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Bill Phillipson, the man who solves the "Jeopardy" puzzle each week and puts the Eccentric together for us, has been taking his vacation. The personnel of our plant go to far away places on their respective vacations and they never fail to send back those tantalizing picture post cards to their buddies at the grid. For some reason or another the Phillipsons stayed home this summer, but Bill sent the post card anyway. The Wanderer eyes gets into the composing room now and then and he found Bill's card on the bulletin board. It was a pleasant scene of the intersection of Woodward and Maple, facing north, and on the back it said: Hi Gang—having swell time in this beautiful city, situated 7 miles south of Pontiac in Oakland County. Wonderful scenery, especially beautiful Quaker Lake. Glad you are here. W. Phillipson (The Old Traveler).

Norm Wolfe, assistant superintendent of schools, is a man that



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never misses a bet and last Friday he had an opportunity to find out a few things that he didn't know. When the Home Economics teachers returned to their posts here September they are going to find that Wolfe has picked up a great deal of knowledge regarding the whys and wherefores of home economics. The Wanderer happened to be with him when he met a group from Michigan State College that was here on a field trip. They were home ec teachers from various places in Michigan and other states, and while they undoubtedly gained considerable benefit from their visit here, it is doubtful if they learned as much as Norm. He asked so many questions of the teachers that I almost believe he could teach the subject. At least he knows the good and bad points of the local equipment.

The Michigan Bell house organ an "In Memoriam" of Laura H. Schroeder which read: "In behalf of the citizens of the city of Birmingham we express our grateful appreciation for Miss Schroeder's loyal and devoted service to this community. . . . This Wanderer thought her many, many friends would like to know that in her co-workers at the Bell Company, she had as many friends as among the local residents.

Duke Layland didn't wait long after he launched his golfing career to score his first hole in one. Maybe it was beginner's luck, but lots of golfers start playing the game and keep it for 30 years without hitting out with a single tee shot. In the second game of his life, Duke rumbled in an ace on the second hole at Springdale park and the hole is not a pushover, either. It is long as threepar holes go, and you can't see the green from the tee.

unusual for short holes. Duke played and won the Baldwin basketball team last season.

Fifty-seven "How to do the Job Better" awards were given to 57 employees of the Michigan Bell Company last month. One of the ten dollar awards was given to Noel Wilkinson, a Birmingham employe. The awards are given to employees who offer suggestions that aid the company in improving work or service methods, creating greater efficiency.

Dickie Stinson, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stinson of Humphrey street, is mentioned to a great extent by the television shows. I guess everyone is in some way or another, but his parents aren't appreciative of the way Dickie has been carrying on his sleep after watching the wrestling bouts. The other night he got out of bed and struck the familiar post of a 250-pound gladiator of the padded ring preparatory to tearing another giant limb. The only thing in the room that Dickie could handle was a record player on which he had some nursery rhymes until TV and wrestling changed until tastes in entertainment. With grunts and flourishes he pointed on the little machine and after the proper airplane spin he body-fisted it into a corner. Then his dad arrived on the scene and promptly administered a new wrinkle in the wrestling profession. Now Dickie lays claim to being the only wrestler who ever held the title of old world champion. The commissioner in this case, is threatening to suspend him.

And this goes to prove you can't give anything up for loss. In 1933 a pistol was stolen from the home of Robert Preble who at the time lives on the 10th road. Last week it was recovered by police from the Davison station in Detroit. City police are now trying to locate the owner. So don't lose hope for that gold link that slipped down the drain in '47.

We don't suppose the youngsters mind it, at all if they did, they certainly would not be quite so keen about the thing. It does look like a lot of fun, though, and this Wanderer did have a desire to cast the dignity of age to winds, and to have a whirl at it himself. However, as just a gentle hint, a little oil applied to the chains on the Springdale Park merry-go-round would not be a bad idea.

A Junior Peeping Tom seems to be around town. Residents in the vicinity of Puritan road have reported looking out of bedroom windows to find a young boy in the tree, staring back at them. It's not only a doubly pleasurable experience for the boy, but a bit disconcerting to the householder.

When youngsters go to school to the point of becoming police news, it is a whiff at it. Local police received a report last week of children playing around the construction on the Pierce school site after 6 p.m. The resultant broken windows and missing gasoline brought the story to official attention, with officers suggesting that Mr. and Mrs. Parents curb their youngsters' love of school at least after the dinner hour.

Some more of that rural atmosphere has crept in where it is not wanted. A West Maple resident has discovered that he is not the only party interested in his garden. It seems that some rabbits living in the vicinity have taken a great liking to it, too, and are being a little more avid in their sampling than the residents deem necessary. Take it easy, Peter. Remember what happened to the one who went sampling through Mr. McGregor's garden?

It's annoying enough to any reporter when someone with a non-understandable sense of humor calls up and gives a false tip on a story. Hours can be wasted tracking it down. However, this Wanderer feels that when someone calls to report an accident at the corner of WEST MAPLE and LINCOLN, that's going too far!

An ever-increasing number of men and women in this area have obtained their pilot's license to fly, using it for business and pleasure. J. Robert F. Stinson, architect and city planning authority, flies his own Stinson Voyager, a four-seater, low-wing, biplane, before the late war. "I've never had any trouble," he smiles, "even though I've had many takeoffs and landings ten times in my flying experience. Weather is the chief concern for a flyer, but that is the factor over which man has no control."

Coach Vince Scantone dropped in to see the Wanderer one day this week and as usual had nothing on his mind, but football. Before he left he grabbed a calendar and colored in the date for his 1949 collection of prospects reports to him for the first practice of the season. Monday, August 29 is the earliest that high school teams can assemble this year and that's when the locals will be rounded up. That's only 38 days away and Coach Scantone hopes that all prospect players will be in top form and ready to go.

J. J. Fugate, 886 Wambleton, last week attended the annual DAC Beavers party at the Old Club. Not only did Jim have a fine time—including the fact that

Tiger outfielder Dick Wakefield was rung in against his team in the baseball game—but Jim came home with a nice present. Ask him about it.

A great many motorists have gotten into the habit of "cutting corners" at the intersection of Woodward and Willet and Woodward and Oakland. They cut across to the wrong side of the street and enter Woodward at a sharp angle. Most of them get away with it, although some pay the price of more motor and paint jobs. Tuesday morning, however, we watched one passenger car driver really find out which side of the road was which when he met a huge truck making the turn onto Willet from Woodward. Nonchalantly the truck driver slowed down, but kept on coming, chasing the motorist, backwards, until he was once more on his own side of the street. Bet he doesn't try that stunt again in a hurry!

Tom Ball, son of Mayor and Mrs. Donald S. Ball of Elm street has begun early in life to collect horse show honors. The young man has, in his first four horse shows, won eight ribbons and a gold trophy. His latest success was the winning of first honors at the Northville Junior Horse Show. Such news makes this Wanderer, who acts at the sight of a saddle, realize that age is creeping up.

Here's a nice case of mistaken identity and this time it concerns all of things, a house. Seems that a family, some years ago, moved from one Birmingham landmark to another home on the same road and that some friends of theirs set out one day and last week to call on them and absent-mindedly walked into the old home. When they were told they were out, the guests puzzled at this as they were expected, but decided to wait. Finally, after some time of confused conversation, the error came out and the guests took their self-leaves to the proper residence where, seeing the humor of the situation, they spent the afternoon enjoying a good laugh.

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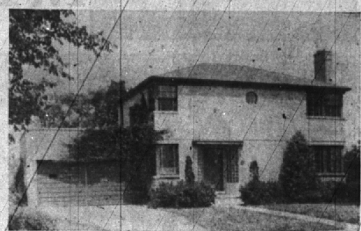
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