

City of Birmingham Request for Bids

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building, Birmingham, Michigan until 2 o'clock P. M. Monday, September 12, 1932...

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By E. G. Whitney Birmingham's community recreation program concludes this week after about two and one-half months of successful operation...

Idle Thoughts: The trek homeward has begun—many local residents returning from vacation... some 50 employees of The Eccentric were guests of G. R. Averill at a swimming party...

By Marjorie Elaine Porter How do you do! May I present myself? This is a new picture. I hope you'll like it. I do!

Don't misunderstand, I'm not really vain, but when those who know me best, gazed at the picture, and then looking at me vaguely asked, "Is that YOU?" I felt something had to be done about it.

Miss Porter I considered the possibility of having the picture done over to look like me, which presented even greater complications...

Things looked dark. It was one of those moments in life when as the poet said, one is "standing with reluctant feet"— Feet! Lucky they didn't show! The thought, if a picture would do to my face, what it couldn't have done to my feet!

As I said, things were looking dark for Margie. Then one day a kind friend remarked, in a bright and helpful tone, "Why don't you use your own picture instead of Lydia Pinkham's?"

That settled it! Jumping up and down like Donald Duck, I exclaimed gratefully, "It may be an ugly duckling, but I swan, no one's going to make me look like an old hen!"

I hopped a bus to Graine's studio in Detroit. In calmer mood, I faced the camera. Here's the result. Say what you like, it's my face and I'm going to stick to it.

But I'm saving the other picture. I'm saving it, because some day I may want to go by-on a big boat. Then I'll need a passport. Bargaining into the passport photographer's den, and flashing that picture before his astonished eyes, I'll snarl, "Get a load of this. Big Boy, and shoot your worst!"

And he'll say, "I couldn't shoot anything worse than that!" Then in despair, he'll shoot himself—or me, for being such a nut as to let a picture like that go into circulation.

By Carol Dweilley Last time we went sailing, someone invited the lady with holes in her head to come too. When we saw her, out came thought was that of relief. I mean after all, there's not much she could do when out in the middle of Lake St. Clair...

Well she finally did, to prove that the holes really had added her lovely pate, wasn't really so terrible, but it had its points. When we wondered about it afterwards, some of its possibilities almost drove us wild.

It was during a little lull in the wind, when we slowly came out to a much larger one on which was lolling a very luscious looking brunette, in a skin-tight one piece rubber bathing suit.

bright yellow in hue. The lady with holes in her head waved, as usual, and they responded, languidly. Suddenly her eyes brightened and she sat up, focusing our mad friend with them. "Why hello, Virginia, how are you?" she cooed.

The l. w. h. h. whose name isn't Virginia, smiled, cordially. "I didn't recognize you at first," she called. "How are you, anyway?" "I'm just fine," replied the stranger. "How's Norman? I'm so fond of him."

Here madness began to rear its ugly head. "Norman? Don't ask me—I haven't seen him for almost a year." The luscious one's eyes popped. Her jaw dropped so far that she could barely gasp out, "Well—I like that. Er-ah-well, how's the house?"

By this time the two boats were past each other. Over the widening gap came the voice of our friend, still cordial. "The house is fine. I do wish you'd come out and see us and it some time."

In mild curiosity, we asked her who her friend was, and it was when she realized that we knew she'd done her best for the day. "I don't know," she murmured. "I've never seen her before in my life, but she was so glad to see me it wouldn't have been nice not to reply in kind."

This incident left such a lasting impression on our young minds that we were all set to hail the next boat we saw with "Hello, Virginia. How are you?" They in turn might've done it to the next boat, and so on. But the idea of a whole lakeful of boats, all shrieking to find out how Virginia was, was so appalling that we were quite relieved when a freshening wind took our minds off the whole affair.

ELMER DEVELOPS TEMPER WITH AGE

Zoo's Snapping Turtle Was Old Before Lincoln Freed Slaves

If Elmer the Snapping Turtle at the Michigan Insect Zoo in Convention Hall, Detroit, seems bad-tempered, don't blame him. You'd be grouchy too if you had lived for more than 150 years, including six wars, more depressions and the invention of outboard motors to muddle up your favorite ponds and streams.

That's what Elmer has done, according to Brayton Eddy, director of the Zoo. "Elmer may be as near 200 as 150 years old," Eddy said yesterday. "His species is the largest among American fresh-water turtles, and Elmer is the biggest of his kind I've ever seen. That means he was around when his neighbors in his native Rhode Island wrote the Constitution, and he was an old man when Lincoln freed the slaves."

Elmer's disposition, Eddy says in the big turtle's defense—his more than two and a half feet long from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tail—shouldn't be blamed on his longevity, however. Snappers are notoriously vicious. Elmer can strike like a snake, and his big jaws would amputate a man's hand in a second. That's why he's always handled by his tail.

But he's waxing fat and sluggish in captivity. "He's probably happier now, in his glass tank, than he ever was before his capture in Rhode Island last spring," Eddy thinks. "He gets fed daily, and on choice hamburger and steak at that. He has a pretty soft life."

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JUMPS TO DEATH San Francisco.—The first person to commit suicide by jumping from the newly opened Golden Gate Bridge was a man, about sixty years old, who climbed over the railing and leaped to the water, 200 feet below.

WALKING RECORD Los Angeles.—George Hadley, 22, completed his 2,565-mile hike from Springfield, Mass., in 57 days, beating the previous record set by Edward Payson Weston, in 1922, when the veteran walker made the trip in 77 days.

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