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February is the month of Lincoln, who observed that "Honest statesmanship is the wise employment of individual meannesses for the public good." Then we have Valentine's Day and, as Longfellow expressed it, "Love gives itself; it is not bought--". Of course, we remember Washington and the cherry tree, as related by Parson Weems, "He bravely cried out, 'I can't tell a lie, Pa; you know I can't tell a lie. I did cut it with my hatchet.'"

In this election year, truth must be discovered. Emerson said "The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I want to express my appreciation to the Past Presidents, Vern Bryant, John Daneke, John Gates, and Geoffrey Whittaker, for providing us with outstanding programs for the month of January.

Roy Thurman, Vice-President (in charge of programs), has been working diligently to secure "Leaders" and arrange programs for the remainder of the year. We both appreciate the cooperation of those who have agreed to help.

Harold Simms

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FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Wilfred T. Hanlon - Chairman

Feb. 4 - Bell Telephone Co. ----- Film - "Silent World" (Story of laying a cable across the ocean floor. Mary Ellen Crow, speaker.

Feb. 11 - Internal Revenue Service--"New Aspects of 1971 Tax Application"  
Mr. T. Wycihowski, speaker.

Feb. 18 - Michigan Blue Shield ---- "National Health Insurance"  
Mr. S. Antonczak, speaker.

Feb. 25.- Mr. Russell Barnes ----- "China"

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GUESTS

Jan. 7 - Jim Phillips, Montgomery McGrath, Henry Wholilan, Charles Buck - sponsored by Bob Peck.

Jan. 14 - Joe Felts - sponsored by Phil Pretz.  
John Hoffman - sponsored by Tom Miller.

Jan. 21 - Charles Boos - sponsored by Paul Fisher  
Phil Regan - sponsored by Harold Simms.

NEW MEMBERS

- Jan. 7 - Bert Brandt - 1111 N. Woodward, Apt. A, Birmingham 48009  
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• Phillip Satterwaite - 1347 Yorkshire Rd., Birmingham 48008  
Phone 644-4047
- Jan. 14 - Frank E. Voorheis - 681 Bennington Dr., Bloomfield Hills 48013  
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Phone 644-3464  
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Phone 646-0289  
• Reginald J. Nicholas - 911 Madison, Birmingham 48008  
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Phone 644-2892  
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• William J. Meadowcroft - 1467 Cedar Dr., Birmingham 48009  
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• Noel Hinderleiter - 16140 Lauderdale, Birmingham 48009  
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• James C. Phillips - 1815 Lincoln, Birmingham 48008  
Phone 644-7375
- Jan. 21 - Edwin E. Puls - 185 Linden, Birmingham 48009  
Phone 644-4695  
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48010  
Phone 647-7585

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The Reminder is in receipt of considerable material which is contributed by the members. The quality is excellent, but space does not allow using all of it. Here are some condensed samples:

Two members found Sydney J. Harris interesting with "Elders Have Duty to Age Gracefully". He concludes, "There is no more delightful person in the world than an octogenarian who is both childlike and wise, spirited and supportive, more willing to learn than he is quick to advise. Socrates took dancing lessons at 70; most of us just take dying lessons." Or this unknown author from two members:

Just to work a little harder  
For other people's good,  
And to show a bit more friendship -  
My friend, that's brotherhood.

Or this anonymous verse phoned in by another member -  
Things we grow used to  
Are things we love best.  
The ones we are certain  
Have weathered the test.

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The farmer always paid extra for everything when he bought a car from a local dealer. So when the car dealer wanted to buy a cow, the farmer gave him the following price breakdown:

Basic cow	\$200
Two tone exterior	45
Extra Stomach	75
Storage compartment and dispensing device	60
Four spigots @ 10 each	40
Genuine cowhide upholstery	125
Dual horns @ 7.50 each	15
Automatic fly swatter	35
	<u>\$595</u>

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BOWLING NOTES

After three weeks into the 2nd half competition, the "Moon Lighters", captained by Hundley, lead the league by a scant margin of one point. So close behind are the "Tigers", "Hot Shots", "Swingers", and "Lions", that we could well have a new leader each week.

In a recent contest, the "Lions" humbled the "Tigers" by taking three of the four points possible.

Wes Groves had a big day on January 24th. His 541 for 3 games and 205 for 1 game stood up well above his nearest competitors.

The existing highs for individual and team scores for the season seem to be firmly fixed:

They are:	High Single - Groves	232
	High Three -- Dreyer	596
	Team High	
	Single - Swingers	702
	Team High	
	Three - Tigers	1972

W. F. Dreyer

THE CONCISE HISTORY OF THE SENIOR MEN'S CLUB

The Birmingham Community House Association has long nourished the ideal of forming a club of retired men, to promote the cultural and recreational interests. Action was taken to this and when early in January of 1957, Mr. R. S. Gregory made inquiry in regard to such a project.

Mr. Gregory, a retired banker who had recently moved to Birmingham from Plainfield, N. J., had been a member of "The Old Guard" -- one of the largest and oldest clubs of this kind. His inquiry and experience figured greatly in the decision of the Community House and of the City Recreation Department to sponsor our club.

An organization meeting was called at which the following were present:

Mrs. Ewald E. Schaffer -----	Mgr. of the Community House Assn.
Robert E. Girardin -----	Director of Recreation
Mrs. J. R. Ewing -----	Chairman Community House Volunteers
Judge John J. Gafill -----	Interested Citizen
R. S. Gregory -----	Interested Citizen
Clarence Vliet -----	Interested Citizen
H. H. Corson -----	Interested Citizen

It was agreed that such an organization was needed in Birmingham where upon the Birmingham Community House Association and the Recreation Department of the City of Birmingham offered their support as co-sponsors.

The City voting records disclosed that over 600 men, 65 years of age or older, were living in Birmingham. A letter was mailed to these men by the Recreation Department over the signature of Judge Gafill. This letter announced plans for forming such a club and included a postal card which the recipient was requested to return, indicating whether they would be interested in joining such an organization. Over 100 cards were returned - 68 of which were favorable to the project. These cards were turned over to Edward S. Clark, chairman of the membership committee. All 68 of these men were contacted, either by phone or personal call by Mr. Clark or one of his helpers.

The first official meeting of the Club was held in the Ranch Room of the Community House on January 11, 1957. Those present at this first meeting were:

R. S. Gregory  
Edward S. Clark  
H. C. Sanderson

Mrs. J. R. Ewing acted as Secretary until officers were elected by the group. These first officers were:

Leo Stiers ----- President  
Edward S. Clark ----- Vice-President  
Trescott A. Henshaw ----- Sec. & Treas.

This short history of the starting of the Senior Men's Club was written by our historian, T. L. (Mose) Henshaw, for the Reminder in 1970. We are reprinting it now for the benefit of the new members.

Geoffrey S. Whittaker