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Named to JA Posts

S. French, Ford Motor Co. group executive was elected vice-president of Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, Inc., at the organization's annual corporation meeting at JA headquarters in Detroit July 24. French lives at 3755 Lahser, Bloomfield Hills. James M. Roche, 425 Dunston, Bloomfield Hills, general manager of Cadillac motor car division and a vice-president of General Motors, was elected to the JA board of directors at the July meeting.



WANNA SMILE A BIT? Then read Dudley M. Carson's humorous treatment of the famous Averill-Carson trout fishing trip to the northwest, in GRA's "This & That" column on page 1-A. Carson, formerly a feature writer and reporter on the old Detroit Journal (now absorbed by The News), possesses the literary ability to exaggerate a fact within reasonable confines of the truth... if this is possible.

AN EXAMPLE of the diversification of our area was reflected in the sale of two homes by the Max Brook organization last week. In one day, the firm sold a charming little one-bedroom home on Webster for \$5,000 and also a home on Tottenham Rd. for \$110,000. Both have been advertised in the Eccentric.

MANY READERS have commented on the "nudity" of E. Maple, between Hunter Blvd. and Adams, since the city has cut down the old trees that formerly arched over it, preparatory to widening the pavement. "Looks just like old tree-lined Woodward Ave. did 30 years ago, when the State cut down the stately trees and widened it 'in the name of progress'", once local "old-timer" was overheard saying by this Wanderer.

BIRMINGHAM'S water consumption reached a new high for the year July 31, but the record didn't stand for long. The next day—Aug. 1—saw a second new high for the city. The July 31 consumption was 5,158,896 gallons, all from SEOCWA. The total the next day, from both the authority and city sources, hit 5,569,903 gallons, more than 71,000 gallons over the previous day.

MORE THAN 100 local citizens, residents of Quarton Lake estates and the general northwest area of Birmingham, appeared before the city commission Monday night, to a hearing on the installation of several trunk line sewers. For more than two hours a lively discussion of the problem took place between audience members and city officials. Chief request from the citizens was the need for further proof of necessity for inclusion of the large assessment area involved, which was promised when the next public hearing, on actual assessment for each trunk line district is made up by the city assessor. This Wanderer has observed similar meetings for more than a score of years, and noted that this one revealed a very high level of discussion between citizens and officials. Properly, the citizens had adopted an attitude of "show me the need and I'll be glad to pay my share."

Eric is lost, a family reported to Birmingham police. But they knew of a distinguishing feature which would help police identify their boxer dog. Eric, they explained, doesn't wag his tail from side to side—he wags it up and down.

Birmingham is represented among the 153 University of Michigan students who, during the 1956-57 spring semester, received no grade below "A" for 12 or more hours of credit. The local student who so distinguished himself is Ross Daniel Fletcher, 612 Mohegan.

"HE WAS GOING along at a pretty good clip, and he looked pretty worried when I motioned him to pull over to the side of the road," said Birmingham Patrolman Richard Thomason. He was describing an incident Monday morning in which Birmingham police helped a Highland Park housewife who has a forgetful husband. The woman discovered her husband had left home only a few minutes before without what she described as "important material." She knew he was driving north via Woodward. She called Birmingham police, asking them to watch out for the red Buick, and giving them the license number. A few minutes later, Thomason spotted the car. Said Thomason, "He looked relieved when I told him to go back home because he had forgotten something."

"I HAD MIXED emotions when we considered discontinuing the annual Halloween party," said Postmaster Roland W. Reese, who has directed the centralized Halloween entertainment of thousands of children for the past 21 years. Claims Reese, "I think I'd enjoy watching the parade myself for once!"

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SPENCE, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Main, all of the Birmingham area, attended a Lions' International convention in San Francisco June 26-29 and from there they flew to Hawaii for visits with Lions' clubs on the islands. "At every airport we were given a kiss and a lei," said Main. "We visited almost every Lions club in Hawaii except one in a leper colony."

IT WAS JUST ABOUT a year ago that Birmingham's Ralph A. Main, then county drain commissioner, proposed that a county DPW department be established by State legislature to combat intra-city problems. At an Aug. 2 meeting with Oakland county supervisor's Ways and Means committee, Drains committee and the Detroit Builders' Association, Main sketched the DPW plan. Where normally such action would take much debate and years of delay, Main's plan won quick acceptance and within a year has become an established fact.

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