

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**THE OTHER DAY** this Wanderer, wandering down E. Maple, observed a woman operating a small four-wheeled gas buggy, behind which she was pulling one of those leather-uppers. We admire the lady's ingenuity, and offer her stunt as proof that America really is on wheels.

**IN AN ON-THE-SIDE**, philosophical discussion of the state of behaviour of modern day youth following adjournment of the board of education meeting last week, Board Treasurer Willie Groves advanced the opinion that yesterday's youth behaved no better than the youth of today. "Our standards of judging conduct are just higher today," he said. "Why, I remember when I was going to high school right here in Hill school. Our baseball team went to Farmington for a game, and with the exception of two players, the whole gang got roaring drunk on port wine. If such a thing happened today, there would be a congressional investigation."

**SHADES OF THE SECRET POLICE!** A local school official recently was telephoned by a parent in regard to disciplinary action that had been taken against his child. Noting that the caller seemed inclined to begin an argument, the schoolman refrained from becoming involved in a verbal hassle and calmly explained the matter of the disciplinary action. At the close of the conversation, the caller said, "You've been very adroit in your answers; you must have known I was having this conversation recorded."

**A PLEASANT RIDE** along some of the less-travelled roads in Bloomfield Hills was enjoyed last week by Mrs. Shelton R. Noble, of W. 13 Mile road, Southfield township. The unexpected trip came as she was on her way to attend a board meeting of the county Red Cross chapter. She encountered the barricade on W. Long Lake road (which is in the process of being widened), and I started following a car I believed knew where it was going," she explained. "I was taken on a trip over the back roads in the Hills, and soon I was lost. I managed to get back onto Woodward avenue via some roads through Kingswood." She was a bit late for the board meeting, but such is the life of any tourist—in these days of road repair crews, one never knows but what the shortest distance between two cities is the long way around.

**JUST RETURNED** from a two weeks' vacation motor trip that took her to the West Coast, Miss Harriette Pearson, of The Eccentric's production department, brought back a current copy of the Tombstone (Ariz.) Epitaph. There was a three-day annual celebration about to get under way there, so The Epitaph in several columns reprinted a few stories from its issues of the early 1880's. The stories told of lynchings and shootings in the famous Old Western town. This was the first copy of The Epitaph any Eccentric Staff member had seen, and comprised six pages. It also was noted that The Epitaph is exactly two years younger than The Eccentric.

**SPEAKING OF BURNING LEAVES** in street gutters . . . do you know that when you burn them where streets have been road-oiled, the heat destroys the oil . . . so the gravel loses its binding and when it rains the gutter water tends to erode the gutters? This is just a reminder that when you pay your dough for oiling in front of your home, burning leaves ruins the permanency of the job.

**MRS. VELMA ISLEY** has asked The Eccentric to correct an error which appeared in the Oct. 22 issue to the effect that items are rented from their sickroom cupboard. "No one is ever charged for these items," Mrs. Isley said. "We operate as a service to the community and the only requirement is a need for the help we can offer. Many people have had the idea that there was a rental for beds, chairs, crutches and other things we have on hand, but nothing could be further from the truth."

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It ought to be the constant effort of people to find a reasonable quantity and quality of joy in their lives. When a person's job becomes his sole objective, he forgets other possibilities, his job can be lifeless as a hard stone in a quarry.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## Sixth District Added to County

Addition of a sixth legislative district in Oakland County was approved by the county board of supervisors Tuesday after reviewing the findings of a reapportionment committee headed by David Levinson of Birmingham.

The special committee began study of redistricting the county shortly after voters approved the state's reapportionment in the fall elections of 1952.

The sixth district actually is a zone comprised of Ferndale, Hazel Park and Royal Oak township with a combined population of 68,411 according to the 1950 official census.

The cities of Royal Oak and Clawson which formerly were districted with Southfield township, now become a part of district five with Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge. Total population of this area was set at 60,837.

**SOUTHFIELD** township now joins the townships of Farmington, Novi, and Lyon in district four with a population of 62,291. District three includes 63,881 in Troy, Bloomfield, West Bloomfield, Commerce and Milford townships. The cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Orchard Lake and Milford are within this area.

Pontiac, as previously retained the second district with 73,681 people.



**ROGER A. YODER**, 529 N. Glenhurst, will be a member of a panel discussing "Financial, Cost and Tax Implications of Historical and Replacement Cost," before the sixth and final forum meeting of the Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants, Monday, Nov. 2, in Detroit. Yoder is secretary-treasurer as well as a director of the Detroit Steel Corporation.

Other members of the seven-man reapportionment committee were Lloyd L. Anderson, Willis M. Brewer, Orph. C. Holmes, Harry W. Horton, William Nern and Harriet Phillips.

## 3 Division Execs Get More Duties

Broadening of responsibilities for three division sales executives was announced by O. L. Wigton, general sales manager, Ford Tractor Division, Ford Motor Co.

The three men involved are James F. Pedder, Russell B. Robins, and David Meeker. Pedder, advanced from advertising and sales promotion manager to assistant general sales manager—advertising, sales promotion and dealer development will supervise the following departments: advertising, sales promotion, advertising production, sales training, consumer research, and business management.

Robins, assistant general sales manager—field activities, will be in charge of the division's regional sales offices. Meeker, assistant general sales manager—product sales and service, will supervise these departments: tractor sales, implemented sales, industrial sales, Fordson Major Diesel sales, use equipment sales, parts and service.

**Visit Former Residents.**

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marr of Fairfax road have returned from a trip to New York City and Summit, N. J., where they spent a weekend visit with Mr. and Mrs. William F. Morgan, formerly of Birmingham.

## Cranbrook Seeks Scholarship Fund

Citing 48 boys who are now attending Cranbrook School with partial scholarship aid, Harry D. Hoey, headmaster, has announced the opening of the school's annual solicitation for contributions to continue the program.

Begun seven years ago as a memorial to the Cranbrook graduates who served in World War II, hundreds of boys attend the school. Last year 678 donors gave close to \$25,000.

During the school's 26-year history, almost one-quarter of its students have received scholarship assistance.

To buy or sell a used automobile, read and use Eccentric Classified Ads.

## Red Cross Appoints Five New Volunteers

Among the five new volunteer leaders recently appointed by the Oakland county chapter, American Red Cross, are two Birmingham women.

Mrs. Grant Harold, 32210 Arlington, has been named chairman of motor service, with Mrs. Edmund Leavenworth, 1825 Pine, chairman of supplies.

Workers under Mrs. Harold's supervision provide the crew which transports other Red Cross volunteers to whatever area they are needed in.

They are also responsible for the carrying of blood donors and Red Cross supplies from place to place for general Red Cross activities or disaster calls.

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