

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**WAYSIDE STANDS** have become the fad for the youngsters in town this summer. The Wanderer has become a used to signs of lemonade offered for sale, but curiosity was stirred at the sight of a candy display at the corner of Oakland and Ferndale. Stopping to settle the question we learned that the enterprise was a partnership between Starr Brussel of 375 Ferndale and Jimmie Cherry, 185 Euclid. Jimmy planned to use his share of the profits for a birthday present for Sister Susie, while his partner's proceeds were earmarked for the purchase of defense stamps.

**A GREETING** from a high federal official started out this week's work for H. H. Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank. On his desk Monday morning was a brief note that read: "Dear Herb: My congratulations and very best wishes on your election as First Vice President of the Michigan Bankers Association for 1953 and 1954. Sincerely yours, Joe." ("Joe" stand for Joseph Dodge, Director of the Federal Bureau of the Budget, an old friend of Mr. Gardner's.)

**AS BIRMINGHAM'S** population increases (and it has done so very rapidly in the few years) more and more demand is made upon the city's underground water supply. This has resulted in increasing criticism of the quality of local water, insofar as it relates to the tendency of the water to stain local bathroom fixtures. "This has become quite a problem in my home," is the usual comment that this Wanderer picks up in travels about the town. Also it is learned that quite a few people have resorted to buying their drinking water since there are periods when the water supply coming into their homes is visibly discolored.

**THIS WANDERER** would like to give a salute to a young Birmingham boy for an outstanding bit of courtesy and consideration he displayed Monday noon. Seeing a blind man stumble into a bike which a neighborhood child had left on the walk leading to his home, the boy crossed the street, moved the bike out of the way and then stood by to tell the man the path was now clear.

**BIRMINGHAM'S** Red Cross workers have roles to fill in blood bank operations even though the bank is not being held here. On Monday, Aug. 10, Mrs. Bradlee Pruden was "chairman of the day" at a bank held at the Oakdale Gardens Community House in Ferndale. Mrs. James Wickert 27757 Santa Barbara, is serving this week as contact person for donors who desire to contribute to the bank which will be held next Monday at St. John's Episcopal church, 11 Mile and Woodward.

**WHILE DRIVING** slowly around the town Saturday afternoon this Wanderer noticed what seemed to be a statue wearing a fur cap. So amazed were we that we stopped, backed up and took a better look. In a show window, showing some works of art, a hat had taken what was apparently a cozy resting place atop the head of one of the pieces on display.

**MRS. C. M. HARGRAVES**, 28421 Santa Barbara, Lathrup, is seeking information about bird banding. Two weeks ago she rescued an injured cardinal from the middle of Twelve Mile road and nursed him back to health. Before setting the bird free she recorded the number 50-182316 found on a foot band the bird was wearing. Calls to conservation department officers, local animal shelters and police departments failed to bring any light on the person or organization that banded the bird so she has asked The Eccentric to poll its readers on the question.

**THE BIRMINGHAM LIONS** report a little over \$2,500 added to the bank account after all expenses were paid, from their efforts as parking lot attendants and supervisors during the PGA tournament last month. Since practically every dollar of this will go to some worthy cause, it's especially nice to see that the hard work in so big a job, paid off for the group.

Wounds inflicted upon the body are much easier to heal than those inflicted upon the inner self of spirit. And doesn't that mean each of us should be very careful in flying heated words, or in repeating mere gossip that can harm others?

## Unlocked Doors Invite Visits From Thieves

Maybe it's the warm weather and the thoughts of an evening in the yard or at a lake that makes people forgetful. Whatever the reason, Birmingham police are once more facing an "epidemic" of unlocked doors and windows in business places throughout the city.

"It's asking for trouble," Police Chief Ralph Moxley said today. "When a door or window is left open the building may be entered without leaving such telltale marks as broken glass for police to discover. An unlocked door is an invitation to robbery, any way you look at it."

## Commission Approves Land Sale Procedure

An outline to guide procedure of the sale of city-owned property has been approved by city commissioners.

City Assessor Elmer W. Haack submitted the outline to provide some uniformity in selling city land and reported that the steps, as outlined, could be adjusted to meet particular circumstances whenever they occurred.



MARION LADEWIG

MARION LADEWIG, world champion woman bowler, will be one of eight outstanding bowling stars who will play in an exhibition mixed doubles match at the grand opening of the Bloomfield Lanes, Woodward at East Long Lake Tuesday night, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m. The bowling alley will re-open Saturday after two months of extensive redecorating.

## Water Main Hearing

A public hearing for the extension of a water main on Longcrest, extending approximately one-half mile south of Thirteen Mile road, was called for August 28 at 7:30 p.m., by Southfield township board members Tuesday night. Cost of the improvement will be completely paid by residents in the assessment area.

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## Police Chief Again Accepts Membership On State Committee

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley has again accepted an invitation of membership on the 1953-54 police training committee of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

In announcing his acceptance, Chief Moxley said he felt these monthly meetings at Lansing were contributing greatly to greater efficiency of police departments. "The basic training program which the association sponsors at Michigan State college," he said, "is one of the most advanced in the country. It has helped a great deal in Michigan and is being adopted by other states throughout the country."

The association is currently headed by Police Chief Ray Hayward of the Royal Oak department.

## Vanderkloot Member Of Culver Glee Club

Mid. William R. Vanderkloot, son of Robert C. Vanderkloot, 974 Arlington, is a member of the Culver Military Academy Summer Schools Glee Club which will present "The Testament of Freedom" by the American composer, Randall Thompson, Sunday evening, August 15, in the campus Memorial Chapel.

"The Testament of Freedom," consisting essentially of four passages from the writings of Jefferson, was composed in commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson and was first performed by the University of Virginia Glee Club on April 15, 1943, at the University's Cabell Hall.

Bargains galore in Want Ads.

## Road Oiling Program Passes Half Way Mark

Residents who have been wondering about the status of Birmingham's 1953 street-oiling program were told this week that the entire project would probably be completed by Sept. 1.

The oiling and grading of 80 streets has passed the half-way mark, with about 53 fully treated. "The plan was," a spokesman for the DPW said, "to work the worst streets first. Most of these have been done and the balance of the work should move along rapidly."

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