

As I go about the streets of Birmingham, I often wonder what people think about me as, perhaps, they pass me with a stereotyped "Good morning." Yet I haven't time to think about it—have you?

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BOYS ATTEND CAMP REUNION

Y. M. C. A. Members Met At Home Of L. Ruthenburg Saturday

A reunion of Birmingham boys who have attended Camp Haywood-Ha, the state Y. M. C. A. camp on Torch Lake, was held Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruthenburg on Arlington drive. John Fleming, camp director, and E. A. Byrum, camp secretary of the Y. M. C. A., attended the meeting.

Mr. Byrum spoke on a South American trip open this summer for boys more than 14 years old. Twenty boys from all over the country will take the trip, which will occur between June 28 and Sept. 1. Fred Johnson, Jr., brought a projection machine to the Ruthenburg home and showed camp pictures snapped last year. Camp songs were sung, by the boys and refreshments were served by Mrs. Ruthenburg. Those present were Allyn Brown, Holden Drury, Thomas Usher, Dale Carter, Jack Montgomery, Robert Saborn, Ross Morgan, Robert Gilbert, Sherwin Davidson, Fred Cushing, Harry Collins, Robert Hilly, Eugene Smith, James Ruthenberg, Steven S. Wygant, Bill De Berg, Dean Smith, Robert Schatz, Robert J. Brennan, and Frederick Boynton.

LAMB ASPIRES TO BE A LION, AND SUCCEEDS

A pretty little lamb came to Birmingham Saturday, mild, temper and sunny of disposition. He came unostentatiously in the morning, and was welcomed to change himself.

There is a group of self-styled scientists, of which George Heron Shaw is perhaps the foremost exponent, who call themselves creative evolutionists, and who claim that by force of will, an individual or a race may alter its structure or nature. Graffiti, they claim, got their long necks by covering and for generations reaching for inaccessible leaves of trees. Horses developed their long legs and hooved feet by desiring to run ever more swiftly; and even man might prolong his life for hundreds of years by wishing intensely enough for longevity.

Our March lamb must have belonged to this school of evolutionists, for no sooner had he arrived in Birmingham than he began to strive after the characteristics of a lion. Late in the morning, his brow clouded, and the whole village grew dark. At noon, he wept copious tears; and the village knew them as rain. Towards evening his loquacious

POLICE ARREST 57 IN MONTH

Eight Apprehended For Felonies; 14 Accidents During February, Report

A total of \$89.50 was collected by the violation bureau of the Birmingham Police Department in February, according to the report of Chief J. Tuttle. There were 57 arrests made, eight of which were for felonies. Of these, five were for conspiracy to defraud, two for breaking and entering at night, and one for abandonment. The largest number of arrests for any one offense was 21 for illegal parking. Traffic signal offenses were second, with a total of 12. Six were arrested for speeding, two for reckless driving, two for driving while drunk, and one of simple larceny. Two persons were reported missing in February.

Accidents, numbering 14, in which 16 people were injured, took place within the village limits during the month. One automobile was reported stolen, and one was recovered. The police department was informed of three instances of breaking and entering, one of grand larceny, and two of simple larceny. Two persons were reported missing in February.

Characteristics became more pronounced; and the whole village shivered. Local residents watched with horror a mane growing on his once small neck, a feline expression overspreading the once meek face, and the short curly-haired tail lengthening out into a long rope which switched restlessly back and forth.

By Sunday morning the transformation was complete. The lion, having reached his maturity, smiled a lion's smile, and wand majestically out of town, crouched on the top of one of the Bloomfield Hills, contemplating with satisfaction the countryside covered with snow, and the church-gangs drawing their coats as closely about them to keep out the snow flurries, which persisted as the last evidence of civilization's energies of the night before.

TWO ARE JAILED AS DISORDERLY

On a charge of disorderly conduct, Ray Wilbur, of Pontiac Township, was sentenced to pay a \$50 fine or serve 60 days in jail, and Fred Dove, also of Pontiac Township, was sentenced to pay a \$75 fine or serve 90 days in jail, in the court of Justice Floyd S. Buck Friday. They were arrested by Bloomfield Hills police officers who reported finding them intoxicated and with liquor in their possession. Both were committed to the Oakland County Jail in Pontiac.

Ignoring the command "hands up," Miss Gertrude Jensen of Chicago screamed when burglar pointed his revolver at her, and he fled.

BIRMINGHAM AS SEEN BY—

RAY A. PALMER

Real Estate Broker.

How long have you been in this type of business?

I have been in the real estate business for four years.

What led you to choose Birmingham as your location?

Several years ago while we were living at one of the lakes for the summer we became attracted to the village by its quiet home life and a strong desire on our part to get away from the crowded city so that we could have a garden and our children could have space in which to play also influenced us. Upon investigation we came to the conclusion that this was the best suburb. The high standard of the schools was another determining factor.

Do you wish to keep the village of a residential nature?

Yes.

What growth do you expect of the village in the next five years?

My idea is regarding to the growth of the village of Birmingham in the next five years is dependent upon the rapidity with which certain things develop. If cheaper living quarters and rapid transit come into our growth will be marvelous within this period. If not, the rapid growth will be somewhat delayed. We are a residential area between two industrial cities and therefore our land values will remain stable and we will continue to be a home-owning family community and nothing can stop our normal increase in population by at least 1,000 inhabitants per year. In regard to area it is important that we should look well to our boundaries.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS—of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The History Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The ladies will give a Leap Year party at Library Hall Mar. 29. Dancing and games. Dancing to commence at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

Rules

1. The ladies are to pay all bills; but if any gentleman is so unfortunate as not to have an escort he can be admitted to the ball by payment of regulation admission fee.
2. The usual order of introduction will be observed, and all invitations for dancing will be extended by the ladies.
3. At the end of each dance or promenade if the lady wishes to leave her partner she is requested to assist him to a chair, or escort him to his mother.
4. Gentlemen are requested to deport themselves in a most lady-like manner, not to drop fans or handkerchiefs more often than etiquette requires, and on no account to permit themselves to be called from the room by a "friend of mine" without the consent of the lady.

We feel for the fellow who gets the first invitation to the Leap Year party. 'Bout time the girls commenced their wooing.

Bob Reynolds hopped right up, and hollered Hallelujah on Wednesday morning, because he was the father of a brand new baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Perkins celebrated their linen wedding on Wednesday last. The company was large, the presents numerous, and a most enjoyable time was had.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The most homesome and careworn looking man in Birmingham these days is T. G. Holmes, his wife having been visiting in Chicago and St. Louis for some weeks and will not be home for some weeks yet.

A Sand Hill girl played "post-office" at a party the other evening.

TWO CANDIDATES TO GET DEGREES

Eastern Star Will Confer Honors At Masonic Temple On Wednesday

Eastern Star Degrees will be conferred upon two candidates at the initiation to take place at the Masonic Temple next Wednesday evening. There will be a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p. m., of which Mrs. Winnifred Burkman will be chairman.

Due to the fact that the P. and A. M. and Royal Arch Masons have announced plans for a dance to be held Mar. 7, the Eastern Star dance scheduled for Mar. 10 has been cancelled. In place of the dance, the officers will sponsor a bridge luncheon to be held at the Bloomfield Township park, on Thursday, Mar. 20. Bridge, and progressive, and "500" will be enjoyed. Tickets may be secured from any of the officers of the organization or from Mrs. Michael Miller, general chairman.

FIRE RAZES HOME AS WATER FAILS

House On Crooks Road Destroyed Because Supply Is Inadequate

Due to an inadequate water supply, members of the Birmingham Fire Department were unable to check the flames which razed to the ground the home of Constantine Szurkci, one-half mile north of Maple road on Crooks road early Sunday morning.

The house and some of the furniture were completely destroyed, the total estimate loss amounting to about \$25,000, members reported. The rest of the furniture was carried out by members of the family, neighbors, and the fire squad. Szurkci and his family, who were sleeping in the house, were awakened in time to make their escape in safety. The cause of the fire is thought to have been a defective chimney.

If we expect to retain our percentage of growth in population.

What do you consider Birmingham's greatest need?

Quick, reasonably-priced transients to downtown Detroit and at the same time retaining in the village the atmosphere of a residential community.

What is your favorite form of recreation?

Gardening.

William Cobb's horse mysteriously disappeared Saturday from in front of Cobb's store. Marshal Bray was informed and the sheriff of Pontiac was notified, and later the horse was found roaming around Bloomfield Hills and returned to Mr. Cobb by Will Hagerman. There is no doubt that the horse had been stolen, as he showed evidence of hard driving.

FIVE YEARS AGO

Declaring that the exact legal status of the women of the United States was still an unknown quantity, Mrs. W. W. Whittemore, Bloomfield Hills, spoke on the National Woman's party before the local Rotary club Monday night. Mrs. Whittemore, who was formerly president of the Michigan branch of the National Woman's party, is now its secretary.

By a formal resolution passed by the village commission Monday night, Birmingham went on record as being opposed to furnishing water to new subdivisions outside of town, as well as to discontinue such water service when the present contracts expire.

A painting of Mrs. T. L. Thurber's was one of the 250 chosen from the 850 submitted for the Michigan Artists' Exhibit in Detroit.

Y. M. C. A. drive brought in a total of \$2,792.75.

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