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God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change...courage
to change the things I can...and
wisdom to know the difference.

- Ronald Neibuhr -

The teeming autumn, big with rich
increase.

- William Shakespeare -

I hold to my heart when the geese
are flying---

A wavering wedge on the high
bright blue---

I tighten my lips to keep from crying:
"Beautiful birds, let me go with you."

- "Wild Geese" - Grace Noll--1877 -

O suns and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,

Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather.

- Helen Hunt Jackson -

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Someone has said that retirement is as much a state of mind as it is a state of being. I sincerely believe that this is what makes the difference between being bored with retirement and keeping busy and useful. Retirement does not need to mean the end of living useful and productive lives. To continue to be useful and productive in retirement means to apply our talents and abilities in a little different way from the way in which we used them during our active professional careers.

A zest for living manifests itself differently to each person. If we continue to use our skills and abilities, physical and intellectual, we will not lose them. We will, however, be amazed how the release from the pressures and routines of our occupational careers enables us to be productive in other ways in the use of our talents.

Retirement offers time for thinking about life and its meanings. It can be a time for philosophical thinking. From this, new challenges and satisfactions can be derived. It can become a serendipitous experience - the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for, but quite rewarding.

The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham provides a vehicle for finding these experiences and a way for applying our skills and talents in a way which will not only be self-rewarding, but equally beneficial to others in the Club. Ours is a Club of unusual talents and skills which, if continued to be used, will not only make our Club a more valuable organization in the community, but one from which each one of us will derive great value.

Our Camera Club is an example of one avenue through which a number of our men are finding satisfying ways for using their talents and skills. As the official photographers for the Birmingham Bicentennial, they are not only serving the community but are also deriving great personal satisfactions and rewards. Good fellowship and rewarding personal relationships are not the least of these rewards.

In addition to the Bicentennial work, a number of the men in the Camera Club are serving as projectionists for the Wednesday noon film programs at the Baldwin Library. This, too, is not only a community service, but a profitable use of time and talent for these men.

Zestful living pays big dividends, but constant resting results in rusting. The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham is not rusting.

Ross A. Wagner

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NEW MEMBERS DURING SEPTEMBER

During the month of September, the following new members were added to our roster of active members:

Vic Hoerath 1560 Trailwood Path Birmingham 48010 Phone: 626-0073	Robert C. Trees 1712 Oak Birmingham 48009 Phone: 644-7256	F. Earle Steele 2875 Hylane Dr. Troy 48084 Phone: 646-7343
Vinton A. Bacon 850 Trailwood Path Birmingham 48010 Phone: 851-8056	Drayton McClelland 3879 Quarton Rd. Bloomfield Hills 48013 Phone: 644-9378	Thomas F. Maloney 1244 Holland Ave. Birmingham 48008 Phone: 647-8639
Richard A. Sigel 568 Lakeside Birmingham 48009 Phone: 646-3518	Lee D. Hanson 893 Chapin Birmingham 48009 Phone: 647-1869	Clemens P. Ludden 977 Woodlea Birmingham 48009 Phone: 644-2356
Richard L. Paulson 193 Wadsworth Lane Birmingham 48010 Phone: 642-2568	Nelson M. Jones 969 South Glenhurst Birmingham 48009 Phone: 642-8484	Robert W. Montgomery 1517 Shipman Birmingham 48009 Phone: 646-1784

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1975

Losses:

By death -----	15
For lack of attendance -----	4
Transferred to Associate Member -----	1
Moved away from the area -----	4
Resigned for personal reasons -----	4
Total Losses -----	28

New Members Inducted ----- 39 *

Vacancies still to be filled ----- 6 *

* Additional vacancies were created by Amendment to Constitution.

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"If each of us can be helped by science to live a hundred years, what will it profit us if our hates and fears, our loneliness and our remorse will not permit us to enjoy them? What use is an extra year or two to the man who 'kills' what time he has?"

- David Neiswanger (1892-1963) -

PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER, 1975

Friday, Oct. 3 - Program Host: Walt Meyers
Program: Film - "The Climbers", by General Motors

Friday, Oct. 10 - Program Host: Walt Meyers
Program: Jim Flack (Club Vice-Pres.) - Talk, "The Continental Army"

Friday, Oct. 17 - Ladies' Day
Program Host: Bill Stockwell
Program: Len Barnes, Editor of AAA Motor News

Friday, Oct. 24 - Program Host: Walt Meyers
Program: Film, "From the Campus to the People", from Michigan State University

Friday, Oct. 31 - Program Host: Gus Hoefer
Program: Rev. Bernard Harrington, Pastor of Holy Name Catholic Church of Birmingham

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DISCUSSION GROUP FOR OCTOBER - Bill Wilson, Chairman

Oct. 3 - "Proper Grammar" - Alger Crandell, Leader

Oct. 10 - "Astro-Economics" - Ed Pintar, Leader

Oct. 24 - "Off Shore Drilling" - Arthur Newman, Leader

Oct. 31 - "The Third World" - Jim McCubbrey, Leader

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COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND DRIVE - Bob Watson

The drive for operating funds for The Community House has ended. It was very gratifying to see the response to this good cause by members of the Men's Club, who make good use of this facility with no cost to us other than our donations to the drive.

Direct contributions by our Club amounted to \$6,700.00, with 98% of the membership participating.

The group, headed by Chet Stokes, in the telephone canvass received phone pledges of \$9,200.00, of which \$7,900.00 has been received to date.

The combination of these two activities results in \$14,600.00, or 18% of the total Fund Drive goal.

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PROGRAM FOR LADIES' LUNCHEON - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, AT NOON

LEN BARNES, Editor of AAA Motor News, world traveler, broadcaster, founder and past-president of the Midwest Travel Writers Association, will bring us his thrilling picture, "WILD RIVER".

Len has traveled to 46 countries and all 50 states. Governor Milliken has named him "Michigan Ambassador of Tourism".

CAMERA CLUB - Philip C. Satterthwaite, Chairman

The November meeting of the Camera Club will be spent editing and classifying the pictures we have taken for the Bicentennial documentation of life in Birmingham in 1975-76. We have to determine what additional coverage we need to complete the job. Every member can be of help on this whether your interest is movies or still photography. We also have to consider our programs for next year. It is hoped that all members will be at the home of Owen Goodrich at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 11.

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Our Historian found the following notice which was mimeographed and made available for members when The Community House was about to close for the Month of August, in 1960.

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- July 29th - Picnic at Pontiac Yacht Club. Lunch will be provided for the usual 60¢ stipend.
- Aug. 5th - Meeting at Mrs. Schaffer's on Commerce Lake. Bring your own sandwich today.
- Aug. 12th - Trip to G.M. Technical Center. Buy your lunch in their Cafeteria.
- Aug. 19th - Meeting at Mrs. Gould's, which is in Foxcroft. (Gala occasion.)

Although The Community House is closed in August, we will meet there at 10:00 o'clock. Transportation will be provided for those who do not drive.

The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham

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The following appeared in the Middletown Times-Star of Northern California on September 4, 1975:

I'M FINE

There's nothing whatever the matter with me,
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin...
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!

My teeth have all had to come out,
And my diet I hate to talk about.
I'm overweight and I can't get thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to walk down the street.
Sleep is denied me every night,
And every morning I am a sight.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
I'm practically living on aspirin.
But - I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in!

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I'm Fine (cont'd)

The moral is as this tale we unfold.
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin,
Than to let them know the shape we're in.

- Author Unknown -

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Overheard at the club: "I shoot golf in the low 70s. When it gets colder than that, I quit."

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