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### Family Group Re-Elects Clarence Vliet Chaplain

Clarence Vliet, 416 W. Brown, was re-elected chaplain at the 27th annual reunion of the Wyde, Wilde, Wild, Wilds Kindred at

Dutton Park on Aug. 19. The next reunion is scheduled for Aug. 21, 1952.

Vliet said members of the group were compiling historical facts of the family to be bound into a permanent record.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Milt Berr, owner of the local Berr airport, Wednesday of last week held his fifth annual "flying picnic" for pilots who hangar their ships at his field. The event was held near Blenheim, Ontario. "We always have a good time at our annual picnic," said Berr. "We serve fresh perch taken from Lake Erie. Our landing field in Ontario changes from year to year, depending upon which farmer there has a large enough land cleared of his crops. 'About 30 local and nearby people, using 12 planes, attended our latest picnic."

Howard R. Jagger of 1088 Bates St. has been a resident of Birmingham a long time, but he still gets the hometown paper. Howard's hometown happens to be Ewart, Michigan and on the front page of a recent Ewart Review was printed a picture of a group of young duds of the day when Howard was a ray blade in that village. The picture was labeled "Soda Fountain Bums" and he confesses to being one of the Bums. Also on the picture was his brother and more than twenty of his old chums, most of whom he hasn't seen since the days when the picture was taken, about in

1913. Nothing like a memory of boyhood days in the old hometown to bring a lump in the throat and a tear to the eye, Howard. Nostalgia they call it.

Patrolman Tony Stiel of the Birmingham police force, stopped into the office the other day to bring a lump in the throat and a tear to the eye, Howard. Nostalgia they call it.

While driving past Quenton lake this week, this Wanderer noted that the appearance of the water is much better. Very few signs of weed growth were seen. Signs have also recently been installed there, which state that swimming and fishing are prohibited.

While city commissioners were commenting on the proposed beautifying of Baldwin Park at Monday's meeting, Commissioner Lance Minor stated, "The most beautiful thing around there I'd like to see is the West Maple bridge put into use."

Little Leaguers were saluted last Monday night when the popular "Band of America" quartet sang a new song, written for these young baseball stars. The song was dedicated to all Little Leaguers with emphasis on those teams which are competing in the Little League World Series being played in Williamsport, Pa., next week.



CATCHER KIRK FLACK, left and Pitcher Dick Sheldon formed a battery which won 25 games and lost six this year. The two were on the Barnum eighth grade team which won 10 straight games, and also played together this summer on the Barons squad which copped both Class A and B divisions of the summer recreation baseball league. The Barons won the Class A title Thursday evening by defeating the Mahawks 3-2. Decid-run was scored after Bill Watkinson tripled and came home on a wild pitch. Gordon Match batted for the losers. Following the game, five watermelons were consumed by team members. In charge of the league was Hugh Loveland.

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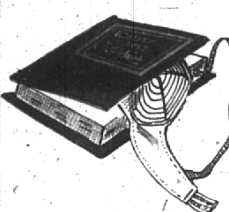
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