

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

ONE OF THIS SPRING'S loveliest sights to this Wanderer was the field of Trillium, nodding their white, three-petaled heads in the gentle breezes on a vacant lot on Wembleton. Another was the tremendous wisteria vine in bloom on the side of Mrs. Winton Kelly's porch on Westwood drive. The huge clusters of lavender flowers, most of them a foot long, hung in graceful profusion with a fragrance that was almost overpowering.

THAT THE JOB of a policeman sometimes calls for patience and understanding "above and beyond the call of duty" was borne out again last week by the experience of a Bloomfield township patrolman. A lady in the township called for police to check on a prowler in her yard. When the patrolman responded, he was somewhat dumbfounded when the lady insisted that the prowler had been trying to enter her house through the back door keyhole. Certain that the whole business could very well be attributed to "spirits", the officer tactfully suggested that the lady first lock the door, then stuff a little paper in the keyhole. The lady was overwhelmed at the wisdom of the officer and thanked him profusely as he made a hurried departure.

A DANGEROUSLY STRANGE SITUATION developed about midnight last Saturday when a local chap, who lives in the northeast section of the city, was taking a walk. At the moment he was at the corner of Worth and Hennesaw avenue, a car came along and stopped near him. Loud voices echoed through the night. . . and one of them began shouting profane words, including something about, ". . . I'll get you—you!" The pedestrian then pricked up his ears and his gait. Soon two other youngsters jumped from the car and all three made after the walker. "I knew the neighborhood well," explained the chap to this wanderer later. "I leaped over several fences and finally got away from these young boys; I'm sure they were full of liquor or maybe dope. This was my first such experience. I called the police, but they couldn't find a trace of these kids. Wonder if their parents know how they carry on."

THEY WERE WALKING along N. Woodward avenue last Saturday morning, hand in hand. . . just like a couple of newly-weds. "Isn't that a fine sight?" commented an old Birmingham resident to this Wanderer, as the couple passed. "It certainly is, my friend—especially when you realize that they have been married more than 30 years. What a fine example to show in any community!"

HARLOW N. DAVOCK, former local resident who passed on last week in Ft. Lauderdale, was a most skillful yachtsman. This Wanderer learns that last winter, while making a trip in his sleek 45-ft. sailing yacht from Birmin (55 miles south of east of Ft. Lauderdale) a sudden storm came up at midnight and broke both of the yacht's masts. Still carrying the sails, and fastened to the yacht, the heavy seas caused the spars to knock against the lee side, threatening to break the planking. After Davock fired two signal lights, a north-bound freighter came alongside his crippled ship (his small motor was of no value in the seas); an exchange of conversation between Davock and the freighter's skipper resulted in the yacht getting into the big boat's lee, and a course was steered for Port Everglades, just below Ft. Lauderdale. In this manner Davock, his wife, and another couple, were able to get into a safe harbor. Perhaps a yachtsman of less expertise than Davock would never have made it.

THIS SEASON IS USHERING in some interesting and exciting softball games. The other evening, over at the Poppleton Field diamond, two teams were playing. The centerfielder of one side caught a fly and, instead of throwing it to get a boy running from second to third, he didn't let go of the ball until he had raced past the second baseman. "Maybe I should have thrown the ball when I caught it," smiled the youngster, "but, gee! I guess I just like to run."

WITH ONLY TWO DAYS gone in this bridal month of June, The Eccentric society department already has 29 weddings on its news calendar, with 10 of them to take place in one week. Undoubtedly there will be more, as certain brides-to-be decide to have a June wedding after all.

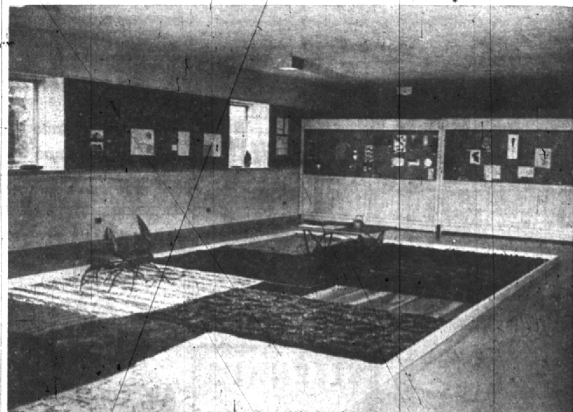
JUDGING FROM the busy signals received Sunday evening by this Wanderer, many local residents were checking on storm conditions. Numerous calls were made to the Birmingham fire department and the weather bureau. The latter finally was reached but we never did make contact with the BFD. Apparently those black clouds, the sudden downpour and the gusty winds gave a great many of our residents some uneasy moments.

THE TERRACE AREA on the Townsend street side of the Community House is taking on a new appearance for this weekend, when it will be the scene of the Terra Cotta Sculptors' first exhibition. A committee headed by Mrs. James Murphy and Mrs. John Wintringham is setting out potted plants which will provide a floral background for the material to be shown by the group's 12 members on June 5, beginning at 2 p.m.

Average human beings never attain that complete wisdom which assures them complete earthly happiness and tranquility. Always we must strive to reach higher planes. . . and we do this by meeting and solving the little problems every day of our lives.



ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE displays in the annual exhibition at the Cranbrook Academy of Art is the exhibit on planning of Marietta, Ohio, a project finished this year by students in the Academy's department of Architecture and Urban Planning. Five students visited the city and returned to the school to complete a master plan of the city, illustrating their ideas by the relief model pictured in the foreground above, charts and models of typical modern architecture suggested for use in the city. Mary Stringer, 1960 No. Glenhurst, takes a close look at the model picturing the possible future of the city's commercial and industrial section. The exhibition was designed by Theodore Ludewski.



AMONG THE MANY ROOMS filled with the efforts of art students throughout the past school year is this room exhibiting work of the school's textile department and advertising department. The carpeting and rugs in the foreground illustrate floor coverings for modern living. (Eccentric Photos).

B'ham Nine Joins Class A League

A Class A baseball team from Birmingham will play in the S.O.C. League this summer. This is the first entry in Class A play since 1948. Sponsored by the Hygrade Food company of Detroit, the team will be made up mostly of college players from the Birmingham area. The pitching staff will include Bud Erickson, Michigan State College right-hander; Ray Fracassi, Wayne University; Allen Levie, University of Michigan; Bob Newey, Williams; and Gordon Mutch, MSC.

Catchers are Jim Patterson, Williams; and Tom Holmes, infielders will be John Hatch, Williams; Don Slakini, Cranbrook; Bruce Kime and Manager Dan Newey. John Wert, Princeton; Harry Lomason, Georgia Tech; and Chris Christie of Birmingham High school will fill outfield positions. Other area boys who will see action are Jerry Wedge, Jerry Beck, Don Varshon and Bill Allen. The six team league will open

season play on Sunday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. and play all games at Memorial Field in Royal Oak. Hygrade of Birmingham will oppose Globe Gear in the first contest.

Restrict Expands

The Restrict Lumber company's Birmingham yard, 425 So. Eton, recently leased 8400 square feet of property north of its present location from the Grand Trunk Western railroad to expand storage space for stock, according to Harold Kane, Birmingham manager.

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Red Cross Still Seeking to Keep Blood Plan Going

Red Cross officials said this week that they are still trying to find a way to keep the blood program going without running the chapter into debt next year. National Red Cross and the U.S. Defense department funds are being withdrawn, it was pointed out. The blood program will cost the chapter approximately \$26,500, or \$14,000 more than the total expected income.

Harold R. Euler, chapter chairman, said a meeting had been called for June 9 in Detroit for the midwestern area Red Cross to discuss the problem.

EULER ADDED, "The area headquarters office in St. Louis has congratulated our group on bringing this problem before the public in time for people to lend us their support and backing while we try to find the answer."

Lions Club Reports On White Cane Sales

Birmingham's Lions club announced last week that their White Cane program, conducted this year through a letter campaign, personal contact and canvassers, will net about \$2,000 for their work among the blind.

Preliminary reports on the 1954 project were announced when the committee in charge met with Mark Bears, general chairman.

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