

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

WHETHER THE board of education knows it or not, this would be an ideal time for them to have the school census taken. Areas where children are a large part of the population are clearly marked. Census takers would need only to glance upward to spot them, for nearly every tree is decorated with the tattered remains of a one-gay kite.

AT THE NEW home of the First Presbyterian church, the ladies' lounge boasts a very compact kitchenette, closed from the rest of the room by attractive folding doors. This Wanderer was amused at Sunday's open house to note the number of comments from visitors who felt this system an ideal one to "hide" dinner dishes when one was preparing for an evening out and didn't want to take time to wash them.

ACCORDING TO Mrs. Vinton Birch, a number of Birmingham residents have expressed an interest in attending a March 26-27 meeting of the Michigan Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters at the Rackham building. The news release sent to The Eccentric and published two weeks ago, neglected to mention that this particular Rackham building is the one located in Ann Arbor, NOT in Detroit.

WHAT STUNTS these high school youngsters think up for pledges to their various societies! The northern end of the business section got many a chuckle last week as an earnest young lady stood in front of the Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac salesroom, shouting herself hoarse about the superior qualities of the new Ford.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in many months, the Standing Room Only sign was hung outside the Birmingham city commission room Monday night. The reason: a great many residents of the Quorton Lake Estates area were present to discuss road improvements with the commissioners. (Story on this hearing appears elsewhere in this issue.) In fact, for the first time in the eight years this Wanderer has covered commission proceedings, the floor was used as a sitting place by at least a half dozen women.

WHY SOME DRIVERS are so thoughtless this Wanderer never will know. Here's another example, witnessed at 5:30 p.m. Monday on 14 Mile at Greenfield. A man driving a late model gray Ford panel truck pulled out directly in front of us as we turned off Woodward to go west on 14 Mile, forcing us to sharply reduce speed so an accident could be averted. Then this same driver sped along west at about 30 miles an hour, pulled onto the right shoulder to pass a car waiting to turn south on Greenfield. This passing was in violation of a state law. There were puddles on this shoulder, which the truck splashed way over the sidewalk, right into the faces and onto the clothes of a grandmother who was pushing her grandchild in a stroller. The lady had to stop and wipe the mud from herself and the baby before they could proceed. This kind of motorist probably takes candy from kids, too.

SHE DID IT AGAIN. Bancroft's Return Engagement, blond cocker owned by Margaret Austin, 1773 Danbury, won another point toward her championship at the show held last weekend in Milwaukee. The 15-month-old dog took three points at the AKC show in Detroit March 6-7. "Competition was better in Milwaukee, although there were not as many entries," Mrs. Austin reported.

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Conductor checks score with Robed Choir soloists (Eccentric Photo)

'Land of Freedom' Is Theme of Tour By Robed Choir

Southfield high school's 80-voice Robed Choir will "hit the road" at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, on a 200 mile one-day tour of high schools and colleges at Hillsdale, Reading and Ypsilanti. In its appearances at the schools the choir will sing its repertoire of songs built around the theme "This Land of Freedom."
Formed two years ago, the choir is now under the direction of Don L. Blosdale, conductor and composer. It is composed of students who study together and sing together, rather, and membership is not determined by selection, Blosdale said.
Students of Southfield high school will hear a preview of the tour at a student assembly next Tuesday.

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Pollution Answer Ready for State

Birmingham's answer to the state Water Resources Commission's question of methods on abating sewage pollution of the Rouge river was approved by city commissioners Monday night who passed a resolution to be forwarded to the state body.
The cities of Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham and the townships of Southfield and Bloomfield have been directed to file plans for correction of sewage pollution with the Water Resources board by the time of the state's hearing on May 27 and 28.
The resolution included information of the city's steps in bringing Birmingham's disposal plant up to state standards and that the city will continue to cooperate in gaining information on a proposed decision on sewer to the City of Detroit, a plan that might answer the problems of all municipalities involved.
The city will hold back any definite approval to join in the inter-city pact with the other communities until all cost estimates have been determined and the city reaches a decision on the best way to meet state requirements for sewage disposal.

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So many youngsters have expressed an interest in football that this program is being repeated for all. Group singing and refreshments will round out the evening. For further details telephone the Y.M.C.A.

Plan Good Friday Breakfast at YMCA

The Birmingham Y.M.C.A. will hold its annual Good Friday breakfast on April 16 at the "Y" House, 400 East Lincoln, at 9 a.m. Reservations for 45 boys and girls will be accepted for the breakfast and a program of religious music and films.
To be shown are the 16mm sound films, "Trial Before Pilate" and "The Crucifixion." The price of the breakfast includes the program. Reservations are now being taken by the Y.M.C.A.

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