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Bits and this Wanderer are really sticking their collective noses into this week, mentioning spring. There's already one paragraph mentioning the robins, and now two more "signs" have come to our attention. Sunday afternoon we saw two little boys on their knees, deep concentration on their faces, and big fat marshes cuddled into the crook of a finger and thumb. Then Monday, to top it all, we happened to glance out

of the office window to see two sign painters touching up the name over one of the Woodward avenue stores. Yes, sir! It really looks as though spring would come . . . some day.

This Wanderer received an answer Friday concerning the ambiguous hulk which Mrs. Herbert Burr told us about last week. The party who phoned claimed it's called Devil's Tongue and that a

neighbor of hers in Chicago grew one that stood eight feet tall. Looks as if it's well named. Anyway, she plants hers in the yard during the summer and says the foliage at that time is beautiful. But when the flower is in bloom, the leaves stay underground. During the winter the bulb grows without water and dirt. This same person also said the plant and the bloom got so huge that her neighbors gave it away. She appended her conversation with the acknowledgment that all Devil's Tongues seem to have an obnoxious odor.

This Wanderer hasn't a very good idea of what happened, but while trying to get a telephone number Monday morning, somehow we were cut in on a most interesting conversation between two unknown persons. From what we heard, all is not happy on the henery front, since one of the ladies declared that, with the price of eggs falling, she is going to sell off about half of her chickens just as soon as possible.

A local man who commutes on the 8:34 to Detroit every day is telling this story about his experience with a "where-have-we-not-fared" theme. He was laughing in a Detroit restaurant when he noticed an extremely familiar face at a nearby table. He nodded and smiled at the man and in turn the man nodded and smiled at him. They obviously were having difficulty placing each other, apparently they were sure they'd gone to school together or had been to the same lodge or club because they got together, shook hands cordially and tentatively began feeling their way along in conversation. Finally they gave up and confessed they were stuck as to whether they had met. It came out that they'd both been riding that commuter train for years and had become friendly to each other that putting a finger actually upon the origin of their acquaintance was difficult to do.

City Commissioner Don Bel and his wife have left for a few weeks' vacation near Gonzales, Arizona.

This Wanderer has noticed that the Michigan Racing Association, recently awarded, is having a rather difficult time trying to get an okay location for a new, modern track. Wouldn't it be different—to say the least—if the Ferris property were sold to the MRA for a new track? And so close to the GTRR for the benefit of commuting fans, too.

They say one swallow doesn't make a summer, but Birmingham can hope a pair of robins will make a spring. This Wanderer had a call from the Coyell Nurseries last week Wednesday morning to report that two of these hardy-birds of soft breezes and warm days had made their appearance here. Birmingham welcomes them with open arms, and wishes they a long and happy stay in our midst.

James A. Plant of Bloomfield Hills is a member of the first-aid team of the Rocky Mountain Rescue group now being organized in the Boulder area by the University of Colorado. Charles A. Hutchinson, head of the group, said that the first-aid team, consisting of five squads, has been formed to answer calls for assistance from hikers, skiers and climbers in this area.

Editorial and business positions on the staff of the Michigan Daily student newspaper at the University of Michigan have been filled by the appointment of 23 students for the second semester. A local boy, Jim Schneider of Euclid avenue, was named account executive of the business department. These appointments were all to the junior, editorial and business staff of the Daily.

The Village Players are having some difficulty these days locating several items for their next production, "I Remember Mama." Mrs. Rofie Spinning, costume chairman, discovered the group is sadly lacking a feather box (moths decided to inhabit the one they had stored away) and little girl's high top shoes, sizes five to eight. Anyone having either of these "props" and willing to loan them out would receive the heartfelt thanks of the Players. Mrs. Spinning is the one to contact or this.

This Wanderer received a letter from H. H. Harbison regarding that bewildering hulk of Mrs. Herbert Burr's. Harbison says it is an Asiatic tropical plant of the

Study Improvement at Hillside Drive

Harold M. Stephen, 1122 Hillside drive, has already had to call a coving truck twice in the past few days to get his car out of the mire that is his residential street. In asking the city commission for some relief, he wanted to know what the city could do to help out. Commissioners were quick to tell him that improvement of the road with gravel, curbs and gutters and blacktop was the best answer.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert has the matter now, and he will look the street over and report back at an early commission meeting.

Cranbrook Shows Berman Drawings

For the rest of this month, 15 Eugene Berman's original drawings of scenes in Mexico will be exhibited at the Museum of the Cranbrook Academy of Art. These drawings were done during Berman's last trip to Mexico in 1947. Subjects range from children in the street and festa to the tower of St. Christopher and the gate at Atlixco. Although nearly every motive was originally faithfully copied, it is completely changed in value and mood when put together in an entirely original way, showing the spirit of Colonial Mexico. In the task of Berman, born in Russia, came to the United States in 1936, he became identified with the neoromantic group. Considered one of America's ranks of painters, he is also famous for his stage designs and ballet settings, which he endows with a dream world romanticism.

Other shows currently on exhibition at the Museum of the Cranbrook Academy of Art are the second national biennial exhibition of Contemporary Textiles and Ceramics, Hand-Wrought Danish Silver and Michigan Work in Progress.

Museum hours are from 2 to 5 daily, except Mondays.

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