

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART THREE

Ever since mankind has been on earth, it has had to struggle for existence; always against the elements of nature, always against the ravages of unscrupulous human beings. Truth and justice were slow to arrive in man's thinking; the enemy of selfishness, greed, lust for power, continues to fight these virtues.

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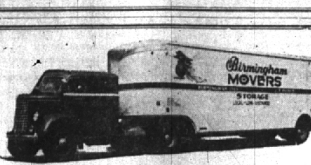
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"Glad to be back in the old town again; things sure look fine," said Dallas W. Symons, 644 Brown street, upon his arrival back in Birmingham last week from Ft. Myers, Florida, where he and Mrs. Symons spent the late winter. "Both of us are feeling just fine," the veteran Birmingham man declared. Asked about the fishing, "The Kings" as his Birmingham friends call him, declared he was ready for a try at those Lake Huron perch, up Saginaw bay way.

About 40 ex-GIs from Birmingham and vicinity have enrolled in the government's plan for flight training at the Berry Airport, Manassas Mill here told this Wanderer. Arnold Park, of Quanton road, a former Army flight instructor, has been added to the teaching staff. Milt expects three new Aeronca trainers some time this month, and these will bring his fleet up to nine for training purposes. During the past two weeks, all runways have been gravelled to permit flying in heavier weather than before.

"Finding good first and second grade teachers is almost impossible today. You must sort through a dozen or twenty candidates to find one," Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools mentioned to the Board of Education at its special meeting last Thursday. He also said that beginning next September substitute teachers would have to be raised from seven to eight dollars a month. Birmingham has been offering seven dollars a day and many substitute teachers won't accept less than eight.

Directors of the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association have recommended that stores remain open Wednesday afternoon, May 22, and close all day Thursday, May 23, Memorial Day. Many Birmingham stores normally close on Wednesday afternoon. The Association was asked to conduct a survey of all grocery stores and meat markets in the city on the question of closing on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months. Such a survey is now under way and results are expected to be known shortly. An early proposal suggested that stores close Wednesday afternoons, starting July 3.

Next Week Thursday and Friday, May 23 and 24, are Poppy Days in Birmingham. Both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars members and their Auxiliaries will be on the streets selling poppies to raise funds for use in helping care for the injured and ill of both World War I and World War II. Arrangements for the sale on these two days were made by the joint poppy committee of the two veterans organizations and permission for the annual sale was granted by the Birmingham City Commission.

Autoists appear to have slowed down their speed a bit. Still, the

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Five New Exhibits To Open May 23 At Cranbrook Museum

Five new exhibits are to be opened at the science museum at Cranbrook Institute of Science on Thursday, May 23, according to announcements made this week. The new exhibits include "Minerals Are Basic in Industry," containing 30 minerals and showing the parts they play in making an automobile. The exhibit is made with the cooperation of the Ford Motor company.

"Fluorescence" is a spectacular new display of reactions to "black light" among minerals and other objects. "Rock Grooving by Glaciation," is an exhibition of a magnificent slab of fluted limestone in its complete arrangement. "Earth Tremors Magnified." This is a seismometer giving visible evidence of earth disturbances. "Kwakiut House Post." Here is a newly accessioned major carving by the maker of totem poles.

Richard Liston Aids Cancer Fund Drive In Southfield Area

John W. Grimes, chairman of the Southfield Township Public Health Committee for the American Cancer Society, has appointed Richard P. Liston as chairman of the speakers bureau. One major activity is gathering a group of speakers to deliver talks on the subject of Cancer Control before meetings of various character in the townships. This activity is in support of the annual campaign conducted by the Southeastern Michigan Division of the American Cancer Society, embracing the counties of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb.

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County Committee to Meet Tues., May 21 At Community House

Oakland County Girl Scout Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 21, at 1 p.m. in the Birmingham Community House. This committee will continue its work on behalf of Girl Scouts through the summer and its program of character building with youth adequacy as its objective, will have incalculable values to the 600 Girl Scouts in the Birmingham area, and through them, to the Community at large.

With a view to making camping experiences more available, day camping is being extended, and in this community, is under the general direction of Mrs. Maurice Bell. The youth hostel plan is also becoming of interest to some of the senior Girl Scout troops.

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