

# The Birmingham Eccentric

To be poor in material possessions is no disgrace . . . not if one is bending his current effort to make progress. Neither are most riches necessary to happiness. Indeed, just comfortable security enables one get to cling to life's blessings.

## Fence for Walker Gravel Pit Site Considered by City

Consideration on whether or not the city should erect a fence around a portion of the Walker gravel pit property has been put off until next Monday's city commission meeting.

The property is in Troy township, but is owned by the city. City Manager Donald C. Edgert

has recommended that \$2,000 be appropriated to complete the fencing along the north side of the property and construct a fence on the west side.

He said that further delay in erecting a fence will increase the cost of disposing of rubbish which is being dumped on the property in an indiscriminate manner.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.



## Bits of Birmingham

For many years, Birmingham and Royal Oak have claimed the oldest football rivalry in the state. The schools started their annual grid games officially in 1913 and snowed it out in 1937. They heard this week that Saginaw high school and Saginaw Arthur Hill chairman claim the honor. This inter-city rivalry was said to have started in 1894.

For outstanding performance as defensive right halfback on this year's Western Reserve Academy ("Hudson, Ohio") football team, Steve Yarnall, 1009 Suffed, received a varsity "R" at the Nov. 18 Dad's Club banquet. The son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Yarnall, Steve came home for Thanksgiving, bringing with him his teammate, fullback Bill Barleigh of Tavares, Fla. The two seniors returned to school Sunday.

After Birmingham's victory over Royal Oak Thursday, about 35 jubilant Baldwin High school students danced throughout the streets in the downtown area for about 30 minutes. Although traffic was slowed down, cars were able to get through the congestion. This Wanderer was disturbed at the impatience of some motorists. Disregarding the safety of the students, several persons speeded quite close to the group. Police officers finally broke up the session.

And then there was the irate lady motorist who was given a ticket for parking in a local no-parking area. She saw no reason why she should not park there—there were no other cars in the area and anyway, she had been parking there for months!

This Wanderer looked twice as he spotted a car parked on Merrill near Woodward last week. The vehicle looked like any other around the city but the orange-yellow license plates indicated it was from Japan.

According to Dr. Dwight B. Irsch, superintendent of schools, an additional 110 children have been enrolled since the opening of school in September, an average of between 20 and 30 more each month. There were 3,989 enrolled as of last week, he said.

John Lutz, formerly of 812 Waddington road and now a resident of Pittsburgh, played the part of Prof. Michaels in "Mother Is a Freshman" which was presented recently by the Mt. Lebanon

non high school. John left Birmingham in the middle of his sophomore year and is now a junior at Mt. Lebanon. In addition to his scholastic and dramatic activities, John is manager of the cross-country track team. While a resident of Birmingham John was active in the Cranbrook summer theatre affairs.

While the adults pushed and grunted at cars and snow shovels last week the Small Fry and their dogs had a high old time. Sleas, skates and skis appeared around town and bright red cheeks were definitely the style. One sturdy little lady was heard to inform a neighbor in a loud, clear voice, "I'm sure glad this happened in vacation. I'd been awful to have to go back to school in such a storm!" The statement was made while the little girl, swaying with the force of the wind, told a very small brother for a ride on her sled.

South Bates street residents, according to C of C President Richard Patterson who lives at 1622 Bates, would appreciate a street light at Bates and Southlawn. "Most of the intersections each side of us have lights, but we have none. It has been very dark in the past, and we would like a little light on the subject," Dana Whitman, Jr., assistant to the city manager, told this Wanderer Monday that the light has been ordered installed.

An appeal has been received from Fred Lorenzen, who is now rebuilding the Ferris Institute alumni list of names. The alumni records were destroyed by fire last February. He asks that all alumni send their names and addresses and those of any other "alums" they know at one to Roy Newton, Ferris Institute alumni secretary, Big Rapids, Mich. Those in the Detroit area can write to Detroit Chapter, Post Office, box 111, Detroit.

Because of the increased vehicular use of the Maple-Eton intersection, city commissioners are giving serious consideration to restricting parking on both sides of

Maple just west of the viaduct. They have agreed to wait until the alley goes in back of the new terraces on the south side to see what relief it will afford the Maple parking problem.

For the first time in his 13 years of deer hunting, Joe Moery came home Sunday with a buck—a 150 pound, 8-pointer. Joe figures it cost him between \$12,000 and \$15,000 to get it, which includes his accumulated hunting expenses plus his investment in a cabin which he and Russ McBride built near Curran, Mich., about 30 miles west of Alpena. To commemorate the occasion, which happened the first day of hunting season, his fellow hunters Russ, Paul N. Averill, Ray Cook, Jack Haszberger, Bill Gardner, Archie McNaughton and Archie's brother Harold from Cleveland, painted the buck's teeth, hoofs and horns with gold enamel.

Appreciation of the work of two members of the Birmingham police force was expressed this week by Mrs. Deat Lowell, 1011 Bienville. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Lowell and their son, Robert, were victims of food poisoning after eating at a restaurant on the Dixie highway. After they returned home and felt ill, they phoned the police. Mrs. Lowell said that Sgt. Henry Timm and Bob Schaulie stayed with them until

the ambulance arrived. She added, "local people should know when an efficient police force was in Birmingham."

This might be labeled SIGNS OF THE TIMES: D. A. Green, 340 South Woodward, reported to police Sunday that someone had stolen two snowshovels from his place of business.

Bloomfield Hills police and city officials breathed a sigh of relief last week after a prize Hereford heifer was recovered. For two weeks the animal was roaming around the Bloomfield area but was able to elude all who tried to capture it. Finally police officer

## Hearing Scheduled For Baldwin Court Road Improvement

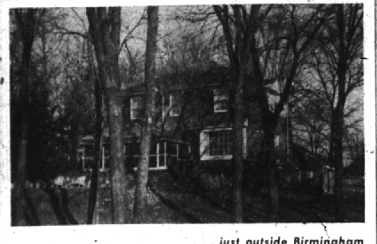
A hearing has been set for Monday evening, Jan. 8, to consider creation of a special assessment district for road improvement on Baldwin court.

A petition was received from the property owners in this section Monday evening, requesting an assessment district be set up. City Manager Donald Edgert recommended that temporary oil seal coating be placed on the road until vacant property is further developed.

## We Heard It Said By—

City Commissioner Dean G. Beiser: "Other communities have prepared a handbook for those who attend council meetings, and it lists the commissioners, where they sit at the meetings, and general information on assessments, etc. It appears it might be advisable for us to see if we couldn't do the same here."

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