*Human consciousness is attracted by temporal things more than by spiritual ones. What a pity it is that so many people, struggling for happiness, seek it only though material possessions. Vanished dreams that only become nightmares.*

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

FIFTY-FIFTH YEAR—NO. 13 BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1932 $2.00 PER YEAR—SINGLE COPIES 5c

## "Inspector" Takes $37 From Register

**Restaurant Is Victim Of Man Posing As White Tower Official**

Harris Gooch, manager of the White Tower restaurant on South Woodward avenue, reported to police that a man posing as an inspector for the White Tower system, entered the restaurant early last Thursday morning, took $37.85 from a cash register and disappeared.

Vainus Figg, a waiter, was busy at the counter when the man walked into a back room where the cash register was located and opened it under the guise of inspecting the accounts, Gooch said.

He described the imposter as being about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, and wearing a dark suit and straw hat.

It is estimated that more than 40 per cent of airplane deaths and injuries are caused by spinning.

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## EPISCOPALIAN CONCLAVE ENDS

**Pageant, Address By Bishop Page Climax Cranbrook Conference**

As a climax to the summer conference of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, in progress at Cranbrook all last week, a pageant was presented by conference attendants Friday night, followed by a brief inspirational address by Rt. Rev. Herman Page, bishop of Michigan, and one of the conference leaders. Previous to the pageant, prizes were awarded to the young people who distinguished themselves in the work of the conference.

Given in the Greek amphitheater on Cranbrook Estate, the pageant unfolded before a setting of King Arthur's court, and was based on Tennyson's story of the search for the Holy Grail.

Bishop Page, who addressed the group in Christ Church Cranbrook following the outdoor program, spoke on "Calling upon God for Help."

"If you really want to know what life is," he said, "or how to love, or how to solve whatever your problem may be at the time, call upon Him.

"Christianity is not a series of complications of creed or interpretations of the Bible, but a very simple thing. Loyalty to God and to your fellow men is all that Christianity is."

The conference ended Saturday morning when the final classes were held for the 200 clergy and lay delegates, representing Episcopal churches throughout Michigan. Luncheon at noon concluded the program.

**Every Fisher's Desire**

A correspondent asks if we can locate for him a verse, entitled "The Angler's Prayer." He probably means this:

Oh, Lord, pray suffer me to catch
A fish so large that I
When telling of it afterwards
Will have no need to lie.

How can you
Afford to turn down
Real
Opportunities to purchase
Land during this
Depression period?
Buy now while
Land is cheap
And you will earn enough to
Keep you comfortably
Ever after.

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## SUIT WILL TEST SALARY ADVANCE

**Bloomfield Township Asked To Explain Payment To Board Of Review Member**

A law suit to test whether townships have the right to pay their employes in advance of services performed is scheduled for a hearing in Justice Arthur J. Tuggey's court at 10 A. M. today.

The plaintiff is the Chamberlain Metal Weather Strip Company of Detroit, which recently was awarded a judgment against Scott A. Hersey, member of Bloomfield Township's Board of Review.

The company attempted to garnishee Mr. Hersey as Board of Review salary in payment of the judgment, but was informed that Mr. Hersey had been advanced $100 on June 11, and that on June 13, the day the garnishment was issued, nothing was owing to Mr. Hersey from the township.

The Board of Review did not meet in public session until June 13, although it had preliminary meetings the week before, and the Township Board did not vote on the salaries to be paid Board of Review members until June 16, when the two members were voted $150 each.

The company then brought suit, making Bloomfield Township garnishee defendant and asking township officials to show their authority for advancing salary money to employes before due.

At a preliminary hearing last Thursday, David E. Anderson, township treasurer, admitted that Mr. Hesey had been paid the $100 on June 11, but said the payment was made by voucher, signed by supervisor, Perry A. Vaughan and James V. Bayley, clerk. He said he believed the practice was common.

Both Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Bayley have been summoned to testify at the continued hearing this morning, in answer to the court's order to show cause why the $100 was paid in advance, and why it is not still subject to garnishment by the plaintiff.

## Fire Visits House 2nd Time In Year

The second fire of the year at the home of Edward L. Bryant, 280 Aspen road, early Saturday morning resulted in the burning of a suit of clothes and damage to other articles of clothing in a closet on the second floor. Firemen said the blaze was caused by five-year-old Edward Bryant, Jr., when he started to play with matches he found in a golf bag in the closet.

Damage of $1,500 was caused in the Bryant home in a fire last February originating from defective radio wiring.

## Harpster To Run For Probate Judge

Henry W. Harpster, Pontiac Municipal Court justice for eight years, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for probate judge in the September primary, he has announced.

In addition to his experience on the Municipal Court bench, Judge Harpster practiced law for 40 years, including four years in the county prosecuting attorney's office.

Sam Patterson, Pontiac attorney, will oppose Judge Harpster for the probate judgship on the Democratic ticket.

**There is**

A press dispatch says that at a convention of educators "no" was voted the most useful word in the language. We feel sure that there's a mistake somewhere. That must have been a convention of bankers.—Atlanta Constitution.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**
**Perry A. Vaughan**, Bloomfield Township supervisor: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many clubs and organizations in Birmingham which co-operated with the township last winter and spring in caring for indigent families of the community. I haven't figured out exactly the value of their aid and support, but I know it saved the county and township a lot of money, and it won for Birmingham the reputation of being the most co-operative community in Oakland County."

## 40 BOYS ENROLL IN PLAY SCHOOL

**First of Annual Summer Terms Planned for Youth Opens At Cranbrook**

Approximately 40 boys between the ages of six and 13 had enrolled up to yesterday in the first annual Cranbrook Summer Play School, which opened Tuesday to continue to Aug. 14, it was announced by George T. Nickerson, the director. A still larger enrollment is expected before the end of this week, he said.

The boys attending the school have been divided into three groups, according to age and physical ability. Classes meet from 9 A. M. to 12 Noon every day except Saturday, with one hour each morning devoted to woodwork, one to various games and one to swimming. Occasional visits will be made to the Institute of Science, Academy of Arts and other facilities offered by Cranbrook Foundation.

The purpose of the school is to provide a place for recreation under proper supervision and coaching in swimming, baseball, track events, tennis, canoeing and other outdoor sports.

Merits will be awarded to boys in each of the three divisions who acquit themselves with distinction in their work and play. A track meet and water carnival will bring the term to a close.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**
**John E. Marts**, treasurer of the Board of Education: "The history of taxation is that all taxes are paid eventually—in real cash."

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## B. H. S. GRADS SEEK COLLEGE ENTRANCE

**19 From Recent Classes Apply For September Enrollment; U. of M. Favored**

A total of 19 recent graduates of Baldwin High School have filed applications for college entrance in September, according to a recent tabulation of Melvin C. Hart, principal, the list of applicants consists chiefly of members of last month's graduating class, although a few previous classes are also represented.

The University of Michigan far outranks institutions in popularity with the applicants, 10 of the 19 having applied for entrance in that institution. The other nine are divided between as many different schools in various parts of the country.

The complete list follows:

University of Michigan—Mary Louise Widemann, Carolyn Beltranini, Betty Lou Myers, Carolyn Salisbury, Louise Stone, Harry Collins, Dorwood Harris, Richard Ellerby, Bob Hilty, Don Stewart.

Wilson College—Betty Roura.

Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn.—Harriet Clark.

Stephens—Janet Peabody.

DePauw University — Betty Burns.

Hillsdale College—Neil Welch.

Bradford Academy — Eleanor Wasey.

Marygrove College—Ruth Porritt.

University of Virginia—Tom Usher.

Cincinnati School of Embalming—Albert Jardine.

## Russell To Speak At Local Church

"Broken Pieces" will be the subject of an address to be delivered by Nelson Vance Russell, Ph. D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Russell of Beverly road, at the Presbyterian Church at 11 A. M. Sunday.

Dr. Russell who has just returned from Europe where he has been doing research work for the last year, is a well-known figure in Birmingham. He last spoke at the Presbyterian Church in January on the fall of the Russian church.

He is a graduate of Baldwin High School and is now professor of history at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

## CRANBROOK ARTISANS, ARTISTS SHOW WORK

Rugs, ceramics and samples of book-binding are featured in the summer exhibition of products from the studios of resident craftsmen and students in painting and drawing at Cranbrook, now on display in the Cranbrook Museum. The exhibition will continue throughout the summer.

The museum is open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 P. M.

## PUBLIC URGED TO CUT WEEDS

**Village Sounds Plea To Property Owners To Clean Up Vacant Lots**

A plea to individual property owners in Birmingham to attend to cutting the weeds on their vacant lots had been issued today by the Commission and village manager following a protest against conditions in some parts of the village, directed to the Commission at its meeting Tuesday night.

"Difficulty of collecting the weed-cutting fee from property owners as a special assessment has caused the Commission to omit this item from the 1932 budget," explained Manager James W. Parry, "and although the township lends its welfare labor to the village for odd jobs, few of the men on the welfare list know how to handle a scythe.

"As a result, the most satisfactory method for having weeds removed is for individual property owners to hire the work done, and this the village strongly urges them to do."

The protest Monday was entered by Fred S. Ross, 504 Willits street, who said it appeared the village was "slipping backward" in neglecting the weed-cutting activities, and declared he intended to take it upon himself to serve as a committee of one to persuade certain property owners in his neighborhood to clean up their lots.

Village President Harry Allen admitted the "slipping backward" implication, but pointed out that the mounting delinquency in village taxes accounts for the fact that the regular appropriation for weed-cutting was not included in this year's budget.

In reply to a suggestion from Mr. Ross that Birmingham's "overworked firemen" be assigned the duty of burning weeds, Mr. Parry said that about 80 vacant lots have already been taken care of by that method this spring. Most of the lots were burned off by request, he said.

The village is still attending to the cutting of weeds in the highways between curbs and sidewalks, he added, and any other places where they constitute a danger.

## June Fire Loss Reduced To $20

**Monthly Property Damage Nears New Low Record; Only 5 Alarms Sounded**

Fire loss in Birmingham neared a record low in June, when only $20 damage was done to buildings and none to contents, according to the monthly report of Fire Chief Vernon Griffith, issued yesterday.

Only five alarms were turned in during the month. Property endangered by the fires was valued at $50,000.

Firemen spent 1 hour and 28 minutes in actual fire fighting, travelling 7.9 miles in trucks to and from the alarms. Only 34 feet of ladder were raised, and 65 gallons of water pumped from the booster pumps.

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June 30, 1932

**RESOURCES**

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| Cash on hand in Banks and United States Government Securities | $ 513,377.51 |
| Municipal Bonds | 90,950.77 |
| Real Estate Bonds | None |
| Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures | 204,926.43 |
| Other Real Estate | 20,410.92 |
| Overdrafts | 229.21 |
| Loans and Discounts | 2,299,481.87 |
| Trust Department | 140,783.77 |
| Total Resources | $3,310,200.48 |

**LIABILITIES**

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|---|---|
| Capital Stock | $ 200,000.00 |
| Surplus | 200,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits | 100,688.36 |
| Circulating Notes | 100,000.00 |
| Deposits | 2,315,685.14 |
| Dividends Unpaid | 99.00 |
| Rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank | 61,134.21 |
| Bills Payable | 191,810.00 |
| Trust Department | 140,783.77 |
| Total Liabilities | $3,310,200.48 |

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