Bits of Birmingham

"This Week" Sunday supplement carried a paragraph last Sunday about Fred F. Rowden of the Omaha World Herald who has a hobby of collecting old newspaper names, and his choice was The Unterrified Democrat of Linn, Mo. Ever since, he has been swamped with letters giving other newspaper titles. Some one even sent him the name of our own Birmingham Eccentric! Others included the Canton Repository, in Ohio; the Hoboposton Astonisher, in Illinois; the Hurricane Breeze, in West Virginia; the Oil City Derrick, in Pennsylvania, and the Tombstone Epitaph, in Arizona. Those titles are certainly eccentric, aren't they?

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As a matter of fact, this city is known for its newspaper. Traveling far afield, we have heard more than once: "You're from Birmingham, Michigan? Isn't that the place where the newspaper is called The Eccentric?"

Then always comes the question: "How did they ever get that name?"

The answer is that back in 1878, there was a club in town called the Eccentric Club, the title having been taken from one of Jules Verne's novels. Almeron Whitehead was a member of the club, and when he and George H. Mitchell decided to start a newspaper, the club decided that the paper should be named after it. That's the way it happened.

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The underpass at Oakland avenue and Hunter boulevard is without lights and is "filthy," a good citizine reported to police Sunday.

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Walter Raychel, of the Credit Bureau, sends out a little booklet monthly and in it we noticed this item: "Love makes the world go 'round—but then, so does a good swallow of tobacco juice."

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I. A. G. Harrington, 131 East Lincoln avenue, advertised a 36-foot ladder for sale, in the Classified section last week. Before he knew it 14 people had offered to buy. He was pleased, and said, "You can use my name if you want to." Thank you, Mr. Harrington!

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Police found a brown bicycle with red trim, Saturday.

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Ronald J. Waterbury, an engineer with General Motors, has been granted a patent on a rear fender for an automobile.

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Some honest soul returned two bags of groceries to the police, Saturday, saying that in A & P bags had put them in the wrong car. The store manager called for them.

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The man who is always waiting for something to turn up should start on his shirt sleeves, says Oscar Punkeydoodle.

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Mrs. Russell McBride, 936 Fairview avenue, was admiring the beautiful wisteria vine which climbs on their chimney when she saw a ruby-throated hummingbird alight on it. "I've seen hummingbirds around before, but I never saw one perch and preen his feathers," she said. A honeysuckle vine is one of the things which attracts the little birds to the McBride property.

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Mrs. Cora H. Farrar dropped in for a moment Monday to report that despite the heavy rain last Thursday night, the county library party at Cranbrook was successful. There are 183 rural schools in Oakland County and the average has about a half dozen books available, she said. It is hoped to provide books for the rural children, and give them the same advantages as city kids, as part of the program.

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Teddy Peck, 15 years old, of 1440 Birmingham boulevard, was nipped Saturday by a dog owned by William DePiazza, 1735 Birmingham boulevard, according to a police report.

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A report comes from Fort Custer that Arthur H. Otis, Jr., of 917 Gunhurst, taken into the Army Jan. 28, is now a corporal in the 44th Field Artillery.

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We have on our desk a 58-page booklet put out by the American League containing information about the teams, records, and rookies. It was put out as a handbook for newspapermen. We will give it to the first dyed-in-the-wool baseball fan who calls at our office.

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Divorce cases filed with the chancery division of the Circuit Court include two Birmingham plaintiffs: Mrs. Meda Beaver against George Beaver, and John G. Schmidt against Mrs. Irene Schmidt. Mrs. Mary Sternal has been granted a divorce from Frank E. Sternal.

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Walter Raychel has been reelected a director of the Associated Credit Bureaus of Michigan.

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Firemen did not have to go far one day last week to put out a fire in the car of W. K. Luscombe, 2192 Yorkshire. Upholstery, ignited by a cigaret spark, was smoldering when he drove up to the station and asked firemen to put it out. They used carbon tetrachloride, a chemical also used for a cleaning fluid, so the damage was held to a minimum.

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Fat in a broiler at the Earl Bush home, 164 West Maple, caught fire Sunday noon and was extinguished by the fire department. There was no report as to what happened to the steak.

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They were smoking paint at the Paul Heinonen home, 404 South Bates, Sunday afternoon, when wood behind the clapboards began to smoulder, smoking up the house before firemen got it out.

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Nick Porteous, that expert bowler, created a little excitement at the bowling alleys last Friday evening when he displayed his pet, a baby mouse. Only the women were excited, of course.

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Congratulations to Charles Higby, of 684 Pierce street, who was 85 years old Wednesday. He was born in West Bloomfield Township in 1856, married in 1882 to Frances Leslie, who died two years ago after 57 years of wedded life. Sunday there was a birthday celebration, and all the relatives came to honor him, including Mrs. Mabel Bause, of Birmingham; Cheever E. Higby, Ninnian C. Higby and Mrs. E. Brandenburg, of Detroit, and Mrs. Inez Leet, of Farmington, plus six of the nine grandchildren and their families. Mr. Higby is a resourceful person, and prefers to live alone so he will trouble no one. He does all his own work.

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An initial merchants' license has been granted to Mrs. Leona Knight to operate a dairy bar at 253 Pierce street, formerly run by Maxwell Farms.

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Miss Irene Hanley, City Clerk, has completed 10 years on the job and was congratulated Monday night by Mayor John E. Martz.

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The Rev. Charles C. Becker was at Albion College Wednesday evening for a conference with students who expect to enter the Methodist ministry.

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Daryl DeVaney is home on a furlough from the Great Lakes Training School this week, and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeVaney, of Palm street.

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Lawrence Smith, of 112 East Lincoln, has reported to police that an Ikonta camera was stolen from his car while it was parked on a city street. Value was put at $22.50.

P.-T. A. Theatre Review

(The film comments herewith are supplied by the Michigan Council, Parent-Teacher Associations.)

ROAD TO ZANZIBAR—Clean, wholesome comedy. Probably amusing for the 8 to 14 year olds, and definitely amusing from there on up according to California P.-T. A. TRIAL OF MARY DUGAN—An extremely well acted and absorbingly interesting court room drama. No. For children, and rather adult these even for adolescents, but interesting for adults, is the way the American Association of University Women judged picture. Birmingham Theatre, starts Friday May 23, runs one week.)

MR. AND MRS. SMITH—an amusing comedy of intimate marital difficulties. An adult picture according to the California P.-T. A. HERE COMES HAPPINESS —no review available. (Bloomfield Theatre, showing now through Saturday, May 24.)

A GUY, A GIRL, AND A GOB —Rollicking farce comedy directed by Harold Lloyd. The California P.-T. A. says the show is all right for 8 to 14 year olds, if they are interested, amusing for 14 to 18, same for the family. (Bloomfield Theatre, starts Sunday, May 25, runs one week.)

Will Honor Mothers At Annual Bridge-Luncheon

June 11 is the date set by active members of the Alpha Omega fraternity for their annual Mother's bridge luncheon, being held this year at the Birmingham Golf Club at 12:30 o'clock. Invitations have been issued to every active's mother.

Barbara Poag, Doris Franklin and Nancy Kirn have been chosen by the fraternity to act as hostesses. Among those on the committee for the party are Kenneth MacDonald, Don Roberts, and Allen Valpey.

Ten million feet of water-soaked lumber remain in the Detroit river to this day as a memento of the time when lumbering was a major industry in northeastern Michigan.

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VEAL CHOPS	Shoulder Cut	Lb.	23c
PORK CHOPS	Rib End	Lb.	21c
PORK ROAST	Picnic Cut	Lb.	17c
SPARE RIBS	Lean - Meaty	Lb.	13c
PORK LIVER	By The Piece	Lb.	12c
VEAL ROAST	Shoulder Cut	Lb.	16c
SLAB BACON	Any Weight End Piece	Lb.	19c
PEAMEAL BACON	Any Weight End Piece	Lb.	29c
STEWING BEEF		Lb.	12c
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SOAP FLAKES	White Soft	Lg. Pkg.	10c
SUPER SUDS	Concentrated (Dent)	2 Lg. Pkgs.	27c
FACIAL SOAP	Woodburys	4 Cakes	20c
FLOUR	Pillsbury's	5 Lb. Bag	22c
PEANUT BUTTER	Sultana	2 Lb. Jar	21c
PIE FILLER	Good-Luck	3 Pkgs.	25c
KETCHUP	Standard	2 14-oz. Bots.	13c
dexo	100% Vegetable Shortening	3 lb. Can	41c
RED SALMON	Sultana	16 oz. Can	24c
DILL PICKLES	Dee-Lish	2 Qt. Bot.	21c
GRAPEFRUIT JUICE		2 46 oz. Cans	27c
YUKON BEVERAGE	Assorted Flavors	4 Qt. Bots.	29c
APPLE JUICE	Morgan's	2 46 oz. Cans	27c

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