

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

NOT ALL MOTORISTS are out to "beat" the city's parking meters, testifies C. of Secretary Charles Mortenson. Monday afternoon he saw a man park his car across the street from the C. of Cs East Maple office. The driver, stuck his hand in his pocket, pulled out his loose change, then seemed to shake his head in disappointment. He went down the street without putting any money in the meter. Luck was with the motorist, said Mortenson, because the driver appeared 20 minutes later and there was no ticket on the car. The meter before he drove off, the gentleman put a nickel in the meter and provided 60 minutes for the next fellow who would come along," Mortenson said.

SHORTLY MORE than two weeks ago the nation observed Memorial Day. Birmingham, too, saw local services conducted in memory of those from this area who have died in the service of their country. "But," one local reader of The Eccentric informed this Wanderer Monday, "at the city's new peace memorial just east of the entrance to our new high school, not even a single flower was placed. In fact, the weeds are growing up around it. I wonder if this is indicative of Birmingham's attitude toward efforts for peace?"

A PHONE CALL HOME to inquire about the Michigan tornadoes is being credited by the Frank Risings of Brookwood court with saving them from serious injury or death in the tornado which caused so much loss of life and damage in Worcester, Mass., on June 9. "That 10 or 15 minutes it took to complete the phone call just saved us," commented Mr. Rising, former Birmingham city commissioner. He and Mrs. Rising were driving to Wellesley College to bring home their daughter, Maria, who just completed her freshman year at the famous girls' school. "That fateful Tuesday afternoon we heard over the car radio about the tornadoes around Detroit and Flint," Mr. Rising said. "I decided to stop and my office to see what had happened—if anything—to Birmingham. When I was reassured that everything was all right at home, we continued on our way." Mrs. Rising said, "As we were driving along later, we noticed the high wind. Then limbs and leaves began flying by. Then bits of lumber and shingles. Just outside of Worcester we came upon a terrific jam, caused by the blocking of the highway by overturned autos, fallen trees and parts of buildings." Mrs. Rising said it took them over an hour to get out of the jam. Her husband added that the delay for the phone call put them just far enough behind the tornado that it crossed the highway before they would have driven into the danger area. "We are grateful we stopped to call home," they both concluded.

ANOTHER LOCAL RESIDENT indirectly affected by the June 8 tornado near Flint is Birmingham Fire Chief Vera W. Griffith. A day or two after the storm, he went up to his cabin north of Lapeer to see what damage—if any—had been caused. "It was busy for a while picking up all the debris the storm had deposited on the grounds," Griffith said. His cabin was about a mile north of the tornado's path, showing how far away the winds carried the debris.

CITY COMMISSIONER Dean G. Beier's proposal that the city charter be amended to permit the mayor to be paid at least \$1,000 a year still is meeting with a lukewarm reception by fellow commissioners. Monday evening Beier again brought up his proposal, made several weeks ago, but other commissioners indicated they were fearful of the idea. "If we start paying the mayor any money each week, they why not we start paying the mayor any money for his job and he'd be elected by the people?" argued Lance Minor. Beier declared the mayor is called upon to put in considerable extra time at various civic functions and on other city matters. Minor commented that other city commissioners, too, put in additional hours. Charles Renfrew said he thought any further pay for the mayor would "upset the concept of the job," that the "fine list of previous mayors have been satisfied with the present arrangement."

International Flavor Fills Garden Party

Members and friends of the International Institute will gather on the Cranbrook grounds from two through six o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 21, for the eighth annual garden party to be sponsored by the membership committee headed by Mrs. Richard Lawrence. Members of the Birmingham Junior League will assist with the arrangements, and will escort guests through the Cranbrook garden, identified by green armbands.

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Weddings, of course, should be joyous affairs for all who attend them . . . but there is a place in the hearts of a note of sadness attendant upon the ceremony—an emotional reaction over some loss like the death of a son or daughter; "birds leaving the home nest."

WITH THE Collegians

Martin S. Hanna, 1423 Buckingham road, received the bachelor of science degree at the University of Michigan on Tuesday morning, June 11.

John Edward Curley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Curley of Bedford road, received a Ph. D. magna cum laude at Duke University June 1. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, he also received the Alpha Kappa Psi scholarship award.

Richard T. Sching received a doctor of medicine degree at the University of Rochester's 103rd commencement Sunday, June 7. Dr. Rushing took his undergraduate work at Swarthmore College, receiving his B.A. in 1950.

C. Thornburn Maxwell who graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University last week was awarded the Bonhron Trophy, Princeton's highest athletic award.

Among the honor graduates at the June 13 University of Michigan commencement services was Marjorie McLean who received her bachelor of science degree in nursing. Marjorie completed a five year course taking two years in the nursing school with its sciences major literary school with its sciences major and spending the last three years in the school of nursing. In September she will join the staff at Toledo hospital as an instructor.

Stewart Scott, non-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reid of West Frank street, received his DDS degree from the University of Michigan June 13. He was a member of Psi Omega.

Margaret Ann Vose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner C. Vose of Gleaney drive, received the degree of bachelor of science degree in design from the college of architecture at the June 8 University of Michigan commencement. Margaret, president of Collegiate Sororities last year, establishing at a number of student art shows.

Joanne Spraul, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Spraul of Yorkshire road, recently won the 1956 Girls' Golf Championship at the University of Colorado where she was a sophomore.

Receiving bachelor of arts degrees from Princeton University's 205th commencement ceremonies were **Philip Rieck** of Arlington drive, and **C. T. Maxwell** of Wing Lake.

Lawrence A. Stoll, Ohio State University student, received a bachelor of science degree in optometry at commencement ceremonies in Ohio Stadium, Columbus, Ohio, June 12.

Shirley M. Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greene of Whitshire road, graduated with honor from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., on June 15. Shirley received a bachelor of arts degree. A member of Lambda Literary Club and the Homecoming Committee, she majored in art and plans to be an illustrator.

Donna Jeanne Hammill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Hammill of Vaughan road was one of 21 Christian College, Columbia, Mo., students receiving prizes in the annual commencement horse show at the College Riding Farm. Donna, on Copper Colored Gal, won third place in the amateur five-gated class.

John F. Gordon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gordon of Fairfax road, received a bachelor of arts degree at the 132nd Amherst College commencement Sunday, June 14, at Amherst, Mass. A graduate of Cranbrook school, Gordon majored in mathematics at Amherst, and was a dean's list student all seven semesters, taking the fraternity scholarship prize in his sophomore year. He was a member of W.A.M.E., the radio station, and the "Student" campus newspaper. A member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Gordon was scholastic chairman and social chairman.

Alpha Chi Omegas Held Annual Picnic June 16

The annual June picnic of the Southern Oakland County chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was held June 16 at the home of Mrs. William Gidley, 228 Washington road. Among those assisting the hostess were Mrs. Gordon Pulling and Mrs. W. W. Denson. Chapter president, Mrs. G. R. Russon, will leave this month for Banff, Canada, to attend the sorority's national convention.

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SECTION 2
Thursday, June 18, 1953

'Good Old Days' Relived By Baldwin Class of '23

An interval of 30 years has only served to mellow the voices of that old "quartette" as Baldwin High School Class of 1923 held its reunion Thursday at a dinner in the Community House.

All 1923 grads' with their wives, husbands, and friends, exchanged memories as Milt Mallender, Duke (Chaillon) Delong, Clark Hallock, and Ernie Mansfield, harmonized in "I Saw Esau," "The Old Gang of Mine," and other popular numbers of their youth.

At the piano too, was the same accompanist, Claire Gillett McQueen. Taking his hearers back to the Friday "chapel" programs Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools in those days, recited "The Wreck of the Julie Plante" flawlessly and without previous notice. His daughter Aise, was a member of the class of '23. She is now Mrs. W. V. Owens of Paris, France.

PRESENT ALSO were Mrs. White, who as Miss Chloe Hardy was class advisor for many years, and Mrs. Melvin Mart who as Miss Frieda Loomis, was instructor in domestic science. Reunion chairman "Pet" (Maurice) Pedersen was assisted by Miss Genevieve Wahl, Mark Smith,

Eleanor Rainy Mallender, Milton Mallender and William Story. Long distance graduate was Lillian Pote Carter from California. Telegrams, letters and cards were received from Thos. Campbell, Clinch Crocker, Edwin Coryell, Ronald Keady, George J. McKnight, Wilbroad Farjester, Romizer, Robert Shave, Alice Vliet Owen, Katherine Ferguson Johnson, Beryl Hayes, Pat O'Kelly, Margaret Berz O'Donnell.

Heads were bowed for several moments in prayer for classmates who had died—Colonel (B.H.) Drake, Warren (Specs) Ross, Maxine Taylor, Frances Pearsall Gillard.

COLOR SLIDES were taken by Milt Mallender which will be shown at the next reunion. Flowers for each lady and the centerpiece were arranged by Warren Reid and his wife.

Graduates who turned up Thursday evening were Florence Ringheim, Jennie Brooks Park, Weir Barkman, Charlton A. Delong, Claire Gillett McQueen, Clark Hallock, Grace Harrington, Wilson Maurice Haven, Thelma McQuar Owens, Lawrence Howe, Virginia Ship Moss, Milton Mallender, Ernest Mansfield, Jack Moore, Grace Nixon Stephens, Eunice Parks Smith, Milton Parks, Maurer A. Pederson, Lillian Pote Carter, Eleanor Rainy Mallender, Warren Reid, Lloyd N. Smith, Mark Smith, William L. Story, Genevieve Wahl.

Delta Delta Delta Ends Season At Fresco Style

Members of the evening group of the Birmingham alliance of Delta Delta Delta and their husbands will gather at six o'clock Saturday evening, June 20, at the Fair-Play road home of Mrs. and Mr. Donald G. Remp for an outdoor potluck picnic.

Assisting with this, the final meeting of the season, are a number of co-hostesses, including Mrs. Henry Dahquist and Dorothy Ray.

Osteopathic Auxiliary Installs New Officers

Mrs. G. E. Renton of Lathrup Boulevard was installed as recording secretary of the Detroit Osteopathic Women's Club at a Grosse Ile luncheon and garden party, Tuesday, June 16. Among those on hand to greet guests was Mrs. A. P. Ubrich of Sussex road.

Among those attending from the Birmingham area were Mrs. John P. Wood, and Mrs. Paul W. Gehman who played the accordion on the afternoon's program.

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