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Jack Gietz, genial manager of the Birmingham Country Club, is Birmingham Rotary's newest member. He was inducted last week by Club President Jack Calvert.

If you've been wondering about all those cars parked on the west side of S. Woodward, just below 14 Mile—they belong to people visiting the 1950 Detroit Builders Show Ideal Home at 4344 Arden place. The home is open for public inspection on Saturdays, Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., on weekdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

A current investigation of reported leaks and difficulties in the city's gas distribution system is being conducted by Charles Maxwell, an engineer with the gas division of the Michigan Public Service Commission. His study is designed to reveal the approximate condition of the system, and aimed primarily at locating areas subject to large number of leaks.

Mrs. S. James Duncan, 638 Westwood, has received the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Helwig, now of Pittsburgh, but former residents of Birmingham. Their daughter, Marcy, a student at Carnegie Tech, has passed her auditions and been accepted as a member of Savoyard, noted singing group in Pittsburgh. She will sing the female solo in the "Mikado", their coming production. While living here, Marcy attended Kingswood school for girls and studied voice with Mrs. Lois J. Chapman. The family left Birmingham for the east about two years ago.

The Cranbrook Institute of Science has recently published "Shrubs of Michigan" written by Cecil Billington, staff member. Illustrated with line drawings and color, the book is a very comprehensive study of shrubs which are native to all sections of the state. Full descriptions are given in a language which the layman can understand and the professional enjoy. Walks and picnics can become far more interesting.

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when one is familiar with surrounding plant life, as task made easy through the description contained in the book. Leaf shapes, habits of growth, size, color, blooming characteristics along with the comparative value of the plants is fully listed in Billington's interesting work.

This Wanderer hasn't any idea of the number of colleges and universities represented among Birmingham residents, but we know there are a good many of them. And each alumni or alumna probably remembers his or her own particular collegiate cheers (they come in handy for reunions of homecoming games). In connection with this cheering matter, we got to wondering how "College of Mount St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio" could be worked into a gridiron rallying cry. (This college came to light in a bit of publicity sent us this week by CMSJ-O-T-O.) Is there any St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio alumnus who can tell us how this was accomplished?

Birmingham residents are the gainers in the small mid-year class of 27 graduates from Baldwin Park school. Seating capacities of the First Presbyterian church and the high school will not be overcrowded, and will permit a general attendance of the public to both the baccalaureate services Friday evening and the commencement exercises next Thursday. The Rev. Dr. W. Glen Harris will be the baccalaureate speaker, while Dr. John Scott Evertson will deliver the commencement address.

The timely display at Baldwin library is drawing much comment from both the familiar and the unfamiliar with the printing arts. The display consists of numerous examples of beautiful printing and composition, dating back to the 1400's, which have been loaned to the library by Norman Strouse. The display is timely, inasmuch as Jan. 15 marked the opening of national printing educational week, a period dedicated to honor the memory of Benjamin Franklin, famous in American history and the history of printing.

The Lee Carroll Memorial Fund surpassed \$2,000. George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Birmingham Eccentric, reported this week. "The final \$460 has been turned over to Mrs. Carroll." A recent stated. Together with a previous \$1,600 which Mrs. Carroll received Dec. 24, the total amounted to \$2,060. The fund was created by contributions from many local residents and businessmen. Mrs. Carroll after the untimely death of her husband in the Dec. 11 gas explosion here. Contributions were sent to The Eccentric, which in turn presented them to Mrs. Carroll.

In reporting to city commissioners on attempts to find a new well site in the Cranbrook-Lincoln area, City Manager Donald C. Egbert says one test well was dry and a second "was damp." He said a third test is being made, this time in the northwest corner of school board property (where the new high school is to be built). Egbert believes this latter site may produce a water supply. If it doesn't, he said the city will have to bring in and fully develop the known supply at Quorton and Lusher roads.

How about it? Anyone own and willing to loan one of the old-fashioned, manually operated doorbell? You know—they have their own remarkable inner workings, and when you turn the handle they go z-zing—z-zing! Properties g a l Mrs. John Hammon says one is needed to announce the constant

FRANKLIN NEWS

By JO NICHOLS
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PTA Speaker
The Franklin PTA meeting will be held at the school Monday evening, Jan. 23. Ruth Bolts, former resident of the Village who is now with the Monroe public schools, will be the speaker. The public is invited.

Hosts to Club
The Discussion group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hinman on Wellington road on Sunday, Jan. 22.

Enter Competition
Members of Troop B-11 have entered two patrols in the "Lower Slavonia" competition at Sylvan Glen Golf club on Sunday, Jan. 22. The Cub pack meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Franklin community hall.

Surprise Coming
There is a surprise in store for the Evening Circle when they meet at Mrs. Norman Currier's tonight. Marion Green, chairman of programs, will not divulge the nature of the entertainment, however.

Unhurt in Crash
Franklinites will be happy to know that Connie Adams escaped injury in the bus crash last Saturday. The bus was transporting the Michigan Tech hockey team back to Houghton from East Lansing. Connie is a first stringer on the hockey team, holding down a defense position.

Mrs. Adams, who is better known as Fannie Adams, Township Clerk, and Mr. Adams attended the game in East Lansing last Thursday night and entertained members of the Houghton team including son, Connie.

Swing Your Partner
Villagers will swing their partners at the Franklin community hall on Friday night, Jan. 27, when the Friendly and Evening circles sponsor another square dance. Remember the date. The more the merrier.

Wedding Plans
The Arthur Neils are busy these days with wedding bells ringing in their ears. Son Jack will take his bride, Mary Grosvenor, of Birmingham, to the ceremony which will take place at the First Methodist church on Feb. 4.

Social Highlight
Mrs. Ford Ritter has been chosen general chairman for the luncheon and fashion show which will be the outstanding social event of the year given by the Holy Name Altar society, sometime in April. Other local women on the committee are Mrs. August Larson, hospitality; Mrs. John Sadlier, finance; Mrs. George Lehr, tickets; Mrs. Arthur Griener, publicity; Mrs. Lawrence Richard, location; and Mrs. James Swink, prizes. There will be further details later on the exact date and place.

Are You?
After hearing the Rev. F. W. Bostick, chaplain of Wayne general hospital (Eloise), give a very informative talk in Franklin on "Mental Crash Landings" last Friday evening, members of the Family night group are double checking their mental status. Rev. Bostick submitted 12 questions to test whether or not one is heading for a crash.

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A check at police headquarters Tuesday morning assured parents that skating is not yet safe at Quorton Lake. Officers said that youngsters had been calling in, asking, "It was cold last night, can't we skate there now?" Their answer is that one or two cold nights do not make safe skating. Considerable open water remained Sunday. Continued rain and mild weather throughout most of the winter has made the currents in the lake stronger and freezing more difficult. Parents are asked to use every precaution to keep children off the lake until such times as it is officially declared safe. Not much fun but a lot healthier!

Another seven cars found (?) their way to the police garage over the weekend, as thoughtless motorists left them parked in prohibited zones. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said officers would continue to bring in cars which were found in prohibited zones, blocked driveways, too close to corners or parked in other manners considered illegal or dangerous.

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