

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**WE DON'T KNOW** what the attraction is, but at every out-door church ceremony this Wanderer has attended there has been at least one dog. Lutheran, Methodist, Catholic and Presbyterian—all have their faithful followers from the canine citizens of Birmingham. At the Presbyterian confirmation ceremony Sunday, the dogs were represented by a boxer and white cocker spaniel. Tall wagging, the little pup greeted all comers and even wandered into the structure to see that things went smoothly there. When last seen the pooch was standing at one of the doors bidding farewell to all who left at that point.

**EN ROUTE TO** the farm area to buy some apples Sunday afternoon, a Birmingham couple report seeing something which left them flabbergasted, to put it mildly. As they waited for the light at Lahser and Maple roads, they noticed two well dressed women in an expensive car deliberately dump a large grocery bag full of empty bottles onto the pavement. "We couldn't help but wonder at anyone doing such a thing. Too, all that broken glass could very easily be the contributing factor to a highway accident, possibly a fatal one," was the comment the witnesses made to this Wanderer."

**DURING** the cornerstone laying ceremonies Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor, said this was the fourth home for that group in its century-plus in Birmingham. He pointed out that the second building was erected at a cost of \$2,500 and added that that amount of money would just about cover six hours labor costs on the present structure.

**SOME PEOPLE** may be wondering why the city and the county have to tear up Maple and repave it when the street widening project comes around for construction in 1955. According to City Engineer L. R. Gare, it has to be done to get proper drainage. "Although you may not notice it, city streets must have a slight rolling effect built into them in order to provide proper drainage," he explains. "West Maple, between Linden and Cranbrook roads, is almost flat. That was all right in days of old, when Maple was 'out in the country' and could have deep drainage ditches off the shoulders. Today that drainage must be provided by street gutters and catch basins. Therefore, we now must provide some artificial dips" in the new pavement. "No one will notice them, though."

**FEW OLDESTERS** have the pep and energy of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bert Peabody, 272 Oakland. Recently J. Bert celebrated his 86th birthday and son Clyde took his parents on a motor trip. The Peabodys left their Birmingham home at 6:15 a.m. and traveled through northern Michigan on a 500-mile trip visiting old friends on the way. They returned the same day at 11:30 p.m. Most surprising was the fact that Mrs. Peabody went to Detroit the next afternoon on a shopping trip.

**IT HAS BEEN** a number of months since the Birmingham city commission has spent as long as three and three-quarters hours in its Monday night deliberations. Such was the case Monday, and it was 15 minutes to the "bewitching hour" before commissioners cleared their agenda and called it a night.

**NEW HIRSHMAN MANAGER** for Consumers Power Co., David H. Gerhardt, is negotiating for the purchase of a home in Birmingham. If they are successful, he and Mrs. Gerhardt will have temporarily living with them their daughter, Mrs. Victor Phillips, and grandson, Victor III. Mrs. Phillips' husband, an Air Force lieutenant, has been in Korea for the past six months. Since 1946, Mr. Gerhardt was Consumers' division manager in Saginaw. He recently came to Pontiac to replace David Brown, who left to accept a position with another business organization.

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# The Birmingham Eccentric



**MEMBERS OF MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE** company's Birmingham Exchange baseball team pose for the photographer after finishing a successful season in the Birmingham YMCA softball league. The trophy holders, from left to right, first row—Jack Todd, Hector Spence, Dale Blank, Noel Wilkinson, Paul Westerby. Second row—Jack Grengendach, Art Johnson, Bob White, Jim Burtraw. Third row—Chuch Snead, manager, Ray McBride, and Carl Hill. Harler McBride won 16 victories against one loss during the season. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Special Picture Display in B'ham Theater Lobby

A total of 84 photographs representing "Great Events in Motion Picture History" is currently on display in the lobby of the Birmingham Theatre.

The exhibit has been arranged in connection with the Birmingham's coming attraction, "Siam," directed by Academy Award winner George Stevens and heralded as "one of the great pictures of the screen's first half-century."

Originally built to herald the opening of "Siam" at the Michigan Theatre in Detroit, manager Richard Sklacki handled negotiations to display it in the Birmingham Theatre lobby.

Fifty years is covered by the stills which represent many "firsts" in film production. Twenty motion pictures are included in the display with four scenes representing each production. "The Birth of a Nation," "The Great Train Robbery," "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari," "What Price Glory," "The Jazz Singer," "Wings" and "Sunrise" are among those included.

A **SHORT HISTORY** depicting the birth of the motion picture and a "bill of fare" for one of the first motion programs presented by Edison's Projectoscope is shown.

The collection comprises material gathered from numerous sources including the Detroit Public Library, the New York Museum of Modern Art, and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Hollywood.

Walt Disney's two famous productions, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "Fantasia" are featured in the display. "Snow

White" was the first feature length cartoon production and "Fantasia" introduced Stereophonic Sounds. Special sections are devoted to "Going My Way," "Gone With the Wind" and the advent of sound in motion pictures.

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## Mortimer's MEN'S STYLE CENTER

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### Will Be Guest Speaker At Avarud Dinner Tuesday

When the Detroit chapter of the American Association of Social Workers honors the career of Miss Florence G. Cassidy on Sept. 29, Lee A. White of the Cranbrook Foundation's central committee will be the main speaker.

White, chairman of the national committee, United Community Services, will report on Miss Cassidy's work as secretary of the Michigan commission on displaced persons and the Michigan committee on immigration.

Miss Cassidy has been selected as the first recipient of the Award of Merit from the Detroit chapter.

### Bloomfield Twp. Police Recover Stolen Car

A car stolen in Detroit early Monday morning was recovered at Opdyke and East Square Lake roads by Bloomfield township police, according to Chief Clark Green.

A quick check to title records showed the owner of the car to be Arthur Golembewski, 6485 Craig, Detroit. Golembewski was notified and on hand to claim his automobile Tuesday noon.

### Y Plans Football Trip To Ann Arbor

A preliminary announcement indicates that Birmingham YMCA will operate a charter bus to the Michigan-Northwestern game on October 17 at Ann Arbor. Reservations, which include transportation, reserved seat, and a lunch on the bus, are being taken by the "Y."

The trip is open to both men, women, boys, and girls. Early indications point out that the 50 places will be taken up in a very short space of time.

## BIRMINGHAM Kiwanis Club Sponsoring NATIONAL KIDS' DAY

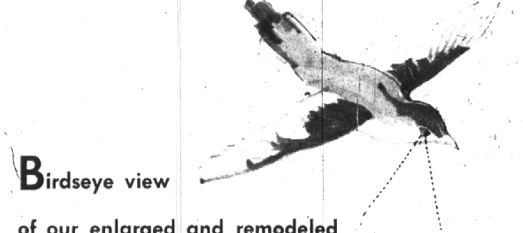


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