Fault-finding can become a habit, bringing with it much unhappiness for him who does it and for those who receive it. Habitual fault-finders never can be very happy; indeed, their malady may bring them more trouble than any other negative situation in life.

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Proper Employe Selection Is Rotary Meeting Topic

Birmingham Rotary club members heard O. O. Beck of the Executive Selective service, Detroit, speak on "Personnel Selection" at their noon meeting Monday.

Beck illustrated his remarks with a documentary film showing how tests are given and the value they have with prospective employers and employees.

Questionnaires were distributed to members for checking, after which Beck demonstrated how the evaluation process of proper placement works.

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This Wanderer looked twice as he walked through the downtown area Monday. There was a large vacant space occupied only the day before by a former gas station and garage building. The structure had been completely torn down to ground level. After being used to the same view for years, it seemed odd to see a completely different background.

An opportunity to see a show real often is yours for the asking. Members of the AAUW Puppeteers are looking for a place to house their practice stage and equipment—some place large enough and high enough for them to practice. According to Mrs. Calvin A. Dennison, 1045 Forest, height is one of the biggest obstacles they face. The stage itself is quite high and operators must stand on the platform, making the problem even more difficult. "The only thing we ask is some spot with a little warmth for these cold winter days that are coming and some place that the occupants will not mind a bit of extra noise when we have practice sessions," she said.

In conjunction with the opening of the current adult education programs, displays made up of last year's work are being shown in Himelhoch's, Wilson's drug store, and Baldwin public library. Work can be seen representing every phase of this Community House program—with the exception of square dancing.

The sensitivity of the radar equipment demonstrated last Saturday was demonstrated, not by traffic, but by a dog. Several youngsters were attracted to the scene by the number of persons milling about Cranbrook road, and of course their dogs came along, too. As one animal crossed the street and entered the radar field, the dial indicator was seen to jerk slightly, registering the animal's speed as it trotted by. "Must have had metal on its collar," was Police Chief Ralph Moxley's explanation.

This Wanderer has no idea, of course, what condition bike brakes were in before the inspection last weekend. However, there are a lot of them that are super-efficient now and young riders are having a wonderful time stopping about every three feet with a very satisfactory squeal of tires.

Sidelight in the Sept. 8 radar speed control demonstration: A dozen or more cars parked on the side in Cranbrook road between Maple and Lincoln and a crowd of people milling about brought practically every passing vehicle to a stop while drivers craned their necks to see who had been "hit." The passerby who happened to observe uniforms must have thought some pretty important person had figured in an accident to bring out that much police department "brass"—there were lieutenants, captains and chiefs all over the place, from nearby cities as well as Birmingham.

Alvin A. Mudge, 788 South Adams, received the first prize in the Oakland county garden judging Saturday. Sponsored by Sears, Roebuck and company, the contest was a part of the Oakland County Agricultural Mobilization program. Judging was done on the basis of excellence of produce, home consumption and general gardening. Mudge, whose hobby is gardening, was not aware that Mrs. Mudge had entered his plot in the contest until the judges first made their inspection several days ago.

This Wanderer has noticed a great interest in yoyo's in Birmingham this fall. Several years ago, this activity was quite popular here but interest waned. Two weeks ago a professional expert gave exhibitions in front of one of the stores in the downtown area for a few days. Lately, it seems that a person can't walk in the business area without noticing boys twirling these objects.

An unsolved mystery puzzled The Eccentric's editorial staff last week. A resident called this office and stated there was a ladder stuck into the ground on a vacant lot on East Maple, east of Adams road. A reporter checked on the information and saw that the ladder was just standing there unsupported, but firmly placed in the ground. Photographer Joe Wheeler was assigned to take a picture of this unusual sight. However, when he arrived the ladder was nowhere to be found. It still is unknown what the ladder was doing there and where it disappeared to.

Several weeks ago this Wanderer mentioned that perhaps it would be a nice gesture to publicly thank motorists for unusual acts of courtesy. This week City Clerk Irene Hanley follows through on the idea with an experience of her own. While crossing Maple near Pierce recently, Miss Hanley dropped her purse, scattering its contents over the street. A passing motorist stopped his car to wait for her to collect her possessions. Her thanks go to him for his courtesy as well as to a woman pedestrian and her small son who helped capture her wayward belongings.

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Zoning Change Request In Birmingham Gardens Referred to Plan Group

A petition submitted to city commissioners by Leslie R. Schmier for a zoning change was refered to the plan commission Monday evening.

Schmier, representing the Lincoln Construction company, asked that the area on the south side of Villa, between Eton and Columbia, be rezoned from single to multiple dwelling units to permit the construction of a terrace development.

Other multiple unit projects are to the north of this proposed building site.

Wing Lake School Mothers, Teachers Club Meets Sept. 19

First fall meeting of the Wing Lake Mothers and Teachers club is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 3:30 at Wing Lake school.

Reports concerning the Halloween Fun Fest and Bazaar to be held at the school, Oct. 31 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. will be given by Co-Chairmen Mrs. Philip Johnson and Mrs. Robert Thom.

In addition, there will be a discussion of the book, "How to Help Your Child in School."

Final plans for the introductory tea slated for Oct. 9 will be discussed at the meeting.

Duplicae Bridge Game Results

W. W. Anderson and J. C. Gray were winners of the Birmingham duplicate bridge game held at the Community House, Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Jean Heugh and Norma Keller were second and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McElhaney, third.

One would not think the life of a circulation manager to be a very dangerous one, especially when it comes to collecting the money dropped in coin boxes for street sales. However, it is. A local coin collector found himself face to face with four irate hornets one day last week. Seems the critters had decided to make the coin box their future home and deeply resented his intrusion.

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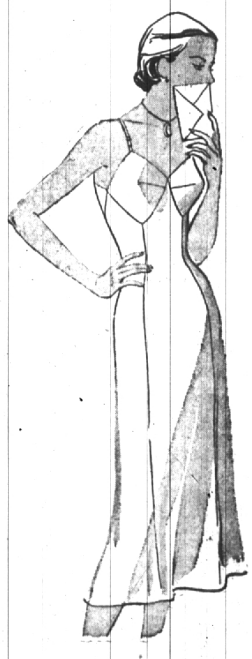
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