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In Flanders field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row.
John McRea - 1915

NOVEMBER

Gray embers smoke the last of autumn's blaze;
Browned, final leaves cling, trembling, to
the boughs
Laid bare, in silhouette against the sky
Of chill November's pewter clouded days.
White-breasted sea gulls reel and dip and soar,
Sleek, graceful, clean and sweeping in their
flight; —
They turn their wings against the high-blown
winds,
And cast their lonely shadows on the shore.
The first light snowflakes frost the cooling
earth;
Gay evening shadows call an early dusk.
We watch another season burning low,
And at the twilight, turn to home and hearth.
Rena Przychocki

I mused upon the
Pilgrim flock,
Whose luck it was
to land
Upon almost the only
rock
Among the Pilgrim
sand.
—Alden C. Spooner—
1846

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham was organized for the promotion of fellowship, the cultural interests and the rendering of service for the retired men of the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. Its activities and program are built around the interests and talents of 325 Active Members and approximately 14 Life Members, whose investment in the professional and occupational life of the Detroit area is tremendous. It represents probably the best cross section of professions and occupations in the community.

Upon retirement, these men have found this Club to be the vehicle which has added dignity to retirement. It has become the "Great Melting Pot" which has synthesized the various talents, interests and dreams into one community of fellowship. It is a fellowship in which retirement has become an Achievement rather than a state of personal decline. It has provided a place where fellowship is an Investment, and not simply a place to spend time.

During the past ten months, forty-four new men have been inducted into membership. To this group of men, we have an obligation; namely, to make their retired fellowship in this Club the type of investment which pays the rich dividends which the rest of us have enjoyed. Help them to get acquainted and to feel at home in our midst. Invite them to become active participants in our program and activities. They must be accorded the dignity of acceptance which makes them persons of value.

This, however, is but one side of the coin. In accepting membership in the Club, this group of new members has a responsibility for utilization of

their talents in the on-going program. They not only have replaced others, who have made contributions, but they should bring to the organization new ideas and new dreams which makes the Senior Men's Club a continuing dynamic force in effective retirement.

The individual member of our Club is the center and yardstick of everything worthwhile in the organization. To dignify retirement becomes the all encompassing goal for the Senior Men's Club.

Ross A. Wagner

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held the evening of Friday, December 12. This will be a dinner with an appropriate Christmas program. We will have our regular meeting at 10:30 A.M. that day and the Christmas Party in the evening of the same day. Tickets for this occasion will be on sale in the near future. The price of the tickets is \$6.00.

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LADIES DAY A SUCCESS

Congratulations are in order to Walter Meyers, Bill Stockwell and Jim Flack for their efforts in making our Ladies Day, on October 17th, a great success. Two hundred and twenty people were in attendance, which is the largest attendance that we have ever had for such an occasion. Walter Meyers, our Second Vice-President, was in charge of the dinner, Bill Stockwell secured the program and Jim Flack followed up on the decorations which were provided by Mrs. Seth Slawson. Thanks and appreciation should also be given to John Pound, who handled the ticket sale.

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ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

Article 3 of our constitution states: "All Active Members shall be required to attend a minimum of ten (10) meetings each calendar year or membership in the Club will be terminated upon notification. Exceptions may be made for sickness or other valid reasons upon favorable action by the Executive Board."

At the last meeting of the Executive Board, a review was made of attendance. As of this date (10/21/75), thirteen men had not satisfied the minimum attendance requirement prescribed in our constitution. Each of these men is being contacted by our Corresponding Secretary, Paul Fisher, and being advised that our year ends with our last meeting on Friday, December 19th. If there is any valid reason for not meeting the requirement, the fact should be made known to the Executive Board.

In some instances, it has been discovered that certain members are careless about checking in at each meeting. Credit cannot be given for attendance if the member does not check in.

Our schedule of meetings for the remainder of the year is as follows:

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| Friday, Nov. 7, at 10:30 A.M. | Friday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 A.M. |
| Friday, Nov. 14, at 10:30 A.M. | Friday, Dec. 12, at 10:30 A.M. |
| Friday, Nov. 21, at 10:30 A.M. | Friday, Dec. 19, at 10:30 A.M. |
| Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 10:30 A.M. | |

NEW MEMBERS DURING OCTOBER

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

Robert Baxter
719 Colonial Court
Birmingham, Mich. 48009
Phone: 644-0460

Charles R. Richards
31219 Huntley Square East
Birmingham, Mich. 48009
Phone: 646-0251

William J. Meidell
2875 Woodward - Apt. "C"
Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48013
Phone: 335-9003

George F. Ward, Jr.
6830 Orinoco Circle
Birmingham, Mich. 48010
Phone: 851-1248

Armin H. Vogel
1012 Timberlake Dr.
Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48013
Phone: 646-0414

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MEMBERS LOST DURING OCTOBER

During the month of October, one member was lost from our active roster:

Joseph D. O'Shea - Resigned 10/3/75
2361 W. Mulberry Road
Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48013
He joined our Club in October 1971

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THEATER GUILD PRESENTS PLAY FOR SR. CITIZENS

The Theater Guild of the First Presbyterian Church will have a special showing of the play "The Red Mill" on Saturday, November 8th, at 1:00 o'clock for Senior Citizens. Admission is free.

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SUBSCRIPTION TO "REMINDER" - Paul Fisher

Those members going south for the winter can have the Reminder sent to them by furnishing Paul Fisher self-addressed and stamped envelopes (10¢ postage is sufficient unless First Class postage is raised to 13¢ on January 1, 1976).

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FLORIDA SPRING LUNCHEON

A tentative date of March 12th has been set for the fifth annual Florida Spring Luncheon of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. The exact date and location will be announced as soon as the arrangements committee, which consists of Bill Losie, Dick Rassel, Bob VanDuzer and Burke Bartlett, finalize details in Florida.

Bob Watson will act as their liaison at this end and you can make all arrangements with him up until he leaves right after the first of the year.

See Bob Watson or the Club Treasurer for Burke's address if you wish to make a late reservation or other special arrangements. The luncheon is for members, wives and guests.

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PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER 1975

Friday, Nov. 7 - Program Host - Walt Meyers
Program - Earl Triplett, Club Member, will show and narrate his own film "South America".

Friday, Nov. 14 - Program Host - Walt Meyers
Program - Film supplied by the Internal Revenue Service, "Why me, Tom Krolik?". Film deals with taxpayers' audit and appeal rights, delinquent taxes, taxpayer service and other procedures.

Friday, Nov. 21 - Program Host - Walt Meyers
Program - Marissa Millaway, of American Airlines, who will give a talk and show slides on Mexico.

Tuesday, Nov. 25- Program Hosts- Walt Meyers and Clarence Johnson
Program - Musical Quiz and Singalong. Quiz and songs of the music and entertainers of the 1930's.

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DISCUSSION GROUP FOR NOVEMBER - Bill Wilson, Chairman

November 7 - "The Last Union" - Bill Menewisch, Leader
November 14 - "Switzerland" - Joe Bachman, Leader
November 21 - "Most Favorite and Least Favorite Television Commercials" -
Bill Stockwell, Leader
November 25 - "Common Cause" - Doug Ross, Leader

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PROGRAMS FOR DECEMBER 1975

Friday, Dec. 5 - Ruth B. McNamee - State Representative, 63 District, former Mayor, City of Birmingham, Ford Citizen of the Year-1968, "Special Award of Merit", Michigan Municipal League-1975.

Friday, Dec. 12 - George F. Pierrot - World traveler, Famed TV host, Author, newspaper reporter, magazine writer, editor - "Mr. Travel" himself!

Friday, Dec. 19 - Choral Ensemble of Birmingham Musicale - Hazel Lawrence, Director. "Christmas in Song" brought to you by 40 Lovely, Lyrical Ladies.

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A L L B O W L E R S ! ! !

Don't forget! Bowling every Monday at 9:15 A.M. - Bowlero - Corner of Normandy & Coolidge. Come on out!! Join the fun!! Also, practice every Thursday at 9:15 A.M. - same place.

Lloyd Sturgeon

CARD REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1975 - Carl Schorn

There were 348 Bridge players during September, for an average of 87 players per session.

The top 10 scores in September were:

1. Norm Sanborn	4700	6. Larry VanTuy1	4120
2. Francis Leiber	4320	7. Elmer Haack	4120
3. Ernest Berger	4210	8. Lewis Whittaker	4120
4. Earl Triplett	4210	9. George Howell	4100
5. Carl Binkle	4130	10. Pete Shyrock	4100

Top 5 averages for 4 games played in September were:

1. Norm Sanborn	3373
2. Bert Brandt	3005
3. Mel Colville	2920
4. Gene Hubbard	2868
5. Elmer Haack	2838

CARD REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1975 - Carl Schorn

There were 368 Bridge players during October, for an average of 92 players per session.

Top 10 players in October were:

1. Waino Ansama	6450	6. Jack Decker	4240
2. Joe Schulteis	4880	7. Claude Morrow	4210
3. George Moughlar	4550	8. Albert Knowles	4070
4. Clarence Johnson	4500	9. Bert Brandt	4040
5. Charlie R. Richards	4420	10. Nelson Jones	4040

Top 5 averages for 4 games played in October were:

1. Waino Ansama	3463
2. Bert Brandt	3353
3. Pete Shyrock	3345
4. Les Wilder	3095
5. Joe Schulteis	2850

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NUMEROLOGY

The ancient Romans never discovered the secret of zero. Whether this hastened the fall of the empire or helped to balance the imperial budget is a moot point. But one thing seems certain: figuring taxes was no picnic even then. Ever try to divide MCLXII by XLV?

College football started in 1869 with the Princeton-Rutgers game. (Rutgers won, 6-4.) Educators voiced misgivings. In 1873, Cornell's president vetoed a trip by his team on the grounds that "I will not permit 30 men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind." His was a lost cause. Ten years later, football had become the all-American ritual.

Above the washbasin in my husband's office, the boss had put a large "Think" sign. Directly below, someone hung a small hand-lettered sign saying "Thoap"

I didn't come here to be told I'm burning the candle at both ends," said a patient to his doctor. "I came for more wax."