BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

ROLAND JOINES of Birmingham, England, who visited his brother Frank Joines of South Millerway, Gilbert Lake, this summer, enjoyed The Birmingham Eccentric so much during his visit here, that this week he requested a subscription be forwarded to his home in England.

A CALLER, who asked to remain anonymous, made an observation this week, which perhaps not original, fits the Christmas season (or any other season for that matter): "If more people would spend more time on their knees praying to God, there would be a lot less time spent on the couch talking to the pyschiatrist."

SCANNING THE NEW Birmingham phone book's yellow pages the other day, this Wanderer came across a listing under "Township Government: Bloomfield township," which went on to give office and fire department numbers—something that any reader can get by laying the book flat and turning the cover to the first printed page. Just wondering how many people are going to look for the township government number in the yellow pages?

A CERTAIN HOME in Birmingham's northeast section possesses a dog. In cold weather, especially nights, this dog is kept in the garage, instead of his own doghouse. The other day the lady of the house put the canine in the garage at mid-day, and then pinned a note on the front of the garage door that read like this: "BEE WEAR! DAWG INN SIDE." (Several youngsters in the neighborhood read the notice; although in early school grades, they exclaimed: "Them people can't spell very good, can they?" (The lady was merely joking . . . for prior to her marriage she was an English teacher in a Detroit high school.)

WE ASKED OUR CARTOONIST to give us a Christmas preparation scene of the activity that is about to get underway in many Birmingham neighborhoods. He came up with the following, but he didn't tell us what neighborhood he used as a model. Perhaps that is as it should be . . . after all, his assignment was to be typical. See if you can recognize yourself or a neighbor in it:

WHEN SAM REEVES, 6425 Golfview, took his family to the local theater, they paused at the candy counter where two small girls also were eyeing the merchandise. Reeves heard one of them say, ". . . but that will cost a dime more, and we don't have it, remember." Reeves politely offered a dime to the girls, who accepted it after some hesitation. "Several days later I was walking at the Maple-Woodward intersection when I was about to pass a woman and her little girl," related Reeves. The little girl stopped, pointed at me, and said to her mother, 'Mommie, I owe that man a dime—he gave it to me so I could buy some candy at the show the other night!' I had never expected to see the youngster again—but here she was. And she had her mother give me back the dime . . . she wouldn't let me say no."

THINGS GOT MIXED UP a bit in the new Birmingham phone book, now being delivered to customers. So Fire Chief Park Smith has enlisted the aid of this Wanderer. We both agreed it might be advisable if you clipped out the box at right and pasted it on Page One of your new phone book where it says: "My FIRE Department Number". The box lists the business phones of the two fire stations, while the phone book listing accidentally gives the municipal building switchboard, from which the call must be relayed.

B'HAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS

MIdwest 4-1616

Business Phones:

Adams Station—MI 6-1127

Chesterfield Station—MI 6-2977

(Fire Chief and Fire Marshal offices at the Chesterfield station)

SEVERAL HUNDRED LOCAL and nearby "addicts" of trout and salmon fishing were guests of Max Broock, Inc., local realtors, when Fred Pew and Ferd M. Broock showed them colored movies and stills of salmon fishing on the famous Mirammichi River, of New Brunswick. Pew narrated the picture, at the Community House the evening of Dec. 7. The fishing trip was made last September, and included in the party were Pew, Ned Jewett, Paul Cardell, Arthur Albright, Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Young and their sons, Jack and Paul Jr., of Detroit. Following the pictures, several men and women guests told of their fishing exploits. "And I'd like everybody to know that no one, at this affair, spoke anything but the absolute and complete truth about his fishing experiences and achievements," declared Fred Pew at the conclusion of the meeting.

IT APPEARS THAT Southfield firemen, at least at Station No. 1, could use the feminine touch in the kitchen. Cook First Class George Young (since demoted to second class) assisted by Matthew Mackenzie last week allowed their noon meal to bubble over the fryer, spilling grease over the counter and causing a dash for catch basins. Fire Capt. Joseph Desnovers said the two have since been put in charge of keeping each other busy cleaning equipment.

SOUTHFIELD KIWANIS PRESIDENT, Tom Myers, perked up attendance to the club's annual Ladies' Night by telling a story with a moral. "Once upon a time," President Tom related, "a Kiwanian went to a Ladies' Night affair and forgot to tell his wife. She didn't speak to him for six months and fed him hash, stale bread and poisonous tasting coffee for this entire period. He still is only a shadow of his former self." We understand attendance was high at this year's Ladies' Night.

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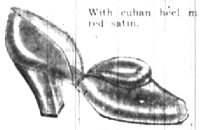

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B'ham Servicemen Complete Course

Two Birmingham servicemen recently completed the 12-week radio communications course at Fort Knox, Ky.

One of them, Pvt. Arthur R. Fairbanks, is the son of Mrs. Julia M. Fairbanks, 1616 Graefield road, Birmingham. He was a 1955 graduate from University of Michigan and a member of Chi Psi fraternity.

Pvt. Roger Jackson, son of George Jackson, 543 Watkins, Birmingham, is the other. Pvt. Jackson's wife, Marjorie, lives in Wakefield, Mass. He is a 1954 graduate of Wayne University, Detroit.

New Wrigley Store Will Open Jan. 10

Wrigley's new super-market on Hunter Blvd., Birmingham will open around Jan. 10, according to latest reports.

The new store, which will replace the present Wrigley market at 635 S. Woodward, will have 16,000 sq.ft. of sales area and all the newest equipment to serve the customers.

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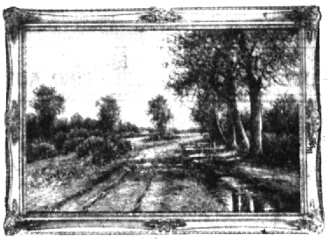

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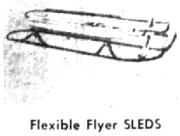

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