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Anyone who happened to be star-gazing about 4:45 1st Thursday afternoon, as this Wanderer was, a bit startled to see a flame-colored kite, several hundred feet in the air in what appeared from our vantage to be the general direction of Baldwin high school. It looked very beautiful as it waved and dipped its brilliant color against the blue and gold of an early evening, winter sky. Looked a little like spring, too.

The worst is about to be known. Millers, from all over the county are meeting in New York this week to review, etc., the coming moves in military hats. This Wanderer can't help but wonder, after some of the weird things that have appeared in newspaper pictures lately, just what sort of concoctions are going to assault our weary eyes when Easter, 1950, rolls around. By the way, Easter's going to be fairly early again this year, too. Lent begins on Washington's Birthday.

This Wanderer wonders how many persons in Birmingham are as ancient as we are. Y'know, we can remember back in the days when firecrackers and the Fourth of July meant just about the same thing. You heard a few "best samples" a couple of days before the Fourth, and you heard the neighborhood kids cleaning up the strays for a day or two after—and that was that for another year. Times have changed, though, and now the doggone things are a year-round menace (since they don't make 'em any more!) and

just last week two complaints appeared on the police record about them. We even walked into the chief's office and saw a confiscated package of them on his desk.

DeHull Thesis, 1027 Forest, received a personal letter of thanks as a Christmas message from President Harry Truman, for his part in the rehabilitation of the German people during the post-war years. The message came through Gordon Gray, Secretary of the Army. Travis served as one of the prosecutors during the Nuremberg trials, and later remained in Germany as a civilian member of the Military Government here. The President speaks of the excellent work performed by all Americans in Germany in helping the people through a very trying period, and aiding them to get started on a road to national and personal recovery.

People and events are funny! Last Thursday the local police had two reported attempts at breaking and entering. Neither was successful, no one knows why. At that same time they had several reports of doors being unaccountably and improperly locked on several business places. It seems, sometimes, that Lady Luck rides high on a man's shoulder, guiding him around the pitfalls even though he does ask for trouble.

The conduct of Birmingham city commissioners regarding the present situation here has made a favorable impression on the vice-president and general manager of Consumers Power Co., D. E. Karns. After Karns had attended a recent special meeting with commissioners, Karns, another Consumers official, "Birmingham certainly has an excellent city commissioner. These commissioners are serious, well-informed representatives who say what they think in a gentlemanly manner."

Pythian Group Moves Its Meeting Place to Ferndale Site

Metropolitan Lodge, 278, Knight of Pythias, which has been meeting in Clawson since 1942, will move to Ferndale. Meetings will be held each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the building now occupied by ElCairo Temple, 56, DOKK. The new schedule of meetings will start there next Tuesday, Jan. 10.

A joint installation of the officers of Metropolitan lodge and Liberty temple, 94, Pythian Sisters was held Tuesday. Officers of Metropolitan lodge are: Howard Walk, chancellor; commander, Fred Reed, Jr., vice-chancellor; Fred Reed, Sr., master of work; Milton Porteous, secretary; Ray B. Payne, financial secretary; George Kachadourian, treasurer; Karl Roeder, master at arms; John Simetz, inner guard; M. J. Kaufman, outer guard.

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Discussion Group

The Adult Discussion group will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McKinley on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 8 o'clock.

Family Night

"Family night" in the village hall will be Friday, Jan. 13 at 8:30 p.m. Chaplain W. F. Postick of the Wayne county general hospital will speak on "Mental Crash Landings." Mrs. A. W. Grigg will be the hostess and Harold Roseberry will emcee.

Panel Discussion

"The Next Decade for the Franklin Community association" will be the topic discussed by a panel made up of past presidents of the association at the monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 9. An open discussion will be held following the panel presentation.

Local Entertaining

New Year's eve was a round of eating and fun for most of the villagers. The Emil Bates entertained with a smorgasbord for Dr. and Mrs. Duane Larkins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kasten and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Win Hinman were hosts at a pot luck dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gavic, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill and Mr. and Mrs. John Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frazer. Later the group gathered at the Frazer's for breakfast after attending the Irwin White's square dance.

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Southfield Kennel Owners File Suit Against Township

SOUTHFIELD TWP. — Supervisor Dudley F. Frane has been authorized by Southfield township to engage the services of Julius J. Burns, Detroit attorney, to represent the township in the case brought against them by kennel owners.

Grant Mann, Edwin Combs and Barbara Fleury have filed suit, contesting the right of the township in passing ordinance 121 last August, regulating the keeping of dogs, their licensing and the owners' liability in case of persons being bitten or property damaged. Their suit stated that the township did not have authority from the state to pass such an ordinance.

The township clerk, Mrs. Fannie Adams, said that the state legislature had made it possible for townships to handle this individually. She reported that Southfield township had set up its own dog tax collection system and dog pound.

Provisions of the ordinance which they oppose are the inoculation of three-month-old puppies against rabies, before a license is granted; enforced collaring of the animal at that age and making the owner liable for damage to persons, "even on the owner's

Applications Sought by Police Department for New Patrolman

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley announced yesterday that applications are being taken by the local department for the position of patrolman. One vacancy was created recently with the retirement of a member of the city's police department.

Applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 30; at least five feet nine inches tall and weigh 165 pounds. They must be high-school graduates and of good moral character.

Each applicant will take written examination, an oral interview, physical examination and undergo a character investigation. In addition to the regular salary, paid vacations, a pension plan, and a sick leave plan make the position very attractive to any young man who is interested in making police work his profession, according to Moxley.

He added that the date of the examinations would be announced at an early date.

property and including trespassers and even burglars". They are asking a temporary and permanent injunction from the Oakland County Circuit court against the township enforcing the ordinance.

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