

It won't be long now, until Woodward Avenue in Birmingham is completed. And that will bring satisfaction to many people, not only those who drive cars, but those who walk now and then.

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200 WITNESS NEW SCHOOL DEDICATION

Many Speakers On Program At Quorton Ceremonies

INSPECTION IS HELD

More than 200 persons witnessed the presentation of the key of the Quorton School to Miss Magdalene Frederick, principal, at the formal dedication program last Thursday night in the new school building which was opened by parents of the pupils on September 8 at a cost of \$250,000.

Previous to the dedicatory services the building was inspected by parents of the pupils and many other Birmingham citizens.

Rolla J. Corryell, president of the board of education, opened the program in the auditorium, presenting the building to its faculty and to the public. He explained that it was a result of concentration, advanced knowledge, and symbolic of thoughts in life.

Following Mr. Corryell was Frederick Madison, the architect who told the three essentials strived at in the construction of the building: utility, stability and beauty. Mr. Madison said each of these three factors had been reached and declared the building was a definite expression in brick, stone, cement and steel.

The history of the purchase of the land on which the building was erected and the preparation for future schools here was outlined by Ray A. Palmer, secretary of the board. "The building has been constructed so that extensions can be made for later growth. Additions can be made to double present capacity," he said.

As a response from the public, Mrs. Hope Halgren, village commissioner, expressed her appreciation in behalf of Birmingham and said that considerable pride was justified in the new school.

Gratification of the consideration shown the teachers was told by Miss Ferderick in closing the program. "Our faculty hopes to render a high quality of service in promoting education in this school," she said.

Presentation of a silk flag was made by Fred V. Quorton, member of the school board. It was received by Colin John, a student.

Music was provided by the Baldwin High School band under the direction of A. W. Berndt and the High School Girls' Glee club sang as a part of the program. Following the music, a dance music was played in the auditorium.

William Herman of St. Paul won a divorce on evidence he got crawling through the window of his home when he was supposedly on a vacation trip.

"Hold still, Willie, he don't know you done it."

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By FRED C. KELLY

BUSINESS men naturally write more letters than any other group and consequently have the power greatly to influence letter-writing customs, including the spelling of words in every-day use. If they saw fit to drop silent letters and adopt scientific spelling, this would soon become universal practice. Today one-seventh of all English writing is made up of silent letters. Hence we waste one-seventh of all paper, ink, typewriting, composition, proofreading—in short of everything connected with writing and printing, to say nothing of the time of both writer and reader. One beautiful spruce tree out of every seven cut into pulpwood goes into paper used for carry silent and unnecessary letters.

A Western Journey

Birmingham To Yellowstone.

This is the second of three articles on America's west. The third will be published in a succeeding issue of The Eccentric.

By DR. HUGO ERICHSEM

Are you aware of the fact that the Yellowstone National Park is as large as Rhode Island and Connecticut put together? To be exact, it is about 62 miles long from north to south, 54 miles wide, and has an area of 3348 square miles or 2,142,270 acres. It lies in the northwestern corner of Wyoming and extends slightly into Montana and Idaho. Headquarters is maintained at Mammoth Springs, in Wyoming, where the post office is also located, but the Park is in reality a federal district and is such entirely under the control of the government. It lies on an elevated plateau surrounded by mountains and has an average elevation above sea-level ranging from 7000 to 8000 feet. It contains about 4000 hot springs, 100 geysers, big and little, rushing rivers and charming lakes, sublime canyons, waterfalls of great height and large volume, forests of pine, spruce, fir, cedar, poplar and aspen, with occasionally a dwarf maple and a thicket of willows. Authorities estimate that forest and plant growth cover fully 84 per cent of the entire area of the Park. Consequently botanists find it a rich field of study. It is also the paradise of ornithologists for nearly 200 different kinds of birds have been noted there. As for wild animals—it harbors black, cinnamon, and grizzly bears, two herds of buffalo comprising 1200 animals, about 600 moose, a few beavers and mountain sheep, and many deer, antelope and deer.

Since the Park is under federal control, the government regulates everything, even down to the price of your shaft which, by the way, is no more than anywhere else. If you stop at the hotels a four and

one-half day round trip of the Park will cost you \$54, which is reduced to \$45 if you put up at the lodges. This includes motor transportation, meals and lodging for the complete tour. At the lodges the tourists are housed in separate frame cabins, where they are expected to light their own wood-fire, if necessary, but the meals of the "lougers" are served, and family put together. To be exact, I talked with a number of fellow-travellers who had patronized the lodges and they expressed themselves as quite satisfied with the accommodations, including food.

Suggests Driving
Another good way to see the Park, if time is no object, is by means of your own automobile. I saw one that had come all the way from Ohio. If you have any intention of going there that way, write to the Department of the Interior at Washington for a copy of the free Motorists Guide which will give you full particulars, including a map of the great loop road. This latter is about 150 miles in length and is the highway system of the Park that renders its greatest scenic features accessible. The trip through the Park is one of ever changing variety and beauty.

In order to visualize the marked difference between the old transportation service and the new, the government has placed in front of the hotels; naturally they present a marked contrast to the modern automobiles now in use.

Since you have come so far, be sure to see the Park thoroughly—at least its main scenic features—before you leave. The customary cover from four to one-half to five and one-half days. From my own experience, however, I have come to the conclusion that it would be quite possible for a tourist in good health to see the main sights in three and one-half days, especially if he traverses the grand loop in his own automobile.

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PRaise GIVEN FIRE WEEK

Many Blaze Hazards Eliminated In Drive, Department Reports

Fire prevention week held in Birmingham in connection with the state wide movement, closed last Saturday with considerable success, according to Vernon Griffith, of the Birmingham fire department.

The public works department reports an increased elimination of fire hazards from private homes. "We feel that this is the most obvious indication of the operation of the villagers," Griffith said. "It shows that they are turning their rubbish over to the village for disposal rather than run the hazard of burning it as in previous years," he pointed out. "Of the 1,500 questionnaires distributed among the Birmingham school children 1,300 have already been returned and more are coming in daily. "It was our object to put fire prevention before the children and to take it into the homes in that manner," Griffith said and he feels that the questionnaires have been entirely successful in doing this.

Organizations and clubs in Birmingham also co-operated to spread the fire prevention slogan and many merchants displayed posters proclaiming fire prevention week.

The two inspectors who are visiting Birmingham homes and studying fire situations are another step in the way of fire prevention on the part of the Birmingham department. It is the plan of the department to visit as many of the homes as possible before winter and to continue the work in the spring.

The Diary of a New Yorker

by CLARK KINNAIRD

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric.
New York.—Edward W. (Daddy) Browning, who married Peaches Browning and thereby occupied the first page of the tabloids for a long time, has returned to Birmingham to edit conservative papers' columns. He not only urges, but agrees to pay all costs to convert Central Park reservoir into a supervised swimming pool for children. It no longer is used as a reservoir.

"I have a friend who will spend a million dollars to convert this old, useless body of water into a modern swimming pool and skating rink." I will turn it over to the city free of cost. And I don't think my name connected with it henceforth.

Browning is in the real estate business. He has an office on upper Broadway—to which he invites reporters when he has a plan under way.

In one room he has a floor covered with letters, protected by plate glass and the ceiling and the walls likewise are coated with epistles from the lonely, all to Daddy Browning—some addressed merely to "Daddy Browning, New York."

Daddy no longer adopts girls, but he announces he has 400,000 gifts purchased already for distribution to very small boys and girls in New York this Christmas.

I have a friend who lived in the same hotel as Daddy Browning, and went to the same barbershop. The hotel is a quiet family place, and Browning sedately went to his office every morning in a beautiful chauffeur-driven limousine.

At the barbershop, he was known for his \$5 tips to manicures—or was it \$10?

I hope this doesn't start another wave of letters toward Daddy. He can't possibly read all his mail—and doesn't.

Vaudeville acts are looking around New York for other work. They are beginning to fear the talking movie vaudeville acts will substitute for human turns.

Press agents, too, are beginning to feel the effects of the taxless. In order to keep his talking vaudeville programs secret until release, performers are prohibited, by one concern at least, from having individual press agents.

If Mac West is convicted on the charge of presenting an obscene play, and is sent to prison (the extreme penalty is three years) she will damage a successful play of hers, in which she is the star. In fact, it's doubtful whether the play would be a play without her.

For the third time within a few weeks a well-known woman has jumped or fallen from an apartment hotel window. Such things run in cycles, metropolitan editors will tell one.

Steamships are being dolled up for their winter cruises. It's the popular thing now to go around the world (or nearly) on an escorted tour. Larger vessels are required each year. This will be the biggest year of all. Some steamship companies depend on

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these tours to turn the tide on the matter of earnings.

Rents remain stiff in Greenwick Village and streets remain dirty.

Announcement by the tabloid Daily News that its straw vote poll showed Al Smith would carry New York state by approximately 100,000 and New York City by 600,000 gave the Republicans no little concern. At that time, there are Hoover name plates in New York City.

Recall History Of John Daines

One of the early settlers in Birmingham was John Daines, after whom the street was named. He came here from New York about the same time as George Morris, (uncle of Mrs. Retta Barr), and Theron Flower. The three became close friends. Morris bought Cranbrook Mill, Flower went to Pontiac, and Daines made his home at Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road. He started a tile factory and became noted as the inventor of a tile-making machine, the third of its kind in Michigan.

Mrs. Thomas Thurber, of Birmingham, his grand-daughter, has some pottery, of fine character, made by him.

The village at that time also boasted a wagon factory, several stores, and even a hotel. "More-over, trains stopped here. Bloomfield Center at that time was quite a complacent little settlement, with reasonable expectations of future importance, but curiously, this was only to come about after first passing through a period of decay. For its industries gradually died down, and a "deserted village" was the result.

Daines next bought a 250 acre farm, . . . part of which is now the site of the First National Bank. Mrs. Thurber was but three years old when he died, but the members him as a tall and slender man, whose perennial good humor must have made him a genial host.

"Let me See!"

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