

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

Constitution is one of the activities that most people do not enjoy, when grief comes to you you must be strong. The evidence of a few words of sympathy expressed at the time, since the evidence of understanding that one can show to the grieving friend.

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Bits of Birmingham

Although most of Birmingham didn't know it, the city did have a Flag Day parade last Friday. It was performed by a group of little boys, complete with flag bearers and musicians over in the northeast section of Birmingham. Leading the parade was a little lad with an American flag, and he was followed by three life players, a drummer, and a toy accordion player. Lending support to the neighborhood procession was a small retinue composed of other small boys and girls.

Latest report on the financial drive for the Community House shows \$29,500 pledged out of a goal of \$39,000. Edwin J. Anderson, president of the Birmingham Community House Association, reports that over 80 Birmingham business firms have not responded to the drive, as well as many individuals in the community. "If these would respond, we would attain our goal very quickly," he said.

Complaints come to the local police department every spring and early summer from folks who have bought various kinds of material for their lawns and again within the past week this Wanderer learns the police reports from at least one home owner complaining about being overcharged for materials or services. Another complaint—now the weather is warmer—is from residents who claim auto parties parked in front or near their homes are running their radios full blast.

A new business connected with automobiles has just been opened in Birmingham by Bob Moody and Jim Herberg as the Vets. Auto Bats. Bob and Jim, who went away to war and came home safely, have located their car wash here at 264 North Woodward and there they are giving the bath treatment to cars—young and old.

A group of well known Birmingham boys have been missing from their usual haunts this week—but some friends going over to East Lansing have noticed them there participating in the annual Mich-

igan Boys' State. The lads went over to the college town Thursday, in the big 40 or 50 locomotive and it was performed by a group of little boys, complete with flag bearers and musicians over in the northeast section of Birmingham. Leading the parade was a little lad with an American flag, and he was followed by three life players, a drummer, and a toy accordion player. Lending support to the neighborhood procession was a small retinue composed of other small boys and girls.

There's nothing like an emergency to put everyone in the same boat so to speak. But once in a while someone tries to rock the boat. So it was a woman in Sfr's the other day. This Wanderer doesn't know how many women were in the line before the meat counter, but there were plenty. And when someone is shopping for food, everyone is treated the same. Rich, poor, big or small, tall or short—each waits her turn, or hears about it. So this woman, we hear, walked right up to the little box with numbers in it and started to take one. But that almost started the hair-pulling. Indignant women already in line, waiting their turn, put up a howl and said a few strong words to this butter-licker. She took her turn.

Have many of you Birminghamites been plagued with numerous "diving-bomb" flies? This Wanderer can't seem to recall when he has seen so many of the bug insects around homes and business places. Little one, yes, but those big boys—

The city fire department members have just finished their annual clean-paint campaign and the place is open for public inspection. In fact, this week is being termed "open week" and Birmingham residents are invited to look in on the department in the Mandel Building. This Wanderer inspected the place Monday and even after the hard storms of Sunday and Monday everything

looked in top shape. Equipment has been given a thorough inspection and repair and is in good shape, according to reports at the building.

The Go-It Manufacturing company, occupying the old Edison building on Pierce street for some time, is reported about ready to move to its new home out East Maple. Just beyond the Watts Electric company. A modern two-story building is reported nearly completed and ready for occupancy. This Birmingham firm manufactures a number of small items, including sports equipment, and sees an increased demand for its products, this Wanderer is informed.

Birmingham's water system came through the Sunday-Monday storm in tip-top condition. "Plenty of water in the tanks and all the wells functioning perfectly," is the report this Wanderer received from Chief Vernon Griffith of the Fire department. This department makes daily inspections of the city wells. The heavy rain cut down the consumption of water for lawn and garden sprinkling, to a very noticeable degree, it was said Monday.

Sunday night's rain storm caused a bit of high water on Woodward avenue. Harmon and also caused some sewer trouble out on Rivenook, where some of the fire department members ran out East Maple reported having carried away in fairly good shape for such a heavy storm.

There must be something in the air and early nourishment of Texas that clings to its native Rev. W. Glen Harris, minister of the local First Presbyterian Church, rose up from his chair at the Rotary Club luncheon Monday night after paying a "fine" of ten cents, was allowed to refer to a current issue of the "Texas Monthly" magazine. He did it by adding that "Texas can use Rhode Island as a wash for it; it is only State in the Union that legally, at any time, can divide itself into five States; it is an Empire in itself and a fun for it." Let Glen have enough time and he'd give you a ten-hour lecture on Texas when he likes Texas a little bit.

Joe Clark, Detroit photographer known as the Hill-Billy Snap Shooter, gave Birmingham Rotarians a most interesting and different Monday noon at their luncheon meeting at the Community Club. He showed a group of pictures "that tell a story," illustrating scenes around his native home down in the Cumberland Gap country. His real southern drawl and his quaint stories and expressions kept his audience deeply interested and led President Dwight B. Ireland to remark at the close that "We have enjoyed an unusual program." The speaker was introduced by Allen Arnold, program chairman for the day.

Birmingham families planning a possible trip into Northern Michigan this summer might do well to clip this little item about the summer schedule of Michigan Highway Department ferry service between Mackinaw City and St. Ignace; boats will leave Mackinaw City every hour on the half hour, beginning at 6:30 a.m. through 10:30 a.m. Two other trips will be made in the early morning at 1:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m. Boats will leave St. Ignace every hour on the hour, beginning at 6 a.m. through 9 p.m., with three additional departures at 11 p.m., 12 midnight, and 3 a.m. This schedule, according to the Highway Department, will remain in effect until September.

A man who had just moved into Bloomfield Hills just three months ago came into The Eccentric a few days ago and asked this Wanderer if there was some way he could register for the June 18 primaries. "I want to vote for Kim Higley if I can possibly arrange it," he said. We suggested he contact his city clerk concerning registration requirements. Although

he now lives in Michigan, he was, until he moved to Bloomfield Hills, a resident of Illinois. Even though he has been here a very short while, he must have been reading the Michigan papers about conditions in the State and wanted to do something about them.

The draining of Quaston Lake may be a good thing, but not when it brings snapping turtles into people's homes. It seems that last week the young offspring of a family on Lake Park fished a large snapping turtle out of the muck and housed him in the garage. A little later, to the consternation of the family, the door into the house was found to have been left open and the turtle had abandoned his cramped quarters in the garage for the more spacious ones of the house.

The other day this Wanderer heard of a recently-discharged local veteran who was sent from Michigan all the way to New Orleans for discharge because New Orleans was the closest separation center for Birmingham, Alabama.

"It was a great day for rain storms and I ran into them at both ends of my trip," declared Bob Whaley, of Waterbury street, upon his return Sunday evening from a motor trip up near Mackinaw City. "A round 10 o'clock Sunday forenoon I was forced to drive the car off the side of the road and wait out the worst rain storm I was ever in. The rain was so heavy I could not see the roadway. The electric storm and wind were about as bad as the rain. Electricity was either turned off or the lines put out of commission by the storm and gas stations had no power to operate their pumps. As a result hundreds of motorists just waited in towns. I was lucky and found a hand-operated station and filled up the tank. Things went along nicely until we reached Pigeonwing when we hit a streak of hot air. And I mean it (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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