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## EXCHANGITES OFF TO ROMEO

Club Accepts Invitation To Picnic And Ball Game

Birmingham Exchangites and their wives are to be guests of the Exchange club of Romeo the afternoon and evening of June 5, it was decided at the meeting of the club Tuesday noon at the Lone Pine Inn.

The Rev. Charles H. McCurdy, former rector of the St. James Episcopal Church here was the speaker of the afternoon. He spoke in high terms of Birmingham and said it was merely coming up to the expectations held for it by persons several years ago. Both he and LeRoy Brooks, also a member of the Romeo club, invited the members to the picnic.

The club will leave here after their noon meeting on that day. In the afternoon a base ball game will be served. A picnic supper will be served on the grounds of the McCurdy home.

Several informal reports were given by members of the club who returned from a fishing trip to northern Michigan.

## FINANCING PLAN IS GIVEN PRAISE

Nine out of ten persons who today drive their own motor cars would be peddling bicycles if it were not for the modern plans for financing purchases of automobiles, according to Leon B. Miller of Miller's Garage, Battery Service, General Tire Distributors in Birmingham.

"Even the wealthy purchase their expensive cars on deferred payments because it is most convenient, also because it is an economical and practical method of buying," said Mr. Miller.

"Kide as you say is an advantage in buying tires as well as in the purchase of a motor car. People do often purchase inferior tires because the price fits their pocketbooks at the moment. This is a costly procedure.

Olive Pelage, 12, was declared by a jury of 19 women physicians and dentists to be the healthiest girl in Chicago.

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY EDITION BRINGS FLOOD OF COMMENDATION

The fiftieth anniversary supplement of The Birmingham Eccentric published last week has brought a flood of favorable comment to the office of the newspaper. The supplement reviewed the past and present of the village, and narrated forecasts of the future. Articles and pictures of the past were received with a great deal of satisfaction, according to the comments.

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Donald C. Howarth, insurance agent, said the supplement The Eccentric issued last week on its fiftieth anniversary. I had not realized until I read it that Birmingham had such a past.

George Williams, Ferrado publisher: "Congratulations on the supplement. It was excellent. Certainly a milestone in the journalism has been passed by The Eccentric."

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools: "The supplement was a noble achievement. It was a splendid thing for Birmingham and an great accomplishment for The Eccentric."

James Oliver, 61 Villa road: "I have been a great many complimentary things about the supplement. Congratulations."

Rayley, township clerk: "The anniversary number was a fine thing for both the new and old residents of Birmingham."

H. T. Ellerby, village president: "The supplement told the world about Birmingham and The Eccentric. The results of the hard work put into the completion of the edition is a something of which the village can be proud."

James Parry, village manager: "I found the anniversary number very interesting. It told us newcomers a lot about the history of Birmingham and revived incidents of the past for the older residents."

The following letter on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Birmingham Eccentric, from Miss Carrie Mitchell, daughter of George Mitchell, is one of the letters rising upon the anniversary edition.

"Congratulations! At a quarter to one this morning I read your anniversary edition. I don't build on any more."

Rebecca Marsh—sure, I can see in my kind and reverent grandmother, walking slowly with a Bible held lovingly in her hand. "A goodly flock of dog" there's a "roar" going. Boy, I sure know his fishie.

And those memories recalled by your wonderful anniversary number bring others too. A. Partridge had Mose K. Taylor, and C. H. Howland, too, and "Doctor" Charles Raynolds and "Uncle Albie" Whitehead. They were all in my life. They don't build on any more.

Year, they should dress in their glory, its wealth of love-dealing eyes, robes and jewels at the restoration of her daughter to the earth.

Leaves Cover Earth So in respect to her wishes, Earth begins to cover herself with a light blanket of leaves in the fall and the witches scatter the warning that soon all must be asleep.

Then winter comes and with dances of snow covers all with a warm blanket while little children find great happiness in the snowman and skating, while the earth sleeps.

Big, blasting winds bring the first news that the awakening of the earth must begin. Then April showers and the warm sunshine beat on the earth to warm it and refresh it from its long sleep.

Flowers and all awake and put on their daintiest dresses and anxiously await their future.

At last in the distance, Persephone is seen approaching and all the earth folk joyfully greet her and crown her the Queen of the Spring and Summer and join in a dance of joy—for earth no longer sleeps, but is smiling and gay.

## TRAFFIC LANES SPEED AUTOS

Well marked traffic lanes speed Woodward avenue traffic through Ferndale, Traffic Sergeant J. J. Butts said after motorists had tried the lanes Sunday. There is less difficulty in handling the heavy volume of traffic than ever before, he said.

Ferndale on both the north and south bound pavements have been marked off, two on each side for speedy traffic where 35 miles an hour must be maintained. In the other lanes slower speed is allowed. Bus stops are clearly marked on the pavement.

The painted lanes, Sergeant Barnhouse said, keep motorists from cutting in and out of traffic on the slow drivers.

If motorists will continue to cooperate, traffic will flow as smoothly as through Ferndale, he believes.

James A. Garfield, in 1880, was the first "dark horse" candidate to receive the Republican presidential nomination.

## BIBLE SCHOOL FACULTY IS ANNOUNCED

Increase Reported In Proposed Enrollment For Classes

BANQUET IS PLANNED

Facility for the annual Birmingham Community Bible Schools for this summer are announced today and plans are under way to accommodate 400 students in two village schools expected to start the first week in July, according to announcement today.

Both the Hill and the Adams Schools will be used. Mrs. Carl Binkle is to be principal of the Hill and Miss Helen Robson will be principal of the Adams School.

Those on the faculty follow: Miss Ella Adams, Miss Aline Voorheis, Mrs. Arthur Hartwell, Miss Grace Wiley, Mrs. Charles Back, Mrs. Ruth Thompson, Miss Ina McCoy and Mrs. Woodward. The three assistants selected are Mrs. Fern Campbell, Mrs. Victor Ogden and Miss Margaret Ross.

Five Birmingham churches are listed in the project. They are the First Presbyterian, the United Presbyterian, the First Methodist, the Congregational and the First Baptist.

Plans are completed for a dinner Tuesday at 6:30 p. m. in the First Methodist Church for teachers of the Sunday schools of Birmingham and church officials who will dine members of the faculty. More than 400 persons are expected.

Mrs. J. C. Houston is chairman of the committee in charge and Robert D. Lund is treasurer. Pastors of the churches are members of the board.

Growth of the school has made it necessary to give classes in two buildings this summer, Mr. Lund said. He expects the enrollment to be double that of last summer. The classes will be held five days a week from 9 a. m. until noon. Bible instruction is to be given and the new method of instruction will be used which has the student make models of Biblical settings. The pupils will be



## A Subtle Voice . . .

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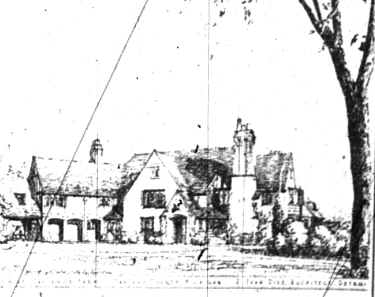
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