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THERE LIVES WITHIN easy hailing distance of nearby Vaughan school a Bloomfield Hills family that, this column learns, owns two beautiful Boxer canines, one a lady and the other a gentleman . . or at least so at times. The male, although unable to read or write or even vote, has acquired a terrific interest in political affairs . . and to say the least, this Boxer is violently partisan, too. It is said that if you say to this quadruped: "You are a Democrat!", he will fly into such a temper and tantrum that it takes 15 minutes to quiet him down. This, we repeat, is what is said about this Boxer. The lady Boxer, however, appears to have little interest in politics; she always is a lady!

BEN HARDESTY, NATIONAL CHAMPION bait and fly DAMPENII. NATIONAL CHAMPION bait and fly ceuracy caster, is only 26 years old, was born and raised in letroit, and attributes his love for, and prowess in, casting o his father, whose love of angling has descended to the econd generation. Ben, who gives talks and casting exhibitions all over-the nation, is now building a new home at earby Gilbert Lake, and expects to be in it with his family within the fast two months. Gilbert Lake is reported curently to contain many fish; what impact Ben may have upon in the future is not known. Norman Rowe, another angling dilbert Laker, may be asked to look into the subject.

IF ANYONE ASKED B'ham City Manager D. C. Egbert the question Monday: "How are you today, Don?", the reply might have been: "Pretty good—but one year older." Because Monday was Egbert's 52nd birthday—although he tried to observe it as just another day in his life.

Mompsy the cat soon may be a mother, and the Harold F. Greenwood family hopes they can find poor lost pussy before the kittens come. Mompsy sneaked a ride in the family car, the other day, but leaped from her hiding place under the hood at the Standard station at Adams and Maple. When last seen the gray-calico cat was scampering across Maple. The Greenwoods and their five children are waiting for kitty's return at 2209 Windemere.

GENEVIEVE MAXWELL, former Wing Laker who now is society editor of the Daily Star, Beirut, Lebanon, presently is busying herself with a program to invite mayors of all communities in the United States with the same of Lebanon to visit the middle east country March 1-15. Her idea to publicize Lebanon was followed avidly by that nation's tourist council and official invitations to the mayors here have already been placed in the mails according to Mrs. Maxwell.

WHETHER IT IS COINCIDENCE or a precocious interest in a subject that should be of future importance, the fact remains that the door to the pool at Barnum school no longer reads "Swimming". Some student has scratched out the first and last letters.

INQUISITIVELY, FOUR-YEAR-OLD Peggy INQUISITIVELY, FOUR-YEAR-OLD Beggy Valenty pushed a finger through a small opening in a large metal disk she had discovered near her home at 2695 Yorkshire. When it came time to pull it out, the finger remained firmly wedged in the hole, anchoring the child to the spot. Hearing her cries, her mother, Mrs. Joseph Valenti, rushed to the scene, and in vain attempted to extricate the imprisoned digit. Only after a call to the fire department was the child freed, with Fire Marshal George Scott performing the operation with the aid of a little lubrication.

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