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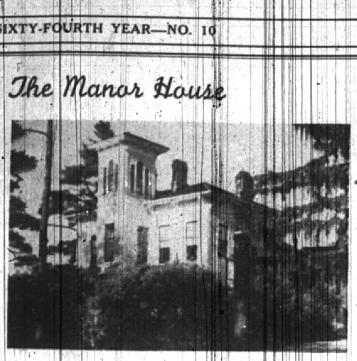

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Majority Rule, Minority Rights Subject of Book

By LINDO MOORE

Majority rule or minority rights—a touchy question that is the subject of an important book recently added to Baldwin Library. *The Majority of the People*, by Edward Mims, tries in fairness to answer the question whether democracy means majority rule or minority rights, or both, or neither. The author presents the history of democracy in this country from its earliest inception to the present. Majority rule, he defends as a fundamental principle of democracy but is fair-minded about representing the minority rights side of the case.

Well-written, this book ought to be a "must" reading for those conversationalists whose blood pressure rises sharply at the very mention of "minority right," or "democracy."

I Like Brazil, by Jack Harding. The author, like a good neighbor, went calling on Brazil and he calls his visit "an adventure in good neighborliness." With insatiable enthusiasm, he talked with taxi-drivers, priests, business men and pretty senoritas, and describes the food, customs, the zoos and the people with equal fervor. A readable book, packed with information.

The Bachelor Life, by George Jean Nathan. One of America's Gass A bachelors tells all with a witty and sardonic pen. Earnestly and with some bitterness, Nathan discusses the hard, hard life of the bachelor—the myths surrounding him, his hardships in ancient Rome and modern New York. In a happier chapter he also tells a few of the advantages of bachelor life. Cheerful reading for a summer afternoon. Especially for bachelors.

The Heritage of Hatcher Ide, by Booth Tarkington. A novel of a young man's difficulties of making a living in the face of the difficulties of this modern day and age.

Captain Paul, by Edward Ellsberg. Based on the life of John Paul Jones, this is one of the most stirring sea stories to appear in some time. Action includes adventures of a Nantucket whaling crew, a midnight escape in a slave ship, naval battles, and of course, the path of true love.

Mr. Tutt Comes Home, by Arthur Train. More tales of the canny old lawyer's prowess.

Wind on the Pampas, by Betty De Sherbinin. The story of young Jim Kennedy who fought the South American Jungle to carve a farm out of unfriendly country.

Simon Kenton, by Frank Gruber. A detective story with a hero who preferred communing with his collection of rare first editions but when he went into action, things happened.

Murders in Volume 2, by Elizabeth Daly. What connection was there between the volume of Byron's poetry and the murders in a New York by-street?

Prehistoric

It has been discovered that his continent has been inhabited for approximately 30,000 years, which explains some of the vehicles one sees in the used car lots—San Diego Union.

Bits of Birmingham

It was just a six-line classified ad in The Eccentric last week, but it certainly must have meant more than the size indicated. "For Sale, about June 16, my car and my grand piano. . . A. Shanley Rosso." The advertiser was Shan Rosso, assistant cashier at the Birmingham National Bank, and leader of the Birmingham Men's Glee Club, and last Saturday was his final day at the bank. "Why keep the piano?" he said. "I don't know when I will be back." Shan is a bachelor and he is joining the Army June 18. To a great many people, the law indicting 35-year-olds seems a little off.

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An article in the Detroit Times, Sunday, declared there is a possibility that the 210th Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft) will be ordered to Panama for active duty. This regiment has about 15 Birmingham boys in its membership.

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Hereafter, the draft office in the Municipal Building will not be open on Saturday afternoons.

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Our Nellie has gone and done it! (That is, she was—The Eccentric's Miss Minifie until she took a job with the Detroit News this morning). Last Friday, she and Nathan Bachelder walked the plank, or as is more proper, they got married. They will find, as others have discovered, that two CAN live as cheaply as one, but only half as long.

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A divorce suit has been filed by Mrs. Cozette Harmon, of Birmingham, against William Harmon. Neither is listed in the city directory.

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Mrs. Frank J. Murry, 555 West Frank, has reported to police that her son, three years old, was bitten Sunday by the Schermerhorn dog, 555 Stanley.

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An automobile ought to be called "she" like a ship. For example, they possess aprons and skirts. Two splash aprons were stolen from a Detroiter's machine parked Saturday near Lawson's; while Monday, it was reported that skirts were taken from a machine in the Packard parking lot.

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Two Birmingham boys are aboard the destroyer, U.S.S. Crane now docked at San Diego, Calif. They are Francis Louis Bedard, of 728 Humphrey, and Orin Hefner, Bernsville. Both of these boys enlisted in the Naval Reserves, Dec. 16. William Bedard, the father of the former, told us they had written that life in the Navy is swell.

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Private Jack Emerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Emerson, 607 East Lincoln avenue, worked for the Detroit Edison Company before leaving with the drafted men March 6. At Camp Livingston, La., he took a course in wire communications and passed it; now he is in charge of a line crew, although he isn't even a corporal as yet. His new address is 63d Brigade Headquarters Company, 32nd Division, Camp Livingston, for those of his friends who may want to write. He, too, likes military life.

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This paragraph is addressed not to Birmingham readers, but to the many Birmingham boys who are Eccentric readers in Uncle Sam's Service. Write us occasionally and tell us what's new. Your friends back home and in other camps are glad to read about you.

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Somebody must be allergic to street lights. Saturday evening, a vandal broke lights at Cambridge and Yorkshire, at Edenborough and Yorkshire, and at Eton and Yorkshire. Perhaps some one has a new MB gun.

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Gil Erney, 1428 Holland, got his bicycle back Saturday—but not all of it. Stolen Friday, the frame minus the wheels was found Saturday by Mack Ashwell, 11, Merrill streets in a vacant lot back of the gasoline station at Woodward avenue and George street, according to a police report.

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Patents have been granted to two Birmingham men. They are Thoresen, photo-electrically controlled stress, and George J. Thomas, hydraulic brake appparatus.

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Sometimes a police report tells a story of the story without further investigation. The following report just about everything except what the argument was about: "Friday, 3:32 a. m. Received a report that a woman and man were having trouble in front of Mil-Rex. Patrolmen Stiers, Dunn and Stinson, Frank VanDusen and Marcella Nims were having a disagreement.

"4:15 a. m. St. Joseph Hospital reports that they had a injured woman who had been hurt in Birmingham. Marcella Nims had a slight bump on the forehead."

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Two boys and a girl about 15 years of age took time out on their way to school last Thursday noon to stop and break all the bottles they could find in the trash containers on the Chester street side-walk. A housewife noticed the activity and made them pick up as much as they could. Glass on the sidewalks constitutes quite a danger in that area since there are many small children there who play out of doors most of the time, the provoked housewife phoned us.

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The Society for British War Relief committee will have a rummage sale sometime late in June, it was announced today by Mrs. Thomas Reaney. Mrs. J. F. Hunt, of Pierce street, is chairman of the affair, and is being assisted by Mrs. A. A. Bull, of Linden road. The committee will appreciate donations of all kinds; household goods, clothing, crockery, etc. They plan to use any cloth articles which may not be sold to make rugs for rugs.

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One of the strangest requests we have received at a long while was this: "Dear Sir: If it does not conflict with your laws, would like to have you run the following in the classified ads: 'Change in Marriage Laws in Ohio—Effective the latter part of August, you will here-after be required to have medical examination and also a waiting period. Why wait. Do it now. I can also arrange for your ring. My fee for performing the ceremony $3. G. H. F. Louys, Justice of the Peace, D—, Ohio.'"

There's an enterprising fellow! However, The Eccentric is not interested in running the ad.

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The Secret Service of the U. S. Treasury Department checked a Bloomfield Hills home not long ago. It seems that the people had purchased a small printing press as a hobby and that the Secret Service, following routine, was checking all purchasers of these presses to see that none was being used for counterfeiting. After seeing the Hills amateurs and their printing, the government agents decided it would be some time before they got to the skilled stage.

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We wonder what's going on between Mrs. Elinor Franck, Paterson, N. J., and L. L. Stevenson, New York correspondent for the Detroit News. In Stevenson's column one day last week appeared this paragraph: "Mail: Thanks to Mrs. Elinor Franck, Paterson, N. J., for her letter and a copy of George Averill's 'Eccentric.'"

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Miss Adeline Cooke, Birmingham's librarian, has been honored by election as one of four Michigan librarians who are representing the State on the national council of the American Library Association. Annual meeting will particular was liked. It may not have been the best from a standpoint of art, but we'll bet it possessed the most mass-appeal and would be the most educational. It showed pioneer life, with numerous details which looked authentic—even a stagecoach and wood-burner train. Many pictures were built around a pioneer theme, but none other had so many interesting, localized details.

Check!

A baby has four ways of self-expression. He laughs, he coos, he cries, and puts his foot in his mouth. Adults make use of the same methods.—Toledo Blade.

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School Children Purchase Thrift, Defense Stamps

A thrift program in the public schools in which pupils are buying U. S. Defense stamps is now under way, it was announced this week by Supt. Howard D. Crull. Last week, the first of the program, students bought $197.55 in stamps. Today, and next Wednesday, June 11, students will again be permitted to buy the stamps. During the summer months, it is hoped that students will continue their program.

"There's nothing obligatory about the matter," Supt. Crull told the Eccentric. "The principals and teachers have been cautioned against any pressure being brought."

Mimeographed sheets were sent home with each pupil, and one of the paragraphs in the message said: "The Birmingham Public Schools are interested in promoting thrift among our pupils, their participation in the responsibility of government, and an awareness of our present defense needs in attending this program."

Each student who buys a stamp is given a card to fill in which the stamps are pasted. Stamps can be bought in denominations of 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents, $1 and $5. A book of $5-cent stamps, worth $18.75 when filled, can be turned in for a bond worth $25 in 10 years. The stamps are redeemable at any time.

June 19-26 at Boston, and Miss Cooke will attend.

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Walter Elliott, former Birmingham resident, is the new president of the Detroit No. 1 Rotary Club.

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A complaint reached police last week of an automobile bearing two boys' whicks rounded the Pierce-Frankcomer at an excessive speed. The car was described as a robin's egg blue.

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Mrs. D. R. Traver, who lives out on Lahser road, had a pet lamb last week; it wandered off and hasn't been seen since.

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The Methodist church has two new massive baked doors, equipped with old-fashioned iron hinges.

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Dick McCookie, son of Dr. L. Paul McCookie, was elected President of Baldwin Student Council last week after a spirited campaign. Dr. McCookie himself is a candidate for the Birmingham Board of Education election June 9. Dick's progressive platform, we understand, called for "Better Music—Better Dances."

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This Wanderer had the opportunity to see the 22 paintings submitted to the judges for the new mural at the postoffice. One in

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