

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART THREE

Not the weakness of one's material wealth; or indulgence of the flesh in costly temptations; or the pleasure of these things to be complete a rich life. Indeed, upon one's last bed, when another world beckons, and more earthly things are cherished in one's last remembered thoughts.

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Bits of Birmingham

Mrs. Charis Follis, 1862 Henrietta, found a big flock of robins in her yard last Friday and after watching them hunt for food decided the eight birds had just gotten in on their flight north. She called and told this Wanderer about it. "There seems to have been robins all over town for two or three weeks but down in our section one big flock landed last Friday and were busy all over our yard searching for food. They looked so travel weary I took it they had just arrived from their southern winter. We were glad to see them for it seems the cold weather disappears faster after the robins have arrived."

Out in Bloomfield township there will be no spring election this year; all township elections have been filed last year for a two-year term. "Nothing to bother us here until the summer state primary election," answered David Anderson, treasurer, today, when asked about election plans in his township, candidates, and petitions for the election most townships will hold April 7. "Election falls on April Fool's Day so we are fooling them by not holding any election. Did it all up last year for a two-year stretch," Anderson declared.

A bit of reckless driving up in Bloomfield Hills cost William Johnson of Detroit a \$50 fine in the Hills police court Wednesday of last week.

Early last Thursday morning a number of Birmingham telephone girls were doing a bit of picketing in front of the exchange building on Pierce street; at that time they had not learned of the postponement.

ment of the nation-wide telephone strike. Mill Berz, local airport owner, happened to pass them, some of whom he knew. In true Brazilian humor he said: "Say, girls, why don't you do this picketing via only your bathing suits on—you'd get more attention; besides, the best is not too good for old Birmingham!"

Residents on some of the outlying streets where the gravel paving has been none too thick and freeze up which hardened the streets enough for some of them to get their cars out for a drive. The bottom appeared to have dropped out of some sections of the streets and the DPW had warning signs out and halted traffic on some of the more dangerous streets. Some bad holes developed on Holland, Birmingham boulevard and Hazel street. As soon as the streets dry off from their spring accumulation of water the DPW plans repairs and improvements. But until that time comes the DPW warns that drivers use a lot of care on the muddy, thinly graveled streets.

Two Birmingham boys, who usually ride their bicycles have been doing considerable walking lately. Somebody stole their wheels. Kendrick Leavenworth, 1322 Dechester, and Davis Boyer, 492 Frank, report to police the theft of their bicycles. Ken's wheels had license number 1940 while Dave's outfit had license 6.

Last Friday seemed to be the worst day of that week for fires, and South Woodward avenue appeared to be the favored location. Anyway, of three fires listed at the department, all were in that part of the city. There was one in front of 105 South Woodward at 1:30 a. m. when a car belonging to W. Clark Smith, 811 Humphrey, was damaged. Then at the Corker Motor Sales, 479 South Woodward, early Friday morning, an electric sign on the front of the building developed a short circuit and some damage was done to the outside of the building. The third fire listed Friday was at the candy store at 207 South Woodward, where fire damaged the popcorn machine.

"We now call him 'Old Stuck in the Mud,'" declared Mrs. Robert Whaley, 1489 Webster, after her son, Jimmie, had been pulled from a deep mud hole in the middle of a neighbor's garden. The lad had been playing down the street a ways from his home when a neighbor woman called Mrs. Whaley to inform her "Your young son appears to be stuck fast in the midst of a big water hole in a neighbor's garden." Sure enough there was

Jimmie up almost to his waist in the water and soft mud. He had been jumping from one garden row to another and had finally missed and landed in the soft, oozy mud. He struggled to free himself but the more he wiggled the deeper he sank. Finally a neighbor woman noticed him and called help. A board was tried, but that sank under the weight of a rescuer. Finally someone tossed Jimmie a rope. He was soon pulled out. Sure enough, mother did have quite a time cleaning the mud off the lad and his clothes, but she says she really thinks Jimmie will stay away from those deep mud holes in the future.

If a woman hasn't a way, she'll soon find one. Take, as an example, the soda fountain girl at a local drug store. On her lunch period, she didn't have her purse and its accompanying mirror with her yet she wanted to see how her hair without the morning's activities. So she picked up the counter mappin dispenser with its polished chrome surface and it did the job.

Sterna's Auto Supply has under construction an addition to be completed in a couple of months. Located in the neighborhood of 2700, this permanent addition will about triple the merchandising area for auto accessories, according to Frank Sterna, owner.

A new frozen food locker service and super market which will serve the Birmingham area is now under way in the building on the east side of Woodward avenue just below the 14-Mile road. To be known as the F & L Market and Lockers, Inc., it will be owned and operated by Frank Shroyer of Royal Oak and John Legay, associated with Sire Brothers for 12 years.

Among the numerous articles missing from the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hanson, 645 Chalmers, burglarized last Friday night, was a handsome bed spread. Police have expressed the belief that the thieves may have tumbled the loot in the spread and carried it away. Entrance some time between noon and midnight was made by breaking a rear door. Taken was jewelry, clothing, purses, watches and household goods. The family has furnished police with quite a long list of items missing from the home. Police also report an attempt to burglarize the McKee & Larson gasoline station, where two windows were smashed in without the thieves being able to get into the main building.

In Birmingham signs of Spring (or late winter) are evident in the most unusual places! This Wanderer saw one of our local postmen making his route with an especially big pink carnation in his lapel.

Did you know that the fame of the Baldwin Public Library has gone far and wide? Fact! A couple of weeks ago the American Library Association wrote a nice letter to Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian, asserting that they had heard that the B.P.L. was a very nice library indeed and could they have plans and pictures of the building to include in their forthcoming publication on libraries and library buildings. A nice feather in Birmingham's cap!

Chas. Dye Awarded Bronze Star Medal

PORT KNOX, KY. — S/Sgt. Charles F. Dye, 581 Lake Park Drive, Birmingham, Michigan, has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service while serving overseas as a civilian technical observer from December 1943 until July 1945.

The presentation, made by Colonel George Reed, Jr., president of Army Ground Forces, Board No. 2, of which Sgt. Dye is a member of the enlisted personnel, was completed before ranking staff officers of the Board.

Citation for the medal, signed by Harry S. Truman, president of the United States, follows:

Assisted French Army "Mr. Charles F. Dye, Jr., serving as a Civilian Technical Observer, from December 1943 to July 1945, was charged with the instruction of French units in North Africa in the technical employment and maintenance of armored vehicles of General Motors manufacture. He quickly overcame the many difficulties of his unusual task, including that of language, and achieved outstanding results which earned him enthusiastic commendation from the French commanders for whom he worked, who recently requested that his services be continued when their units were in combat in France. Mr. Dye's exceptional personality, great technical ability, and infinite capacity for hard work made him a most valuable asset to all who worked with him, and contributed in great measure to Franco-American relations and to the success of the Allied cause."

Sgt. Dye was inducted into the Army on November 15, 1945 and after receiving his basic training at Camp Lee, Virginia, was transferred for duty with the Board.



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Big windows in the living room and library look out on the rolling countryside below, and the Dining Room and Kitchen have the same spectacular views. Two comfortable bedrooms in the other wing of the house have a connecting bath which has both stall shower and tub, both tiled in pastel colors. The recreation room has a colorful asphalt tiled floor and a paneled bar—you'll be proud to invite your friends to relax in it.

Space won't permit description of the many things that make this one of the most unusual homes in this area but you'll agree, we know, that nothing has been missed. It's air conditioned, of course, and insulated, with double windows all around. It was finished in 1942 so you know that it couldn't be replaced today.

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White English cottage with view of the lake; has four bedrooms, 2 baths, sun room, 2 car attached garage, oil heat and is close to school and transportation. Priced at \$14,000.00.

ATTRACTIVE ENGLISH

Well built brick home containing four bedrooms and two baths, oil heat, 2 car attached garage, 80 foot landscaped lot, and only two blocks to school. \$23,500—includes carpets, range and refrigerator.

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