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 Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Eberhart, formerly of Portland, Ore., who with their children, Phillip and Donald, are now residing at 1346 1/2 South Bates street. Mr. Eberhart is with the parts and accessories division of Ford Motor Company.



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Engine E. Peris, an official of the Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, will address the Birmingham Rotary club next Monday noon on "Experiments in Chemistry." He is expected to cite some of the most recent chemical achievements.

The more this Wanderer mulls over the idea of Birmingham becoming the "Redwood City of Michigan" with the planting of hundreds of California redwoods, the better he likes it. Just think of the benefit to accrue to the city when, some generations from now, the city could go into the lumbering business and sell the wood from the huge trees. It should lower local property taxes considerably. Similar to the benefits the State of Oklahoma gets from the oil wells on the capitol grounds.)

Slowly the signs of spring accumulate. Robins, crows, roller skates, marbles, boys wearing baseball mitts and carrying bats, girls appearing in straw hats, the first crocus, and women cleaning windows. The most recent this Wanderer has happened to notice were two flocks of wild ducks which passed just west of the city limits last Thursday, busily working their way north to the lakes



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where they will spend the summer months. To us, there's something very satisfying about ducks flying north. Maybe it is because we feel that once the ice has gone from the northern rivers and lakes, there is a chance that winter will slowly steal away—at least for a few months!

Birmingham police are hot on the trail of a woman with an over-size purse, according to Chief Ralph W. Moxley. They seek said lady in connection with a robbery at the May Bros. gas station at the corner of Hunter and Maple. Jim May, who operates the

station, reported to the police that a mirror, 18x24 inches, had been removed from the wall of the lady's rest room there last Wednesday. Both police and May are astounded by the fact that the mirror was taken during the daylight hours, and Moxley expressed the opinion that it must be someone carrying one of the over-sized purses which are the current style. Any lady finding such a mirror in her purse is asked to kindly return same to May Bros. or the local police.

This Wanderer wonders just how far some people will go to

celebrate the first day of spring. Driving home from work Monday evening, we spotted for the first time a tall and stately flag pole proudly bearing its American banner and after pondering the possibility of its being a holiday of some sort, decided the flag was just up there in recognition of the first breath of spring air.

For the past few weeks, this Wanderer has noticed that the city commission meetings are considerably shorter than most others in recent months. Monday's lasted only 25 minutes—quite a difference from some of the 11 or 11:30 adjournments.

We know one Franklin woman who is still gasping, and not at all sure whether she likes this

spring weather or not. She had sent her little boy out to play, and had cautioned him about wading in the water and getting in over the tops of his boots. Yes, you guessed it. He reported back a short time later, both boots full. As Mother emptied them out, she scolded him for not obeying, and was really rocked on her heels when he replied, "But Mommie! I didn't walk in the stream—I tip-toed!"

WE HEARD IT SAID BY Mayor Milton F. Mallender in discussing Michigan Senate Bill No. 159, which would give cities power to levy excise taxes: "Certain specific taxes would be within the scope of cities, but I am opposed to any unlimited power of cities to impose excise taxes."

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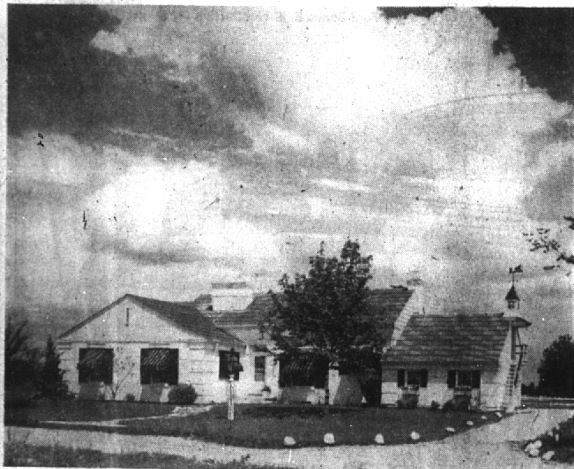
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