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Bits of Birmingham

SIGNS OF SPRING—A baseball game in the city park . . . several small boys playing marbles at the rear of the Methodist church . . . a group of small girls utilizing the wide walk by the telephone building for a roller-skating get-together . . . a haze in the air from burning grass and the fire departments scurrying around like a lot of dry leaves before the wind. These coupled with a reasonable warm temperature are telling us the truth about the season—we are home!

The "eager beaver" of goldom met with a poor reception when they rushed the season last weekend on the Springdale Park course. Police found that several players had climbed the fence to get on the course, and requested that they climb right back again to wait for more dry weather. The greens were reported to be very soft and suffering considerable damage from those who had already used the course.

Two nice, 10-cent stamps should carry the normal airmail letter from Birmingham, Mich., to London, England, don't you think? So did a local gentleman who found the local post office had returned the letter marked, "Insufficient Postage." Looking the letter over carefully to see what was the matter with the stamp, this man discovered he had the right denomination, all right, but wrong series. The two stamps were the War Savings kind.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, 1832 Bates, come under the listing of "famous people" since the arrival on the newsmagazine, the April issue of Redbook magazine. The Kings are recorded in colored photographs on the 1,000-mile trip through Canada last August. The saint took them as far north as Val D'Or, through some of the most widely beautiful sections of the Royal Canadian Mounted country. They were given the opportunity to witness a spectacular log jam on the Gatineau river, fish in some of Canada's lovely

lakes and see many sights strange to those whose homes are in this section. Mrs. King says the trip was wonderful, but does admit that Birmingham looked awfully good to them after the end of their 11-day journey.

Everyone is familiar with the old saying "the show must go on"—but few have ever experienced the necessity of actually "going on." Members of St. Dunstan's "Broadway" last Saturday night were called out of town and their parts had to be filled between four that afternoon and the nine o'clock curtain time. One of the substitutes was Marjorie Rae Smith of Pilgrim road who hurriedly stepped in and learned seven costume changes plus several dance routines and a whole set of lines while Jervis McMechan filled the other spot.

Spring will really be here when the state highway department gets those roadside tables out again for the 1950 summer season. Undoubtedly, many people out for a drive Sunday afternoon would have used them, had they been available. But the 3,000 tables are now being refinished and will be ready for distribution around May 1. Lansing tells us. Stoves, lawn arena, signs and refuse barrels are also getting a working over.

This Wanderer went it plainly understood right at the start that the company involved in this tale is NOT a legal one. A few days ago, when the mud was at its peak, a local lady had to make a trip to a nearby community. Fearing she would get stuck in the mud, she made part of her journey by bus and the rest by cab. As she entered the cab she jokingly mentioned the fact to the driver that she hoped they would not get stuck. He assured her that he made several trips into that area and "hadn't been stuck yet," as he gunned his car away from the curb. The lady reported that all went well within a few blocks from her destination. There, in the middle of a sea of mud, the cab ran out of gas!

At a subsequent election, possibly the general state election this fall, Birmingham voters will be asked to approve another routine change in the city charter. The amendment would state that City bond proposals must carry by a three-fifths majority. The pres-

ent requirement is a two-thirds majority, but this conflicts with state law.

For each Birmingham resident who does not make himself known to the census taker, the city will lose \$10 a year each year until the next census, according to City Commissioner Garland D. Tait. "Sales tax and gas and weight tax returns, and other similar revenues, are based on population counts as determined by the census," he explained. "If we are not credited with the proper population, we don't receive the proper financial return. That's why it is important for everyone to talk with the census taker. If you haven't done so, please make it a point to."

For the first time in many years, the city commission Monday evening called the meeting to order at 8 p.m., the charter starting time. Usually, it gets under way anywhere from five to twenty-five minutes after eight o'clock. In the "star chamber sessions" in the common room, The Wanderer was told by Mayor Bruce G. Booth that future meetings also will start promptly.

Stuart Kempf, who lives over on Southland, is having a hard time delivering his papers since Monday. While he was attending class at Barnum school, Stuart's bike was stolen along with the two paper bags he had on the handle. The note is a long one and the heavy papers are hard to make two or three trips, slow down service to his customers. Stuart is asking anyone who has seen his red bike to please contact him at once, since he needs it so badly.

Unusual Scientific Photographic Exhibit Opens At Cranbrook

The third international exhibition of "Photography in Science," organized by the Smithsonian Institution is now on display in the Cranbrook Institute of Science museum until the end of April. For photographic exhibitions can equal this one for breadth of subject. In photographs made from rockets the earth is pictured from a height of 75 miles. In other photographs, taken through electron microscopes, subjects are enlarged 75,000 diameters. All photographs share one common bond. They were made for aid in science or to interpret scientific work. None were made for pictorial quality, though many of them possess it.

AMONG THE SUBJECTS in the show that have the greatest interest are photographs of the earliest stages of human embryo and their implantations; the technique a snake uses in biting; the pattern in which a glass bubble is photographed in two millionths of a second.

There are photographs of the growth of an artificial quartz crystal; of carbon deposits in motors, of a lightning bug photographed by its own light; of flowers in color and of a mosquito biting a man.

Building Code Blocks Use of 2nd Floor for Business Purposes

A request to permit use for business purposes of the second floor of a house at 439 W. Frank has been referred to the committee studying the city building code for possible revisions and modernization.

Presently in a business B zone, the code does not permit second floors in former residences to be used for business purposes unless certain requirements of floor load, access and construction are met.

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Kiwanis Sponsors Spring Appearance of Choral Group

Miss Betty Gardner, Detroit harpist, will be guest soloist at the annual spring concert of the Birmingham Male Chorus, in a program to be presented next Thursday evening, April 27, at the Community House.

This program, under the direction of Otto Brown, music instructor in the Ferndale schools, is the first sponsored appearance of the chorus.

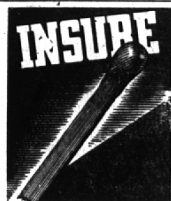
The Kiwanis club has taken over the sponsorship of this concert to raise additional funds for their underprivileged children's project.

The program will include: Great Is Thy Love, Were You There, Climbin' Up The Mountain, Hosanna Hosanna, Lord, Our God, Have Mercy, It's A Grand Night For Singing, Begin The Beguine, Wavin' You, You'll Never Walk Alone, The Donkey Serenade, In A Monastery Garden, The Old Woman, and Doctor Foster (a la Handel).

Beverly Hills Man Speaks in Colorado

Max M. Roensch, 19600 Riverside, Beverly Hills, delivered a technical paper on "High Efficiency with High Compression" before the Colorado section of the Society of Automotive Engineers Tuesday in Denver.

Roensch is research coordinator at the Epyl corporation research laboratories in Ferndale.

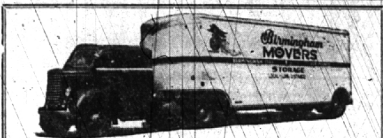


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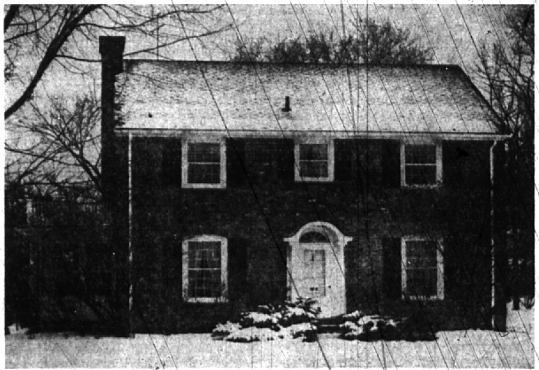
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