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17928 Dunblaine

One floor... and all brick... this attractive ranch home is located in the low tax area just outside the city limits... but it's in the Birmingham School district and only five minutes from the shops. And there's bus service only a few steps away.

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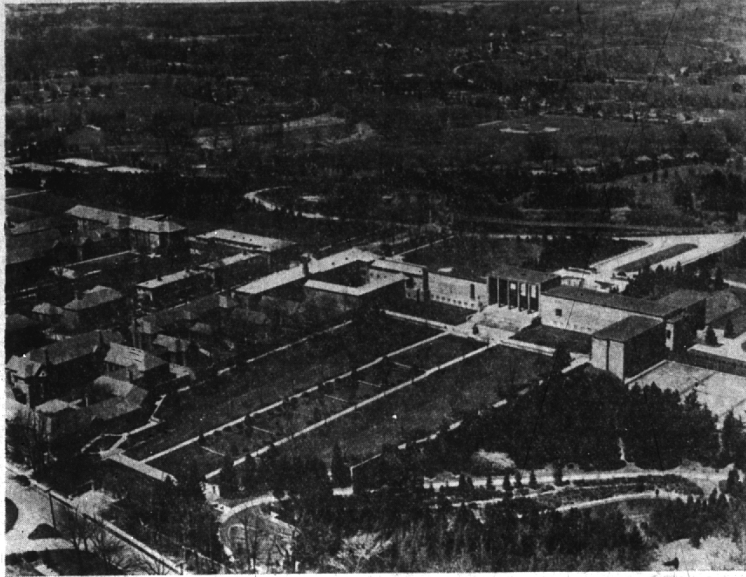
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## Cranbrook Is An Everlasting Memorial to George G. Booth



Cranbrook, an educational center consisting of six institutions spreading over 300 acres of rolling land in Bloomfield Hills, will be an everlasting memorial to its founders, Mr. George G. Booth, who died Monday at the age of 84, and his wife, who died in January, 1948.

In the photo, Lone Pine road is at the lower left and the terraced pools leading to the Museum of the Cranbrook Academy of Art and the Library are in the foreground.

Buildings on the left are Cranbrook School for Boys.

Other Cranbrook institutions not in this picture, but which also form an equally important part of the philanthropy of Mr. and Mrs. Booth, are Kingswood School for Girls, Christ Church Cranbrook, Brookside School and the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

## Building Trend Up Over 1948 Figures

Harold W. Penn of the city building inspection department has issued the report for the past month, showing 31 permits were issued for new buildings and alterations. These include 12 new single family homes; alterations on nine homes; one business alteration; two new garages; permission to move one utility building and two for raising garages.

The estimated expenditures were set at \$178,473 for new buildings and \$8,100 for the remaining proposed work.

Permits issued so far this year total 109, ten more than the same period in 1948.

## Northwood Inn Reopens Apr. 16

Northwood Inn, Woodward at 11 1/2 Mile Road, Berkley, long famous for good food and topflight floor shows and dance music, re-opens Saturday, April 16, for full-time operation.

Comedy master of ceremonies Gus Howard, a Northwood favorite of several years back, will headline the opening floor show and Jack Fisher, Detroit's own singing star,

also an all-time favorite with Northwood patrons, will be an extra added attraction.

The supporting line-up will include ballroom favorites Heller and Helene and Jeanette Garrette, ballet tap dancer. Saxophone maestro Fred Crissey and his popular orchestra will again be the bandstand feature, which marks their third successive year. Repeating its usual custom, Northwood will be closed on Mondays. There will be two complete floor shows and dancing on all other nights.



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## Bits of Birmingham

When these lovely spring evenings urge you to take a walk, and you're unable to decide just where to go, take a tip from the Adams Club. They go to the red hot corner, and from then on their fate and direction depends on a penny. They toss a penny into the air; if it turns up heads, they turn right, and tails sends them off to the left. Repeated at every third or fourth corner, one little penny could lead a person on quite a tour of the neighborhood—or maybe even the whole city.

If you notice Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley wand'ring around town in a somewhat dazed condition, and with a careworn look on his face, don't jump to the conclusion that there's a crime wave in town or anything like that. As a matter of fact, it's not as simple as that. The poor man is struggling with budgets.

This Wanderer is of the opinion that the local police department may soon become a branch of the Audubon Society. They received a call from a local resident last week to come and investigate a robin which were in the gentleman's yard and appeared sick. The officer reported that he believed the little feathered songsters were just cold and wet.

City Commissioner Ralph A. Main stood the city commission room on its funny bow Monday evening as he gave up the chair to our new mayor, Don Bell. Acting as temporary chairman until the commission had elected Bell, Main went around the end of the table where he will occupy the chair formerly used by Bell. As soon as he sat down, Main remarked: "Well, that now puts the three lawyers on one side, three engineers on the other, with a funeral director in the middle." Commissioners Mendenhall, Tait and Booth, all lawyers, now sit on the west side of the commission room; Mayor Bell, Main, and recently-elected John O'Gorman directly opposite the "bench"; while Bell as mayor will be seated at the head of the table.

A number of local motorists, women in particular, think something should be done to make the city's two-hour parking meters more noticeable, compared to the one-hour meters. They say one has to park, then get out and examine the meter closely to see if it is for one or two hours. If it's a one-hour job, these two-hour parkers get mad. This Wanderer would like to suggest that the city paint the heads of the two-hour meters red or yellow or some other distinctive color so they can be easily recognized—and keep blood pressures on a normal level.

H. Adrian Smith, bank dealer from Providence, R.I., didn't get to be president of the International Association of Magicians by being just an ordinary magician. This fact he demonstrated to the Birmingham Rotary Club Monday noon. Here's one unforgettable

trick he did: An ordinary pack of cards is shuffled by a member of the audience. With his back turned to the caller, Smith memorizes the number and suit of each card as it is turned up and placed on a board for the audience to see. (More BITS on Page 6, Part 2)

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