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Glimpses at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

A woman of forty who appeared to be burdened with the care of old people started to enter a restaurant where she idly drank coffee and made stiffly grimaces. As her hand touched the knob of the door she stopped. Her thin face called. She consulted her purse, turned slowly and walked away, such step telling something of her story.

This coffee sipping was being done on a particularly cold day. Each time the door was opened one was forced to crawl a little farther into his coffee cup, as it were. We counted five persons who entered and all bounced into the heat of the place like a skunk long pilled, returning to his favorite dance hall. Of the five, three of the customers left the door open after they entered. The trait appeared to be elastic enough to apply to many things in life. I hope this will be accepted merely as an observation and not as a sermon.

TRUCKS ORDERED TO REDUCE LOADS

Weight Limit Set By State For Road Traffic; Effective Now

Trucks are carrying only 450 pounds to the tire in Oakland County today, instead of the 700 pounds usually carried, by an order of Frank E. Rogers, State Highway commissioner, which went into effect yesterday. The only roads excepted in this order are Grand River, through the county; and Wilder Woodway from Pontiac to the Wayne County line.

This order, which is usual in spring, comes earlier this year because of the unusual weather, according to Mr. Rogers. "The frost went into effect yesterday," he said, "and, unless the ground freezes hard again, this order will remain in effect until the frost is completely gone and the weather settled."

Heavy loads at this time of year, Mr. Rogers explained, are very hard on the roads, making ruts and holes that require much time and money to repair.

PLANE THAT MADE OCEAN HOP

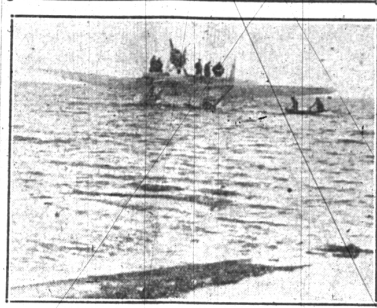


Photo just received in America shows the Savoia-Spania, plane in which Commander de Pinedo crossed the Atlantic to an island off the Brazilian coast. This picture was taken at Cagliari, Sardinia, as the Italian aviator prepared to start on his proposed 30,000-mile flight to four continents.

MRS. L. SIMMONS DIES, AGE IS 91

One of Southfield's Oldest Residents Succumbs At Home

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow for one of Southfield's oldest residents, Mrs. Laura A. Simmons, 91 years old, who died of complications incident to old age Tuesday morning at her home. Rev. Calvin M. Thompson, pastor of the Southfield Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Grand Lawn cemetery, Redford.

Mrs. Simmons was born in Southfield Mar. 24, 1835, and had lived there all her life. She was a great worker in the Southfield Methodist Church.

Besides her husband, Charles Simmons, she leaves one daughter, Clyde Hooper, of Southfield, and two grandchildren, Mrs. Barton T. Graves and Charles Hooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Lamborn moved Monday from their residence at 410 Park street to their home at 104 Worth street.

HOF BEATS

- An Autobiographical Novel -
By Pathos Petoskey

Synopsis: The hall was packed when Dmitri, the great orator, against vice, walked proudly to the speaker's platform. Instead of the usual hordes, caused by thousands of admirers that always greeted the man when he approached the podium, there were only a few. Dmitri did not believe what he heard, for he had suddenly gone deaf! No, because he could keep his own focus. He kept his eyes on the speaker, like a magnet with a sledge hammer. Those in the audience sat spryly and merely stared into space. Then a whisper came to him from the distance. "I would not speak tonight," it warned him. He turned and saw a woman in the gallery screamed. That is Dmitri's internal voice said, "that is Dmitri!"

He spelled it like that. He spelled it S-M-Y-T-H-E-E. "Not Smith, S-M-Y-T-H-E-E!" ejaculated the man with the garters.

"Yes, Smith S-M-Y-T-H-E-E. I'm sure of it now. Somehow you manage to give it the accent he has. My English is not of the best, I suppose. But I know not that it was Smith."

The man with the garters began to exhibit emotion, an emotion, some emotion, any emotion, feelings, thoughts, beliefs. First he jumped up and down. Then he took off his hat, but not to show his hair, for he had none. "That's very peculiar, Pathos thought abstractly as he watched the man take off his coat to show a yellow and purple checked vest or waistcoat. "I wonder what's become of his hair?"

But before he could ask the question, one what had happened to his hair, said individual had rolled up his trousers above his knees, and there, a little more than half, was between his ankle and his knee, were the garters. "What do you mean, I wish, the great detective, I am ready to go forth and take the great Horace Smith, S-M-Y-T-H-E-E, champion big game man and wife killer, a coast."

"What coast?" inquired Pathos. "But Watahah heard him not. "He is in Detroit. He was in Detroit 20 minutes ago. The population of Detroit is 1,800,000 and one-half. By a process of elimination, I shall find Horace Smith, S-M-Y-T-H-E-E, within the day, or anyway in 74 hours. I shall know him. I always know my man. I always get my man."

Pathos like the pale light of a cigarette lighter, his voice was extinguished with a dull sickening bounce the great detective fell headlong into the nearest of many nearby gutters.

(To be continued.)

Citizens Discuss Proposed 'Blue Law'

FAVORING 'BLUE LAW' | AGAINST 'BLUE LAW'

Following are letters received during the week discussing both sides of the proposed ordinance against the showing of moving pictures for commercial gain on Sundays in Birmingham. The issue will be voted upon at the general elections here March 14. While The Eccentric is strongly opposed to the ordinance as retrogressive, both sides of the question, as citizens care to discuss it, will be presented fairly.

LOGE FAVORS LAW

(Rev. F. E. Loge)

To the Editor:

In accord with your announced policy in presenting both sides of every public issue fairly and squarely, I write asking you to give place to the other side of an issue which to date has been approached almost wholly from one side, the wrong side in the judgement of many people.

The issue before us is that you have seen fit to call Birmingham's "blue law" exactly what it is not. This, of course, is not your own phrase but one widely popularized since 1921 by the organized motion picture interests as propaganda to secure what they term a "free day, shown seven days a week."

Now ours is a God-fearing and a God-loving nation, a Christian nation. It has so held to be by the Supreme Court of the nation. One of her institutions is the Christian Sabbath, the first day of the week set aside for rest, for worship, for our spiritual unbuilding. In most of the states of the Union it has been given civil sanction and protection by the state as a day of rest. Thus, from the Compiled Laws of Michigan, 1915, Chapter 146, 754, Section 1, we read: "No (Concluded on Page 8, Part 2)

CITES QUOTATIONS

(Rev. J. Clifford Matthews)

To the Editor:

As you are printing just now statements and opinions from various sources on both sides of the "Sunday Movie Question," I should like to submit in the people of Birmingham through your columns the statements of three of our greatest citizens and patriots on this general subject.

Theodore Roosevelt said: "Experience shows that the day of rest is essential to mankind; that it is demanded by civilization as well as by Christianity."

Daniel Webster said: "The longer I live the more highly do I esteem the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath and the more grateful do I feel towards the community."

Abraham Lincoln said: "As we nobly save or meanly lose the last best hope by which man arises." God says: "Remember the Sabbath." (Concluded on Page 8, Part 2)

TEMPEST IN TEAPOT

(C. C. Wilmoth)

To the Editor:

When any Birmingham citizen who desires to attend a movie picture show on Sunday can do so in Royal Oak or Pontiac with the expenditure of very little time or trouble, it seems rather futile to bar Sunday pictures here.

And again, is it not better to have Sunday pictures where we can exercise some censorship, than to have our children go to picture shows in other towns where we have no jurisdiction?

It seems like unfair discriminating to permit golf, tennis, dancing, etc. on Sunday and then forbid motion pictures.

There are other practical aspects of the situation which should give pause to those who are so zealous in opposing Sunday pictures. A town which acquires a "blue-shunned" reputation is naturally shunned by many business, as well as by very worthy families who would like to live here but who are strongly minded enough (Concluded on Page 7, Part 2)

"MONKEYING WITH BUZZ SAWS"

(H. E. Whalen)

To the Editor:

In my opinion this "Sunday closing" law that is up for vote in Birmingham is a case of "monkeying with the buzz saw" and from this agitation by a minority may come much annoyance and actual loss to a majority.

Nobody wants a flagrant violation of the Sabbath. If closing a theater on Sunday would send a hundred or two people to church, I would rather favor closing the theaters. But there aren't any theaters open in Birmingham now and are the churches crowded on Sunday nights? They are not.

If the people—especially young people—are not going to church on Sunday nights now, where are they going? How many parents can answer that question positively?

Wouldn't it be better to know where your young folks are going and know that that place is properly conducted—than have the terrible uncertainty of having Birmingham's youth seek its pleasures far from the home town?

And if we close theaters on Sunday (providing anybody is foolish enough to build one in Birmingham) would we close next? How can we discriminate against one business? The Michigan blue laws forbid all but one, all sports, all diversions. It (Concluded on Page 7, Part 2)

FLOWER SHOW OPENS MARCH 12

Detroit will be the center of interest for flower lovers all over the country March 12 to 20 when the National Flower Show will be held at Convention Hall. The displays which have already been entered indicate that the hall will become a place of beauty and fragrance that will lead those in attendance from everyday life into a world of lasting charm.

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He applied in person at my desk. After eyeing it disorder, the same disorder which pleases me, he asked for car fare back to Detroit. Although I had never seen him before he blurted out the request. No doubt the fellow had just taken a mail order course in self-confidence and was doing his best graduate work. I reminded him that I was in the newspaper business and that Detroit, after all was not merely across the street. Then came his reasons: "He had met a man in Detroit who promised him work if he arrived in Birmingham. My interviewer had come here to find the man and the job. But alas, how time flies and places grow. The gentleman who disappointed of the career I give my desk had neglected to collect much data on the Birmingham job-giver. He had, in fact, neglected to find out more than that the fellow wore glasses and owned some kind of a store here. My only deduction is that he had been reading about the proposed blue laws and believed that he had merely to fall off the interurban and into the arms of his benefactor who would be leaning against the town pump talking to the

DWELLEYS TO BUILD NEW FLORIDA HOME

Melbourne, Fla., Mar. 2 (Special to The Eccentric)—Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Dwelley, of Birmingham, who arrived here this week, have already decided to build a home here for their winter residence. The Dwelleys own a lot near the water front and are greatly pleased with its location. Mr. Dwelley announced that construction would be begun immediately. Until the home is completed, the Dwelleys are staying at the Indiantine Hotel.

PAYS HEAVY FINE

Elmer J. Smith, 3937 Reynolds avenue, Flint, paid a fine of \$25 in the court of Justice Floyd S. Buck Monday when he was found guilty of disorderly conduct. He was arrested Saturday by Sergeant Clark Green of the police department.

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