

# The Birmingham Eccentric



## Bits of Birmingham

Into each individual life may be poured an amount of happiness in keeping with one's desires. Possession of material wealth alone is no guarantee of peace of mind, of health. He whose thoughts are held above pettiness or greed may live longer than money-changers.

### Church's Family Night Program to Be Friday

SOUTHFIELD—Towante Community church, Congregational, will hold a family night service at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Dinner will be served under the direction of Mrs. Frederick Kea, after which Mr. and Mrs. Percy Warner will lead the family devotional period.

Mr. and Mrs. George Russell will have charge of the square dance and recreational program. The entire affair is under the chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bielanski.

A. Collins Jones, religious ser-

vice committee secretary, has called a meeting of that group for 8 p.m. Oct. 25.

### We Heard It Said By—

Van Patrick, Detroit sportsman at Birmingham's Little League banquet: "Nothing annoys sports listeners more than an announcer who forgets to give the score during the play-by-play account. I've solved that problem for my own broadcasting. I have a small hour glass, which takes two and one-half minutes to fill. Each time it empties I give the score and turn the glass over again."

While thumbing through the press book published by the Detroit Lions football team, this Wanderer noticed that five members of the board of directors are from the local area. They are President Edwin J. Anderson of Bloomfield Hills; William D. Downey, first vice-president and secretary, 207 N. 6th St.; Walter O. Briggs, Jr., second vice-president, Bloomfield Hills; Philip A. Hart, counsel, 577 Westwood; and George A. Cavanaugh, director, 873 Cranbrook.

When it comes to hitting a golf ball in the direction desired to make it go, Al Watrous, pro at the Oakland Hills Country Club, ranks among the best in North America as the official records show. But Al once deviated from his usual efforts to make each drive result in a hole-in-one. It was one fall when he was teamed up with Les Coleman at Oakland Hills. Nearby, on a small pond, were two mallard ducks. Said Al to his pal: "Wonder how close I can come to one of those ducks. Using a No. 1 iron, Al hit the ball and, as he revealed to this Wanderer, "It swears I came to within an inch of landing that golf ball right on the topknot of that duck—much closer, I admit, than I could have achieved had I been using the best rifle ever made."

You can't blame Robert F. Watt, 1246 Yorkshire, if he is suspicious for the next couple of weeks as he drives over Birmingham's streets. Tuesday morning he parked his car in front of 233 E. Maple while he ran a personal errand. When he returned to the car, he thought he had a flat tire in the right front wheel. Close inspection revealed that the tire was all right, but the wheel had dropped into a hole caused by the sudden settling of the fill the city had put in after cutting the pavement this summer to make some underground repairs. Watt spent 40 minutes there while the DPW was called, inspected the situation, then had a tow truck lift the front end of his car out of the hole.

For the next two weeks at least, Mayor Dean G. Brier, 1727 Washington boulevard, will not have to take part in the "peas and pattie shell circuit." Sunday night he came down with a case of mumps. Mayor Pro Tem Richard Patterson is at the city's helm until Brier recovers.

Evidently children and small holes just spell t-o-u-b-l-e. One day last week a little lady on Holland avenue became quite indignant with the small hole in the hook eye on the screen door and tried to fix it for finger size, but she obviously happened—she stuck. After repeated attempts to separate her daughter from the gadget, Mama called the fire department. The crew, which had no trouble in extracting the finger.

TV audiences in Birmingham who viewed the WWJ showings of "The Glass Crutch" Wednesday saw and heard John S. Chair, local Torch Drive official, discuss the meaning of the United Foundation's annual campaign. He spoke of the drive in general as well as how it specifically applies to the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Franklin area.

Elected president of the Detroit chapter of the American Institute of Architects last week was Eero Saarinen of Bloomfield Hills.

A jam-packed crowd was on hand at the Community House Thursday evening to see color films of Michigan State College's football games with the University of Michigan and Ohio State. A representative of the Michigan State alumni office narrated the State alumni office's program was sponsored by the Michigan State College club of Oakland county and club officials said the turnout was the largest they had seen in years for any of their meetings. Incidentally, the color movies of the MSC-Ohio State game showed the spectacular touchdown play registered by the Spartans in the closing minutes of the tilt. This action was not caught by the black and white films.

Picking edible raspberries on the 17th of October? Most unusual, since the normal raspberry season is over by the last week in August. But on that day it was reported to this Wanderer by Ervin Parker that his wife, Lily, did obtain a handful of berries from bushes on the property of her father, Henry Bloudenhauer, 1100 Coolidge (just south of Maple).

Highways leading from Birmingham to East Lansing are expected to be steadily occupied Saturday, Oct. 27 as the annual homecoming activities take place at Michigan

State college. Approximately 45,000 spectators are anticipated for the MSC-Pittsburgh game at 2 p.m. that day. Other highlights Saturday will include various alumni reunions, meeting of the national alumni advisory council, alumni club presidents' meeting and the homecoming ball. Judging from the heavy Birmingham area enrollment at Michigan State during the past several years, this Wanderer estimates that there are from 1500 to 2000 Spartan alumni living here.

A composition by John R. Phelps, 2421 Walnut Lake road, will be included in the program of contemporary music to be given in Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo college, Sunday, Oct. 21, at 4 p.m. The program presents music by members of the Michigan Composers club, of which Phelps is president. The composition, "Rhapsody," will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Phelps at the piano and organ.

The Clyde Blanton family of 674 Graefield court cannot say Birmingham is not a cooperative community. This year, with no planting or fuss from the Blantons, a nice big pumpkin has grown right at their back door. "It looks very 'Halloweemish,'" Mrs. Blanton informed this Wanderer the other day. "We haven't any idea where it came from but it certainly has done well in our crop garden."

"Dear Santa Claus"—now that's a phrase which a lot of parents will be hearing a lot of times a little later on. However, four-year-old Ben Wells of Vaughan road, out in Bloomfield Hills has decided he's going to get his request in early. A letter, passed on to this Wanderer for delivery to Santa, lets everyone know that a two-wheeler with those little guide wheels for beginners, would make Ben one very happy little boy come Christmas morning.

If, during future bird hunting

seasons, you hear the sharp crack of .22 calibre rifle, it may be that the target is not something that does not fly. This situation applies to Bloomfield, Troy and Southfield Township areas, each of which ban the use of shotguns for hunting purposes. There is no ban, of course, against the use of a .22 rifle for mere target practice. "A .22 rifle doesn't make much noise, and it is legal to use it for target practice, but I fear that some folks hereabouts will use it on some of the many pheasants that abound in this area," one local informant told this Wanderer yesterday.

### Court to Hear Frame Label Suit Oct. 25

A \$200,000 label suit against Southfield township Clerk Mrs. Fannie Adams and Mrs. Betty Lewis and Mrs. Marion White, editors and publishers of the Four Corners Press, will be heard in Circuit Court, Thursday, Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m. by either Judge Frank L. Doty or George B. Hartwick.

The judge will not be named until just before the case gets underway. The suit was filed last March by former Southfield Township Supervisor J. P. Fanning. It charges "libel per se" involving a "sum not exceeding \$100,000 actual damages and punitive exemplary damages not exceeding \$100,000."

THE COMPLAINT refers to a front page article published in the Feb. 15, 1951 issue of the Four Corners Press. The material was an open letter to the voters of Southfield township signed by Mrs. Adams, in which she lashed at Fanning's defeat in the primary race for Republican nomination for supervisor.

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In the primaries, the present supervisor, William Rosser defeated Frame by a four to one majority. Frame had served as supervisor for four years. Mrs. Adams has been an official in Southfield township for more than 20 years. Mrs. White and Mrs. Lewis live in Franklin and have published the newspaper for the past two years.

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