

As long as I live I expect to be confronted with some great problem of life. I am merely a stranger in a world that I never knew before, going on a journey to a Destiny about which I can only hope and dream. I only know that if I strive honestly and sincerely for Truth, I shall find it.

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## Bits of Birmingham

It would seem that Birmingham is being infringed upon. Word has come out of Lansing that owls are being given out to be used as decoys for crows. These owls are live ones of the great horned owl variety. However, they possibly would have as little effect on the starlings as did their metal second cousins or, if anchored in our trees next summer, might prove worse than the starlings.

The Managing Editor is still receiving, occasionally, one of the recently printed "civic questionnaires." Evidently, they are being filled out by persons who discover one of the copies of The Eclectic containing the questionnaire, and who have decided to fill it out and send it in. That's fine. We'll include all recent arrivals among the rest which will go to the city plan commission. Regarding the article summing up the results of the questionnaire, it is scheduled for publication Jan. 20. Watch for it.

Mrs. Howard R. Coe, 1632 Webster, learned Wednesday night that it pays to know the right answer. She was awarded \$225 by a Detroit bakery when

she was able to tell them how long the French ruled Detroit (then spelled "DeTroit") and who became the ruler immediately after them. When this Wanderer finally managed to catch the Coe line without a busy signal, Mrs. Coe admitted that there had been five minutes since the news came over the radio, that she had not been on the phone. She also admitted that she is not a listener of the program which called her!

Notice the Yale-decorated window of the Shell station at Hinder and E. Maple? It won a \$25 third prize in the recent Shell Christmas window display contest. More than 200 Michigan dealers participated.

And speaking of New Year's Resolutions: We heard of a man in a nearby community who has resolved to take his wife out to dinner at least once a month during the coming year. The only catch to it is that he's been making this same resolution since away back when!

At Christmas time this Wanderer listened to a program of recordings made by the country's favorite crooner. After a few Christmas tunes, our ears suddenly became aware of the fact that the man was singing "Easter Parade". The weather we had shortly after made us think he was giving a lot of forecasters a close run for their money, too, as we sat inside and watched the rain pour down. Since then, however, the change in the weather made us believe once more that winter is really going to be with us this year.

This Wanderer has had a complaint—a complaint against groups. The young mother who made it said she was trying to teach her small son to be manly, especially to elderly women. She reports that he's beginning to get a very skeptical look on his face when he holds a door open.

only to have the lady sail through with not even a smile. The young mother is wondering just how long it will be before he gets the idea that manners aren't so important after all, and starts going his own merry way, regardless of whether it is the polite thing to do or not. As a matter of fact, she admits that she and her husband are doing a bit of wondering about it themselves, since they, too, meet so few persons who acknowledge good manners.

Larued C. Goodrich, 748 Forest, boys' counselor at Baldwin high school, is resting comfortably in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, after dislocating and fracturing his left ankle Dec. 28. Visiting with Ross A. Wagner, Baldwin principal, that evening, Goodrich was walking toward his car when he slipped on a patch of ice on the sidewalk.

Cranbrook Institute of Science Director Robert T. Hatt this week notified the Michigan Secretary of State's office that, as far as their records are concerned, he has moved back to Bloomfield Hills. Hatt has just received his 1949 auto license plate application from Lansing, and it has him living in "Bloomfield Hills." The application has been sent back for correction.

In order to obtain a better understanding of the more unusual occupations of fellow members, Birmingham Rotarians will take field trips to their business places. First of these trips will be next Monday, when Rotarians visit the South Woodward studio of Marshall Fredericks, nationally known Birmingham sculptor.

Weddings are usually recorded by candid shots taken at the church and reception, but Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brehm of Franklin (she is the former Geraldine Woolley) who were married on Dec. 30 will have something else besides these pictures. Any time

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they wish, they can take the recording which was made of the ceremony and hear themselves repeating their vows. Sounds to this Wanderer like a good thing to do every anniversary—play that record and remember more vividly the big moment of their lives.

City Commissioner Ralph A. Main, during the new year, would like to, prevent the commission meeting from lasting too late into Monday evenings. A number of them, during 1948, lasted until close to midnight, especially when assessment districts were under consideration. So at the first meeting of 1949, which adjourned just after 9 p. m., Main suggested (without hope that it would be adopted): "I'd like to offer a New Year's resolution: that we not meet longer than 10 p. m."

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