



# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**BIRMINGHAM** residents, long-used to considering the old First Methodist church as a downtown landmark when giving directions to strangers now must be careful. This Wanderer has heard about the lady who was seeking information on the city hall location. She was told to turn left at the Methodist church and drive one block south to the city hall. She followed directions—but found no city hall—only houses. Her informant, back at the Woodward-Maple corner, had forgotten that the First Methodist church no longer stands at the old familiar corner of W. Maple and Henrietta.

**IS IT early—or is it late?** The James Skelley family of 1175 Shipman, are not quite sure, but they were surprised to find a moth flying around the porchlight Saturday evening. Mrs. Skelley put the little visitor in a bottle where Tuesday it was still chipper and frisky.

**MICHIGAN NEWSPAPER EDITORS**, gathered at East Lansing last weekend for their 85th annual convention, voted The Birmingham Eccentric second place in general excellence during 1952 for weekly newspapers with over 5,000 circulation. In 1951, The Eccentric placed third in this same class.

**A MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL** could be made out of the city's present sewage disposal plant on Cranbrook road, City Commissioner Lance Minor suggested to fellow commissioners this week. "Within a comparatively few years, an interceptor sewer will be constructed up the Rouge Valley and sewage treatment provided in Detroit plants," he reminded. "When that happens, the Birmingham plant could easily be converted to both indoor and outdoor pools." He said any interim chlorination treatment or grit collection chambers for the local plant should be designed with the idea of the pool in mind.

**FRUSTRATION**, that's what it is—frustration! A certain Birmingham lady found herself grounded the other day while two perfectly good cars sat idle in the garage. It seems friend husband had absented mindedly ridden off to work with someone else, taking along with him the one and only key to the garage door.

**LAST WEDNESDAY**, after showing 12 little girls from an Adams school Brownie troop through The Birmingham Eccentric plant and trying to explain all about typesetting, casting and press runs, we were amazed when they suddenly began handing us dimes. Seeing the look on our face, one of the girls explained that these dimes were their weekly dues. They were giving them to us in order that we might pass them along to the March of Dimes. We lost no time Thursday morning, in getting them to the Birmingham National bank where Miss Harriet Decker is receiving miscellaneous contributions for the 1953 Mothers March on Polio which takes place tonight.

**SECRETARIES** in the Birmingham area are invited to join the new chapter of The National Secretaries' association which is being installed in Pontiac. Inquiries as to membership are being answered by Miss Harriet Schaar, Barium Hotel, Room 708, Detroit.

**COMPETING AGAINST 298 dogs**, Ed-Ei-Fra's Sh's was, seven months old longhaired dachshund puppy owned by the Siefen Jagenheim kennels, 27760 West 14 Mile, took top honors at the Progressive Dog club show at the Detroit fair grounds Sunday. The puppy's sire, which completed his championship at the Madison Square show in New York last year, will be entered there again Feb. 9-10, along with another dog from the Jagenheim kennels.

**"WE READ EVERY page, even all the ads."** This is how Pvt. Robert Miller describes The Birmingham Eccentric's arrival in Pusan, Korea. In a letter to his aunt, Miss Catherine Hubert, Bob said it made no difference whether his buddies came from Birmingham or not, they grabbed eagerly at the paper and read it from margin to margin. "As soon as The Eccentric comes, they start asking for it. In a few minutes the pages are separated and scattered all over camp. It not only means a lot to me to get the home town paper, but it means a lot to the other fellows to get news from the States, whether they know the people or not."

## Russian Refugee Underlines Import Of American Life

Nicholas T. Goncharoff, Russian refugee who is touring the United States with his wife and speaks in behalf of the Russian people who are dominated by the Communistic scourge, asked the 1200 Birmingham High School students to be more appreciative of the American way of life and more alert to their opportunities.

He spoke about the many opportunities presented to high school youth of America to seek out knowledge and gain scientific information. He stated that this is not true in Russia where a political group, which is the real Communistic force, dominates the people with propaganda that is false, that speaks hatred and plays up the Russian Dictator Stalin as a panacea for all their ills.

HE SAID THE only way out was for people of the democracies to provide sound leadership and a program for those who have been fortunate to escape. A change in approach and broadcasting on Voice of America is anticipated with the new administration. "A ship is much better than a costly program lavishly thrust on people who know they are hungry, are slaves, and lack opportunity for personal ingenuity."

Dr. Goncharoff who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Munich included his stay in Birmingham with an audience before the Methodist Men's Club last Tuesday. He was sponsored locally by the Birmingham Branch of the YMCA.

HE FURTHER stated that 80 per cent of the Russian people are opposed to Communism. The purging of the six Jewish physicians is only a continuation of the suppressing of the people. It is impossible for a revolution to form in Russia as the Russian people lack arms and money.

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## YMCA Table Tennis Players Improve In League Play

Last Thursday night the local tennis team displayed winning form in singles and doubles matches with the Cole Brothers team in Michigan's tough Oakland County league. The Birmingham team was bolstered with the addition of Don Large, a veteran player in the league.

The Birmingham team attended the state championship matches the previous weekend, and observation of experts in action probably helped the Birmingham team in their league matches.

Winners for Birmingham in this league match were Ken Lindsay who won his No. 2 singles match easily and teamed with Don Large to rout the opposition's best doubles team. Al Jenkie also marked the local team to victory with his decisive win in the No. 3 singles position and as he teamed with Annie Shaw Sittig in a mixed doubles match which went hands down to Birmingham.

OTHER competitors for the revived Birmingham team were Ellen Fitzroy, No. 4 singles and Don Large in No. 1 singles. Ellen came very close to winning her match, taking one game out of three. Don Large was matched against one of the league's best players in his first night this year of league competition but showed much potential strength.

Thursday, Jan. 29, the Birmingham team will return to action, sponsored by Mortimer's Clothiers of Birmingham. They will wear the colorful navy blue jerseys of Mortimer's but will continue to practice each Thursday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Y club members at the Birmingham YMCA on East Lincoln. All those having some experience in table tennis are welcome to join with the club in these practice sessions.

## Talliferro Association Selects 1953 Officers

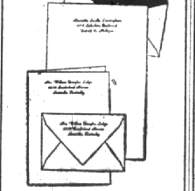
Harris B. Carr, 307 Westchester, has been named president of the Talliferro Estates Association, Inc. for the coming year.

Other officers elected last week are T. W. Hay, vice president; James McCracken, secretary; William H. Amos, treasurer and R. A. Jamieson, director.

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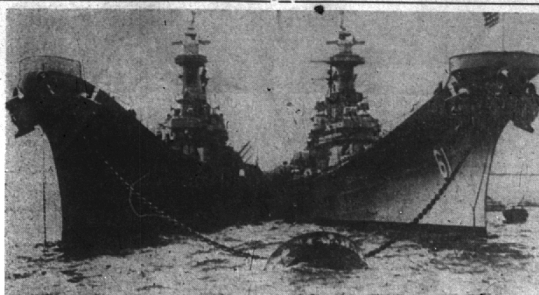
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**BUMPING BATTLESHIPS**—The United States Navy's twin sea giants, the USS Iowa and USS Missouri, ride side by side at anchor during a pause in their job of carrying the United Nations war to the North Korean enemy. This picture, seen above, shows the first meeting of two dreadnaughts in a war zone since the dark days of World War II.

## Attorney Retained In Zoning Suit

Attorney Earl L. Phillips of Pontiac will represent Birmingham in an Oakland County circuit court suit brought against the city by the Industrial Land Company and Frank and Hazel Newell, 503 N. Woodward, city commissioners decided Monday night.

The plaintiffs as owners of a 6.4 acre parcel of land east of the Grand Trunk railroad and north of Maple seek to make the city rezone the triangular-shaped piece of land from residential to business or multiple dwelling.

CITY ATTORNEY Forbes Hascall originally asked to defend the city in the case, was excused due to a heavy work schedule and because he entered an opinion on zoning which is mentioned in the suit.

In recommending the selection of Phillips, City Manager Donald Marie Heber, Mrs. Norman Tasker, Mrs. Virginia Probst, Mrs. Leland Martin, Mrs. John James, Mrs. Louis Marks and Mrs. Carley Petersen.

## 15 Troy Women Plan Polio March

Lighted porch lights will be the signal for the Mothers March on Polio in Troy township between 7 and 8 p.m., this evening.

Under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Leonard Ling, 1960 East Long Lake road, 15 volunteers have been recruited.

Area captains include Mrs. Howard Sanders, Mrs. Ralph Hartman, Mrs. Kenneth Scott, Mrs. Bernard Nykanen, Mrs. Herbert Frost, Mrs. Ralph Mantey, Mrs. Roy Weaver, Mrs. Edward Carpenter, Mrs. Marie Heber, Mrs. Norman Tasker, Mrs. Virginia Probst, Mrs. Leland Martin, Mrs. John James, Mrs. Louis Marks and Mrs. Carley Petersen.

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