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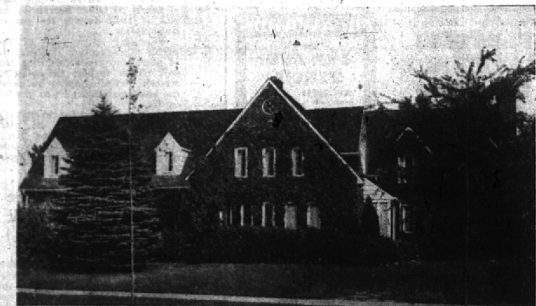
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## Bits of Birmingham

Thomas Mildebrandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mildebrandt, has been named head of the newly organized publicity department at Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti. He has been sports editor of the college weekly for two years, and while a student at Baldwin high school was sports editor of the yearbook and wrote high school sports for The Eccentric.

Did any local ex-G.I.'s serve in the 90th Infantry Division? If so, they are invited to become a member of the Michigan Chapter of the National Association which is now being formed. Frank A. Schmidt, Jr., 65 E. Fairmont avenue, Pontiac, is in charge of membership, and says the group is being created to perpetuate friendships formed by the men who served with the 90th, either at home or abroad, during World War II.

Malcolm V. Ferguson and Miss Frances Curtin actively participated in the regional conference of the Michigan Educational Association in Detroit last week. Ferguson took part in the panel discussion and the demonstration of audiovisual teaching aids, which showed recently released classroom films. Miss Curtin was chairman of the section program dealing with "Health" which was presented on Friday.

The committee was discussing plans for the annual Halloween party when the question of the movies for the younger children came up. "We should keep the program fairly short," someone said, and a slow smile went knowingly from face to face. Finally, for the benefit of newcomers to the committee, the reason for the smile was explained. It seems that a few years ago one committee member had had occasion to ask a small "tiger" why he did not sit down so the children behind him

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could see. "I can't," the tiger explained, "my dad put some wire in this tail and it won't bend!"

The 34,000 companies of the petroleum industry are sponsoring an Oil Progress Day. In observance, the Ethyl corporation research laboratories are holding open house today at 1600 W. Eight Mile. Among those from Birmingham who plan to attend are Rev. Reginald Becker, pastor of Emory Methodist Church; Paul Friedrich, Rotary Club President; Malcolm V. Ferguson, principal of Pierce school; Rev. Robert A. Lawson, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and William Spence of the board of education.

Don't kid people about parking tickets until you check the license plates of local cars. It was the other day, kidding a friend who had a car; the same as his own, only to find that it was his car, which his daughter had driven downtown after he had returned to work.

Mrs. George Green, general chairman of the AAUW book sale sold this Wanderer that Julia Mason, granddaughter of ex-Gov. Mason of Michigan, left her entire library of 5,000 to 6,000 books to the AAUW for its sale back around 1930 when she died.

For the second time in less than a year, Morgan D. Douglas, Jr., 1709 Washington Blvd., hits the cover of the "Ford Times" with an original painting, "Ducks in Flight" was featured. Now, on the October, 1948, cover, he depicts a traffic light on intersection with the traffic light on green for the benefit of motorists who will be riding around the countryside to view the vivid fall colors.

In the past couple of weeks, Mayor Milton F. Mallender's home phone has been pretty busy. A local man did just that the other day, kidding a friend who had a car; the same as his own, only to find that it was his car, which his daughter had driven downtown after he had returned to work.

Birmingham's youngsters on October 20 will enjoy the city's 14th annual community-wide Halloween party. (Don't let 'em fool you, kids—your Mom and Dad enjoy it, too.) It was back in 1934 that the idea originated. The late S. D. Wylie Bell, who loved to do things for the young people, at a Rotary club meeting volunteered the beef for a city-wide party, the meat to come from his farm on W. 13 Mile road. But other persons would have to see to it that the other party ingredients were supplied. Bell stipulated, Other club members took up the idea and pushed it along. C. V. Shain, by mutual agreement, assumed the chairmanship of the annual party and has been seeing to it that it has continued over the years.

We might be starting a "whose dog is the most wonderful and the smartest in town" club by printing this, but we heard about a cocker who helps his owners harvest apples. The pooch, Puck by name, sighted a juicy Baldwin within

jumping distance on one of the trees in his yard and proceeded to work until he managed to pick the apple right off the branch. Pleased with himself (and encouraged by his owners) he went right on selecting apples and taking them off the tree. The amusing part of it was that he didn't damage a single fruit with his teeth, but left the apples unmarked and in perfect condition. And the amusing part of the story is that Puck chose only the fattest and biggest apples he could find.

Every so often something happens which makes this Wanderer long for the ability to read others' minds. Such an event took place one morning a few days ago when a workman, on one of our streets, drove a short stake into the ground, and in turning around fell over it—full length into about two inches of gooey mud.

So their brother officers from Bloomfield Hills could attend the Friday afternoon funeral of City Manager Harry S. Starr, Birmingham police stood by ready to perform any runs that were needed in the Hills area. Clark Green, Bloomfield Hills policeman, took over the BH police desk to answer incoming calls. But crime co-operations that afternoon. No runs were necessary.

Miss Helen Miller, special reading teacher for Birmingham schools, has only missed one meeting of the Adams PTA in 10 years, it was reported to this Wanderer Tuesday. Any parents might well follow the example set by Miss Miller and try to surpass her attendance record.

## Record Map Fund Transferred to Eliminate Doubt

To eliminate cumbersome book-keeping procedure, the city commission agreed Monday night to the transfer of \$16,000, earmarked for the development of a master record map of city utilities, to the general engineering fund.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert recommended the transfer last week. He pointed out that since

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the recent retirement of former City Engineer Harold Carson, the records were now being compiled by the engineering office.

"It's extremely difficult, at times, to determine whether engineering work should be charged to the record map account or to the general department ac-

count," Egbert explained. "This could be simplified by merely charging it to the general account, just as long as the work is accomplished."

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