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## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Are you more than casually interested in what the city plan commission has recommended in regard to a city-of-street parking program? Would you like to have a copy of the CPC's report to the city commission, a report that forms the basis for the parking discussion to be held Oct. 26 at the Community House? If you desire a copy, they are now available at no charge at the city clerk's office in the Municipal building.

Marsden D. Wilson, principal of Franklin and Bloomfield Village schools, has been named to the conservation education committee of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs by President Hilding Carlson.

Most persons feel that to get to be a victim lecturer at a big university puts you in "the big time." And to be asked to lecture at Harvard, well... I don't know what's happened to Dave Geer of E. Long Lake road. This winter he got to that Eastern university to talk several times on city planning. Dave is the official city planner for nearby Berkeley and Oak Park, and consultant to the Chicago plan commission.

The appointment of Kenneth MacQueen, 18347 Bedford, as a vice-president of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., has been announced by J. R. Adams, president of the agency. MacQueen will be general production manager.

The "unusual" is the life-blood of a newspaper. It not only makes good material for reporters to work with, but it breaks the monotony of a dull day. Such an incident happened to this Wanderer one day last week when the clouds were having a wonderful time spilling their contents over everyone. The phone rang and a lady's voice asked us if we could tell her on what day of the week October 13 fell, 40 years ago. Not wanting to brag, or anything like that, we're happy to say we could, and did. It was a Wednesday.

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Latest member of the Birmingham Rotary club is the Rev. Robert Graham, 692 W. Frank, minister to youth for the First Presbyterian church, inducted by President Vic Ulrich, Rev. Graham formerly was a Rotarian in a New Jersey club.

When Gen. Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff of the Army of the United States, recently was in Detroit, somebody asked him if he'd like to attend a Tigers' game. The general likes baseball so much that he politely refused—on the grounds that "if I can't play, I can't stand to see the game." Stanley E. "Doc" Reinhart, of Randall Court, retired Maj. General, explains Gen. Bradley's attitude by adding that "Brad", during his West Point days, was a great ball player; he really loves to play the game." Now to football, Reinhart appeared on pregame sportscast over WJBK-TV Saturday and predicted that Army would defeat Michigan, 27-7. The actual score was 27-6. "If naturally thought Michigan would make the point after its only touchdown," Reinhart admitted.

The familiar red silk handkerchief used by most football officials (Continued on Page 5)

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## Bennett Cerf, Humorist and Author To Speak at Public Meeting Oct. 27

An interesting evening is promised residents Friday, Oct. 27, at 8:00 o'clock, when they gather at the Community House auditorium to hear Bennett Cerf, the author of five best-selling collections of humorous stories, and president of Random House, New York book publishers.

He is being brought here by Friends of the Baldwin Public Library, as the first celebrity in that organization's 1950-51 winter program.

Arrangements to bring him here were made by the Frigid's program committee, chaired by Mrs. Alice Parnie, 269 Wimbeldon.

Friends of the Baldwin Public Library was formed here during the past winter, and its membership now approaches 200. Among its several objectives is the bringing of well-known authors and others interested in public libraries to Birmingham.

CERF'S HUMOROUS lecture is expected to bring as his audience not only members, but the general public, the latter being admitted at one dollar per person. Tickets are available from Friend's members.

Others assisting Mrs. Parnie and her committee include Mrs. George F. Greene, 456 Warren Court, Mrs. Charles McCall, 212 Argyle and Mrs. Hugh McLeese, 4975 Brookdale.

Frank Rising, 1020 Brookwood, heads the membership committee, and William M. Brown is publicity chairman.

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## OFF-STREET PARKING!

You are cordially invited, by the Birmingham City Commission, to attend an

# Open Forum

Thursday, October 26, at 8:00 P.M.

Main Auditorium — Community House

At this meeting, the City Plan Commission will explain the off-street parking plan proposed for Birmingham, and everyone will have an opportunity to ask questions.

**BRUCE G. BOOTH**  
MAYOR