

The Birmingham Eccentric

16 PAGES, PART 1

Frequently I hear a local friend comment favorably upon these little "eccentric" that top the left-hand upper corner of each section of the Birmingham Eccentric. They are, they say, I must admit that they are among the most liked of editorial choices I make for each week. They help me much, too. (G.R.A.)

THINGS and THAT

Dear "A Subscriber," Want Your Letter Published? Regularly, this issue of the Eccentric goes forth without an interesting letter or two. It identifies himself only as "one of a group of friends" who have differed with the political philosophy of Messrs. Dunn, Harwood, Drenier (as well as those expounded by 99% of the rest of the newspapers). I have been delegated to drop you this note of consolation. The "note" covers two full typewritten pages; it consists of a rather venomous tirade against the editor in the role of an editor; it positively steams with criticism against all Willie supporters; it sends sharp darts of enmity against about 25% of our local residents who are indicated by the letter as people "whom I don't respect anybody but their own pitiful little adolescent selves."

So, if the writer of this letter will identify himself or herself before we go to press next week, we gladly will publish the letter. Since what you feel each week in our editorial hands is never clothed in anonymity, we merely ask letter writers to let us know who they are. "A Subscriber," be a good sport and identify yours, but don't you?

Youth On the March Already thousands of young Americans are on the march to training camps, in keeping with the Selective Service Act of the United States. We think that Mr. Kennedy, a tremendously successful financier, is a poor recollector of history, an amateur in the realm of human nature. Has he forgotten that England is more steeped in the democratic processes than even we, in the United States, are? Does he believe that because England, at war, has surrendered most of her freedom to the Government, is not going to get it back when she emerges victorious? It seems to me that Mr. Kennedy doesn't know British traditions; individually, or collectively, British men are not soldiers; and when the war is over, individually, or collectively, the British need more of the reinment of democratic citizens—perhaps with less space between willow and the masses, but still steeped in the democratic way of life. That's what we believe; that's what we hope and pray for. Anybody not?

Hysterical Mr. Kennedy Ambassador to England Joseph P. Kennedy, home from his station in London, has been very pessimistic over the future of democracy, both in England and in the United States. We think that Mr. Kennedy, a tremendously successful financier, is a poor recollector of history, an amateur in the realm of human nature. Has he forgotten that England is more steeped in the democratic processes than even we, in the United States, are? Does he believe that because England, at war, has surrendered most of her freedom to the Government, is not going to get it back when she emerges victorious? It seems to me that Mr. Kennedy doesn't know British traditions; individually, or collectively, British men are not soldiers; and when the war is over, individually, or collectively, the British need more of the reinment of democratic citizens—perhaps with less space between willow and the masses, but still steeped in the democratic way of life. That's what we believe; that's what we hope and pray for. Anybody not?

Former Methodist Minister Dies Word has been received here of the death last week of the Rev. Julian S. West, a widely known Methodist minister, and pastor in Birmingham from 1922 to 1925. He passed away in Florida at the age of 80 but his services were held at Lapeer. One son, Russell West, is an Ann Arbor teacher.

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\$40,000 Fire, Injury to Man Occur in Storm

Riding Club Burns; Tom Meraw Injured

Injury from a falling tree and a spectacular \$40,000 riding club fire were the chief results of a gale which swept through this area Monday and Tuesday, causing widespread damage. Many trees were uprooted, signs wrecked, a barn, unroofed and damage approaching \$1,000 done to two automobile show rooms here.

Charles J. Shain Heads Merchants

Charles J. Shain, druggist, was elected president of the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association in the annual business meeting last Thursday. Myron E. Snyder, real estate man, was chosen vice-

Refund Gym Fee

A benefit bridge was recently held at Baldwin gym by the Birmingham Musicale to raise money for the Birmingham Musicale.

Seeks Women Here Who Served Overseas

Mrs. Laurence P. Smith, of West Maple avenue, is seeking Birmingham women who might be eligible for the Women's Overseas League which holds monthly meetings in Detroit.

Librarians Elect Miss Cooke Again

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School Board May Eliminate Eight Insurers

Insurance agents who also are in the real estate field may be deprived of their business underwriting school buildings, it was revealed in a discussion of the Board of Education Tuesday evening.

Other Business of School Board

A small cut in the tax rate for operating, and a small increase in the debt service, leaving the rate at \$14 per thousand valuation, the same as last year, is in prospect for the schools, the Board of Education decided Tuesday night.

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Armistice Day Programs Held

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Car Crushed by Tree

This is the car in which Tom Meraw narrowly escaped death in the windstorm Monday. As he approached his gas station on East Maple a huge tree toppled on the car. He received bruises and the loss of teeth. (Eccentric Photo)

Mrs. Roosevelt Heard by Big Crowd As She Discusses Youth's Problems

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, First Lady of the land, spoke before a capacity crowd at the Cranbrook auditorium Tuesday evening. Through her lecture, had no return, "Problems of Youth," Mrs. Roosevelt stated the great need for youth to investigate all problems and together they made an impression of what the future holds.

Woman to Talk on Foreign Crisis

Because of the importance of the lecture Tuesday evening by Vera Michels Dean, who is coming to Birmingham to talk on the state report of Second Annual Institute held last Wednesday.

Public Invited to Hear Barnes

The League of Women Voters has extended an invitation to the public to attend its meeting Monday afternoon at which time Russell Barnes, Detroit News analyst, will discuss the Balkan situation.

Youth Outdistances Field to Win Forecast Contest

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The Eccentric Out Early Next Week

Because of Thanksgiving next week, Nov. 21, The Eccentric will follow its custom of going to press Monday night, with distribution Tuesday morning.

Tenth Annual Lions Club Party Monday Evening

The 10th annual Lions Club feather party, biggest of its kind in the district, will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Community House with the usual fun and fanfare. Proceeds are used for the club annual defective vision program.

Exchange Party

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Only 2 to be Drafted From Here in First Group Going Nov. 28

One hundred and ninety men, two of them requested by Nov. 28, will be called from the Birmingham district for military training by June 30, 1941, the Selective Service Board here was advised Wednesday.

Advisory Board To Aid Registrants

Office hours when five Birmingham men, members of the draft registrants' advisory board, will be available for consultation was announced Wednesday.

On Tuesday, numbers 24 to 64 were sent out, returnable by Monday, Nov. 18. On Wednesday, 65 to 92 were sent out, returnable Nov. 18. On Thursday, 93 to 128 go out, returnable Nov. 19. On Friday, 129 to 192 will be sent out, returnable Nov. 20. On Monday, 193 to 224 will be sent, returnable Nov. 21. Names of all these men will be found on Page 7 of Part II. Thirty-two questionnaires a day will be sent daily except Saturday and Sunday will be 9 to noon at the Municipal Building.

Reports Come In of City Institute Held Last Week

The state-wide prominence Birmingham is gaining through its new Community Council and Institute, which was held last week, when requests were received from three agencies asking for a complete report of Second Annual Institute held last Wednesday.

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NEW BUSINESS PLACE

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