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Glimpses

at and about
BIRMINGHAM
By **RAYMOND GIRARDIN**

Perhaps it was because Saturday morning was dark and rainy, although I have seen the same thing happen on almost every kind of day. But two men passed each other on Woodward avenue. They were acquainted slightly and, as they acknowledged each other, one tipped his hat. The recipient of this courtesy allowed his eyes to wrinkle the least bit. The supercilious gentleman, however, continued on, quite unaware of what he had done. There is something about some men, some strange kind of dignity, that makes others want to tip their hats to them. I have often arrested my hand as it was about to offer this kind of accolade, and the subsequent embarrassment of not being able to pass it off lightly. If you have a respectable psychologist around the house that you will not need Thursday afternoon I should appreciate your sending him to the effect of the hat and an explanation for this act.

Thomas T. Wender, who has come of the recently interesting game of "Beaver" and I wonder with him. You remember the game, of course. The idea was to be first to shout "Beaver" upon seeing a man with a beard. A score was kept and the winner would be awarded anything, at the end of the game, from the sherry glass to the sum of money. Detroit's east side offered an especially fertile field for this game. At Ann Arbor there were a hundred professors, who, lost in their serious meditation of this and that as they walked about the campus, were quite unaware of the pleasure their beards afforded some of the more whimsical students. This game, like most others, was carried to extreme by a few who have excess. Friends of mine who are given to frequenting cabarets utilized inebriated inebriates for their "beaver." The less alert of the contestants would have to pay the evening's bill.

I know a person in Birmingham who has almost a million tricks with figures. He derives an abnormal amount of pleasure from adding in his mind the units on the automobile license tags that pass a busy corner. This, he ex-

plains, is merely to keep his mind alert. I suppose it is not so remarkable when one considers that there are persons who ride motor cycles and others who enjoy the art, poetry of Bryant.

She has been twice now in the attempt to sell me paper flowers. They are copies of roses, at ways roses, and their colors are

bright red, and bright yellow, and bright green. She makes them in a dinky room of a dark house in a melancholy neighborhood in Detroit. Many other like the mother a social leader. That was in the days when millionaires caused comment as they passed and when three stories of a brown stone house was the last word in elegance. I do not object to the bright colors she uses. I do not even object to the green roses. I doubt if the girl, who is about 14 and whose eyes reflect the dingy room in which she and her parents and two other children live, has ever been on more intimate terms with real roses than one can attain from looking through the glass of a florist's window. I do not object to the green roses, anymore than I should object to a tragedy. These green paper roses symbolize just that—some sort of blatant, artificial tragedy.

Spring winds that send hate and dignity away off went just a trifle far when they involved a rather awed gentleman as he emerged from the state of the President's traveling and entertainment expenses.

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Castles In Spain

You, with your modern imagination, picture your "Castle in Spain"—your dream home, the one you hope to have.

It will crown a picturesque hill-top or nestle on a shady, green slope.

You may never build that dreamed-of castle in Spain, but you can have in or about Birmingham—in Bloomfield Hills—the home you want, and within your means.

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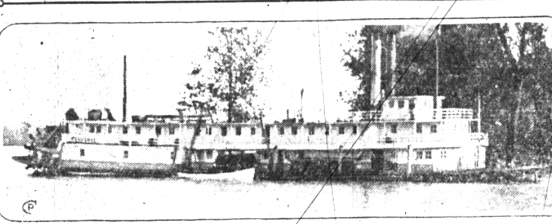
BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1927

PART TWO

OAKLAND COUNTY'S GREATEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

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A "LAZY" BOAT THAT BECAME A FLOOD "HERO"



Some years ago congress appropriated money for coast guard cutters for the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, to be used for flood rescue work. The "Kankakee," pictured above, was authorized at that time. For several years now, except for occasional scouting trips, the vessel has been stationed at Evansville, Ind., on the Ohio, always with full crew and steam up. "Huh, what a lazy boat," rivermen have claimed. "Eating up taxpayers' money" was fronted visitors grumbled. The "Kankakee" silently spouted a thin layer of smoke and rested peacefully on the water. But even every boat, like every dog, has its day. For now the "Kankakee" is proclaimed the "hero" boat of all the boats assembled to rescue folk in the Mississippi valley flood. She has rescued thousands.

... The ... GRAB BAG

May 19, 1927

This photo of Alexander Meikohn was snapped early in 1925. Of what nation is the president at that time?

Today marks the anniversary of the death of William F. Gladstone, in 1898. Who was Gladstone?

In addition to his salary of \$75,000 a year, what amount is appropriated by Congress for the President's traveling and entertainment expenses?

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Answers to Foregoing Questions

1. Austria.
2. British Statesman.
3. \$25,000.
4. Robert Bridges.
5. France.
6. Proverbs IV, 7.

VILLAGE DONATES TO NORMAL FUND

Contribution To Union Building Chest From Here Is \$1,675.

Birmingham has subscribed \$1,675 to the Union Building Fund campaign of the Episcopate, along with the totals of several other cities in the state. The campaign is for \$500,000, and the grand total is now \$251,655.32.

The campaign started April 20 to raise among the alumni and friends of the first college of the state, sufficient money to erect a union building on its campus. It is the expectation of the alumni that the full sum will be raised so that the building may be presented as a Diamond Jubilee gift to the school on its 75th birthday next October.

An organization of several thousand workers has been set up throughout the Episcopate, and money raised so far is the result of their efforts. The greatest group of alumni is in Detroit and Wayne County. There are 2,500 there, and of the 6,000 teachers in Detroit schools, 2,000 are graduates. Governor Fred W. Green is also an alumnus and contributed \$5,000.

TRAFFIC VIOLATOR FINED

Ercoli Arcari, 425 Puritan avenue, Highland Park, paid a \$10 fine last week in Judge Floyd S. Buck's justice court after he had been arrested by William Putnam, chief of police in Bloomfield Hills Village, for running a signal. The alternative to the fine was 10 days in jail.

PROGRESS EXHIBIT NEARS IN PONTIAC

June 3 To 11 Set As Date For Staging Gigantic Carnival

Elaborate plans are being made for the Pontiac Progress exhibit, which will be held at Pontiac from June 3 to June 11 under a mammoth tent over two city blocks in length. The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring it.

A handsome ornamental entrance will be erected on the new Willow street extension at west Huron street, and the exhibition will fill the entire space from west Huron to Pike street, crossing Lawrence street and the Clinton river.

It is estimated that at least 100,000 persons will visit the exposition during the days it is open. Special entertainment features are being planned.

Among them will be a public wedding, an old father's contest, a musical show, the selection of Miss Pontiac, entertainment by the boy and girl scouts, a baby show, a musical show, a cake walk, a ceremonial honoring the employees who have more than 10 years continuously working for the same employer.

An amateur night, a pet show, a dog parade, and many other features will be unusual and highly interesting.

It combines an auto show, a manufacturing show, a merchandise fair and a better home show with many other features which will make it one of the biggest events ever held in Oakland County.

Mothers who have fine babies are urged to enter them in the baby show.

The Old Fiddlers should let the exposition managers know, at once, that they want to be quizzed. All the children who think they can shoot marbles ought to drop the exposition a line. The girls and boys who can sing the Charleston or Black Bottom ought to get busy at once as well as those who wish to take part in amateur night.

The public wedding, and the musical show, will be open only to Pontiac residents but the other events are open to residents of the entire county.

June 8 will be county day and already 13 Exchange clubs from 13 different towns in Oakland County have agreed that they will attend. Other parties will doubtless be prepared to make it one of the biggest events ever held in Oakland County.

The booth spaces in the exposition are selling rapidly and it is now assured that the exhibits, if placed side by side would stretch for a distance of six city blocks, or more.

The exposition, while an event of great magnitude, has none of the cheap and tawdry features of a carnival. There are no wheels or rides or stunts of that kind. It will be clean and "hippy," it says.

Orchestras will provide music, and there will be valuable souvenirs given away by many of the exhibitors.

Sports Done Brown

By NORMAN E. BROWN

The other day "Big Jim" Elliott of the Dodgers made his debut in the box. The Pacific Coast League "Juggernaut" had been out of commission since the training camp began, and he had been out of commission since the training camp began, and he had been out of commission since the training camp began.

The fact that he was picked on by the Dodgers, who had been out of commission since the training camp began, and he had been out of commission since the training camp began.

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What's What In Washington

PUBLIC STILL FEARFUL IN AIR. AERONAUTICS' OFFICIAL FINDS

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Exclusive Control Press Dispatch to The Birmingham Eccentric
WASHINGTON, May 18.—"Way back in the days when folks were laughing over the first edition of Joe Miller's Joke Book, this story was a new and old story."

"The venerable aeronautics' official, who was in a good deal of a hurry to get the story out, said, 'I don't know why, though undaunted by the perils of railroad travel, he drew over for line on water transportation.'"

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OAKLAND STUDENTS IN SPELLING BEE

Champion Will Represent State In National Contest

Sixty-six boys and girls, 12 from Macomb County, 17 from Oakland County, and 37 from Wayne County, will face an audience of 15,000 persons at the State Fair Coliseum in Detroit, tomorrow afternoon. There is a spirited struggle with words and letters, they will determine the grammar grade pupil who will represent Michigan in the finals of the National Spelling Bee at Washington, D. C., in June.

The department's trying to popularize flying, and the official view was that folk who took sufficient interest in it, and had the nerve to go aloft, ought to be encouraged. So they weren't stung about it.

But what attracted their attention was that the clamorous one, however, all very young—nearly children.

The children hung back. With a few exceptions, they weren't at all willing to leave their firm ground in response to cordial invitation. When they did accept, they grunted their teeth, and gave every indication of feeling that they were committing themselves to a desperate venture.

Little boys and girls climbed aboard and soared into the heavens as indifferently as the average aeronaut. They gave no sign of being in the least bit frightened.

"A new psychology," is Secretary MacCracken's diagnosis.

MacCracken does, indeed, expect to see aviation develop and spread, and he expects that any improvement of planes and the extension of flying facilities.

He expects still more, however, from an air-minded generation, now in its infancy.

Police to Revive Medieval Days
Everyone knows the story about the days of old when knights were bold, etc.

Birmingham folk will have a touch of this atmosphere if they happen to see members of the police department rushing in reply to a burglar call, equipped in their new, armored, bullet proof vests.

Two of these have been ordered by the village for protection to policemen against the shots of highwaymen.

The vests are said to be capable of withstanding the forces of high powered bullets and have been adopted for emergency by police in almost every other city. The vest covers the torso entirely.

No provision has been made, however, for iron hats, horses or spears.

Newitt Re-named Health Officer
Dr. A. W. Newitt was re-appointed health officer of Birmingham by the commission at the meeting Monday night. The contract is for the balance of the year and his salary is \$2,000.

Among the spectacular features of the Metropolitan Finals will be the Parade of the Champions, following a brief concert by the just famous Cass Technical High School concert band and hary on.

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FORMER RESIDENT IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Mary A. Hammond, 92 Years Old, Spends Life in Village.

Mrs. Mary A. Hammond, a former resident of Birmingham is dead today at the age of 92 in Winnetka, Minn., where she has lived for many years. Before her marriage she was Mary Ann Toms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Toms, she was born near here July 26, 1834. Mrs. Hammond's only child, a son, died many years ago.

She went to Minnesota in 1861, three years after she had married the late William Prescott Hammond of Royal Oak. They settled permanently in Pleasant Valley, where she died April 24, 1927, in the home of her son, Charles E. Hammond.

LICENSES GRANTED
Albert F. Kleist was granted a plumber's license by the village council at the meeting Monday night.

Merrell street was granted a license to sell soft drinks as was Robert C. Allen of West Woodward road. Allen was granted a license to operate a restaurant.

The aeronautics secretary believes the coming generation will regard flying as indifferently as the present one regards the auto.

MacCracken had a chance to try out this theory recently, at an aviation show given by the commerce department in Washington.

Free rides were an important feature of the occasion.

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