

# The Birmingham Eccentric

Unfortunately, for the best working of self-government, some people never acquire vigorous convictions for or against issues or personalities in public life. They are, insofar as comparison to strong minds goes, like a day-old piece of milk toast.

## Takes Top Honors At Ivory Field

A two-year-old Great Dane bitch owned by Mr. and Mrs. Roy I. Jones, 31650 Telegraph road captured top honors at the four-point major show at Ivory Field Saturday. This was the first major show that the dog, Murray's Brenda, has entered, according to Mrs. Jones.



## Bits of Birmingham

Mrs. Vera Shepard of Bennington, Vt., is a new house director this year for Delta Upsilon fraternity at Bowling Green State university, Bowling Green, Ohio. Her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Sleeper, resides at 2333 Windemere.

An announcement from the Michigan office of civil defense states that approximately 551,000 Michigan residents have been blood typed under the state office's program. Of this total, 208,000 live in the Detroit area. Last winter 8,450 Birmingham residents were typed in the state's trial program.

The Wanderer has heard several favorable comments on "A Driver's Prayer" by Catherine Clark and reprinted last week in Managing Editor George Wm. Averill's column, "One Thing Or Another." One reader even went so far as to say she felt it would be a wonderful thing if reprints were available to all drivers and mounted in some conspicuous place inside the car. "It's wonderful," she said, "and something every driver should see every time he gets behind the wheel."

In "Herman Fiebig" day observations at Knollwood Country club last week Wednesday, the veteran golf professional who has served that club for 18 years was honored. Fiebig, who resides at 6310 Inlander road, was presented with a \$500 war bond, shotgun and a polaroid camera by club members. When Fiebig was but 17, he was professional at Oakwood Country club, Kansas City.

Next Monday noon Birmingham Rotary's new "Bird Club" will start functioning under the direction of "Warden" Paul Warwick. It is for those members who "eat a little, sing a little and then fly," according to Club President Rev. Glen Harris. "We recognize that members occasionally have to leave early, so we're going to provide a small table for them so they may leave in a group and with less general confusion," he explains.

A sudden shower surprised the large crowd at Friday's football game at Pleece field when Birmingham upset Dearborn. Midway in the first quarter, without a



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warm a downpour started and lasted for several minutes. Most spectators didn't have raincoats with them. Some fans ran for the limited space under the eaves of the locker room, but most of the crowd remained in the stands. After the rain ceased, quite a few persons belatedly picked up raincoats from their cars. However, there was no further showers during the contest.

Just a reminder to U. of M. graduates living in Birmingham—October 3 marks the 40th anniversary of "Varsity," written by insurance man Fred Lawton, formerly of Southfield township and now residing in Berkeley. The music was written by Earl Moore, now director of the U. of M. school of music. According to Lawton, the song was first sung on Oct. 3, 1911, at a student mass meeting in old "U" hall.

Disputes over fences separating adjoining properties in townships are settled differently than in cities. For example, Southfield township appoints two members of the township board as "fence watchers." Their duty is to mediate any differences between property owners concerning fences. The two newest members of the board are usually selected for this

assignment. At present, the "watchers" are Mrs. Margaret Bradbury and James (ampson). Investigations are made whenever complaints are received by the board.

This Wanderer has never seen so much public interest in a construction project as that of the Michigan Bell Telephone building extension on Merrill. At practically any time of the day, several persons can be seen watching the progress of the construction.

The very same building code adopted this spring for the city of Birmingham is slated to be used by a township, Shelby township in nearby Macomb county in planning to following Birmingham's new code exactly.

## Barnum 7th Grade Mothers to Meet Thursday, Oct. 4

Invitations have been mailed to mothers of all Barnum school seventh graders, informing them of a meeting scheduled Thursday, Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium, according to Mrs. Helen Kiefer, chairman. Barnum School Principal J. A.

MacTavish will speak about seventh grade school behavior in relation to Barnum. Miss Mariel Brusie, girl's counselor and Malcolm Timball, boy's counselor will acquaint the group with the child's life at the school.

Mrs. Charles Dybbig, chairman of the committee, will be assisted by Mrs. James Bain, Mrs. Fredrick Ford, Mrs. Read Jenkins, Mrs. Peter Loomis, Mrs. William Martin, Mrs. Fred Pew, Mrs. Von Polhemus and Mrs. Lawton Tabor. Teachers have been invited to meet the mothers at a tea following the meeting.

## Health Films Not Yet Available

Mrs. Anyce Gillette, city health nurse, said this week that films from the loan library maintained by the Michigan Department of Health are not yet available. Announcement was previously made that these films could be

obtained by clubs but they will not be given out until the catalogs are revised, Mrs. Gillette pointed out. She stated, "The catalogs will be available sometime in November. In the meantime, persons can leave their names and addresses at the local health office in the city hall, so the catalogs can be ordered."

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