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Daffodils  
That come before the swallow dares  
And take  
The winds of March with beauty.  
-Shakespeare

Tossing his mare of snow in wildest  
eddies and tangles,  
Lion-like March cometh in, hoarse,  
With tempestuous breath.  
-William Dean Howells  
"Earliest Spring" Stanza I

If Spring came but once in a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all our hearts to behold the miraculous change! But now the silent succession suggests nothing but necessity. To most men, only the cessation of the miracle would be miraculous and the perpetual exercise of God's power seems less wonderful than its withdrawal would be.

-Longfellow

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DECEASED:

Norman P. Sanborn - February 6, 1976  
265 Pilgrim Road, Birmingham, Mich.

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NEW MEMBERS:

Arthur F. Brookman	644-1366	Albert C. Voss, Jr.	646-5233
2429 Bradway Blvd.		437 N. Eton Rd.	
Birmingham, Mich. 48010		Birmingham, Mich. 48008	

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NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Assistant Historian - Alger B. Crandell  
Chairman Bicentennial Committee & Michigan Week - Victor F. Ulrich  
Camera Club - Treasurer - Arthur L. Lane  
Camera Club - Librarian - Fletcher D. Street, Jr.  
Attendance Committee - Edward E. Codner  
Auditors: Marsden R. Hubbard and Elmer Bailey

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Tom Maloney and Coyle Fisher are forming a Senior Men's Club Jazz Band, and they would like volunteers to play the piano, guitar, drums and accordian or any other instruments. Tom is a sax player, and Coyle the banjo. Please contact Tom Maloney at 647-8639, or Coyle Fisher at 646-5056.

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Our program on Friday, March 5th, will be devoted to the History of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. This will be in honor of the commencement of our twentieth year. In February of 1957, the following letter was sent to over six hundred men in the Birmingham area. More than one hundred replies were received, and seventy-five percent were favorable. The letter follows:

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
151 Martin St.  
Birmingham, Mich.

RECREATION BOARD

Dear Sir:

It has been suggested by a number of our retired men that we organize into a group or club to promote our cultural and recreational interests in Birmingham. Other cities are doing this; why not Birmingham?

The Community House will make available quarters where we may meet and enjoy games, reading matter, moving pictures, lectures and matters of general interest. If sufficient interest is shown, the Birmingham Department of Recreation would develop shuffleboard courts, horseshoe courts and possibly courts for bowling on the green. Other recreational activities would be up to the membership.

These are merely preliminary suggestions to get your reaction to this program.

The program would be co-sponsored by the Birmingham Department of Recreation and The Community House.

Please return the enclosed card to the Birmingham Department of Recreation, indicating your interests.

Yours truly,

(JUDGE) John J. Gafill

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Last year, our President, Ross A. Wagner, wrote a letter for "The Reminder" which expressed, I believe, the meaning of our club for all of us. A portion of his letter is quoted below:

"In the first place, they have been years of fruitful growth and development. Four of our current members (Percy Brice, Herbert Flemington, Trescott Henshaw and Fenton Watkins) have been a part of this growth and development from the very beginning. To them, they have been significant years filled with many memories and many friendships. Their vision and fruitful labors provided the ingredients for an organization which we love and respect.

The Club which they founded was designed for the promotion of fellowship, the promotion of the cultural interests and the rendering of service to the retired men of this community. It has placed a premium on retirement in a way in which few would have attained it if they had not been members of the organization. It has helped us all to place a significant value on retirement and to realize that there are advantages to having attained this stage in life. In other words, it has caused us to think of retirement as a victory and an achievement.

Someone has said, "Having a purpose distinguishes those persons who grow old from those who get old". May this be the year of majority for this Club as we attain full retirement rights and responsibilities."

James K. Flack, President

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THE CLIPBOARD RESTAURANT

Southeast Oakland Vocational Education Center (S.E.O.V.E.C.)  
5055 Delemere, Royal Oak, Mich. 48073 (North off of 14 Mile Rd. - between Coolidge and Crooks Rds.). Telephone: 549-5660 ext. 41

Tuesday - Thursday 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

Friday - Buffet 11:15 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

March 1 - 26, 1976

<u>Monday</u> March 1	Closed	<u>Monday</u> March 15	Closed
<u>Tuesday</u> March 2	Sizzler Steak	<u>Tuesday</u> March 16	London Broil
<u>Wednesday</u> March 3	Baked Stuffed Pork Chop	<u>Wednesday</u> March 17	Chicken Tetrazzini
<u>Thursday</u> March 4	Fish and Chips	<u>Thursday</u> March 18	Lasagna
<u>Friday</u> March 5	Buffet	<u>Friday</u> March 19	Buffet
<u>Monday</u> March 8	Closed	<u>Monday</u> March 22	Closed
<u>Tuesday</u> March 9	Broiled Ground Round Steak	<u>Tuesday</u> March 23	Baby Steer Liver
<u>Wednesday</u> March 10	Veal Parmigiani	<u>Wednesday</u> March 24	Lobster Newburg
<u>Thursday</u> March 11	Fisherman's Platter	<u>Thursday</u> March 25	Shish Kebab
<u>Friday</u> March 12	Buffet	<u>Friday</u> March 26	Buffet

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PROGRAMS - MARCH 1976

Friday, Mar. 5 - "History of Birmingham Senior Men's Club"  
Slides Philip C. Satterthwaite, S.M.C. Camera Club  
Trescott "Moe" Henshaw, S.M.C. Historian

Friday, Mar. 12 - "U" Turn-Human Development Program  
Talk Miss Pat Sullivan, Program Director  
Bloomfield-Birmingham Center for Human Development

Friday, Mar. 19 - "On The Third Day"  
Film Wild Flowers of the Republic of South Africa.  
Bud Angevine, Member Birmingham Senior Men's Club

Friday, Mar. 26 - "Substance Abuse in Oakland County Today"  
Talk Dr. W. P. Richards, Director-Drug Abuse Program  
St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac

DISCUSSION GROUP - MARCH - Bill Wilson, Chmn.

March 5 - "Income Tax Simplification" - Baldwin Sinnaeve, Leader  
March 12 - "World Food Situation, Part II" - John Slater, Leader  
March 19 - "Gun Control" - Clark McColl, Leader  
March 26 - "Conglomerates, Good or Bad?" - Arthur Newman, Leader

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Toward the end of January 1976, President James K. Flack requested that I act as Back-Up-Man for the Club Historian, Trescott A. Henshaw. We discussed the idea of writing for the Reminder a thumbnail sketch of our older, valued members. This was to be a Club project for the Bicentennial Celebration.

Through Vernon C. Bryant, Club President for 1969, a letter came to light written by Trescott (Moe) Henshaw and suggesting that "some form of physical memorial" be made, as evidence of our appreciation, of those whose efforts have become valuable to the group. While our plan was in the making it was granted that the first subject could be a surprise undertaking of Moe himself. He has been a tireless worker, ever seeking to remain in the background through his modesty. So the sketch would be published without consulting him, and a better "physical memorial" could replace the curtailed one later on.

Moe is listed as a Charter Member, the first elected Secretary-Treasurer, and serving as such for a number of years. He was the member to provide us with an annual picnic location, and his time and efforts have been devoted to the general good about as long as the Club has been going. Moe's letter, referred to above, states that he wrote an early "concise history of the Club on only two pages. Vernon's copy of it constitutes the beginning of our Historical File.

Clarence Davey, Moe's next door neighbor and Club-Fellow, prepared a written memo telling us that Moe was born September 6, 1891, that he retired from 28 years' service to the Pontiac Motor Co., Assistant Chief Draftsman, in 1956.

He has been a widower for many years; his two daughters went to grade school here in town, both now have families of their own and live in other areas. "The last we heard," says Clarence, "Moe expects to be a great grandpa before long."

Moe joined our Club in January, 1957 and has been the Historian ever since. He is an active member of the Bowling League and the Golf Section in their seasons. Percy Lockhart reports that Moe made a hole-in-one with his four-some last summer. Moe is in Florida now, which explains the hoped for surprise to him as being subject number one. Each winter, he drives his car South, taking along his friend, Arthur C. Berges.

Clarence Davey concluded his memo: "On Moe's next September birthday, he will be eligible to be voted a Life Member! We wish him many more active years in our Senior Club."

Alger B. Crandell

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BOWLERS!!!

Only 6 more weeks of regular bowling.

Play-off between winning team for first half against winning team for second half on Monday, April 12, 1976, along with additional play-offs for third, fourth and fifth place.

Bowling Banquet on Tuesday, May 4th. More information later.

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CAMERA CLUB NOTICE FOR MARCH 1976 - Philip C. Satterthwaite, Chairman

One question which always comes up is, "WHAT IS A GOOD PICTURE". We are going to start studying this question at our March meeting to see if we can arrive at an answer. We will look at some of the slides from our library and try to determine which are good and which are not good and why.

Joe Bachman will also show some of his travel slides. We have seen some of his work in the past and know these will be beautiful and educational.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 9, 1976, at 2:00 P.M., at Harry Stevens' Adams Castle. For any new members who have not been there, go North on Adams Road to Adams Castle Road, which is about the third street North of Big Beaver. Adams Castle Road runs West only. When you turn the corner, the castle will be directly in front of you.

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FEBRUARY CARD REPORT - Joseph H. Schulties, Chairman

There were 312 Bridge players for the month of February, for an average of 78 players per session.

10 Top Scores For Feb. Were:

- 1. Reine Zeidler 5540
- 2. Pete Shryock 4980
- 3. Claude Morrow 4630
- 4. Jack Decker 4440
- 5. John Engel 4360
- 6. Harry Whang 4260
- 7. Lloyd Sturgeon 4220
- 8. John Gates 4190
- 9. Dick Paulson 4130
- 10. Jack Decker 4030

The 5 Top Averages For the Four Games

- in February were:
- 1. Pete Shryock 3480
- 2. Reine Zeidler 3260
- 3. LeRoy Braisted 3100
- 4. Ted Harrington 3020
- 5. Joe Henninger 2650

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GOLF: "Chick" Holmes, Chmn. - Francis Morton - Vice-Chmn.

The Senior Men's Club golf will start Thursday, April 22, at Springdale Park Golf Course. Our club has tee time reserved from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. ALL members welcome to play and don't worry about what you may score. FUN, FELLOWSHIP and EXERCISE are our objectives. A list will be posted soon for you to register to play.

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FOR SALE - GOLF CLUBS

9 Irons - stainless steel; 3 Woods; Bag; Cart.  
Art Baynes - Phone 647-0058