

In order to admire, even become very fond of, another person, one must respect that person for certain qualities of character. The deeper the respect, the greater the admiration and love. Therefore CHARACTER is the basis of all good things.



Bits of Birmingham

This Wanderer was far from Birmingham last Saturday afternoon, but not far enough to miss meeting people who know some of our citizens. George South of Cadillac, Michigan, said to be sure

to say hello to Dr. George Martin, one of his old home town friends from boyhood days in Manistiquet, Michigan. Also to George Osborn who, too, is an old friend from the north country. George has a foot

market at Crooks and Big Beaver rds. Soukup is with the Consumers Power, Birmingham in Cadillac.

Birmingham doesn't look like Birmingham any more. Driving south on Woodward avenue one encounters only nice, smooth black pavement. Gone is the

patchwork quilt effect of concrete, bricks and holes; gone is the visible evidence that, once upon a time Birmingham had trouble getting to points south. Those who have been bouncing along over the old track bed for these 20 years or so can hardly believe that they are still in the old home town.

The beach at Waikiki is the setting for the clever window display at Grinnell's in which Hawaiian guitars and ukuleles are being exploited. Manager James R. Fitzsimons has a small load of real white beach sand dumped into the window and will prob-

ably find that it is a lot like being in a minstrel show. It doesn't take long to smear on black grease paint and take a long time to get rid of the effects. The same from the beach at Waikiki will probably still be in evidence next winter when the snowmen are in the window to set records of "Winter Wonderland."

A view of the scenery around the Cranbrook Academy of Art, was included as one of the outstanding views in the Detroit area in last week's Time Magazine. As a salute to the city's 250th anniversary, several color photos were published.

Better duck hunting this fall is predicted by State Conservation Dept. officials, assuming that this year's broods survive in better shape. Reports from Canadian breeding grounds suggest that conditions to date favor large flights southward, many of which stop in various areas of Michigan.

Captain Richard E. Brown, 1767 Grenadier, is public relations officer of the 966th Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron, which holds bi-weekly sessions at the Detroit Edison Bldg., in Ferndale. New appointments to the Squadron continue to come in, reports Capt. Brown, from various sections of Oakland County.

U of M astronauts have asked this Wanderer to let you know that at about 10 p.m. the nights of Aug. 10 and 11 meteors will be darting through the northeastern portion of the sky. It is the annual Perseid shower, and to a lesser degree may be seen in other heavenly areas, too.

We have it on fairly good authority, but will not vouch for it, that a well-known Birmingham citizen reached over and turned a knob about half-way through the TV broadcast of Jerry's anniversary parade last Saturday. As the picture faded from the screen the gentleman is said to have remarked: "It makes my feet ache to watch all those people marching and to think of thousands who are standing up."

Dog owners, keep your pet from running at large for another month. The Eccentric was informed last week that the county ordinance would be continued until the first of August. The information was somewhat amusing, since a previous order had given July 31 as the closing date. A check with W. W. D. of the county animal commissioner, said it was due to a type error in his office and that the quarantine will not end until August 31.

Charlie Gehring, who was named General Manager of the Detroit Tigers this week, became a resident of this area. The all-time great second baseman resides at 32301 Lahser, Southfield township.

I wasn't hurt too badly, but if I'd of been a tin can I'd sure be full of dents and I'm sporting some new "bridgework," said Capt. Dennison of Forest St. Monday when this Wanderer saw him for the first time since he was in a traffic accident near Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, early this summer. He had been attending graduation exercises at his Alma Mater, Washington and Jefferson, and was returning to Pittsburgh. He was breezing along the super highway as nice as you please with the road clear ahead, but the pavement a bit slick from a light rainfall. All of a sudden an orderline of cars coming toward him started to spin in his direction and the next thing he knew he had been in an accident and was bruised from head to foot, was out and had some teeth knocked out.

Motorists and passersby in Bloomfield Hills might have thought one day last week that the police department there had a mounted division. Sgt. Walter Shuter had picked up a stray horse on the Manley Davis property at Oak Knob road off Or-

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chard-Ridge road. Instead of merely leading the horse back to police headquarters, the sergeant chose to ride it for the lone mile distance.

The city health department, although valuing cleanliness greatly, feels that using public drinking fountains as car wash stations is slightly out of line. The department has been seen wetting cloths at the fountains and wiping them to wipe off cars. Health officers have not given their approval to the practice and threaten unpleasant results if any person is apprehended while making this unsanitary substitution.

When Dr. Bernard Domagala of Butler and his crew started chemical treatment on Quanton Lake last Thursday, a cameraman from the state conservation department was on hand to record both still and moving picture accounts of the process.

It seems to depend on which side of Southview you live on when it comes to the off-street parking request of the owners of those new terrace units between Northview and Southview. The owners want to use an access drive to meet the parking requirement, rather than make room to the west of the units. That seems to be all right with other residents to the west of Southview, but the people on Shipman, Maryland, etc., would rather have the parking to the rear of the terraces, according to Don Groves, 860 W. Lincoln. Concerning the design of these terraces, Commissioner F. Malleri in an aside to colleague Lance Minor, said a week ago Monday night, "They look like Iroquois longhouses."

Whether or not the anchor of a row boat gets to the bottom of the matter faster when it is unattached from the line is not known by Rolfe Reese of 1847 Webster, but he does have knowledge that it comes up much slower. In fact the one he threw into Island Lake a couple of weeks ago hasn't come up yet. He was fishing off the shore near the Russ McBride home with his young son Freddie, when he claims dropped the anchor without checking to see if it was fast to the line. Anyway, the McBride fishing scow has a shiny new braking device, courtesy of the Reese family of fishermen.

From general observation, this Wanderer believes there are more holes in the streets at this time than there has been during any recent Spring break-up. The present holes are due to crews digging and brooding in an effort to make the roads better. An unusual amount of work has been in process this past few weeks, making motorists wind around town like lost tourists in an effort to get from place to place past the blockades. You've heard of patches on patches; none there will be devious on devious.

Diminutive Dickie Beale and his brother Charles have returned from Texas where they spent their vacations visiting dad and mother in Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terry Beale used to live in Birmingham too, until a couple of years ago when the elder Beale went to the Long Star State to become a GMC truck dealer. Dick's last crop of treckles flourished under the hot Texas sun which the boys claim drove the mercury to 107 one day when they played golf. Both boys are sporting new nylon tissue sport shirts which are all the rage along the Rio Grande, they say. They cost real money in the store down there, but these shirts are much more valuable than the store-bought type because "mom made them."

Young Al Fremody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Fremody of Chester st., is learning that the world can be cruel times. Al graduated from Baldwin High School this past June and now has a job where work is steady and steady. Last Friday this Wanderer met him coming down the street in the heavy downpour of the afternoon. He was gripping to himself, and here's what his beef was all about. He had been given the day off by his employer and now it was raining and he wouldn't have had to work anyway.

Swimmers sure do hate to get wet. This Wanderer happened to be out at Walnut Lake Friday when it began to rain. One moment the lake was full of people happily swimming and splashing around. The first raindrop fell, and there was a general scramble for everyone to get on dry land and head for almost any kind of shelter out of the rain. People sure are funny.

Now that Father Birmingham has gone to the expense of buying street receptacles for trash, it seems as though his sons and daughters might contribute a little energy and use them. There is much evidence around our business district that a number of persons still adhere to the "drop it

where you are" system of getting rid of candy wrappers and empty clear-sacks. Others are merely making a gesture as far as using the paper in the general direction of the can and keep on going. It's not a pleasant sight to see all these odds and ends of paper along with an assortment of cores and peels from fruit lying on our sidewalks and certainly doesn't tell the stranger in town that our civic pride is very high. Let's do something about it.

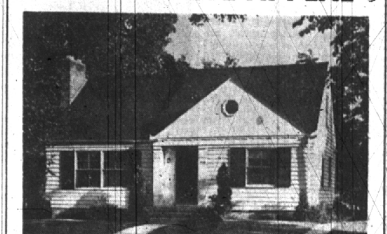
Persons in the downtown area were distracted a few minutes from complaining about the heat Thursday evening, as they watched the flight of a bat, which kept circling around the lights at the Woodward-Maple intersection.

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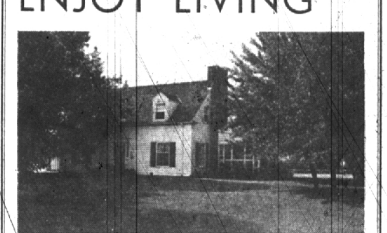
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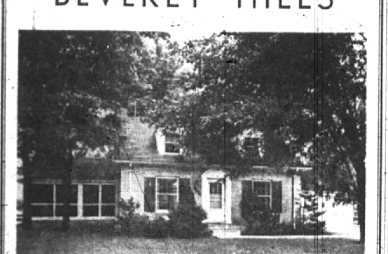
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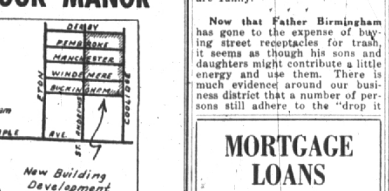
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