

The Eccentric

PART TWO

It's great fun to walk in the woods these days, and observe the progress being made by grass, shrubs, plants, trees, and kindred flora of the earth, as it pushes its way into another span of life. Depressions, political parties, and foolish human nature can't interfere with Nature's processes very much.

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REPORT SHOWS DRIVERS ARE SAFETY CONSCIOUS

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TRUE TEMPER GOLF TOURNEY DRAWS STARS

Local Club Will Hold Match In May; \$3,500 In Prize Money

Birmingham Golf Club is to be the scene of one of the most important tournaments that has been held in the Detroit District for many years. On May 28 and 29 the True Temper Open will be played over Birmingham's sports links and about 150 of the biggest names in golf will be matching shots for the \$3,500 prize money. Sandwiched between Walter Hagen, the veteran and Lawson Little, the freshman among the world known pros, it is expected that Horton Smith, Olin Dutra, Craig Wood, Jimmy Thompson and many other champions and near champions will be on hand. An \$800 pot of gold is at the bottom of the seventy-one hole for the winner with the balance of the purse split fourteen ways for the rest of the competitors.

The tournament will be held just prior to the National Open which will be held at Baltusor in New Jersey the following week and a large contingent of the western pros will stop over. Birmingham and Baltusor are courses of similar type although Birmingham is a little more rolling. In addition, they will play just about equal and the winner of the True Temper Open in Birmingham will be a serious contender in June at Baltusor.

Dave Kennedy, Birmingham greenskeeper and his crew are already at work and they expect to give the visitors about 5000 yards of real golf at which to shoot. Al Watrous, Murray Dutra and Midge Murray of Birmingham are three of the local pros responsible for arrangements and they are enthusiastic in their predictions for a major golf exhibition in every sense of the word.

BETTY FAUCETT IS SPELLING CHAMP

District Finals Held At Adams School Last Friday Afternoon

Yolanda Papa, eighth grader from Brookwood school, Bloomfield Hills, just couldn't get the word "surmount" and as a result Betty Jean Faucett, eighth grader from Bloomfield Village school, is this district's spelling champion. The best shot at the Adams School Friday afternoon, brought together 15 children who had won the championship of their respective schools in this district. F. Morse Cooke, principal of Adams School, was in charge of the bee.

Previous to the contest, Mr. Cooke presented each of the 15 children with medals as a reward for having won their spelling championship. Then the spelling bee started. For several rounds not a word was missed. The word, "busiest," tripped one, another fell before the word "straggle" and "burdock" caught three more. Finally, just Betty Jean and Yolanda survived the bee as the words grew harder to spell. And then, along came the word, "surmount," which proved too much for Yolanda.

Some of the other words that tripped the spellers were: withered, pursuing, penitents, venomous, ambitious and housekeeping. Several of the students mispelled in their eagerness to get the word out of their mouths.

The new district champion, Betty Jean Faucett, will compete in the Detroit News metropolitan championship which will be held at the Fair Grounds in Detroit, May 15. The winner of that bee will go to Washington, D. C. to compete in the national spelling bee. Schools represented in Friday's spelling bee included Adams, Pence, Barnum and Quanton, in addition to Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Village, Hickory Grove, Linton School, Wing Lake and Tuscarora.

Mrs. LeRoy Braisted served as the pronouncer during the spelling match while Miss Adelaide Cooke, local librarian, Robert E. M. C. A. Secretary, and E. G. Whitte of The Eccentric acted as judges during the bee.

For a little as 25 cents you may in advance to receive a copy of The Eccentric. Try one when you want to see how well you can do on a test of your spelling. Write for a copy or for a trial copy. Telephone 11 before Wednesday noon each week. —A.E.F.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Police Chief John P. Hackett: "Birmingham is gaining national recognition as one of the finest residential cities in the metropolitan area. The Community House is one of the contributing factors in this respect as it serves the city as a meeting place for groups, youths and adults alike. This promotes greater understanding and makes the city an ideal place to reside in."

FHA PLAN WILL BE EXPLAINED BY LOAN AUTHORITY

Only 20 Per Cent Equity Necessary To Secure Low Rate Fund

Thomas Kingensmith, representative of a large loan company, will be at the new offices of H. Kenneth Bingham in the Wabash Building from today until Saturday noon to interview prospective home builders and others who plan on remodeling or refinancing their houses under the Federal Housing Administration program. Mr. Kingensmith, a 60-year-old man, wrote one-third of all FHA business carried on in Detroit during March.

Problems on how to negotiate a loan for remodeling, refinancing or new construction under the FHA plan will be explained in detail by Mr. Kingensmith, who stated, "construction is rapidly increasing here and with so many rents the FHA plan permits building and owning of your own home less cost than renting."

All loan agencies, whether individual or large corporations, must be licensed by the government before they can carry on this work. Under the plan, now operative, twenty per cent of the value of the FHA appraisal on the project must be put up by the builder. The balance is loaned by government insured mortgages permitting individual firms to carry on wide scale loans at five per cent interest.

Under the FHA plan, if an individual owns a lot worth \$1000, he can build a \$2000 home on it without any down payment and with monthly installments of approximately \$45.00. Twenty per cent equity is all that is required to negotiate a loan, and a lot less to meet that requirement. In lieu of land possession, the prospective home builder must put up the equivalent in cash. Loans are granted up to 80 per cent on the valuation of your property, under Federal Housing Administration appraisal.

Eight New Books Of Varied Appeal Now At Library

Eight new books have been added to the shelves at Baldwin Public Library, according to Librarian Adeline Cooke. Among the new editions is the Catholic Dictionary, presented to the library "from a friend." This particular work is a complete reference on every subject in the life and belief, tradition, rites and symbolism within the Roman church.

Another book of particular interest is Charles H. Cagle's, "Practical Navigation." It serves as a handy reference book for mariners, naval officers, steamship lines, yachtsmen, and students of navigation.

A novel work is the book, "Around the World in Eleven Days," edited by three youths, Patience, Richard and John Abbe. It is a story written by children for grown-ups—a completely artless travel book, fresh and vivid, wise, sharp and mercilessly humorous.

Among the other recent additions are: "The Story of Gardening" by Richardson Wright. It devotes detailed space to the story of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon to the hanging gardens of New York, Dillon and Edna St. Vincent Millay have collaborated in riting the English version of the French work, "Flowers of Evil," edited by Charles Baudelaire.

Max Doerner has written an interesting book entitled, "The Materials of the Artist and their use in Painting." Publishers of the work, "The Hoover Administration," written by William Starr Myers and Walter H. Newton, have presented the library with a free edition of the book. The two other books now available include: "The Story of Make Garden Ponds," written by William Longyear, and Eleanor Farley's refreshing narrative, "And this is Cape Cod."

STUDENTS TO TEACH FRIDAY

Classes To Be Conducted In Routine Fashion By Seniors

With the consent of school authorities, the Baldwin High School students, Congress, has arranged for a Senior Student Control Day on Friday, May 1. At that time members of the faculty, including Principal Melvin C. Hart, will remain away from the building throughout the day and classes will be conducted by representative students, picked by the committee.

The following students will be in charge of the day's program: English: Florence Brotherton, English: Amy Harrell, Latin and Ancient History: Bill Cushing, Mathematics: Jean Judson, Spanish: Helen Armstrong, physical education: John H. Fisher, Biology: Drury, English: Bob Watt, Chemistry: John H. Fisher, Latin: Thomas Navin, English: Betty Coons and Andrea Miller, short stories: John Cushing, clothing and cooking: John Hullott, History and Economics: Roy Hendrix, Business: Charles Boynton, Civics: Betty Hill, Art: Betty Spinning and Marjorie Baldwin, Music: John Cushing, Bookkeeping: Charles Boynton, Physical education: Janet Hart, clerk: Helen Forrester and Dorothy Ward, Librarians.

This is the first time that a student control day has been permitted in a local school. The outcome of the experiment should prove interesting.

Union Services List 4 Speakers

For the Sunday evenings of May and June, the congregations of the First Baptist and First Methodist Churches will unite in a series of union services. A group of outstanding speakers on socially important subjects has been secured for these services. The public is cordially invited to share in these opportunities.

Following is the schedule of speakers for May:

May 5—Address, "Why We Believe Like Human Beings," Professor Harry D. Hoey, of the Department of Psychology, Fairbrook School.

May 10—Mothers' Day service, to which all Girl Scout Troops, Girl Reserves, Church School classes, with their leaders and mothers, are invited.

Address by Mrs. Harold T. Miller, of Detroit, of the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom.

May 17—Address, by Ralph Lyon, of the Temple Beth El, Detroit. He will speak of conditions in Germany and Palestine.

May 21—Address by Mrs. Wilbur M. Ale, conference officer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and outstanding speaker to youth.

May 31—High School Baccalaureate Service.

All services, except the last, will be held in the Methodist Church at 7:30 each evening.

Helpless

There was nothing but coffee for breakfast at the Van Quanton home yesterday morning. Mr. Van Quanton was sent out for bread Sunday night and thoughtlessly brought home an unliced loaf—Kansas City Star.

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Ferry service at the Straits of Mackinac was resumed this morning by the State Highway Department after an interruption of a week caused by ice.

The Mackinac Island Ferry, flagship of the state-owned ferry fleet, is now running on its regular spring schedule. The ferry leaves St. Ignace at 6:00 A. M. and Mackinac City at 7:15 A. M. daily. Trips are made at two and one-half hour intervals throughout the day.

Fourth Annual Kite Day On May 16

Children of Franklin Village, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills will have another chance to display their skill at kite making and kite flying in a contest to be held on the Green at Franklin Village Saturday Afternoon, May 16th. This is the Fourth Annual Contest sponsored by George Wellington Smith and it will follow the plan of previous years.

The rate in judging kites will be according to the originality of design, workmanship, behavior in flight and altitude gained. A new feature for this year is that the Father and Mother of the children entering kites in the contest must enter their kites at least 50 per cent of the time in flight.

First and second prizes will be presented to the winners of the various groups. Competition this year promises to be much keener with the interest already shown by the entrants of last year along with their friends and playmates from Birmingham, Franklin Village and Bloomfield Hills.

Children may register at their schools or by telephoning George Wellington Smith at Franklin Village.

Eleven in a week -

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