

# The Birmingham Eccentric

"Getting back on our feet" is an American saying that means one is able to change from an undesirable condition to a better one. Well, at least insofar as the wording goes, rationing gasoline for use in automobiles will put most of us back on our feet. Physically speaking, that's a healthy sign.

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## High Twelve Club Receives Charter At Banquet Friday

Birmingham's newest club, the High Twelve, got its charter last Friday evening when a capacity crowd—members of neighboring clubs—attended a Charter Night banquet at the Community House.

Here especially for the event was E. C. Wolkoff, of St. Louis, who founded this service club for Masons 21 years ago. He gave an inspirational talk urging people to compare their sacrifices to those made by the men in service.

The charter was presented to the president of the new club, Norman W. Berry, by Walter A. Anderson of Birmingham, who is international president of the organization. Highland Park's club, which sponsored the new unit, presented the club with gong and gavel; the state association gave an American flag, while Windsor sent a Canadian flag. Mt. Clemens relinquished a huge gavel given to it four years ago when it was organized.

Entertainment was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Robert McFarlane, vocalists from the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, and by H. Dean Yocom, who led group singing. F. W. ("Duke") DuBois acted as toastmaster; the crowd numbered 230.

## Over One Million Members in YMCA

More than 1,200,000 young people were members of the 1,200 Young Men's Christian Association in the United States in the past year. Robert E. Norman, general secretary of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A., announced today as Y.M.C.A. prepared to celebrate the 98th anniversary of the movement, honoring the memory of Sir George Williams, its founder.

Of the total membership, 37,700 were boys, while 326,831 were young men and 88,666 were women and girls. In addition there were 306,370 registered non-members. Mr. Lynn reported, quoting from the recently published Y.M.C.A. Year Book.

The local "Y" serves directly in groups, games rooms, canteens, and in other ways, involving over 600 youths. The "Y" was active in winter sports which had over 3,000 participants, summer recreation with over 800 registered, in Community Halloween in which over 3,000 youths shared in the festivities. Camp Mahng-tah-sah had an attendance of 199 boys. The local Y.M.C.A. in its 29th year without a break in its service, is now seeking to raise \$4,500 for maintenance. One thousand dollars has been reported. More solicitations are needed.

**Aw, Whilkens!**  
"That fellow was an impudent fraud. How did he manage to wheedle money out of you?"  
"Oh, he told me such a sad, pitiful tale about his poor wife who is a widow with six little children."

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## Bits of Birmingham

The wooden church structure on Lincoln avenue, formerly occupied by the Lutheran congregation has been sold and moved to Flat Rock.

Scott Hersey, builder, who recently became building inspector for the City for the duration, is expected to be up and around shortly following his recovery operation. Maurice H. Smith, of Bennaville avenue, returned from the hospital last week after an appendectomy.

Howard Holsh seems to have trouble with lights in his club, the theatre roof. . . Incidentally, Mr. H. is quite impressed by the number of soldiers who have saved their pay and have bought war bonds from him.

Coach George Wurster reported the loss of his beagle last Saturday. No, we don't mean Bug.

Ten or 12 pups belonging to Joe Hornack were observed cavorting in Kuffner street last Friday morning.

Some of these lads who think shooting out street lights is great sport had better get on a uniform and face something that can shoot back. Lights were broken last Thursday evening at Harmon and Woodland, Vinewood and Greenwood.

More news from the police file. A Ford sedan stolen in Detroit was recovered Friday at 348 Fernside. . . Ralph J. Coryell reported that it was not the front of his house. Another car, stolen from the Chateau Wine Co., was found at 816 Pierce street.

Frank O'Donnell of 784 Lakeview, parked his car along Highland street last night and returned just in time to see a boy ransacking the glove compartment. Mr. O'D. must have a spritzer, for he took out after the youth who was sneaking on his bicycle. Before long, the youth thought he could get better off foot, for he abandoned the bike, which his pursuer brought into the police station. Police Lt. Delyle Service identified the owner of the bike through its license and the young he was collared by the law. After a lecture, he was turned loose and given a chance to go straight. Because the youth is a juvenile, The Eccentric refrains from printing his name.

Word from Lansing says that the salary freeze order from Washington does not apply to salary scheduled plans of the sort the Birmingham teachers are subscribing to, which is a break for the teachers. This Warden wonders how some of the married teachers are getting along on \$2,000 a year.

No doubt some of Birmingham's executives are pretty marked by the salary limit which will keep them to a \$25,000 a year.

Lynn Diane Kennedy is one of the best babies at St. Joseph's Hospital, but she will never know her father. He was Lt. Arnold James Kennedy, killed March 18, 1942 in an Army plane crash near Lima, Ohio. The mother, Mrs. Lillian Kennedy, lives at 740 West Lincoln with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller.

The WPA has asked that outdoor Christmas decorations be suspended this year. Inside, it's OK.

Charles Weaver, 32, of 3310 Stanley, Detroit, who was arrested Sept. 20 for driving 55 miles an hour on Hunter boulevard, was fined \$10 by Associate Justice James W. Taylor Saturday.

Charlotte H. Zint, 446 Henley Drive, has been awarded a portable radio by the sponsors of the Quiz Kids program for a question used on the program Sunday, Nov. 1.

Her question read: "Against heavy odds, the United Nations are stubbornly defending two tiny islands with little intrinsic worth and Guadalupe and Malta." Charlotte H. Zint of Birmingham, Michigan, wants you to assume you are race commentators and explain why Guadalupe is so important to the United States and Malta so important to the British."

The kids know the answers, of course.

This Wanderer is acquainted with a Big Shot. This personage knows a grocer who saves him a pound of coffee weekly.

Grocers and meat dealers say they will be glad when coffee and meat are rationed. Right now they are taking a "beating" from critical customers who think it is the grocers' fault they can't buy all they want when they want it.

The grocers also say that they believe the situation will be eased eventually, just as has been the case with sugar.

However, this Wanderer opines that the meat situation will get worse as our armed forces grow larger.

Salemen are the ones who appear destined to take it in the chin from gasoline rationing. It doesn't seem that they will get enough gasoline to make their calls; however, in many commodities, goods are scarce and salesmen talk a good game. Buyers will take all they can get without any persuasion.

People are getting more optimistic about the war. Russia is holding; the United Nations are getting control in Africa. The Japs don't seem to be able to make much headway against us in the far Pacific—but they will be tough to lick, for the Jap mind is not conditioned to think in terms of defeat. However, our men will teach it to them.

Gas rationing should make an interesting change in Birmingham life. People will get acquainted with their neighbors and with local facilities for entertainment. Yes, and in some cases the members of families will get acquainted with each other.

Occasionally we run across some lady who says: "Oh dear, no! You mustn't print anything about my party—there's a war on, you know." But, my dear, still has the party.

And why not? Local, hometown recreation should increase as time goes on, although extravagant blowouts will probably diminish as taxes begin to hit us. Some may have forgotten—but you can still have a lot of fun without spending a lot of money.

WHY DON'T THEY LAY AT HOME? They are in some cases the best. Since we go to the movies to be only we may be old fashioned by rating it. And that is the reason for writing this column.

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Paul Harbor remembers or turn in your check your time tonight, don't be a sap. The features are punning, not your tickets.

Give a hand to the management which they take a few. Those things are OK, they don't raise our ire. But there is one thing that sets us on fire.

Why do we always land in a cast. Ahead of the family who came there to eat.

Paper and cellulose cracks and crinkles. Popcorn, peanuts, candy and gum. Popcorn, peanuts, candy and gum. Popcorn, peanuts, candy and gum. The munching and chewing begins again. While the twinkling of stars is not in the eye.

At the peak of excitement, while the hour is passing. From school comes the pair of rock caught early cracking.

The tender love scenes come with the gum drops and chocolates with every sigh.

The movie ends, thank Heaven for that. Like an evening street in the Automat! One feature of this would be more than enough. But double the time and it's really tough.

William R. Wiley, of Birmingham, has been issued a patent on a clip. Joe Louis holds a patent on that, too.

Someone found, and brought to this office, an ancient print of some unknown woman wearing a fur coat and feathered hat. J. E. Watson, of Detroit, was the photographer. Whoever owns it—come and get it!

Twice in the last two weeks, flights of geese have been seen high over the City.

Prizes for the floats in the recent Halloween parade were donated by the Birmingham National Bank, by the Birmingham Federal Savings & Loan Association, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

One young husband told his wife that the stocking situation was getting so serious that he was going to enlist in the Army. And he did.

Those of the fairer sex who have taken pride in the well-turned appearance of their "pins" are really chagrined by the appearance of rayon stockings, so we are told. "It takes 'em three days to dry and then they don't fit," one said.

A home near Adams school Tuesday acquired some other little kittyp, gray striped and mighty cute, according to our caller. Because of two dogs, there's no room for a cat, so will the owner come forward? Phone 2956.

The Smith and Jones Lumber company has filed suit in Circuit Court against Suburban Homes, Inc., and others charging that \$2,454 is due for materials furnished in building a house at 457 1/2 Half Moon road, Bloomfield Village.

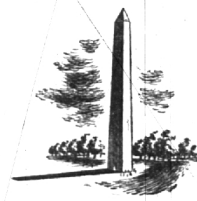
The new phone books are going out this week—7,000 of them. There are now 6,600 phones in use (more than one to a customer, of course, in some instances), a gain of 355 since the first of the year. Incidentally, all phone employees are being fingerprinted.

Friends of Dr. Don Scriven, now at Salt Lake City, recently gathered here, and during the evening, all penned him a note. That seems to be a more common practice nowadays as members of a group remember an absence with the annual forces.

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