

As long as I live I shall try to do just my mind to a willingness to listen to helpful advice from others whether they be friends or so-called enemies. Sincerely yours, honest admonition.

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Motorcycle Races at Milford, May 23

On Sunday, May 23, the Thunderbirds Motorcycle Club of Detroit, Mich., will stage their third annual motorcycle race at the Milford Fairgrounds track.

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Bits of Birmingham

Customers at a local drugstore lunch counter were very much amazed and also somewhat worried when a young lady came in, ordered black coffee and then proceeded to pour salt into the liquid. No, she isn't crazy. It's just her way of curing a headache. This Wanderer prefers aspirin.

Have you been calling at the fire house lately? We dropped in one morning last week, and had a feeling that maybe we'd better drop right back out again. The furniture was all out in the hall, there were yards of electric cord slithering around the floor, ending at the sanding machine. Mops and pads were in evidence, and the Wanderer had every indication of Spring House Cleaning. This Wanderer can't help but wonder how fast these fellows can vanish when Friend Wife gets that gleam in her eye, a broom in her hand, and a very seductive tone to her voice as she asks Friend Hubby what he has planned for his day off?

Fritz C. Hyde, Jr., of E. Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills has been elected vice-president in charge of labor relations at Goebel Brewing Company. Hyde who joined Goebel Brewing Company in 1947, was formerly sales manager for the Detroit office of Revere Copper and Brass Co.

This Wanderer enjoyed a free chuckle the other night just by watching a young man in a brand new convertible who was parked next to us at the depot. Apparently this was the fellow's first trip inside the shiny chrome-decorated car because he caused quite a sensation among the other people waiting for the train. He seemed himself to be definitely excited. Two acquaintances came over, climbed inside and began examining the interior with its latest gadgets. The young driver appeared eager to explain each detail, too. But after his friends left, he carefully wiped off all fingerprints from the dashboard with his handkerchief, got out of the car and energetically whisked behind the floor, then made sure to wipe off his shoes before sliding back behind the steering wheel.

John J. Hamill, Jr., of 381 Wellesley drive, this week has \$250 which he never expected. It came as a result of his prowess with deep sea fishing tackle. Here's the story, as told by Hamill: late this

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winter he was vacationing in West Beach, Fla., and some friends of his took him out into the Atlantic where he caught a 7-pound dolphin. When he got back to the dock, some stranger measured and weighed his dolphin and remarked, "That's the largest one taken so far this season." Hamill thought little of the adventure till last week when he received the \$250 check as first prize in the season's dolphin fishing contest. His was the largest one caught in the competition there.

If one read the account in a Detroit morning newspaper Monday of the accident at the Birmingham National Bank, he probably thought that two workers moving a vault door had been the cause of the accident. However, checking the facts, discovered that the daily's story contained these four inaccuracies: the two men were NOT injured severely, they weighed 4 tons instead of 10, the men were not "crushed" when the door tipped over and it was only three or four minutes until the door was jacked up enough to pull one man from under it, not an hour as the story reported. The entire story, with accurate details supplied by National Bank officials, appears on Page One of today's Eccentric.

Several persons have remarked to this Wanderer that some sort of light seems to have hit quite a number of evergreens in Birmingham causing them to turn brown and some to die. But from the Michigan Conservation Department comes the answer: it's not blight, but simply winterkill caused by the lack of moisture. Foresters attribute the winterkill to a deficiency of moisture last fall. The trees were so dry that when moisture from getting to the roots, and warm drying winds, particularly in March, the terminal buds sheltered ones; south sides of the trees are most marked by the winterkill. Needles are fresh and green. Samples of winterkill and white spruce, balsam, pine submitted to Dr. F. C. Strong, plant pathologist at Michigan State College, were found free of either disease or insect damage. The doubts of some that weathering alone could have been responsible. Some of the trees with winter-killed needles may die, foresters say; some on which terminal buds of the branches survive may recover; while trees partly wounded will suffer a setback in their growth.

Mrs. R. S. Plezio, 4202 Arlington drive, hurried home from town Monday afternoon to be present at the "funeral" which all the children in her neighborhood held for a sparrow. The bird was put in a casket lined with blue crepe and was buried in the private cemetery of one of the neighbor's yards. Admittance to the "funeral" was a spray of flowers. Attendance at the event was record breaking, it was reported.

A Birmingham motorist called this Wanderer to tell about an incident which happened the other day and gave him quite a thrill. "I was driving alone W. Maple," he said, "not tending to my knitting, when all of a sudden the

Quarterbacks Hear 'Bo' McMillen

Seventy-five men who took part in the Sideline Quarterback's bowling league this past season, terminated their year's activities with a banquet at the Community House last Wednesday evening, May 12. Alvin "Bo" McMillen, new coach of the Detroit Lions football team and one of Birmingham's newest residents, was guest speaker.

President of the organization, Dr. Erwin W. Deer, presided over the meeting. Harold H. Gassner, secretary of the quarterbacks and also of the bowling league, awarded prizes to those who had accomplished outstanding bowling feats during the season. The group presented Gassner with a leather vesting bag in appreciation of his efforts.

Plans to resume the league on a larger scale next season were announced. L. E. Shaller revealed that a golf and dinner day for all members would take place on Tuesday, June 22, at Forest Lake Country Club. According to Shaller, more of these parties will be planned if the response warrants it.

Members of the "Timber Toppers," the team which walked away with league honors, was composed of J. G. Holland, J. H. Achten, G. S. Gove, Clinton R. Tobey and Fred J. Zoellin. High average honor for the year was Ray York with 181.

nose of my car eased over into a hole which had been dug for the sewer line. I got out, and after looking at it, when the bushes parted and a man came out. He looked under my car and said he had a tractor nearby and would pull me out. After he had crawled under my car and carefully fastened the chain and pulled me out of the hole, I offered to pay him for his trouble. He looked at me and grinned. "Heck no! We're all neighbors, ain't we?" He said that he climbed back on his tractor and clattered away. It certainly made me feel good! I thought other people would like to know of something like that, so I called you."

James R. Fitzsimons this week took over the duties of manager at the local Grinnell Bros. store. He comes from the main floor of the downtown Detroit store where he was assistant manager in the furniture galleries.

Sometimes in the past we have wondered if the girls in the telephone office were completely human—that is, subject to the weakness of the average human being. Take the receiver off the hook and the pleasant, but so impersonal "number, please" always greets you. Monday morning this Wanderer secured ample proof that they are human. We went to make a phone call, and to our complete amazement (and utter joy!) the two familiar voices were separated by a great big sneeze, and a very sober "Pardon me!"

Gov. Kim Sigler's original proclamation setting a week of celebration "World Trade Week in Michigan" was given to Mrs. Philip H. Frenz of Wing Lake, who as World Trade chairman of the Michigan League of Women Voters, was instrumental in obtaining the statewide observance. The proclamation is now on display at Baldwin Public Library.

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On completion, there will be 260 family units, each consisting of a full basement with forced-air heating furnace; a kitchen with complete cooking and refrigerating facilities and a living and dining room on the first floor; two bedrooms with ample closet-space and a tiled bath on the second.

Of brick veneer construction, the Terraces are of the Williamsburg-type architecture designed by Merle Hogen and arranged so that each will have a playground for children and either garage or parking-space for the family car.

Graef planned the project after study of the multi-family developments in the Washington, D.C. area and in Virginia and New York state.

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