BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

MAIL CAME FROM FLORIDA last week, all the letters reporting the news and sending clippings about Birmingham's Good Samaritan, James Woolhouse. One letter came from Birmingham people who were vacationing in Florida. Another was from R. E. Bass, of Winter Haven, former Birmingham resident who subscribes the The Eccentric and wrote, "Surely the folks back home should know of Mr. Woolhouse's good deed," One total stranger, an Orlando woman, wrote to say, "I was so impressed with these articles that I thought I'd like to pass them on to you."

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IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING on ornamental standards has been approved for Maple between Hunter and Adams. The improvement will be made along with the street's widening to 45 feet this coming summer.

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BIRMINGHAM also will contribute greatly to next fall's United Foundation Torch Drive in western Wayne county. We're loaning them Henry J. Beam, 331 Larchlea, Birmingham, has been named vice chairman of that western Wayne region.

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A frantic mother who had lost her three-year-old called Birmingham police recently. They helped Mrs. Harry E. Bagnall locate Robert, and no one knows how he got where they found him. Even Robert. He lives near Lincoln at 1542 Southfield. Somehow he wandered across Southfield, then across Maple, and down to Redeemer Lutheran church, where he attends the West Maple nursery school three days a week. When he arrived at 10:15 a.m., nursery director Mrs. Ted Wuggazer said, he looked exhausted, but very happy, to see the children playing outdoors. Soon after his mother and the policeman arrived, took the tired little traveler back home—it wasn't his day to go to nursery school.

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BIRMINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL'S graduating seniors have been promised by the building contractor that they will get a swim in the new indoor-outdoor pool before they graduate.

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TO HELP PEDESTRIANS trying to negotiate a Woodward avenue crossing at Willits street, Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said he'd study the advisability of installing a crosswalk on the south side of the intersection. To be legal, pedestrians now must go to the north side of Willits-Oakland for a crossing in a marked area.

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IT WAS A SURE THING that Pete Brink would be elected president of Birmingham high school's Student Congress Monday. No one would run against him, according to student counselor Mrs. Carol Darling. Kids reasoned that Pete was so popular he was sure to be elected, Mrs. Darling explained. Tom Fontaine was named vice president; Julie Hooper, secretary, ahd Punch LeMessurier, treasurer.

ON THE EVE of retirement, D. T. Stanton, 815 Mohegan, Birmingham, poses with a 1917 Dodge, built two years after he began his career at Dodge. The sales executive ends his 41 years of service to Dodge May 31..

Joined Dodge in 1915, Retiring May 31, '57

DETROIT—Donald T. Stanton—who can boast personal acquaintance with thousands of Dodge dealers—sat between two neat, table-type desks, one facing a doorway which opens into the long hallway running the length of the second floor of Dodge Main, the other facing a window overlooking the engine line, and remarked that he had plenty of time.

"It hasn't always been like this," he said.

In anticipation of his retirement May 31, the senior aide to sales vice-president, L. F. Desmond, had shed many of the duties and responsibilities accumulated through his 41 years with Dodge.

"Got to be done that way," he explained. "Can't just walk out the door after 41 years and expect someone else to pick up the pieces. Change is a part of growth and evolution, but it's got to be orderly."

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Among the changes which came was his appointment in 1922 as the first used car representative of any automobile company to travel the nation, advising dealers on how to handle the growing used car market.

Stanton then became field representative (now district manager) for Omaha, and similar assignments followed in Chicago and Detroit, before taking over as district representative (regional manager) in Greensboro, N. C., on Jan. 1, 1924.

"I'll never forget the first dealer I called on down there," he said. "I sat down and we talked for an hour or so, and then I told him I'd be going, but to be sure and get in touch with me if I could help him in any way. I've never seen such a surprised man in my life.

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"He said the last representative had told him, 'You run this business the way I want it run, or you won't be running it long'.

"Well, I never believed in that sort of approach," Stanton said. "A dealer's business is his own, and the main thing I was there for was to help him over any tough spots if I could."

That philosophy has been very rewarding personally, Stanton said. He has met nearly every Dodge dealer in the country, and counts many of them among his closest personal friends. "In fact," he said, "if I have one regret about leaving Dodge—and I mean this sincerely—it is that I haven't had the time to see them as often as I would have liked."

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From Greensboro, Stanton went on to Cleveland and Detroit, returning to Detroit in 1926 as director of export sales.

"To show you how fast I was moving," he recalled, "we had leases on four houses in four different cities, and never even had a chance to live in the one in Cleveland."

"Over a number of years, I've made many friends among our dealers," Stanton said. "They have produced many good ideas which we have passed on to other dealers for mutual benefit.

"I just drop in and they tell me what they're working on to build sales. If what they're doing proves successful, I know I've got something good for the other dealers I visit. We just swap notes and more often than not we come up with something."

Two years ago he returned to desk work as sales agreement manager, and last year received his promotion to the staff of the vice-president in charge of sales, from which position he retires May 31.

"Right now I'm just going to take a long vacation," he said, "and then I'll make my plans for the future."

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The Stanton home at 815 Mohegan in Birmingham, Mich., where they have lived since 1927, will serve as a base of operations for travels to their cottage on Lake Huron, and for winter jaunts to Florida.

"There are so many memories crowded into those 41 years, I may just sit back and do some remembering," he said.

Chances are better, however, that the man who has watched Dodge grow through boom and bust, through the Mexican border campaigns of 1916 and two World Wars, never will be far from the company, the dealers and friends he served.

Cranbrook Art Academy to Grant Degrees to 45

CRANBROOK—Degrees will be awarded to 45 Cranbrook Academy of Art students at commencement exercises Friday afternoon, May 31, director of the Academy Zoltan Sepeshy has announced.

Principal speaker will be Wilhelmus B. Bryan, director of the Minneapolis School of Art.

Bachelor of fine arts degrees will be granted to nine students, master of fine arts degrees to 28, and master of architecture to eight.

A dinner for the entire student body and faculty will be held in Cranbrook House, followed by a preview of the annual student exhibition in the Galleries of Cranbrook Academy of Art. The exhibition will open to the public the following day, June 1, and remain open daily, except Mondays, from 2 to 5 p.m. throughout the summer.

A Lifetime Member

Dr. Marcus W. Frost, 1226 Henrietta, Birmingham, was honored last week by the Detroit district dental society. He received a life membership plaque at the annual dinner. He is a University of Michigan graduate, has been practicing since 1927.

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Progressive Dinner Party Ends Beta Sigma Phi Year

The Birmingham chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority made its closing party of the year a progressive dinner.

Mrs. Roger Cleary of Witherbee road entertained the membership in her home prior to the dinner for cocktails and hor d'ouvres.

Mrs. Hugh Gollogly of Witherbee road was the hostess for the entree. She chose the sorority flower, yellow roses, for her centerpiece.

Dessert and coffee was served by another member in the Troyton Manor area, Mrs. Frank Barnes, of Brooklawn road.

Some of the members attending the affair were Mrs. James Bolmer, Mrs. Stanley Crego, Mrs. James Carey, Mrs. Robert Gorvoda, Mrs. Lee Griffith, Mrs. Stewart Hansen, Mrs. Ted Sura and Miss Dottie Smith.

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Celebrating her eleventh birthday recently was Miss Patricia Varga. Those participating in the happy occasion were the Misses Judy Miller, Diane Leathers, Susan Adams, Susan Coulson, Susan Horning, Cheryl Roody, Wendy Stephens, Jane Somgyi, a cousin of the guest of honor, Carol Vander Roset, Barbara Reid and Andrea Tiry.

The girls enjoyed playing various games before the decorative birthday cake and ice cream was served.

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Mr. and Mrs. James T. Shannon and children Jacquelynn and Nancy motored to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio where they visited Mrs. Shannon's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Timms, and daughter Cheryl.

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Lainie Collawm celebrated her sixth birthday on May 20 by entertaining some of her classmates from Pembroke school. Lainie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Collawn, 926 Norwich road, Troyton Manor.

Joining in on the festivities were Sally Reid, Jimmie Morgan, Jamie Hogan, George Whitehead, Christine Watson, Mary Kay Riccardo, Bruce Winfield, Karen Nanry, Carol Thoms, Martha Straub, Jimmie McClutcheon, Daphne McPartlin and Judy Gasling.

With the assistance of Mrs. William Morgan, Mrs. Collawn served birthday cake and ice cream.

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Recently returned from the south are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Haefner of 1702 Graefield road. Along with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Cooper of Grosse Pointe Farms, they spent three weeks enjoying the sun and water at Delray Beach, Fla.

While there, they visited Mrs. Haefner's sister, Jean Cooper, at Florida Southern college in Lakeland.

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Mrs. Walter Ekberg of 918 Brooklawn road, Troyton Manor, was hostess at a luncheon-baby shower in her home for Mrs. Garth Hawley, also of Brooklawn road.

Seated at the pink and blue decorated table were Mrs. Clyde Mulhern, Mrs. Phil Klintworth, Mrs. Harry Lippard, Mrs. Maurice Reardon, Mrs. Irene Norris, Mrs. Dale Smith and Mrs. Le Grand Terry.

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The Troyton Manor extension group met at the home of Mrs. Anson, Hedgecock.

Vacations for the family was the lesson presented by Mrs. Hedgecock and Mrs. Franklin Bens. The members were supplied with maps and literature on vacations in Michigan, also some timely tips on how to pack and how to travel with small children. Three films were presented by Mr. Richard Spaulding to supplement the lesson. One was on Sun Valley, another on Yellowstone national park and one on Michigan.

A very brief discussion replaced the usual business meeting and it was decided that the next meeting should be a pot-luck dinner on the patio at the home of Mrs. Franklin Bens.

Co-hostess for the evening was Mrs. Seeburger.

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A farewell dinner was held recently by Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Gobeske of 1433 Wrenwood road for Mr. and Mrs. George Stookey who have been transferred to Philadelphia, Pa.

Others attending the dinner and bridge were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Mandel. The four women have been actively participating in a weekly bridge together and thus included the husbands for an after dinner two-table game.

Newcomers to Troyton Manor are Mr. and Mrs. Granville Barker and year and a half-old son, Robbie, who moved recently from the Graefield Terraces to 931 Brooklawn road.

Mr. Barker is a sales representative for Therm-O-Disc Co. He attended Washington and Jefferson college in Pennsylvania and graduated from the University of Kentucky where he was affiliated with the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Mrs. Barker is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan university in Delaware, Ohio, with a teaching degree after attending Stephens college in Missouri. She was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

Both enjoy bridge as an evening pastime and Mr. Barker will try to get some golf in during the summer.

To see the new house and help Mrs. Barker organize their things, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland C. Korb, of Norwalk, Ohio, visited for a few days.

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Having just returned from a most interesting honeymoon in Mexico City and sunny Acapulco, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Stanton have taken up residence at 1692 Graefield road.

While away, the couple enjoyed various highlights of a motor trip to Texas where they boarded a plane for the remainder of the way. A bull fight was especially interesting to watch and seeing the cliff divers plunge from heights of 135 feet into shallow water was breathtaking.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton are from Chicago and met at the University of Illinois where he was affiliated with the Phi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Mr. Stanton is a sales engineer for Vickers, Inc., in Royal Oak.

Both especially enjoy listening to good music and various outdoor sports.

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A post-luck barbecue dinner was held last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Urquhart of 1041 Norwich road.

Included in the festivities were some of the Norwich neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Teegarden, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Neiger, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Straub, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miner and Mr. and Mrs. George Roebuck.

The theme of the gathering was costumes representing their "hidden desires". After the chicken roast, the group went inside for dancing.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Whitehead, 855 Norwich road, Troyton Manor, proudly welcomed their first daughter, Susan Margaret, who weighed in at St. Joseph's hospital in Pontiac at four pounds, 15 ounces May 16 at 9:28 p.m.

Looking forward to Susan's arrival at home are brothers George, who is seven-years-old, and Robert, who is three and one half-years-old. Mrs. Whitehead's mother, Mrs. A. W. Lindholm, from Flint, is here to help and also see her new granddaughter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Guy D. Hitt, of 1921 Graefield road, were visited over the week-end by Mr. Hitt's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lloyd Hanes from Nashville, Tenn.

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Mrs. Richard Chapman with children Vicki, two and one half-years-old and Stephen, three and one-half, have moved recently to 1650 Graefield road awaiting the return of Mr. Chapman who is in the armed services in Korea. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chapman attended Michigan State university.

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