

Library Given Book In Memory of Woman

An unusually beautiful book has been presented to Baldwin Public Library in memory of Ruth Squires, of New York City. It is a volume of fine water colors illus-

trating the life of St. Francis of Assisi, by Pedro Suberenseaux, famous South American painter. The book is printed on hand-made paper with a text in French and English.

The book was given by Miss Charlotte Squires, who was until recently a member of the Library staff.



Bits of Birmingham

The Wanderer, in his travels this week, passed Barnum School and watched the many children flocking there, every one equipped with a little bundle—a bathing suit rolled up in a towel. One little girl and a boy were standing outside the swimming pool door, chattering away when the Wanderer approached. He asked why they weren't inside in the water and received the proud answer that they were "advanced," and therefore the last ones in the pool. Thinking to get a kids-eye view of the swimming classes, he asked how they liked the idea of a place in Birmingham where they could swim during the hot days. The little lad's face assumed a startled "are-you-crazy-or-hiding" expression for a moment. Then, grasping the situation, a look of man-to-man seriousness and maturity replaced it, and he glibly rattled off: "It keeps us off the streets and from being juvenile delinquents," so I think it's good."

Not being the family shopper, this Wanderer doesn't know whether the following instance is a coincidence or whether it happens quite often. Anyway, one day last week a woman shopper, if she was downtown early enough and moved fast enough, she could have obtained beef, pork, lamb and veal all in one day. The only catch is, she would have had to go to four places to get it. Within the downtown shopping area, one store had only beef, another only pork, the third only lamb, and the fourth only veal.

An estimated one million persons took advantage of the fine weather and the long Fourth of July week end to visit the State's many fine public beaches and picnic spots, this Wanderer learns.

It's undoubtedly a result of the pent-up desires of people from the past five years to get away from home if they possibly could on a holiday, Cass Lake, near Pontiac, for instance, saw 55,000 persons, 30,000 more than last year, on July Fourth itself. For the four-day holiday, more than 116,000 were reported.

Mrs. Mark Harris, 225 Hawthorne, dropped by The Eccentric this week to let the Wanderer know how the national fight against vivisection was progressing. A member of the New England Anti-Vivisection Society, Mrs. Harris has recently received a letter from the Society's president commending her for her local efforts in this direction. She remarked, "Dr. Henry J. Bigelow, recognized as one of medical history's most distinguished American surgeons, said, 'There will come a time when the world will look back to modern vivisection in the name of science as they now do to burning at the stake in the name of religion.'"

As you read this, I'll be up in the vicinity of the Keweenaw Peninsula, in Upper Michigan, making a tour of the U.P. counties with Kim Sigler, Republican candidate for Governor at the November 5 general election. He asked me some time ago to accompany him—and, in the cause of clean and honest government, I couldn't refuse.

Michigan's move to enact a 60-day rent control bill is a wise move. It's prevent unfair raises by a comparatively few landlords; in the meantime, Congress may get around to controlling the situation. The temporary increase in the prices of some items, including food, can be met best by a buyers' refusal to purchase. Then the old law of supply and demand will come and competition will assert itself, and prices will reach reasonable levels. Also, production of many items, held down by OPA controls, will increase. Let's not become hysterically fearful over temporary increases.

President Truman (may he at least sleep well nights), is currently continuing to reveal his lack of grasp of both national and international problems. If the Democrats was to have a real candidate in 1948, they'd better groom some person more able and more stable than Mr. Truman.

The recent atom bomb test at Bikini proved not so spectacular as the press agents had prophesied. Maybe it was because the bomb failed to hit the pre-arranged target and also because it is reported the thing exploded too far up in the air. Anyway, an atom bomb is mankind's most dangerous weapon of warfare—and still commands profound respect.

Them Russians are still fighting the democratic nations in the world-wide desire to establish the machinery of peace," declared Noah Cochrane here yesterday. "I think them Russians fought awful good during the war—and they want to fight after the war. Guess it's because their leaders are out to get a handhold on as much of the earth as they can, regardless of how they do it. I hope the other nations get tough enough with Stalin and Molotov to make 'em come to democratic—not communistic—terms!"

This nation is either going dominantly into the hands of labor mobs, or law and order is going to be maintained by making labor toe the mark of Constitutionally guaranteed equality to all people. What the U.S.A. needs right now are leaders in government who can stand up to irresponsible union leaders and tell 'em to be law-abiding... or else!

This Wanderer notices that some persons still set rubbish out at the curb on what was their regular collection day, believing the city will pick it up as in the past. Well, the city will pick it up—but only once a month during the summer. So, for those who didn't happen to see the item in a recent issue of the Eccentric, we'll re-

peat: collections will only be made the last regular day of the month until well into October, the DPW says. A simple way to figure it is, look at the calendar for July and determine the last Tuesday (or Thursday or Saturday—or whatever your regular collection day used to be—in this month; that is the day the city will collect the rubbish. This method applies to August and September indefinitely, and possibly in October unless cold weather arrives earlier.

Summertime naturally brings with it mischievous acts by young boys not going to school—and some of these acts cause anxiety and distress for the persons who are the innocent bystanders. This Wanderer learned this week of a group of boys who placed a dummy dressed to appear as a man on the Riverside drive, just outside the southwest city limits. A motorist traveling over this street after dark felt his car hit the object, and thought he had run over a person. He immediately stopped, ran up to the nearby house and demanded of an elderly woman that he be allowed to use the phone to call police and report the accident. The woman became quite unnerved by it all, even though she had never upon returning to his car discovered the "person" was only a dummy. The incident resulted in the return home from a party of the woman's daughter and son-in-law to quiet her nerves after the prank.

According to reliable reports, the Johnson-Hall building on Woodward just south of Maple is to be razed and in its place, when federal regulations permit, will be erected a new, modern three-story building to house a Birmingham branch of the B. Siegel company. Present foundations will not allow a three-story structure to be built firmly, this Wanderer learns. The old Johnson-Hall building, formerly housed Ozen Market, Max Broock, Inc., and the war rationing board.

This Wanderer hopes that the practice of cutting quantity and quality yet maintaining the same old price will not become prevalent in Birmingham. This type of business is not only more than a price raise in reality, we hope most stores will not go in for it. (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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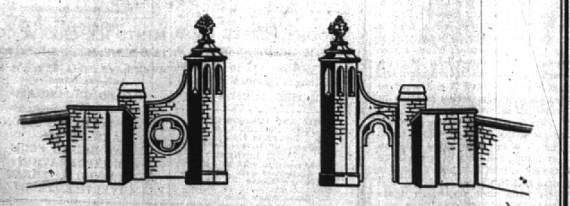
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