

Tragic, indeed, are the lives of men and women who go about doing things only for the hollow applause of the multitude. The art of doing good for others brings its reward best when one does good without hope of public draw-beating; kindness brings its own reward.

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Reid-Patterson Moves Offices to Birmingham

Wallace E. Reid, president of Reid-Patterson, Inc., builders, announces the removal of the company's offices from the Buhl Building, Detroit, to 750 South Woodward Avenue, Birmingham.

Reid said the company made this move so that the officials can give closer supervision to its construction operations. For several years past the company's activities have been in the northern part of the metropolitan area and it is expected that they will continue to concentrate in that area. They are building "Meadowood Homes of Birmingham" a planned neighborhood of 180 brick homes which is now more than

half completed, and are now showing homes on Stanley Boulevard in this development.

Have You Met . . .

Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dickinson and children, Kenneth, Dennis and Terry who are now living in their new home at 798 Lakeside? Mr. Dickinson is a salesman with the Michigan Tractor and Machinery Company.



Bits of Birmingham

More than 4,000 persons visited the MICHIGAN ON CANVAS exhibition while it was at Cranbrook Jan. 11-23, reports George G. Whitney, public relations director of the J. L. Hudson Co. which sponsored the exhibit.

Mrs. Herbert Barr called this Wanderer Saturday to ask if we could help her out with identifying a bulb she has in bloom right now. Being strictly the "old favorite flower" type of gardener, we're sending the appeal along to the rest of you. This bulb came from India and took six years to bloom. It's shaped like a calla lily, only larger and is a reddish henna color. Right now it's three feet tall and when it first began to flower, had a very strong odor. There's only the bloom, no leaves. If anyone knows the answer to this one, we'd appreciate hearing the whole story.

Charlie Mortensen, manager of the local C of C, tells this Wanderer about the man who, last week, came in to the office and asked for the number on the next license plate. The girl at the desk told him, "Sorry but it adds up to 13—and I don't want it." The fellow declared and started for the door. "I'll be back later." The guy has still to return for a plate that

adds up to more or less than 13, Mortensen said.

One hundred students from Poppleton school were guests at a performance of the Shrine Circus last week through the courtesy of several members of the Birmingham Hi-12 club. Their school principal, Boyd Larson, accompanied the youths.

Janet Mills of Sunfield road is asking the aid of this Wanderer in locating the little girl who, several weeks ago, lost an initialed pin. Janet has tried several ways, including advertising, to return the pin, but has had no success. She says it is heart-shaped and is suspended from a bow. There are three initials on the heart, which is sterling silver. Janet hopes that the little girl who lost it would call her mother, Mrs. W. H. Mills of 367 Sunfield and claim it.

Well, well! The "good old days" are back, according to a little item which has come to the attention of this Wanderer. It seems that one evening, over the weekend, a team was hired from a vicinity riding stable for a hayride. Right you guessed it—the horses decided to go for a walk by themselves—sans driver or passenger. Police were notified and started out to do their civic duty. They "apprehended" the fugitives' short time later on Pleasant street. Officers McCann and White made the "arrest."

The "after you, no after YOU" story is an old one, but here's a new twist. Mrs. Stanley Cain, 391 Fernside ave., while attending the UN conferences at Lake Success, was walking down the hall to the cloak room when she spotted a very important swarthy skinned gentleman with a thick sheaf of papers in his hands. Her first impression was that he was a very important person. They met at

the cloak room door and Mrs. Cain, determined that the VIP should precede her, waited and nodded for him to go ahead and enter. No, he waited for her. She still waited for him and finally, embarrassed, the man went on into the room ahead of her. A few minutes later, after the gentleman in question had taken his coat and left, the attendant told Mrs. Cain who the man was: Father Divine's secretary.

And then there is the case of the J. O. Buckeridge's of 507 Brookside, Birmingham's only family owning two of the little English Austin motorcars. JO Sr. went out the other night when the temperature was low enough to keep freeze alcohol, and put the key in the door of his car—and it simply would not open. With chill winds turning up and down his back, he silently cursed the inventor of fasteners, the Austin Co., the weather man, and other unkindly objects. But the door still would not open. Next morning, it turned out that the cars were not in their usual places and he was trying to get into JO's car with his own key. . . . And if that wasn't enough, he found the right car in the morning, but still couldn't get in—then discovered (after missing the 8:04) that he was trying to open his car with JO's key.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon R. Craven, Jr., have received word that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Craven, Sr., have opened the Lyme Inn at Lyme, N. H., for the 1949 season. The Cravens, formerly of Birmingham, resided at 2388 Fairway drive.

This Wanderer hears that the ubiquitous cat at the St. James Church here has been getting into mischief again. First she has kittens under the organ and now she's beginning to break up church services. Not so long ago she spotted a mouse and, being a typical cat, immediately forgot there was a communion service going on. Mouse and cat proceeded to hold (More BITS, Page 2, Part 2)

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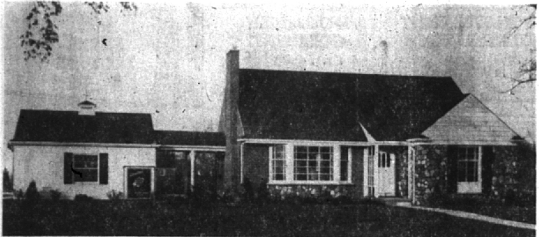
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