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## Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

A trip through the memory museum discloses another American who has vanished. With the waffle driver, the hand organ grinder and the yodeler of the "Fifty-Four," the Waffle Man has gone the way of the do.

So little as 10 years ago he was still something grand in the cities. In a high, white wagon, equipped with a loud bell, he used to invade neighborhoods where children flourished and distribute his delectable confections for a PENNY. Backyard baseball games were forgotten while the youngsters crowded about the wagon, watching the owner prepare the waffle with a great deal of care, then add the touch that made it famous—a heavenly and extravagant gesture with a tin of powdered sugar.

Those of us who have enjoyed the food prepared by this swartzy, silent fellow—they all looked alike with their black hair glistening over a white apron—have been assured lately that his class was the only one which really could make waffles. The tough, tasteless things one gets today are not waffles at all. They are desecrations on the gastronomic horizon. No digestive tract, unless it be that of a savage, can master them; no palate but give them a chance.

## Bloomfield Hills Antique Shop

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## Disaster Director



L. H. Kilpatrick, Disaster Director.

L. H. Kilpatrick, of Washington, D. C., is the disaster director of the American Red Cross in charge of the relief work in the Mississippi flood districts. He has been instrumental in the creation of concentration camps at Hickman, Ky., for thousands of homeless refugees. Birmingham is aiding in raising funds for rescue work.

## A news dispatch tells of a girl

Philadelphian, a victim of a



The absence of fire alarm boxes in Birmingham is lamented by members of the fire department.

While this is an inconvenience, it also gives them things for which they may be thankful. I mean merely that the number of false alarms always increased with the installation of the call boxes. These offer too tempting a toy with which some idiot may fool himself. From the days on a police beat for a newspaper comes the memory of an alarm which routed out the firemen at 2 a. m. Answering the call they found a somewhat startled drunk leaning against the box. He had no answer for them at all. After a while in the Band House, however, he declared someone had tried to hold him up and he sought the fire department as help in his most accessible form.

## TWO NAMED FOR REVIEW BOARD

David H. Ladd and Louis C. Hassall are members of the village board of review today following their appointment by the village commission Saturday night at a special commission.

## MAN DRAWS FINE ON TRAFFIC CHARGE

When he pleaded guilty to driving without an operator's license and violating a traffic light signal, Donald E. Preston, 519 Belmont avenue, Flint, paid a fine of \$6.25 and \$3.80 costs Monday in Judge John S. Burdette's court. He was arrested for running the signal Sunday by Officer William Green.

## HOW ABOUT IT?

(Answers to Questions on Page 1, Part 1)

1. Martin, Merrill, Pierce and Chester streets.
2. No.
3. The Rotary, Exchange and Young Men's Service clubs.
4. Yes.
5. Deputy George Hoyt, Sarg. Clark Green.
6. Approximately one hour and ten minutes.
7. A street in the northern part of Birmingham.
8. Yes. At the Community House.
9. No.
10. The Pontiac City Hospital on west Huron street, Pontiac. The new St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital on South Woodward avenue, Pontiac, is not yet opened.

## Men Commission Candidates Welcome Woman In Their Midst

That a woman would be welcomed on the village commission of Birmingham by the members thereof is evidenced by the opinion of some of the male candidates running for office.

Mr. How Halgren has qualified for the office of commissioner as the first woman in Birmingham to seek that office. Election will be held May 16.

M. W. Ryland, 219 Chapin avenue, said that he didn't generally favor the idea of a woman on the commission, but he had a particularly pleasant job for a woman.

The arguments become a pretty heated sometime. Moreover, don't think women in general are fitted for this sort of thing. There are some exceptions, of course. If a woman is elected to the Birmingham commission, however, I shall not be prejudiced. I am open to conviction.

The other candidates were enthusiastic in their support of a woman candidate. Scott Hersey, general contractor, declared his self strongly in favor of a woman commissioner. "There are times when a woman's point of view is valuable," Mr. Hersey said.

"There are certain cases where her opinion can throw an entirely new and different light upon a problem. Her own experience gives her a different slant at things, and a very valuable one. I think a woman should be on the commission."

Otto G. Breitfeld, 115 Davis boulevard, expressed himself as "all for" a woman commissioner. "We have only to look at the achievements of the last few years to realize how politically important woman has become," he said.

"We have even women successful on other executive boards. They bring a constructive influence, they lighten the outlook of the board and give it a wider scope. I think the Birmingham executive board, the village commission should number a woman among its personnel."

"Will Get Women's Ideas" "With a woman on the commission, we will be able to know definitely what the women want," William H. Majorbanks, 120 Col. avenue, said. "Women are political equals of men by law now. We want them to be satisfied, and how are we to know what will suit them without a woman right there on the board to tell us? I think a woman's opinion is too important to be left to the commission. I am very much in favor of a feminine commissioner."

William W. Ward, 212 Emmons street, believes that a woman deserves a chance at the job of commissioner. "If we no reason why a woman shouldn't be on the commission," Birmingham's warder. One never has before, and I think women deserve an opportunity to show what they can do with the job."

## County Lakes Plan To Receive Several Millions of Young Fish

Twenty millions of fish will be turned out to pasture in lakes and ponds of Oakland County from the State Fish Hatcheries at Drayton Plains this spring.

In two or three weeks the first of eight millions of perch are expected to overflow the hatching jars and, whether or not, swim through the thick tunnel of iron pipe into the white world of a receiving tank. Not long after they will be canned—alive—and moved to greener, or bluer, fields.

A hundred bass jars pouring while running waters continue. The ponds are partially filled with yellowish, gelatinous-looking substance in long, slightly thick sub-

## Retires



—Photo by Arnold Studio

DR. J. L. CAMPBELL

Announcement of retirement to take effect May 1 is made today by Dr. Campbell who has practiced in Birmingham for more than 20 years. Dr. Herbert Moore, who has been associated with him for a year, will take over the practice. Dr. Campbell intends to continue his residence in the village.

On this date two years ago the second battle of Ypres closed. In your memory, what new method of attack was employed in this battle?

Name a word meaning to rub out or to cause to disappear.

The Garden of Eden is generally supposed to have been situated between two rivers of Asia minor, which join and flow into the Persian gulf. Can you name them?

The West Indies lie off the southeast coast of the United States. Can you name the two largest islands in the group?

"The law is good, if a man use it lawfully." Where does this passage occur in the Bible?

## Today's Horoscope

Persons born on this date feel the influence of good deities more than those of any other date. They are inclined to spend more than they should on their dress and personal appearance.

## Snappy Saying

The girls who are trying to reduce would do well to find out what makes the Tower of Pisa lean.

## Answers to Forgetting Questions

1. President Harding.
2. Poison gas first used.
3. To efface.
4. Tigris and Euphrates.
5. Cuba and Haiti.
6. Timothy, 1 S.

## WORK IS STARTED ON DIXIE SINKHOLE

Work was begun this week on the paving of the sink hole on the Dixie Highway north of the limits of Pontiac by the Harting & Dull contracting company, according to announcement made by Charles F. Dull, president of the company.

## What's What In Washington

SENATOR McNARY STILL TRYING TO GET PLAN FOR FARM RELIEF

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Birmingham Eccentric

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon is spending what ought to be his vacation trying to hit-on a farm relief program for the next session of congress, which President Coolidge can approve.

In the way of an agreement between McNary and the president there is, after all, only one stumbling block:

This far the senator has been unable to think up a scheme that suited him which the chief executive didn't pronounce economically unsound, while no plan acceptable to Mr. Coolidge is regarded by the Oregon statesman as "any good."

Otherwise they're in hearty accord.

Senator McNary will be recalled as a collaborator with Representative Gilbert N. Haugen of Iowa in the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, which the agricultural bloc succeeded in getting through the last congress, only to see it vetoed by the president, and then to drop, perforce, because the bloc had enough votes to pass it over his head.

Naturally the situation's awkward. McNary, Haugen et al haven't a thing to show for several years' hard work. The president's placed in the light of having turned down a proposition to protect big farmers were able to muster.

In a few weeks volunteers will at the next Republican convention of planning the young fish in lakes. Most of them will stay in lakes. Most of them will stay in lakes. Most of them will stay in lakes.

And in two or three years the fish farm will be rolling them into the boat, just as this season they will be catching fish that were hatched in years gone by.

Waylon Miller, living near Beatrice, Neb., was fined \$50 for neglecting the stock on his farm so that some of the animals died.

The McNary-Haugen plan has been argued, pro and con, by all available experts, to the satisfaction of many large volumes, and no conclusion was arrived at, at that.

So here's some hope of settling the question here.

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