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Ray Sackett Named Birmingham Tennis Club Head for 1951

Ray C. Sackett, 270 Harrow, was elected president of the Birmingham Tennis club at the annual dinner meeting of the group Friday evening at Sylvan Glen Inn. The 60 members attending heard reports from last year's officers which showed the club to be in the best condition since its organization. General plans for next season were also discussed. Other officers are Charles B. Blunt, 1281 Cedar, vice-president; E. L. Dingler, 907 Ann, treasurer; and Nancy Newcomb, Echo road, Bloomfield Hills, secretary. The officers and the following four members will make up the board of governors for the next year: William E. Kriskyn, Elizabeth M. Kriskyn, Kathryn Smith and John Watson.

Bits of Birmingham

The Eccentric recently received a pamphlet from Hazel Park high school which gave a great deal of information about the 1950 Hazel Park football squad. Included in the 14-page booklet were the team's biographies, history of the player's achievements, general facts about the school, prospects for the season, last year's record and the year's grid schedule. Very few schools take the time and trouble to compile such a book. Although Hazel Park hasn't won a football victory in several years, it has set an example in press relations which countless other high schools and colleges could very well follow.

That new Royal Oak railroad station, which Birmingham commuters have been watching go up, is to be ready for opening about Oct. 14, the railroad's General Manager C. A. Skog says. The complete planning a formal opening for the modern brick station, just north of 11 Mile at the old station. The station at Fourth near Center is to be torn down, Skog said.

There is one old-fashioned mother in Birmingham. As young son says, she is ready for opening a local establishment, mother strode out the other with the rather grim question, "Who said you could go outside?" Sonny did not reply but made a dash back for the store only to have one arm snagged in a firm grip and one hand agitated with something more than a gentle pat. When last seen he was being very sedate and sticking very close to mother's heels.

While this Wanderer wandered last Wednesday afternoon to see if the community was still doing business in the same old location, he overheard a conversation by two elderly gentlemen, both of whom had seen many summers pass. The two were deep in discussion of the queer weather of the past few Sundays ago. One maintained nothing like it had ever

happened before, while his companion spouted dates of other "dark days" in history. Whatever the status of the day, we heartily agree that it was.

"Where are they coming from?" This question was heard frequently around the Birmingham business district last week as shoppers were bothered by tiny winged ants. Visiting in the streets was cut short as the bothersome flies persisted in swarming around.

Fall, the most beautiful time of the year to this Wanderer, already has touched much of the landscape with its magic paintbrush. On a drive Sunday afternoon over some of the surrounding back roads, we met quite a few other nature-loving drivers out for an early fall inspection. The traffic felt heavier as the colors increase.

Four Birmingham students were among the 158 who made all-A records at the close of the University of the South's summer session. They were Pamela Stump, 891 Bates, architecture; Carl K. Beers, 1902 Hillcrest, engineering; Jasper B. Reid, Jr., 412 Glenary, literature, science and arts; and Robert L. Roensch, 1600 Riverside, engineering.

A parking meter and a cop to the rescue! As patrolman Richard Brown stopped to write a parking ticket, a child left in the car had run into a bit of trouble. The youngster had been left in one of the "kiddie seats" and had somehow squirmed around until he was more or less suspended in an upside-down position. The patrolman righted the little fellow, saving him from possible head injuries against the dash or floor of the car.

It won't be long until a person who has been away from Birmingham several years will fail to recognize the old town. Latest of the landmarks to undergo changes is the city-owned park at the corner of Southfield and Maple. Many of the large shady trees have recently been removed as a play center by local youngsters.

In these days of more and more visual plays, a growing role in school programs. Sgt. Henry Timm, in charge of the Pham police department's safety patrol program, realized

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Casualties in Traffic Reach Peak in State

Traffic casualties-killed and injured—in Michigan during the month of August exceeded any previous month on record. This was revealed in the State Police monthly statistical report, which showed 150 fatalities and 4,549 persons injured.

It was the fifth consecutive month in which deaths increased over the same months last year. The August gain was nine per cent, or 12 more than in August of 1949. Injuries increased 8.91, or 24 per cent.

If the death trend continues at the same rate for the remainder of the year the total will exceed by 200 the 1949 fatality toll of 1,441.

The report disclosed that the total number of accidents was the highest on record for any August. There were 13,308 accidents reported as compared to 12,910 in the same month last year, an increase of 1,398 or 12 per cent.

THROUGHOUT the month there was a daily average of five persons killed, 148 injured and 429 accidents.

The traffic toll for the first eight months of the year shows 953 persons killed, 27,943 injured and 86,915 reported accidents. Compared to the same period last year, deaths were up 110 or 13 per cent, injuries increased 2,199

But where to get a movie projector? The city told him it couldn't afford the money. Charles W. Renfrew, 319 Abbey, assistant sales manager of Jam Handy in Detroit, heard about the need. So Renfrew has loaned to Sgt. Timm a nice, new \$400 sound projector which is going to be used to illustrate to the patrol boys the importance of school traffic safety.

A new member was inducted into the Birmingham Rotary Club Monday noon, and another one will join next Monday. The new member is Pharmacist Foster Toothaker, 716 W. Lincoln. To be welcomed in on Oct. 9 will be the Rev. Robert Graham, assistant minister of the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Milton Berr, Sr., 647 Woodland, has a right to feel proud this week. It was her nephew, Dick Siler, who clinched the National League pennant for the Philadelphia Phillies with his three-run homer in the tenth inning against Brooklyn Sunday.

Mrs. Berr is a sister-in-law of Dick's father, the baseball immortal, George Siler.

This Wanderer has received, from an unknown donor, a very interesting bit of information about Birmingham's past. It is a ticket to the Fourth of July ball held in National hall here on Thursday evening July 4, 1878. The affair promised dancing from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. to the music of the King and Hoffman band. Lafayette Bostwick was named as manager and Ed Baines proprietor of the ball. The admission for all this was \$2.

Representatives of the Maryland Casualty company of Baltimore last week presented a plaque to Birmingham and Bingham, local insurance agents, marking the 100th year as local representatives of the eastern company. The agency will note its 30th anniversary of business in Birmingham in May, 1951.

Cadet Qualifies on Carrier Landings
PENSACOLA, Fla., Sept. 28—Naval Aviation Cadet Stanford A. Smith, of the United States Navy, took off and landed his SNJ "Texan" trainer six successive times aboard the USS Wright cruising in the Gulf of Mexico, to complete his aircraft carrier qualifications.

Cadet Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman D. Vershure of 359 Hazel in Birmingham, enlisted in the Navy in May, 1948, and served in the fleet until he was accepted as a naval aviation cadet.

He reported to Pensacola, "The Annapolis of the Air," in June, 1949, and has completed a stringent schedule in military, academic, physical and flight training.

From Pensacola he has been sent to advanced training at Corpus Christi, Tex. This will be a four-month syllabus in combat type aircraft. Graduation from advanced training will win him the coveted Navy wings of gold.

The "pasteurization" process of heated fermented liquors to prevent their deterioration was reported in Detroit.

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