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## ENVOY VISITS CRANBROOK

British Ambassador Guest At Bloomfield Hills School

Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills was visited Monday by Sir Esme Howard, British ambassador to the United States, Sir John Broderick, British commercial counsellor at Washington and A. R. Stone, British vice-counsel at Detroit. Later the visitors spent two hours with Henry Ford in Detroit.

Sir Esme and Sir John arrived from Washington Monday morning and were met by John Cameron, British consul, and Mr. Stone. The party breakfasted at the Book-Cadillac Hotel and then left for Cranbrook, Sir Esme having expressed a desire to inspect the school and work of the Cranbrook Foundation, many features of which are similar to the best English schools for boys.

**Met By Officers**  
At Cranbrook Sir Esme's party was met by officers of the school and the board of directors, including G. D. Pope, Judge Henry S. Hulbert, of the Wayne Probate Court; James K. Watkins, Dr. W. O. Stevens, headmaster of the

## ECCENTRIC'S CO-FOUNDER CALLED COLORFUL FIGURE

With the death of George H. Mitchell, late Friday, Birmingham saw the passing of one of its most colorful natives.

From that day back in 1878 when he and Emerson Whitehead set up their second-hand type cases in a tiny room at Manly and Pierce streets and started Birmingham's first newspaper, the keen interest in the news of the village never left him. The "writing bug" had got him, as he put it. It was a "bug" that never left him. For 41 years he recorded the news of the village in his weekly paper.

Even after the purchase of the school; Henry S. Booth and Warren S. Booth, and Henry P. M. Macdonald, Birmingham, while driving for long outings, while the Tones or Washingtonians were a group of young girls who organized a similar club, the same Eccentrics and Tones who wished him good luck on his wedding day.

It was a "news" paper and flourished. Mr. Mitchell had a knack of gathering news and writing it in a friendly, interesting style that appealed to his village. The weekly journal came to be a part of life, recording through his words the history of more than forty years, and the paper was not without its humor and bits of editorial comment. Often there would be a truly Mitchell pun or bit of advice tucked in among the news. It was a new column that told considerable of the life and thoughts of the man who wrote it.

**His Interests Here**  
"My visit to Detroit was primarily in response to an invitation from Mr. Ford," Sir Esme said. "I have never been here before, and I felt that I did not really know your country until I saw something of one of its greatest industries in operation. We plan also to visit the laboratories of the General Motors Corporation."

Sir Esme is 66 years old, and he carries his years as a soldier. He served as a trooper in the Imperial Yeomanry in South Africa, during 1900. Except for that year in the British army, for which he was cited for distinguished service, he has spent most of his life in the diplomatic service.

### SHAIN NARRATES HAWAIIAN TRIP

The natural resources of Hawaii and the life of its natives were touched upon by Charles J. Shain in his talk last Friday before the Gyro club at their luncheon meeting at the Chateau Tea Room. Mr. Shain recently returned from a trip to the island.

Hawaii is a self-governing island that raises its money by taxation. Mr. Shain pointed out "Japanese and Chinese comprise the majority of the population." He discussed the interesting features of the island, stressing the animal life and the climatic conditions.

Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker tomorrow before the luncheon meeting of the Gyro in the Chateau Tea Room. Frank Higbie is program chairman for the day.

### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church: "I shall never forget the significant attitude of many boys as they were being discharged from the army at the end of the World War. So many of them said to me 'Good-bye, Chaplain;—believe me they will never get me in another war. They will have to shoot me first.'"

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Eccentric in 1919 by George B. Averill. Mr. Mitchell was a frequent and helpful visitor at the newspaper office.

No one followed the issues of the Eccentric with more interest than Mr. Mitchell. He was always the first with praise and the first with help. He was the source of information for everything from tales of long forgotten pranks to strikingly historical data.

Often he would wander into the office with tales of the doings of the "Eccentrics" and the "Tones" back in the eighties, when Birmingham's two most flourishing clubs were known by these names. The Eccentrics, Mr. Mitchell would explain were a group of young men who banded together on Sundays and holidays and went driving for long outings, while the Tones or Washingtonians were a group of young girls who organized a similar club, the same Eccentrics and Tones who wished him good luck on his wedding day.

But Mr. Mitchell's life was not confined to journalism. He recalls that when the Democrats had a man on every ticket. "That was back in the 60's and 70's," he explained. Mr. Mitchell was one of Birmingham's most ardent Democrats, twice serving as postmaster under Democratic administrations, holding office for 15 years.

He was a man of varied interests playing the part of banker, village clerk, telegraph operator, druggist, grocer, and as he put it, "all rounder."

He left the newspaper business 10 years ago, and two years ago he wrote his life story recalling the Birmingham of years ago with its daily gatherings and gossip in the old Jim Hunt store. The same talent of writing which lent interest to Mr. Mitchell's newspaper is alive today in his daughter, Miss Carrie Mitchell, of Kalamazoo, who is a member of several prominent writing organizations there.

Despite the fullness of his life and its varied activities there was perhaps nothing dearer to Mr. Mitchell than the hours he spent writing and no truer biography than those columns he edited for so many years.



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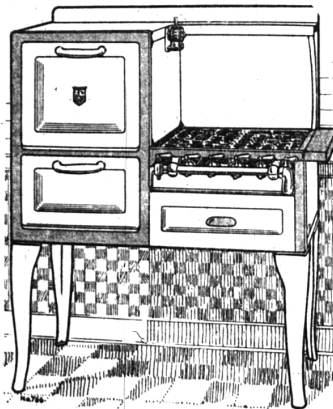
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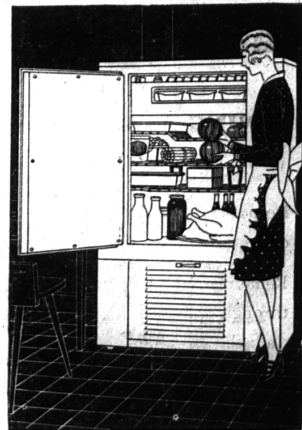
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