Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery.—Charles Dickens.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

LONDON, ENGLAND, July 21, 1937—In a very few hours, with my family, I shall be leaving this world metropolis for Edinburgh and other points in Scotland, by way of Stratford-upon-Avon, and in nine days shall be aboard the Duchess of York, bound for Montreal where, August 7, we hope to land—then for good, old Birmingham!

We landed in England just a week ago yesterday, July 13, at Dover, after a three-hour trip across the English Channel from Ostende, Belgium; that night we stayed in "The House of Agnes," in Canterbury, made famous by Charles Dickens in his "David Copperfield." The house is very, very old and, of course, very quaint. It is on the main road from Dover to London.

Every bit of driving that I had done in Europe was after the fashion of our own United States and Canada, namely: on the right-hand side of the street; in approaching the problem of driving in England, therefore, I had had some anxiety about complying with the British custom of driving on the left-hand side of the road. So, on the way to Canterbury from Dover that first evening, (only 15 miles, at about eight o'clock), I experienced the unfamiliar pleasure of driving in a manner incorrect in my previous experience, yet quite correct where I was. At my request members of the family frequently would remind me of the value of "keeping left" and also on the car's windshield was a pasted notice that the British harbor at the wharf had placed there. "Drive On The Left!"

Frankly, and modestly, Folks, I have thus far driven more than 800 miles in England, and feel "at home" on the left-hand side of the road; the only disadvantage is that I have to sit on the left side of my car and drive, while your Britisher, in his English-made automobile handles the car from the more convenient right side. So, if you plan on bringing a car to England, don't let the left-hand driving prevent you—you'll get the hang of it very soon after you start, I am certain.

I shall not endeavor to become "detail-ish" about the geography of our trip thus far in Merrie Olde Englande; I'll hastily sketch our journey from Dover to Canterbury, to Cranbrook, Exeter, Winchester, Torquay, Clovelly, Tintcombe, Cheddar, Bath, Stonehenge, and thence to London.

First of all, let me tell you who have never been to England that you'll never know what winding, hedge-lined roads are until you come over here. I have seen nothing like it, for continuous turns, anywhere in North America, and not even on the continent of Europe—except for the necessary turns that you generally find on mountain roads. It is impossible to make any time on these English roads. The usual, and enforced, speed limit in cities and towns is 30 miles per hour; out in the country you may go as fast as possible, and so far I have not been able to push the faithful Buick past 60 miles per hour, and then only for short stretches.

English roads are, of course, very beautiful. I have never seen so many rose bushes and vines, so many lovely gardens with so many colored flowers, as here in England; they are practically continuous, as you go along, except when the hedges interfere, and there are plenty of the latter, I can assure you. The trees are old—so old, and so beautiful, too. For miles and miles you ride along between these hedges in the open country, and even in the populated areas. I am convinced that, while there are quite a different, fewer hedges would interfere less with the passing scenery. One reason why double-decked motor buses are used so extensively in England is, I believe, because it enables those "upstairs" to see over the hedges.

Motoring across southern England takes you through a very hilly section of the country and more than once each hour you are at the top of some high prominence, able to look for miles in every direction; you observe estates, farm buildings, (in the older areas much stone and brick are used for construction of houses, stores, barns, etc.), grazing land, land under cultivation—and one thing that impresses you is the almost complete scarcity of the familiar fences we see in the United States; instead, hedges bound farmsteads and estates, hedges, the boundaries that make of the land a vast pattern of many colors; you will see many herds of cows and sheep, peacefully eating themselves to fatness for the markets of England; most of the acreage is being cultivated, of course—and in spite of this, England imports seven-eighths of its annual food supply for its 44 millions of people.

The first evening, after leaving Canterbury, (the city where the Archbishop of Canterbury lives and presides over England's Episcopal Church), found us in a place called Petworth, not far from the great seaport of South-

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Baptist Pastor Resigns Charge To Convert 'Half Million Souls'

After "prayerful consideration" and due to the "definite conviction" that he should sever his connection as pastor of the First Baptist Church, and direct his spiritual

Rev. Johnson

career toward "constructive evangelism," the Rev. A. F. Johnson tendered his resignation to members of his congregation Sunday following his sermon at the morning service.

His "spiritual conviction," Mr. Johnson explained, is the belief that he can "win half a million souls to Christ" by following evangelistic work in which he had been engaged before coming to Birmingham 11 months ago from Albuquerque, N. M.

In association with T. D. Carroll, tenor soloist, choir director and young people's worker, Mr. Johnson will divide his time between Forth Worth, Tex., and Birmingham. With the latter as his summer headquarters, he plans to make contacts for conducting evangelistic services throughout the northern part of the United States. During the other eight months of the year, he will establish headquarters at Fort Worth, from where he will carry on similar work throughout the south.

Resignation Brings Tears

All denominations will be included in the "half million souls," Mr. Johnson announced.

"I am a Baptist and always will be but that fact will not prevent me from carrying on my work among all denominations."

"There is no personal reason for my going," Mr. Johnson said. "The church loves me. It has followed my leadership blindly, and the Lord has blessed our labor. Attendance and finances have more than doubled during my pastorate here. When I announced to the congregation that after prayerful consideration, I found I could go no further with the work here, due to the definite conviction that I should continue constructive evangelism, the effect was very touching. Children cried and seven men wept openly. They love me and I love them."

Expresses Love for Congregation

Mr. Johnson's resignation, in part, stated:

"My heart is sad as I turn from this field. No richer field can be found for richer harvests in the Kingdom work for a pastor. Words from my own heart can not express my sincere love for, and

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RITES HELD FOR P. M. WYGANT

Michigan Bell Executive Expires Following Brief Illness

Funeral services for Phillip McHenry Wygant, resident of Birmingham for 13 years, were held Monday at 2:30 p. m., in White Chapel Memorial Park Temple of Memories, with the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector of St. James' Episcopal church officiating.

Mr. Wygant, who until his retirement two months ago, was district commercial agent of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, died early Friday at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He had been confined to his home and was rushed to the hospital following a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Wygant, who resided with his family at 713 Pierce street, was born on Christmas Day in 1883 at Fort Reno Army Post, Okla. He attended Hamilton College at Clinton, N. Y. For the past 30 years he was affiliated with the American Telephone and Telegraph and associated companies. He came to Detroit in 1918, and until his retirement, was associated with the Michigan Bell.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Katharine Mailler Wygant; four children, Mrs. Howard T. Worden, Katharine L., David B., and Steven, all of Birmingham, and two brothers, Col. Henry S. Wygant, U. S. Army, retired, of Washington, and Cpt. Bertrand B. Wygant, U. S. Navy, retired, of San Diego, Cal. He was son of the late Col. Henry Wygant of the U. S. Army.

Recently, Mr. Wygant was made an honorary member of the Pioneers of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

Until Monday, the body remained at the S. O. Wylie Bell home for funerals on East Maple avenue.

Have You Met?—

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schiffler, 1316 Villa Road? They moved to Birmingham from Detroit with their two sons, Jack, who is three and one half years old and Richard Reed, who is seven months old. Mr. Schiffler is connected with the B. K. Elliot Company, distributors of drafting and engineering supplies, in Detroit.

Mrs. Schiffler, who studied at the Detroit School of Applied Arts, says of their new home, "we like Birmingham, especially on account of the children, and we have always wanted to live in a small community like this."

Services At St. James' Church Mark Passing Of Charles Buck

Friends of Charles Elton Buck, widely known Birmingham realtor, paid a final tribute to his memory Saturday afternoon, at funeral services held in St. James Episcopal church. Death came to Mr. Buck early Friday at his residence, 31 Barbour Terrace, after an extended illness. The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector read the last rites.

Mr. Buck, who was 62 years old, came to Birmingham in 1924. He was vice-president and treasurer of the firm of Snyder, Buck and Bennett. During his long residence here he was identified with real estate companies, including Saunders, Colgrove and Buck, which later became Colgrove, Buck and Tillotson. He was instrumental in organizing the company known as Snyder and Buck, Inc., in 1931, and of the subsequent company, Snyder, Buck and Bennett, Inc.

Born in Wilmington, Del., June 19, 1875, Mr. Buck came to Detroit in 1908, where he engaged in the advertising field for 13 years.

After taking up his residence in Birmingham, he centered his interest on real estate. Although not affiliated with local organizations, Mr. Buck was keenly interested in community projects, among which were rapid transit, and the development of a progressive school system.

He was a member of St. James church, serving as vestryman. Mr. Buck leaves his wife, Helen S., and two sons, Stratton of Chicago and Charles Elton Buck, III.

Services at the church were followed by cremation at White Chapel Memorial Park.

2 LOCAL MEN ARE HELD IN LAND FRAUD

Voorheis, Morehouse Deny Charge Made By Aged Fruit Grower

Charged with embezzling $105,000 in real estate deals from Fred Wolf, 84, and his sons John and Louis Wolf, Berrien County fruit growers, two Birmingham men, Byron W. Voorheis of 959 Kennesaw avenue, and Joseph J. Morehouse of 1380 Maryland boulevard, were arraigned last Thursday in justice court at St. Joseph, Mich., together with two Saginaw men, one Bay City man, and a Saginaw woman, held on the same charge.

Mr. Voorheis and Mr. Morehouse deny the charge that they were involved in the real estate deals, but admit selling three oil leases to the Wolf family last December for the sum of $750.

The others arrested last Wednesday with Voorheis and Morehouse were George M. Reynolds, his secretary, Mary Gilles; and Albert Spencer, all of Saginaw and William Carrell of Bay City.

State Investigates

Examinations set for Wednesday were postponed until Aug. 24. Bonds were set at $10,000 each. Arrests were made in Saginaw and Bay City, Wednesday by Sheriff Charles L. Miller of Berrien County, and Lieut. Lyle Hutson of the State Police, accompanied by Amos Meyer, investigator for the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission.

Charging the group with embezzlement, fraud and obtaining money under false pretenses, over a period of six years, the complainants set forth that those under arrest sold them 60 lots near Eloise, Wayne County, six years ago, for prices ranging as high as $2,000 each. The average assessment on the lots is said by police to be $150.

According to a statement made by Mr. Voorheis, he purchased the Eloise property for $500,000 cash in 1925, and sold the subdivided lots. At that time, Mr. Voorheis states, the Wolf family bought a group of lots, receiving deeds and abstracts.

"Later on, Spencer, Carrell and Reynolds, who were selling Saginaw lots unknown to either Mr. Morehouse or myself, went over to the Wolf family," Mr. Voorheis states, "and traded them out of some of the Birch Hill (Eloise) lots for Saginaw property. We (Mr. Morehouse and I) knew nothing about their 'phoney deeds, nor did we have anything to do with the sale of these lots.

Sell Oil Leases

"However, Mr. Morehouse and I did sell the Wolf family three oil leases last December for $250 each for $750. The well was drilled and Mr. Morehouse was served with an injunction restraining him from further drilling at the present time, and the Wolf family has been so advised. Mr. Morehouse and I were arrested and held on this $750 deal."

FALL TERM TO START SEPT. 13

Public School Calendar for Year Issued By Business Office

The business office of the Birmingham public school system has just released the official calendar for the 1937-38 school year. September 13, at 1:00 p. m., will mark the opening day for the schools. On October 14 and 15 the Michigan Education Association will meet and the schools will be dismissed to enable the teachers to attend. Thanksgiving recess is November 26 and 27, and the schools close on December 18 for Christmas vacation.

Sessions are to be resumed on January 3, 1938, with commencement and the winter graduating class to be held on February 3, the term ending Feb. 4. Good Friday, March 25, will mark the beginning of the spring recess, with the time classes will adjourn until April 4. Spring graduation will be held June 16, and school will adjourn for the season on June 17.

SPARK BLAZES AS CAR DOOR OPENS

A spark which, according to police had smouldered since midnight the night before, the last time the vehicle had been used, burst into flames Wednesday morning when E. H. Laird, owner of the car, opened its door. Mr. Laird, who lives on George street, said he did not know the origin of the blaze, which ruined the back end of the car.

Policemen, summoned to the fire, first opined that it must have begun the preceding night. Lack of air within the car would keep the flame down until the door was opened in the morning, they believe.

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Realtor Dies

Charles Elton Buck

Last rites were held at St. James' church Saturday for Mr. Buck, a resident of Birmingham since 1924, and actively identified with the progress of the community through his real estate interests. Mr. Buck died Friday at his home, 31 Barbour Terrace, following an extended illness.

SERVICE CLUBS HOLD TOURNEY

Rotary and Lions Bow To Exchange In Joint Golf Match

Golf enthusiasm among the members of Rotary, Exchange and Lions clubs ran high Wednesday afternoon, as the picked golfers from each club battled it out on the Sunnybrook golf course. Louis Hascall, of Rotary, who placed second in last year's match, was low man this year, with a tally of 76. However, the Exchange club won this year's tournament on points, rolling up 39½ as opposed to Rotary's 30½ and 29 of the Lions.

Starting at 1:30 in the afternoon, one player each from Rotary, Exchange and Lions teed off, with the following results. In the order named as to clubs, Louis Hascall, 76; Ralph Wilson, 86; Dr. G. R. Norton, 82. Rotary defaulted the next threesome, but the other two were Guy Jensen, 86 and Ross Hallock, 82, followed by: George Baldwin, 87; Ralph Bricker, 85 and Claude Morrow. The next threesome again picked one player, this time from Exchange. The other two were Forbes Hascall, 87 and Louis Grant, 92.

Next came Harry Bissett, 98; Cy Osborne, 93; Emerson Brown, 89; and Grady Paget, 90; Dr. N. T. Shaw, 90; D. A. Green, 90. Following these two groups were: Dr. W. P. Gibson, 92; Parmenter, 118; Fleming, 92; and Oscar Peterson, 94; Ed. Sheridan, 95; Bill Stem, 96. Next came Phil Williams, 96, Delos Anderson, 89; Booth Smith, 90; and then Lloyd Linton, 115; Rice Howell, 88 and Carl Ely, 105. The two threesomes who ended up the line of play were: Charles Randall, 112; Oliver Kirk, 101; Ray Peck, 111; and following them, although not playing on any team, were: Lester Pinkman, 90, Mark Beers, 103 and Phil Maynard, 119. Following the tournament, the golfers held a joint dinner at the club.

CITY CLOSES ALLEY AT REQUEST OF CHURCH

The City Commission, in its regular meeting Monday night at the city hall, voted unanimously to close the alley back of the Holy Name church, on Harmon avenue. It was explained by Father James W. Cotter, pastor, that the alley had been closed in every way but name for years, and that the official closing would give the church room enough to put up a sizeable extension in the back.

Building rules prohibit the erection of any building within a single family district, which will not have a 16 foot space in back, to keep the properties from becoming too congested in such a district. However, permission has been given to the church by the property owner whose lot adjoins in back to go ahead with the addition, even though it will come within four feet of his property. This will probably be done in the near future, Father Cotter predicts.

MEET AFTER 25 YEARS

Miss Constance Wilson was hostess this week to her cousin, Miss Frances Hardy, of Cleveland, Ohio, in her home on Shirley drive. Although the two were not separated by very many miles they had not met in 25 years, and were only acquainted with one another through the medium of letters and photographs. Miss Wilson said that her cousin's visit of two days, Monday and Tuesday, proved all too short to make up for never having met before.

On Wednesday morning Miss Hardy left Birmingham to continue on to Grand Rapids, where she will be the guest of relatives there.

SAFE REMOVED WHEN THIEVES ENTER STORE

Firm Relieved Of $1,089.12 In 2nd Major Robbery In 2 Years

Birmingham's biggest and boldest robbery in the past two years, according to police records, was staged early Monday when thieves entered Mint's ice cream store, 1360 South Woodward avenue, and removed the safe containing $1,089.12.

The store was entered through the door, which was found standing open at 5:20 a. m., by a patrolman making his rounds. The safe was missing. The same officer reported that when he had investigated earlier, at 4:15 a. m., the doors were securely locked. Later in the day the empty safe was located on the Thirteen Mile road west of Southfield.

The store was owned formerly by George E. Mint, but is now operated by Ethram Holmes of Detroit.

"The robbery was one of the boldest in Birmingham since I have been here, and that is seven and one-half years," Chief of Police John P. Hackett declared. "The building is well lighted and adjacent to Woodward avenue, so that there was risk of being seen. In spite of that, the safe was evidently carried out the door, which was left open."

Fingerprints in the building were checked, police state. No arrest has been made so far.

Birmingham's last major robbery was in March 1935, when Cunningham Drug Store on Woodward and East Maple avenues was entered and from which $1,500 was stolen from the safe. Thieves entered by breaking through the basement wall from the cellar of an unoccupied building next door. The safe was carried to the basement and broken open.

Thieves were also active in other parts of the city during the week-end. City Manager Donald C. Hebert announced this home at 620 West Frank street was entered Saturday in the absence of the family. A watch and small amount of money were stolen. On returning, Mr. Egbert said, he found the lock had been tampered with on the front door.

Accused of stealing lead from the unfinished establishment of Daniel Robertson at 1312 Webster avenue, Stanley Bagrowski, 22 years old and Walter Lenard 17 years old, both of Detroit, were arrested Friday and held for investigation on a charge of simple larceny. Arrests were made by Sergt. Earl Moody.

Two witnesses reported wires to their radios in cars, cut, but the radios were not removed. Chief Hackett advises car owners to lock both cars and garages at night.

HEAVY RAINS CUT LOSSES BY FIRE

Department Receives Only Three Calls During Past Month

The unusually heavy rains have cut down fires to such an extent in Birmingham this month that so far there has been no actual monetary loss from them, according to Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith. The department was called to bring one grass fire under control early in the month, which they did before it inflicted any damage, and they also were called to extinguish a blaze in a truck. The vehicle was not hopelessly damaged, and since it was in transit, what damage as did occur could not be called a local affair. Local firemen have been on a call but one other time this month, when they used the pulmotor in a vain attempt to revive a swimmer who drowned at Walled Lake recently.

Hitches Her Wagon To A Star And Gets Prizes, Not The Bird

Louise Carson won her private pilot's license less than two months ago, but that didn't keep her from winning first place in the women's spot landing contest, a feature of the first air show sponsored Sunday at the Pontiac municipal airport by the Pontiac chapter of the National Aeronautical Society. A crowd of 30,000 persons jammed the airport to witness the show which went off without a hitch or injury to any of the performers.

Miss Carson received a bicycle donated by a Pontiac merchant as a reward for her prowess in the spot landing, but admitted that she didn't know how to ride it. She received almost immediate instruction on how to manage the "ground contraption" from her recent competitors in the air events, even though none of them ventured to ride it as an example. Taking the examination for the private pilot's license along with Miss Carson, two months ago, was Miss Pauline Hutchins, of Pontiac. Miss Hutchins received an equally high rating on the test from the department of commerce, and won second place in the spot landing trials at the airport Sunday.

"I'm going to keep right on flying," said Miss Carson. "It's a lot of fun and no more dangerous, to me at least than it would be to drive a car. Of course you can't get out and walk if you have engine trouble, but think of all the pedestrians, traffic complications and fool drivers an airplane pilot misses."

Diminutive and faintly reminiscent of Amelia Earhart in appearance, Miss Carson is employed at Beck Cleaners here. She hopes some day to make her hobby her career, and fly for a living. In the meantime she will continue her studies at the Pontiac airport.

Work on Highway To Start This Fall Commission Told

Comes To Baldwin

George J. Wurster

COACH NAMED FOR GRID TEAM

Baldwin Men To Train Under New Regime When Work Begins Sept. 1

Baldwin High School grid-men face training under a new regime for the football season of 1937, begining Sept. 1. Directing activities will be a new coach in the person of George J. Wurster, who succeeds Ernest T. Engel in this capasity. Mr. Engel assumed coaching of the team a year ago upon the removal of Miles W. Robinson from head coach at Baldwin to the office of principal of Barnum Junior High School. Mr. Engel will return this year to his former position as head of intramural athletics for junior high schools.

Mr. Wurster comes to Birmingham with a record of successful achievement in both college and professional football. After attending Northwestern High School in Detroit, he was graduated from Western State Teachers' College in Kalamazoo in 1923, receiving his A. B. While in college he was fullback on the Varsity Squad for three years under training of Coach Mike Gary.

After graduation, he entered the realm of professional football. The same year he became identified with the Detroit Cardinals, a professional team antedating the Detroit Lions, playing in the backfield.

His most recent capacity was that of coach and athletic director at Eastland High School, where he turned out teams that were consistent league winners. Mr. Wurster was appointed as Baldwin coach on recommendation of Superintendent of Schools Howard D. Crull. Football practice for the 1937 season will begin Sept. 1, according to a bulletin issued Monday by the Board of Education.

Mr. Wurster, who was also an English teacher in the Eastland High School, will instruct in the same subject at Baldwin. With his wife he will arrive in Birmingham from Pinckney, Mich., where the two have been spending the summer, in time to inaugurate the football training season.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Municipal Judge Forbes S. Hascall: A uniform State law requiring the licensing of bicycles would be desirable in that it would aid police in recovering stolen bicycles.

Egbert Authorized To Begin Estimates On Sewers Prior To Grading

Engineers from the State Highway Department this week engaged in the working out of project plans for the new Wider Woodward Avenue highway, to be constructed over the old Grand Trunk right-of-way, according to information given the Birmingham City Commission Monday night by Donald Egbert, Manager, and Harold H. Corson, Treasurer and Engineer. The Commission authorized Manager Egbert to prepare plans and estimates for the required sewers to be laid preparatory to the State's grading and subsequent paving operations.

hTe new highway will be constructed exactly in accordance with the highway at the north and south entrances to Birmingham, with a right-of-way of 200 feet, two 40-ft. strips of concrete pavement, and a 40-ft. parkway area in the center. Grading operations are expected to begin this Fall, with pavement planned for next year, according to local officials.

Although City authorities have sought a grade crossing separation at East Maple and the new highway, such a plan is not included in the present project, it is revealed here.

"When completed, the new highway will take care of north and south bound traffic just as Woodward avenue does now outside of our limits," explained Mr. Corson. "However, the present Woodward Avenue in Birmingham can be used by both south and northbound cars, just as at present. We anticipate that the new highway, however, will be used almost exclusively by traffic both ways on Sundays and holidays, thus eliminating over 75% of the congestion."

Property along the new highway has been under process of purchase for some time, and the State is now completing this project of the project, Lansing has advised local officials.

YOUTH SAVES PAL WHEN BOAT SINKS

Loren Robinson, Jr., Comes To Rescue of Friend in Lake Huron

Loren Robinson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Robinson, of Wimbleton drive, was the hero of a near-tragic marine accident on Tuesday, August 10, but when it was all over he went swimming. "Because Bill (his brother) had been waiting around all afternoon to go swimming and the water was fine."

Young Robinson who is 15 years old, was in a rowboat on Lake Huron, along with Grant Peer, 14, of Guelph, Ont., and Lester Russell, 15, of Palmer Woods. The three set out for Chantry Island, about two miles out in the lake, to go up in the light house.

"The boat was old and leaky," Loren explained, "And when we got out where the waves were high, it seemed to go out from under us. We all hung onto the boat and took our clothes off and tied my new slacks to the seat so they wouldn't get lost—and pretty soon Grent said he'd swim to shore and get some help."

Young Peer started for the island while the other boys waved and shouted to people whom they saw on the shore. It soon became evident that the boat would not reach the shore because the waves were high and the water cold. He returned to the hull of the boat. Lester Russell, who was also the weakest swimmer of the three, held to the boat while Loren swam around it, helping them to hang on, occasionally supporting himself with one hand. After half-an-hour had elapsed the boys decided that the people on shore weren't going to help, and that they'd better swim while still able. They were also drifting with increasing rapidly out into the lake.

"We were nearest the island," Loren explained. "It was about three miles, or a mile away but it was the nearest land. Then Lester began to drop farther and farther behind. I didn't know what was because Grant couldn't swim well enough to slow up—he had to keep up his top speed or sink. I know I could have made the island alone but I didn't dare leave Les alone, so we two swam back to the boat and Grant kept on towards land.

"It seemed like an awfully long time there. Lester kept telling me to leave him and he was getting

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