

The Birmingham Eccentric

Most human beings are, or were, *homo-worshippers*. To children, their own parents become the immediate objects for such worship... and intelligent men and women try to live lives that retain the affection and respect of their offspring... and why not?

Fence Contract Awarded

A contract for fencing the DPW yard has been awarded to the Dural Wire and Steel Co., Hazel Park. Their bid of \$3,225 was \$275 below the estimated cost, according to L. R. Gare, city engineer.

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Walnut Lake PTA Asks Date Change

WALNUT LAKE — The PTA held its first meeting Monday evening with 60 members attending. A committee was named to study the organization of Junior Big this year. Those serving are Mrs. John Parkins, Mrs. John Palmer, Mrs. Roland Walton, Jim Roberts, Reg Smith, Ed Sims and Kelly Sundstrom, representative from the executive board. They will report next week.

City OK's Deal For Slope Rights

City commissioners have accepted proposals leading to the receipt of certain property needed for the widening of W. Maple. Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hamel, Jr., owners of property at 312 West Maple, deeded a portion of their land and slope rights. In return the city will construct a retaining wall, sod property used for slope rights, alter driveway and front walk to conform to the new construction and plant suitable trees in the parkway.

Hills Commission Sets Hearing on Setback Line Change

A public hearing has been set by the Bloomfield Hills city commission for Tuesday evening, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. concerning the change in the setback ruling for buildings from 75 to 60 feet from the pavement. Last week the city commission accepted the plan commission's recommendation that the change be made. However, this hearing

has been set to hear any objections. Proposed change concerns property in the commercial area on Long Lake road. General news deadline is 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

The Rev. W. Glen Harris, First Presbyterian minister and Rotary club president, apparently thought he was addressing his congregation rather than the Rotarians Monday noon when he rose to give several announcements. He started off, "There will be a short meeting of the board of directors immediately following this service meeting." He joined the rest of the members in the laugh which followed this slip.

The group will vote on changing the by-laws at the next meeting so meetings may be held on the second Monday instead of the second Tuesday of the month. Judge Arthur Moore of Pontiac told the group that if young people were taught to respect the rights of others there would be less crime. Shootings, such as resulted in the death of Gordon and Smith this summer, and traffic accidents could be avoided if all observed the Golden Rule, he averred.

"The Fight for Better Schools," a movie released by the National Citizens committee for public schools was shown. The teachers, guests and new board members were introduced. Refreshments were served by the fifth and sixth grade mothers.

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New City Commissioner Charles Renfrew, appointed last week to succeed former Mayor Chad Ritchie, received an unusually heavy introduction to commission meetings Monday night the session for 3 1/2 hours and included discussion on a variety of subjects. Spirited comments from the audience enlivened the meeting, too.

Folks in the downtown area were treated to martial music this week during the noon hours, as Arnold Berndt's Birmingham high school band drilled on the Hill school grounds. Band members were rehearsing their maneuvers for Friday evening's half-time festivities at the Birmingham-Dearborn football game at Pierce field.

Stinky, pet skunk of the James Scribner family on Hazel street, has a rival. This newcomer, named Nicotina, is living with the Melvin Dadds on Madison avenue. When the little fellow arrived from his home in the country he weighed only half a pound. Last reports say he has now reached a nifty four and a half and is doing nicely, thank you. Nicotina makes his home on the screened porch at the rear of the Dadd home.

This Wanderer has just learned that a local man is the author of one of the new books recently received at Baldwin public library. "The Valley of the Lower Thames" was written by Dr. Fred C. Hamil who makes his home at 831 Madison. Dr. Hamil, an associate professor of history at Wayne University, has headed his book on the settlement of the area around Chatham, Canada.

We Heard It Said By:

ORRIN S. GULLEY, Southfield township planning board chairman: "I have heard reliable experts predict the population of Southfield township in 1970 will be 60,000. In drawing up a master plan, we will be providing in advance for what will happen in the future. All of us have seen what happens when there isn't proper planning. Such a program will eliminate irregularities."

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