

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

In the late teen age of youth, evidence of restlessness appears; but if parents will only hold off final judgment a brief space, youth will generally become stable.

SIXTY-SECOND YEAR—NO. 15

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1939

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FERNDALE—All officers were re-elected by a unanimous vote when the Ferndale-Pleasant Ridge board of education met for a short organization session. President Fred G. Cadwell was re-elected, with John Goodman, president pro tem, Mrs. Elizabeth Beasley, secretary, and E. Donagan Sweetser, treasurer. Herman F. Barth and Dr. M. L. Richards, new trustees who replaced Charles A. Colby and George W. Martin, attended their first meeting.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

as of JUNE 30, 1939

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$376,747.65
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	381.92
Real Estate sold on Contract	35,036.56
Real Estate in Judgment and subject to Redemption	6,724.30
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	7,500.00
Other Assets	860.44
Office Building	10,828.63
Cash on hand and in Banks	36,131.38
TOTAL ASSETS	\$474,210.88
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$368,206.05
Advance from Federal Home Loan Bank	62,100.00
Dividends declared and unpaid	2,355.00
Mortgage Loans in Process	20,020.20
Advance payment by Borrowers (Taxes, Insurance, etc.)	7,996.36
Other Liabilities	159.00
Reserves and Undivided Profits	13,374.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$474,210.88

State of Michigan, County of Oakland—
I, W. L. Moreland, Secretary of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. L. MORELAND, Secretary
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of July, 1939.
HAZEL E. LAWLER, Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan.
My commission expires March 2, 1941.

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Friends of Donald Lackie Establish Memorial Fund for Purchase of Books
By Liado Moore

On the eve of his graduation from Baldwin High School in June 1938, Donald Lackie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Lackie, 540 Frank Street, was drowned while swimming in Long Lake. The particular tragedy of such a death affected not only his family and his schoolmates, but a much wider circle in Birmingham.

Simple and popular, nothing was really needed to keep his memory green in the hearts of those who knew him. Nevertheless, at the suggestion of Mrs. S. I. Johnston, 619 Pierce street, a fund was collected from the city at large to provide a Lackie Memorial. Contributions poured in from the graduating class of 1938, from undergraduates from his friends, and from many who knew him only by name. The collected nickels, dimes and pennies made a sum that was used to purchase books for the schools and the library. Three of these were presented to Baldwin Public Library, each containing specially designed book plates bearing the legend "The Friends of Donald E. Lackie 1920-1934."

The first of these is Liddell Hart's biography of Colonel Lawrence, whose fabulously adventurous life in Arabia makes fascinating reading. *The World Was My Garden*, is the story of David Fairchild's adventures in far corners of the earth in search of strange and rare fruits, flowers, vegetables and grains, many of which he introduced to the United States. The third book is the *Anna Botzford Comstock Handbook of Nature Study*, a completely revised edition of a classic of many years standing. The subjects include many kinds of birds, fishes, reptiles, mammals, insects and plant life.

The books, with the bookplates will be on display in the library for a few days, after which they will go into circulation with the regular collection.

Other books recently added include: *Anne Minton's Life*, by Myron Bring, an adventure-packed story of a French and Indian War. Covering some of the same ground as "Northwest Passage," it is told from the point of view of an Indian hunter who became one of Rogers' rangers. The story is full of action and includes one of the most satisfactory villainous villains of recent literature.

Ann Minton's Life, by Myron Bring. While she stood on the ledge of a hot-seated stove above the street, debating with herself whether or not to jump. Anne Minton's life flashed in review through her mind. In the crowd watching her with awful fascination, stood some of her loved ones who were influenced forever by the sight.

William's Room by Alice Grant Roush, a story of a pleasant story of English country life.

Jubal Troop, by Paul I. Wellman. An adventurous story of the American life in an exciting and jamble and every man was quick on the trigger.

OAK PARK—Politics in Oak Park were in a turmoil Friday with two factions of the village commission claiming the offices of manager and attorney for their appointees and with a member of the commission facing charges brought in a petition demanding his ouster.

With a voting majority of the commission, Commissioners Clarence O. Kirby, Mrs. E. Nielsen and Eugene Cagnon made good their ouster of Village President Alexander Garrett by refusing to approve his salary voucher for the last two weeks, dismissed Village Attorney George F. Maxwell, and appointed "effective immediately" a new set of officials.

FERNDALE—The work of Patrolman Percy Van Oort at Albert Yarena of the Detroit police department's barroommaster's division who uncovered the body of Robert Roy of Ferndale from Pleasant Lake, near Jackson, was praised in a formal resolution of appreciation passed by Bernalde city commission.

ROYAL OAK—A family reunion was held Sunday at the home of Mayland E. and Mary A. Skinner, 602 Florence avenue, commemorating their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner were married at Utica, Mich., July 2, 1889. Both were born in the village of Warren and shortly after their marriage they moved to Sanilac county where they lived until 1900 when they returned to the vicinity of Warren. In 1921 they retired from the active life of farming and moved to their present home in Royal Oak, which Mr. Skinner built.

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Young Anglers Try Skill in Casting At YMCA Camp

A string of two-pound bass, perch and blue gills, enough to provide breakfast for the entire camp, was one record catch of the boys in the fishing group at Camp Mah-n-go-tah-see, the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. camp, near Long Lake, one day recently, according to Camp Director Robert D. Lynd, this is one of the most successful seasons. More than 20 boys have registered for enrollment for the latter half of July.

One of the most popular activities, Director Lynd reports, is fishing, of which "Grandpappy" Hubbard, is counselor. Mr. Hubbard is the father of Eugene Hubbard, program director. More than 20 boys a day join "Grandpappy" for fishing.

The young anglers are given instruction in the proper method of casting, however, those who prefer to stick to the bamboo pole and line, and use worm bait. After the day's fishing is done, the prospective James Watson gather around "Grandpappy" to talk about the big catch, as well as the proverbial bigger ones that slipped away.

New leaders, director Lynd announces, will be coming to the camp this week. They include Norman Barrett, Peru University senior, and Dick Harrell, both of Birmingham, and James Fromm of Detroit. Fromm is a senior at the University of Michigan. He has had considerable experience fishing and will handle the new Sea Gull sail boat, which was christened "The Loon." Barrett and Harrell will direct a group of young boys as well as assist as swimming coach.

Trustees of Camp Mah-n-go-tah-see were entertained at the summer picnic at the summer at Cass Lake last Thursday evening. John Maynard was in charge of the steak dinner, which was served aboard Mr. Sumner's boat. The Trustees will hold the next meeting at Camp Director Lynd announces.

Benefits Restored To All Veterans Of Spanish War

Hospitalization, domiciliary care and burial rights, of which Spanish-American war veterans were deprived by the Economy Act of March 20, 1933, have been restored to all veterans of that war who saw service between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902.

This statement was made today by Commander Floyd Crook, City of Birmingham Post 2645 Veterans of Foreign Wars. The bill providing for the restoration of the benefits, was signed by the President on May 3 and is now Public Law No. 62. Commander Crook has been instrumental in the bill, which will apply to veterans of the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion, will cost approximately \$135,000 for the first year, it is estimated.

"These men previously were entitled to such benefits prior to the Economy Act," Commander Crook explained. "H. R. 2320, the only general bill relative to veterans which has become law so far during the 76th Congress, simply means that rights once belonging to them, it does not add any new benefits. It simply gives back to these veterans certain benefits which once were theirs but of which they have been deprived for the last six years."

Commander Crook requests any veteran in this vicinity who is eligible for the benefits stated, to consult with the service office Past Commander Jack Boomer, 1371 Pierce Street, for assistance in making application for these benefits under the new law.

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Rocking Chair Carries Octogenarian Three Thousand Feet into Ether

By Cassius F. Smith

Just like sitting in a rocking chair was the calm emotion of Mrs. Edmund A. Morris, of Bloomfield Manor, as she rested comfortably on a leather cushioned chair, 3000 feet above the ground, on the occasion of her first airplane ride, climaxing a strenuous week celebrating her 80th birthday.

"It was wonderful, I'll go again. I'll go somewhere," she said, as she looked out the Detroit City Airport, and she had time to review the swift train of events which averaged 120 miles per hour, being one of the pioneers of interest in and around Detroit.

"Surprising! It's unbelievable how smoothing the plane was. Much better than an automobile, but I really would like to have gone a little higher and a little faster. We moved so slowly. Why, I imagined things would move so swiftly I would have difficulty distinguishing objects on the ground, but I had plenty of time." When informed the plane had averaged 120 miles per hour, Mrs. Morris couldn't believe it.

Soaring high over the University of Detroit stadium, the Fisher building, the Ambassador bridge, Detroit's downtown skyscrapers, and Belle Isle, Mrs. Morris marvelled at the smoothness of the parent closeness of these points of interest. In particular, besides the University of Detroit, she saw Bloomfield Manor, the panoramic spread of Belle Isle appeared to her.

Rough Ride in Paris

Mrs. Morris compared her new experience to her initial trip in one of the first automobiles in Paris. "It almost shook me to pieces," she said in speaking of it. "The driver kept turning the wheel this way and that. I was glad when it was over. I was almost scared to death. But we had such a nice pilot today."

The pilot was William B. Maycock, who has had 22 years' flying experience. The plane was a five passenger Stinson Reliant.

Now that she has felt the thrill of adventure in the air, Mrs. Morris will tell Mr. Morris all about it. He did not know of the projected flight because, well, a woman knows how a man can put his foot down - sometimes.

Frederic Graef, friend of the Morris family for many years, presented Mrs. Morris with the sky trip. Thursday, July 6, as his birthday present. Judging from his guest's reaction, he will have a veteran air traveler with him by this time next year.

Came From Detroit

Mrs. Morris moved from Detroit to Bloomfield Manor 28 years ago, being one of the pioneers to that community. Birmingham then was a drowsy, cross-roads town, and Woodward avenue was a dusty road with street car tracks running alongside. The fare was five cents for a ride from Bloomfield Manor to Birmingham.

From the first days of the uncertain and uncomfortable automobile to the gliding smoothness of the airplane of today, this lovely lady has watched cities change and grow, all the while keeping in step with the tune of the times. Truly a tribute to both.

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Good Weather Increases Catch In Inland Lakes

LANSING, July 12—Angling on Michigan's inland lakes continued to improve as the open season entered its third week, bearing out predictions of the department of conservation that more favorable weather conditions would increase the catches of bass, bluegills and sunfish.

The number of fishermen taking to the lakes in rowboats and waders received impetus from favorable weather over the Fourth of July week-end, and reports rolled in in larger quantities accordingly.

Upper peninsula pike fishing was favorably mentioned in weekly reports from conservation department district supervisors. Walleyes and northerns were being taken in gratifying catches on lakes in the central section, where weather was warm with very little rain. Eastern upper peninsula counties reported exceptionally good pike fishing.

Panfish and bass were said to have held up remarkably in the northern counties of lower Michigan. Catches "continued as good as the first day, one district agent remarked, adding he had witnessed more persons doing by fishing for bass and bluegills.

Fly, mosquito and grasshopper hatches proved so abundant as the fish division of the conservation department had anticipated at the opening of the season. Reports in general from southern counties were showing fair, "better" and good fishing, with water levels and temperatures approaching normal.

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