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Bits of Birmingham

Mrs. Charles S. Devitt writes this Wanderer from Comins, Mich., that son Jim, 19, got his back. He shot a beautiful seven-pointer last week Wednesday that tipped the scales at nearly 300 pounds. The Devitt son-in-law, Wesley Towne of Pontiac, is also listed among the successful hunters. The Devitt family, who until recently resided at 1447 E. Chapin, moved to Poplar Pines Cabins near Comins only a short time ago.

Charles Mortensen, local manager, says tickets for the annual C. of C. dinner meeting next Wednesday evening, Nov. 30, at the Community House, can be obtained at the C. of C. office on E. Maple or from C. of C. directors Ralph Wilson, George Marin or Foster Toothacker.

George Washington chops again! If we personally believed in reincarnation, we might feel that the honorable gentleman had taken up residence in Birmingham. Since we don't, we wonder. The police and city forestry departments have received a complaint that someone has almost completely girdled one of the trees in the parkway at the Lawndale, Hunter and Oakland intersection. In addition to this several of the small evergreens in the Eton area have been removed.

Souvenir hunters are busy in town again. Several calls have been received at police headquarters during the past days, reporting stolen gas tank caps. While the reports, for the most part, have been scattered, there appears to have been a concentration of effort in the Southlawn area. It seems to be as big a mystery to the police as to this Wanderer just why anyone would want the things.

Motorists, have you checked your driver's license recently? If there happens to be a little check mark opposite the "W" on the upper right hand corner, be sure you have your glasses on when driving. A local woman came to grief last week when she was involved in an accident. The investigating officer found the little check on the license but no glasses on the lady. According to Chief Ralph W. Moxley, it's a quick way, generally, to end your motoring problems for the simple reason that you no longer will have a license.

Most people associate the work of police officers with the prevention of crime and the apprehension of lawbreakers. But their over-all function is to promote the general safety and well-being of the citizens. This is illustrated by Birmingham officer Bob Emmett, to whom this month is assigned

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To thank Thee, Lord—for when I'm sad
They come to me with words of cheer,
And thus Thou liv'st with me each year.
Oh, Lord, I pray Thee make me worth
The loveliness of this good earth!
Oh, smile upon this greed-torn world
Until in every land's unfurled
The banner of a Love that's fit
To wear the robes of Holy Writ.
For sun and moon and stars above,
For love of Life and love of Love
I'm bending on my knee this day
In true humility to pray
My thankfulness, my gratitude,
For every Christ-Beatitude.
And, as life tumbles on its way,
I hope that each Thanksgiving Day
Will make my song of thanks ring clear
On every day throughout each year.

GEORGE R. AVERILL

the routine task of checking the parking meters. Early last Thursday afternoon Bob was putting along on the department's three-wheeled motorcycle when he noticed a little old lady, with a cane, trying to cross Woodward at Maple. She got to the middle of the street when the light changed. Bob stopped the "bike" and held up traffic until she could get the rest of the way across in safety.

Something will simply have to be done about the weather, the weather man or Hanna Nature. Somewhere, down the line, there has been a horrible mix-up, and Birmingham seems to be living in one of those turn-about worlds. Here we are, each and everyone of us dreaming about Thanksgiving and Christmas. So what happens? Another forsythia bush bursts into full bloom. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Schjolin will be able to have this early spring bloom to decorate their home for the first, really-true holiday of the fall season!

Some people are always taking the joy out of life. There are a few, barely souls around town who don't care if it isn't 90 in the shade these days. When they want a picnic they want a picnic. Just a few days ago such individuals decided on one more fling, and betook themselves to Springdale Park, which has been closed for the season. Someone saw the smoke and called those men in blue with the big guns. The picnic was broken up, and without a doubt, an impression was made that on some days there just isn't any way to have fun.

Does anyone remember Alfred G. Jacobs? According to a wire news service he has just been made chancellor at Denver University, and is a former provost of Columbia University. The release also states that Jacobs was an honor graduate of the University of Michigan, and will continue to make Ann Arbor his summer home. The catch is it states that

the learned gentleman is a native son of Birmingham, Michigan. Is he? We don't know—and at press time, had been unable to find out.

We'll soon be putting an extra stamp on all our letters—a little bit of gummed paper that means so much to so many. The annual sale of tuberculosis stamps began Monday, with thousands of sheets of stamps going out by mail and thousands more for sale in stationery stores throughout the country. These are the most outstanding evidence that this Wanderer knows of to prove an object does not have to appear impressive to be powerful. It's almost impossible to realize what the annual sale has meant in the battle against one of the worst killers of all time.

Yes, sir, that day sure is com-

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ing! The Eccentric carried its first ad last week for Christmas trees. It won't be long before the dark green beauties will be seen everywhere—at gas stations, parking lots, on roadside stands, stores and flower shops. People will begin to get pushing to get them into cars, thinking unkind thoughts about the stiff, skin-scraping needles and the unsightly bulk of the things. Hard to think, during that process, that a few days later those same people will step back for a good view and a mutter will pass from lip to lip, "Gee! It's the prettiest tree we ever had!"

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