

Plans Complete for Annual Pet Parade May 22

By Alice E. Morgan
Calling all pets! Calling all pets! Calling all pets! Don't forget to enter your pets in the annual Pet Parade sponsored by the St. Elizabeth Guild of St. James Episcopal Church. The parade will officially open the flower sale which begins May 22. Children may obtain entry blanks from their various teachers, and no animal is barred from entry, providing of course, it can be controlled during the march! As in the past, a board of judges will review the parade and prizes will be awarded.

Judges Named
The judges this year will be Garland Tait, William C. Allee and Mrs. W. M. Milligan. Mrs. A. P. Streeter is chairman of the parade committee, assisted by L. C. Tabor and R. A. Trout. Members of the Men's Club of St. James will assist in organizing the parade lineup, which will start from the vicinity of Hill School. They will meet in church basement at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast, after which the booths for the sale will be set up on the church parking lot near the postoffice.

Tickets are already on sale for the pony rides, movies, hot dogs and other attractions which will be featured. They may be obtained from Mrs. William DeGraff, or by calling the church house.

Supervised Rides
Ten ponies have been secured for the rides. All rides will be under the constant supervision of members of the Men's Club.

Other features and their chairmen will be: Mrs. William DeGraff, Mrs. George Meeker, cashier's booth; R. A. Trout, Larry Nelson, loud

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speaker; Mrs. Charles Lewis, chairman of St. Agnes Guild activities; Mrs. Melville B. Robb, St. Ann's Guild.
Mrs. Edward L. Binger, St. Catherine's; Mrs. Charles Elton Buck, St. Mary's; Mrs. L. J. White, St. Peter's; Mrs. Charles Renfrew, St. Peter's. Reservations for buffet dinner, reservations for which must be made in advance.

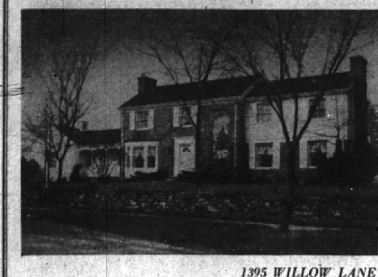
Plant Sale
Mrs. Wallace DeSart, chairman of the plant sale, reported that she had checked the nursery committee for the buffet dinner from which the plants are purchased and found that all orders will be filled promptly. The order blanks, mailed to regular customers some time ago, are being returned promptly, giving the assurance of a sale which will surpass those of the former 24 years of this event.
The sale will continue through May 28 under her supervision. Her assistant committee members

include Mrs. K. C. Lyman, Mrs. B. R. McDonald, Mrs. James St. Croix, Mrs. Charles Kriedler and Mrs. J. E. Goodman.

Railroad Problems
On Monday night, May 10, Victor Spikes, general counsel of the Grand Trunk railroad, gave members of the High-12 group a picture of some of the legal problems which confronted a railroad.
Next Monday, Harry Heilman will entertain the club with stories about baseball in general and the Detroit Tigers in particular.

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