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## Bits of Birmingham

Parents, watch your kiddies, or make sure they know their way home. During the past few days there seems to have been an epidemic of strayed Small Fry. Local police have no objections to returning Junior to his fire, but it certainly causes many a tear when he discovers he has wandered into unfamiliar territory and doesn't know his way back home.

Greyhound patrons living on Washington boulevard are going to have to walk a little farther now, for the bus will no longer travel that street. The same goes for persons living on Maple between Pierce and Southfield. Beginning Monday the only route retained in that section goes from Maple to Lincoln, traveling over Pierce street.

This Wanderer had an urgent and pathetic appeal Monday for a lady who would like to try to sleep again. It seems she lives in a neighborhood liberally populated with cats. These don't seem to be ordinary cats but a species with ambitions toward grade opera. They gather in the early evening and their rehearsals go on for hours. The lady is afraid she's go-

ing to be forced to upset the routine of her whole family and do her sleeping during the daylight hours if something isn't done about the cats, and soon. She would like to request cat owners to at least try to get their pets back in the house before bed time? How about it, folks?

Last week this Wanderer saw a new wrinkle applied to one of the most tedious tasks the merchant has to perform . . . inventory. Instead of scurrying about with a pad and pencil, two men stood at the counters and shelves with microphones draped across their shoulders, and read the stock inventory to a recording machine. Imagine what a time-saver this can be, and the stacks of undepreciable notes it does away with.

This week The Eccentric received this notice from the War Department: "With the Eighth Army in Yamoto, Japan—Corporal Wharfield, 844 Raritan Street, Birmingham, Mich., is serving as cadre with the Air Transportability Training Center in Yamoto, Japan, located on Northern Honshu island. Corporal Wharfield entered the Army, Nov. 11, 1946, and received basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He sailed for Japan, May 29, 1947, and arrived in Yamoto, Japan, February 13, 1949." Looks to this Wanderer like Cpl. Wharfield took that "slow boat" the radio crooners are always singing about.

This past week several local persons have questioned this Wanderer regarding the proposed increase in the city's 1949-'50 budget, plus its accompanying boost in taxes. The city commission Monday evening conducted a public hearing at which the budget was explained, and The Birmingham Eccentric, on its editorial page today (Page 2, Part 3) analyzes the budget and its increases.

This Wanderer last week stopped by the Pierce street central Bell switchboard and met Miss Ann Murray, the town's chief telephone operator while Miss Laura Schroeder is ill. Miss Murray, a veteran Bell employee, came from the Royal Oak exchange where she has been for the last 10 years.

Vic Ulrich's Baldwin high school a cappella choir is about tops in high school aggregations of its kind, this Wanderer believes. It puts on some very wonderful concerts. It appeared that several musical local combinations made up of members from the large group.

Margaret Hascall, 688 Oakland, wife of City Attorney Forbes H. Hascall, is now \$200 richer after telling a Detroit radio quizzer one

evening last week just what "The Toledo War" was all about. The quizzer, calling her by telephone, had quite a time convincing her that she won the money—she didn't believe it. But she was when the check came through.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Upplinger, 847 Emmons, will spend this weekend in Holland, Mich., where they will attend the annual Tulip festival. Mr. Upplinger reported to this Wanderer that their daughter Ari (Mrs. Ernest Meussen) will take part in the affair. A teacher in Holland, she will join a children in her class in a highly costumed parade which is a part of the annual celebration.

The May issue of "Synchroscope," employee publication of the Detroit Edison Co., divides its front page and three inside pages to a "visit" to Birmingham.

## Birmingham Tennis Club Will Hold Pre-Season Dinner

Members of the Birmingham Tennis Club and their families will gather tomorrow evening, for a pre-season get-acquainted dinner at Sylvan Glen Golf Club, Rochester, Mich., according to Ray C. Sackett, president of the tennis club. The dinner will provide old members an opportunity to renew friendships that have been neglected during the winter and will permit new members to get acquainted.

Dinner arrangements are in charge of the club and their families will be made up of Mrs. Otto Milbrandt, chairman; Leon Branley, J. Collins, Elizabeth and Howard Johnson, Nancy Newcomb, Dorothy Porritt and Richard Thornburn.

Plans for the season's tennis activities which will be announced at the dinner point to another interesting program of excellent matches and tournaments this year. The Birmingham Tennis Club again has been granted the use of the Kingswood School courts as soon as the present season ends.

It is planned to open the season with a week-end round-robin tournament which will bring all of the club's players together in three-game sets, the sole purpose of which is to introduce all players, both old and new, to each others brand of tennis.

Other tournaments include the Junior Center Tournament, sanctioned by the U.S.T.A. for boys under 16 years of age and boys between 16 and 18 in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills area. Boys entering this tournament are privileged to enter the Michigan State Junior tournament at Kalamazoo College in July.

Last summer the Junior Davis Cup team representing Southeastern Michigan swamped Junior Davis Cup teams from Chicago, Milwaukee and Cincinnati at an inter-city tournament in Chicago. Try-outs for the Southern Michigan team this year are scheduled to be held on the Kingswood courts and will bring together the best of the younger players in this part of the state.

The tournament for the club championship, limited to club members only, will be held late in July. The season will close with the annual Birmingham Tennis Club Invitational Tournament September 10 to 18.

Inter-Club Matches  
Tournament schedules are in charge of the tournament committee composed of Ed. L. Dinger, chairman; Mrs. Elmer Beers, Leon Branley, Frank Coppel, Jane McKee and J. C. Willson.

A tentative schedule of inter-club matches, similar to those held last year, is now being arranged with the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Indian Village Club, Flint Tennis Club, Highland Park Tennis Club and the Windsor Tennis Club. Some of these matches will be held on the courts of the Birmingham Tennis Club. Others will be away.

The committee handling inter-club matches is made up of Victor Sarkisian, chairman; Mrs. Elmer Beers, Jane McKee, Paul Penfield and Anne Willson.

The Birmingham Tennis Club was very successful with its tournament and inter-club match schedule last year. Tournaments and inter-club matches will not interfere with the play of club members not participating in those events. The courts will be available for regular play even on the few days when there are special events.

## Southfield Board Appoints Constable; Takes Action Against Illegal Vendors

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH  
SOUTHFIELD—At the Southfield township board meeting last week, representatives brought in various complaints. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson of Webster avenue, and others, again protested the dumping of rubbish south of their residences. They stated that they had been assured four years ago that the practice was illegal, and that zoning restrictions would protect them against further annoyance. The attorney was consulted as to what action should be taken and the supervisor, Dudley P. Frame, will advise them as to proper procedure.

A petition from Maenolia was brought in by John Lemon, of Greenfield road, to the effect that the top soil removal from more than five acres in that district had created a man-made lake. He said it is a health menace and in case of heavy rains will cause flood conditions. It was revealed that state law does prohibit such practice. The case is up for consideration, to be reviewed at the next meeting of the board.

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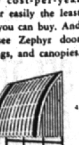
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