

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

An old wife in the presence of those divine influences that reveal themselves at a funeral, one is impelled to ponder deeply upon the best things of life, and are not those best things the capacities for GOOD that one does during his life? Gold is cheap, when Divinity weighed.

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Twenty-four aspirin tablets were just more than his little turkey could take, so a little local lad just heaved up and up they came. And it seems that his father and mother thought it was a good thing, too. They said they just could not see how he could have gotten by with all that aspirin in his system. The lad was left in the family car while mother went into store. He found the glove compartment unlocked and in it the aspirin. He ate the white tablets, put the bottle back and closed the compartment. At first mother wondered what made the lad so sick. Inspection of the car disclosed the aspirin bottle empty.

A Birmingham woman asked the Wanderer Monday and asked if there was any law to compel dog owners to keep their dogs confined so they would not tear up other people's gardens, upset garbage cans and in other such ways make a nuisance of themselves. When told that dogs usually roamed about just a little bit as they pleased, she asked if the Wanderer would suggest that dog owners be just a little bit more considerate of other folks, and perhaps see that dogs did a little less damage this season to gardens.

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Another of those Birmingham boys who have been in the States for some time, James, Jr., seaman 1/c USNR, doing warehouse duty at a destroyer repair base in New Guinea. His parents had word from him Monday of this week and he is well and busy. A brother, Robert, is now taking his boot training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and hopes to get his leave early in June. Lawrence said he wished he could just hop home for a few days, too. The lads are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence James, 767 Chapin.

One Birmingham youth was over on the other side of the world, about 12,000 miles from home. He wrote his mother a real nice Mother's Day card with a special design, both by V-mail. Then he wrote his pop and asked the mother be given "something real nice; something she wants" as a gift from her son in the service. The Wanderer thought this real and father had reason to be proud of this Birmingham lad. They told him they really were.

Some one combined this week of the "overabundance of rain" in Birmingham this spring. The Wanderer has a good answer and it was that "there probably has been more rain than we recollect last spring, but not nearly as much as we had the season before."

One Birmingham couple, with a son in uniform, went to Windsor Sunday evening. "Just to fasten our teeth into one of those restaurant steaks we've been reading about," one of the Wanderers learns. They got the steak all right. Turning to the waitress during the course of the meal she said: "Young lady, this is Mother's Day in the United States, and I have a request to make. Each home we have a lady dog; she ain't never had any pups and never will have, but she'd sure ought to be remembered on Mother's Day, too. How 'bout you wrapping up a batch of T-bone steak bones, etc., so we can give 'em to her when we get home?" Smiling, the waitress complied with the request. The American customs chap also smiled as he agreed to let the bones, etc., come through. And with what seemed like tears of gratitude in her beautiful brown eyes, the family dog munched her "Mother's Day" remembrance. "Canada is a nice neighbor," agreed that family.

There are going to be a lot fewer boys around Birmingham on June 2 and 3 for on those two days Boy Scouts of District One

are to have their Camp Out at Royal Oak's North Park. It is expected every troop in this city will be represented. Those in charge report there likely will be 60 troops on hand for the two-day run. A total of 1,200 Scouts are to attend. Glen Emery is in camp chief and Frank V. Powell the camp director and James Buchanan, assistant director.

Birmingham, Michigan's Rotary club was a honored the other day at the meeting of the Birmingham English, Rotary club, according to a letter just received from the club president, E. Wrayford Willmer, by President Ray Cook of the local club. Each week some American club is toasted at the meeting of the Birkenhead club and President Willmer wrote: "We British feel a tremendous unity of purpose with the people of the other side of the present time, and especially is this so, now that our people have met so many years as a result of the large number of American troops who have passed through this country. It has been the good fortune of many of us to have become acquainted with your soldiers, sailors and airmen, and there is a very frank admiration for them felt in this country. It has happened that the bringing together of British and Americans in this way has done much to cement the friendship between the two peoples and will be a tremendous asset in reshaping the World after the war. A number of Birmingham men, on duty in England, have written home telling of attending Rotary club meetings and of the very pleasant acquaintances made at these meetings."

It is not often that 12 year old girls have an opportunity to part after the war. A number of Birmingham men, on duty in England, however, in this case that is just what has happened. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor J. Sharpe, 855 Larches, recently enrolled her dog, Kim, in the S. Marine Corps Dog Program and this week Kim received his orders to report immediately to Camp Le Jeune, N. C. Kim, a two-year-old Doberman Pinscher, has been Jim's pet since he was a puppy.

Fridays don't always bring bad luck, says Natalie Sealhorn, 856 Kennesaw. Some days ago she had her bicycle stolen from in front of a downtown ice cream spot. Friday the police called her and said the bicycle had been seen in the Barnum school playground. Natalie found the outfit there, apparently not much the worse for wear.

A flat tire and an empty gas tank were about all the Bloomfield Hills police could find wrong with a Ford car left parked beside Woodward avenue in the Hills for several days. The police finally hauled the car to the city's car parking lot and last Friday learned it had been stolen from Detroit. They told the Wanderer there had been a lot of "such goings on" this spring.

In one of his last cases as a justice of the peace in Bloomfield Hills, Judge H. A. O'Dell assessed a fine of \$50 against Nick Grimland, Pontiac, for reckless driving and a \$10 fine against his companion, Margaret Kyle, giving her home as Birmingham, for disorderly conduct. Both fines were paid.

When H. A. O'Dell, Detroit architect, resigned his various and sundry jobs out in his home city of Bloomfield Hills the other day, the Wanderer was informed that it took considerable scurrying around to fill the vacancies. "Judge O'Dell" as he was known to many, had served as justice of the peace for some time. His term of office would have expired on July 4 at which time Alva Richardson, elected in April, would have taken

over. So the City Commission named Richardson to fill that post. To serve as a member of the city board of review, the commission picked Carl O. Barton, of East Long Lake road, who will serve with Walter Mosler and City Manager and assessor Harry S. Starr. Another post left vacant was that of member of the city board of appeals. Elliott S. Nichols of Tiverton road was named to this job.

Tuesday and today were Crippled Children's Clinic Days for crippled children of Birmingham and nearby places. Fifteen children, from Birmingham to Royal Oak and Pontiac, were specialists assisted in their cases. The clinic was provided by the Crippled Children's Fund of Michigan to which the Birmingham Rotary contribute through weekly gifts and special activities. The Wanderer learns that some local children are being assisted in their schooling and other ways.

In an old cherry highbush, made around 1750, Fenton R. Mathews last week found a quantity of old papers, some of them dated as far back as 1731 and some dated in 1707. The paper was well preserved and the ink appeared as black and clear as the day it was written. Among the papers were receipts for board, someone had apparently paid the family; legal papers and records of great interest.

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