

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

TALL SUNFLOWER CONTESTS are perennial with The Eccentric, but it has never gotten into a "castor bean controversy." However, Mrs. Henry Pabian and her neighbors on Graefield road claim their castor bean plants much larger than any of those written up in a Detroit newspaper. Many of our leaves measure 36 inches across and some of the plants are nine and ten feet high.

IN AN AUTOMOTIVE world, there's nothing as interesting as a new car when it has just been released. Such was the case of a Mark II, new continental parked at its owner's driveway at a local restaurant, Monday noon. At least 30 met the sleek-lined, almost-chromeless car in 15 minutes time.

THE \$250,000 home is not a thing of the past, as many think. According to a current Fortune magazine article, there are more than one would think who are building these costly homes, several being in our own area. Cited in the article was the L. Clifford Goad home on Lone Pine road, designed by Hugh Keyes, and the Stanley A. Carter residence, also on Lone Pine, designed by G. J. Hanniken.

THE GERALD C. JOYNT family on Smallwood drive have a mixed-up Siamese kitten answering to the name of Tam Too. He has assumed full responsibility in the raising of two toy terrier puppies given to the Joynt children. Tom Too is taking his foster-mothering very seriously.

NEW TABLE MICROPHONES for use of Birmingham city commissioners were put to the first test Monday night. After the city had spent more than \$900 for the installation, only Mayor Charles Renfrew, City Manager Don Egbert and Police Chief Moxley got close enough to the mikes to see how the \$900 system worked. Other commissioners said they would like to have a few more nights to get used to the idea.

THE DICK RAYMANNS of Lahser road had a difficult time getting up to the Toronto wedding of one of Mrs. Raymann's friends. Heavy rain water almost destroyed the wedding present stored in the car; a sleek accelerator almost caused a tangle with a cow; and a pair of cuff links badly needed for that wedding, were left home in a bureau drawer.

THE J. EARL BROWNS of Quarton road; this week plan to go bird hunting up near Lewiston. They will go, that is, if "Gunnar the Hunter" can possibly make it. Gunnar, the Brown's mascot, enjoys excellent health most of the year. But with the approach of the hunting season (and he is aware of this date with unerring instinct), Gunnar just never seems to be his old self. In fact, he is beset by all kinds of maladies that shouldn't happen to a dog. This "net" is pulled with such timeliness each year, the Browns feel this must be some kind of canine mulin.

BROADWAY SINGING STAR Vic Clarke surprised Kingsley Inn guests Saturday night with a few favorite songs from some of the road shows he's been in ("Carrousel", "Clays and Dolls", "Wonderful Town"). He was there to see owner Nick Takis regarding an engagement of the two agreed on when they met while Takis was on vacation in Bermuda. Clarke started this week on an extended engagement at Takis' Old Wayne Club in Detroit.

With the advent of color telecasting in Detroit this weekend, Gilbert Lake residents with TV color sets were having neighbors in for a peek at programs dressed up in beautiful hues. Mrs. John Gordon of Lahser road had a group in to see the last of the world series games. The Gordon guests were served hot dogs and peanuts to give the proper atmosphere.

EDWARD BUSCH, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Busch, Bloomfield Village, long will remember the rummage sale at Birmingham Congregational church last week. Returning to claim his new fall jacket he had forgotten in church a few days before, he found it had been mistaken for merchandise and sold.

ALTHOUGH REHEARSALS with the 22-member all-male cast of "Stalag 17" have been going on for some time now at the Birmingham Village Players, there has been little incident to mar the workman-like atmosphere until—last week the cast was requested to don costumes. Well, it doesn't tax the imagination to appreciate the shattering hilarity that ensued as, one by one, they

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emerged from the darker corners of the playhouse, clad only in longies? Thus clad, as they will be on performance nights, Oct. 21, 22 and Oct. 28, 29—just normal masculine vanity has added high resolve to count calories and build the body beautiful along with usual labor of learning lines. The war may be over but the Battle of the Bulge goes on and on.

WE GOOFED and we are sorry! Last week we quoted the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer as saying his church, Redeemer Lutheran, was getting ready to inaugurate a duplicate service each Sunday morning. We should have added one—this church has had the two-service schedule for several years and faces a THREE-service program to adequately serve the membership.

NOT EVERYONE has a poetic reaction to progress. But Louise R. Whiteman, 451 E. 14 Mile, was moved to pen a few lines as she watched the peaceful woods across from her home make way for the modern.

There used to be a lovely wood
Across the busy street
But now I see a water tank
Built up a thousand feet
If this is progress, I'll abide
By all the rules that be,
But how I miss the lovely wood
That I was wont to see.

IT WAS DIFFICULT to determine whether clerks at the Birmingham voting station (Southfield's 13 Mile fire station) were more pleased with the shutout their fellow voters scored in approving the charter, 99-0, to give their community official village status, or whether they were happier with the Dodgers' victory over the Yankees, 2-0. The gals divided their time between passing out ballots and watching the game on the firemen's TV set. (They made more noise watching the baseball game, if that's any indication.)

THERE SHOULD be no members of Birmingham High Twelve unable to find his way around town in the future. When the group met last week, about 90 of them, each man had at his plate a map of the City of Birmingham, courtesy of John Maynard. Nice idea for any club welcoming a new member who's a stranger to the city.

LITTLE DID WILLIAM G. GRAY, 2083 Sheffield, Birmingham, realize that so much fuss would be made simply by taking out an insurance policy for his 1952 auto. But he was the three-millionth policyholder of the All-State insurance company. The day he took out the policy, the Detroit branch of office was commemorating its tenth anniversary. So Gray suddenly became the buffet luncheon guest. Later he was the honor guest at a dinner attended by the company's top officials from the state and midwest. To top it off, he was given a choice of any home appliance he desired. Here is where Mrs. Gray took over. She chose a refrigerator-freezer combination, which is "just wonderful," she said.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY at the new Bloomfield Hills high school got initiated to their new locale in somewhat an undesirable manner last week. During the two-day rainy spell, the walking zones and parking lot at the high school became a quagmire. Cars sank past hub cap level and for many it was the first mud pack they ever had (on their feet, no less). One young coed wasn't too concerned over her mud-packed shoes and stockings. But "Oh dear, my hair is a mess," she said. Fortunately, work is progressing rapidly to complete the sidewalks and the parking area at the school.

Seek Broadening Of Benefits to City Employees

Sometime in January, Birmingham city employees will ballot on whether they want their city retirement system coordinated with the federal social security system. If that vote is affirmative, the city commission will place before voters next April 2 a charter amendment permitting the new plan.

Exact date of the January balloting is being determined by the city retirement board. At the present time Birmingham's own retirement system built up gradually by a contribution of five per cent of the city's total annual payroll, paid by employees. The city treasury also pays an approximately eight per cent of the same payroll into this fund. Currently, the city's share amounts to \$68,811 annually.

UNDER THE proposed addition of the federal Social Security plan, the city's total annual share, currently, will amount to \$68,065, according to figures furnished. The Eccentric this week by Russell T. Berger, city treasurer.

This means the cost to Birmingham taxpayers will be slightly less than the amount paid into the local retirement plan fund. The only upward change in either of the two plans would be a change by Congress from the nine per cent of payroll now paid by both the employer and the employee. This always is a possibility, within the political caprice of Congress.

THE FIVE per cent now paid by employees into the Birmingham retirement fund, if the federal plan is added, will drop to three per cent, and the reduced two per cent will then go into the federal plan. Birmingham's city contribution into the local system, on the other hand, will be reduced to 6.75 per cent for the first \$1,200 salary, paid each employee, and all over this amount would be paid for at 8.41 per cent.

SHOULD THE employees and voters approve the addition of the federal system to the already existing local system, all city employees except police and firemen would be included, which currently is 106 people. "Police and firemen don't want to be included in the proposed added federal system because, in their case, they believe themselves better off under the existing retirement system," stated Berger. "The reason why the other city employees are willing to accept the federal system is that, for each dollar paid in as premiums, they will get more retirement compensation than the Birmingham plan provides."

Professional Zone Up for More Review

A new zoning classification, which the Birmingham city commission wants to adopt as soon as possible, is going to get another review Oct. 18 by the city plan board.

The new zoning would create a professional building class, and build some several situations the commission has been trying to hold off till the amendment can be passed.

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