

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

A CRANBROOK graduate, Richard N. Gregg, has been appointed to the faculty of the school of the Worcester Art museum in Massachusetts. He received his BFA and MFA degrees from Cranbrook, and in addition to teaching general art subjects at the boys' school there, worked as a designer for Erro Saarman, Bloomfield Hills architect. Gregg is a resident of Kalamazoo.

WALNUT LAKE residents, this Wanderer has been informed, have been made happy by the black-topping of Inkster road and the preparing of Walnut Lake road for the same treatment next year. Citizens of that little community have been battling for the improvement of these two roads for several years.

HEADING FOR WARMER CLIMATES around the first part of November will be Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart (retired), former military governor of Austria. "We'll probably settle down somewhere in the vicinity of Asheville, N. C.," he says. His moving from the area will require the Birmingham Rotary club to elect an interim president to serve until next July.

WITH THE RETURN this past week of summer temperatures, it seems unusual to be thinking of winter weather and the year's biggest holiday season. But that's just what a committee of the Birmingham chamber of commerce is doing. It's starting to formulate plans for the annual "Christmas Preview," staged by local stores.

DOES THE CITY have to spare the Birmingham taxpayers' feelings when it comes to "bad news" regarding various city ventures and proposals? City Commissioner Lance C. Minor doesn't believe so. At a recent commission meeting, he declared to his colleagues: "The people are tired of being treated as adolescents. They can stand bad news. And it's about time we gave them the facts on various subjects, regardless of whether the picture is good or bad."

IT APPEARS THAT there still are persons who are quite definitely opposed to the location of a fire station on the east side of Birmingham, as proposed by the city commission late last winter and defeated narrowly at the April election. In connection with this opposition, the statement reportedly is being made that "the east side site would be only around 200 yards" closer to the Maple-Adams intersection than the present station in the centrally located municipal building. This Wanderer was surprised to hear the difference was so little, so he asked the city engineer's office what the difference was. City maps show the central station is 558 yards further away from the proposed Adams-Bowers site, not "around 200 yards" as this Wanderer understands the statement is being circulated. This is a difference of slightly less than a quarter of a mile between "200 yards" and 558 yards. Maybe a quarter-of-a-mile error doesn't mean much to some people, but it shows what can happen depending on what standard is used to measure the difference. The "200-yard" difference was indicated by a car's speedometer—the 558-yard difference by measuring accurate city maps.

DINERS AT the Community House may notice a change in the dinners served there due to the six-weeks of study this summer by its food director, Mrs. Alberta McIntyre. Mrs. McIntyre studied at MSG, along with 28 other food directors from hotels and restaurants, to learn the latest in food preparation, kitchen efficiency, fancy cooking and kitchen accounting. Besides the five hours a day spent in class, the group made several field trips to noted restaurants and hotels.

A POSTAL CARD questionnaire was distributed throughout the business district this week by members of the Birmingham police department. Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley explained that the cards would be filed at police headquarters, to enable a contact to be made in the event of an emergency during night hours, weekends or holidays. Each card will contain information on the person to contact, phone number, etc., making the job of the police easier and faster in getting to one person responsible for the business property.

THIS PAST WEEK, Mrs. A. J. Daley, 560 Thanna, threw a local dry goods store into utter confusion. While shopping, she found on the counter a bolt of leopard cloth, and exclaimed delighted, "Oh, this is just what I need for my leopard skin!" Then, without explaining that she is taking part in the next Birmingham Children's Theatre play, about the circus, the blond and slender Mrs. Daley added, "You see, I'm a strong man, and wear nothing but a leopard skin."

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*Fear, if any, human beings go through life without their share of problems. Problems, of course, are a natural part of life itself. It is only when problems are not met that they become trouble. Trouble, in turn, is a natural part of life itself. It is only when trouble is not met that it becomes a disaster. To meet each problem eliminates trouble.*

## Reapportioning Proposal No. 3 Is Explained

(As a public service to the community, The Birmingham Eccentric presents the second in a series of four articles concerning the two reapportionment amendments which will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot. The information is being supplied by the Oakland Citizens League and the Civic Research, Inc., of Pontiac, both of which are non-partisan, non-partisan organizations devoted to research and education in government.)

Buried under publicity focused on the national and state elections are three proposed amendments to the state constitution which voters are being asked to decide on Nov. 4. Two of the three proposals are concerned with re-apportioning the state legislature—and each contradicts the other.

Proposal No. 1 on the ballot concerns strengthening the narcotics law. Proposal No. 2, backed by the CIO, calls for establishment of a 99-member House of Representatives and a 33-member Senate, both chosen on a basis of population, which in effect would throw legislative control to four counties—Wayne, Oakland, Genesee and Saginaw, to the exclusion of other counties.

Proposal No. 3 calls for a "balanced legislature," with a 110-member House apportioned on population and a 24-member Senate based on geographic, social and economic interests.

BY A FLUKE, voters are being asked to decide not whether they wish their legislature to be re-apportioned, but which of two plans to accomplish it they approve.

The two proposals stem from efforts made since 1948 to force the legislature to carry out its constitutional duty to reapportion the legislature every 10 years. A study group in 1948 advocated a balanced legislature plan, but the House failed to approve in 1949, 1950 and 1951. The Michigan League of Women Voters tried to bring opposing

### Auditions Planned By Musical Group

The Detroit Women's Symphony Orchestra will mark its sixth annual audition, open to young women of the metropolitan area between the ages of 18 and 35. Cash awards and solo appearances will be prizes.

The orchestra is composed of a group of all-women instrumentalists, organized six years ago under the sponsorship of Tuesday Musicians.

Auditions will be held January 25 for piano, voice, violin and cello. Printed leaflets outlining the rules of auditions and entry blanks are available. Mrs. H. H. Gardner of Aspen road is a member of the concert committee.



### Frank Rising Guest Speaker

A memorial cancer benefit dinner to aid the Cancer Research Fund will be given by the Soroptimist Club of Birmingham at 6:30 Thursday evening at Devon Gardens, West Long Lake road.

The evening's guest speaker will be Frank Rising, Birmingham city commissioner, who recently returned from a trip to Pearl Harbor. His topic will be "A Civilian Looks at the Pacific Problem."

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## 'Angel Street' Raises Curtain On St. Dunstan's Guild Season

Terror, intrigue and suspense stalk the stage of the Cranbrook Pavilion as the cast of "Angel Street" rehearse for the forthcoming production of Patrick Hamilton's Victorian thriller by St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook on Friday and Saturday, October 10-11 and 17-18 at the Cranbrook Pavilion.

Working under the direction of Nathaniel Doughty, Milner Thom, as the sinister Mr. Manningham, attempts to drive his wife, played by Mrs. W. H. Adams, into a state of insanity. Out to thwart these evil designs is Robert Field, playing the part of Rough, a Scotland Yard detective.



Others involved in the mysterious events on Angel Street are Marjorie Smith and Mrs. Edward S. Reid, Jr., who play the roles of servants in the Manningham household.

is also at work behind the scenes. Mrs. Donald Chaffee is acting as production manager for clothing and handling lines. Milner Thom has designed the foreboding set—a gloomy, gaslit parlor—which is being constructed by Jack Blanchard's committee consisting of David Burnett, Frederic Graef, James Maunders, Weston Meyer, Benjamin Micou, and Alex Weisz.

## 'Attic Fair' October 9-10

Attics and basements are being searched this week for clothing and household articles to be sold at the annual fall St. James rummage sale.

The "Attic Fair" will be held October 9-10 at St. James Episcopal Church on West Magnet. Men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes, as well as household articles, will be offered for sale.

### Locate Attending Accountant Convention

Gertrude Hindelang, C.P.A., of West 13 Mile road, is a delegate to the October 3-5 joint annual meeting of the American Society of Women Accountants and the American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants.

### St. Collette's Guild Host Monthly Meeting

St. Collette's Guild will host the October monthly meeting of the Holy Name Altar Society. The group will gather at one o'clock Monday afternoon, October 6, at the Community House.

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