

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

If you wish to see yourself clearly reflected in any mirror, that mirror must be clean. If you wish the mirror of government to reflect the cleanness of your best hopes and desires for the very best things of life, you must remove from the mirror the dirt of citizens irresponsibility, of civic apathy.

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School Site Survey—Annual Meeting

Arthur W. Gillespie has been retained by the Birmingham Board of Education to survey the Pierce School property in connection with the construction of the proposed new Pierce addition. Gillespie will make a survey of property boundaries, the location of existing structures and utilities, elevation levels, and drill two test holes for foundation purposes.

The first annual meeting of the Birmingham Consumers' Cooperative will be held tonight at 8 p. m. in the Community House, when nine permanent directors will be elected from its membership to the Board. The electors will then appoint officers for the year for the group.

Bits of Birmingham

The Wanderer notes that with the fast approach of Halloween, Birmingham's younger set parade through the city streets Sunday like so many junior editions of the fabled Pan. The pipes they skirt on, however, are not made of reeds. As one little youngster explained it to us, "They're chawn gum!" Anyways, he was almost playing a tune as he piped himself down Maple avenue.

Seems like we never do quite grow up. The Wanderer saw conclusive evidence of that the other day when a toy train displayed in a local store window was put into operation. Besk advertising stunt we ever saw, because in the few minutes that little train puffed around the track, blowing its whistle and even taking on another car, a postman, three or four businessmen, the Wanderer and three bobbysoxers gathered round to watch and fling suggestions to the operator. Each one took reluctant leave when the operator wouldn't cooperate and send it round the track once again.

We hear by the grapevine that John Centnar, local agency manager for the Kaiser-Fraser outfit, has been spending his time since Sunday at the New Products Exposition in Detroit's Convention Hall. He demonstrates the Kaiser-Fraser products. Having been exposed to the exposition, the Wanderer questioned him as to what was new down there, and if he had seen Rosie the Bear do her television dance. He sheepishly acknowledged that he'd been to "darn busy" he hadn't seen any of the exhibits but his own.

The Wanderer learns that in Birmingham last week, when the OPA ceilings went off meat and other products, there was an attempt made by several vendors to quickly head off anxious buyers who might buy meat with no thought as to its price, but only its availability, and thereby create a terrific demand. The women were doing their bit to prevent more inflation. Since meat prices are reported to be gradually settling down, however, Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, 1011 Hazel, and Mrs. Harden DeVries, 1031 Hazel, stated that they have dropped their campaign, but continue to observe the resolves they set up. They were: (1) not buying any meat at more than 50c per pound, (2) not buying any items which have far exceeded the OPA price, and (3) buying only enough foodstuffs and keeping shopping at an absolute minimum until out-of-line prices returned to normal.

When the Wanderer was talking recently to Chet Brown, Commander of the Birmingham post of the American Legion, he learned that Birmingham Cub Scouts had contributed a huge collection of jig-saw puzzles for distribution by the Legion to war orphans. Cubs left them at the Community House with the simple message: "From the Cub Scouts." Mr. and Mrs. Brown took the puzzles out to the American Legion and State Billet for orphans and temporarily separated children at Ottawa Lake, where they were much appreciated. Now Brown would like to know the names of the Cubs who helped collect the puzzles for he feels they deserve a vote of thanks. The children at the Billet, Brown said, were practically without amusement of any kind, and he has been endeavoring to collect all usable toys to take to them. If anyone in Birmingham wishes to donate toys no longer in use, they may be left at the Community House. Brown will then deliver them to the children.

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the spectators sat around in "thirl-sleeves" under the hot, autumn sun. . . . Overheard: "What do you suppose would happen to Michigan had they been unable to substitute an entire new team each time the ball changed hands?" . . . The Detroit sports reporters and their headline writers got a little mixed up in conveying the story of the game to the public—Michigan tied! said the headline, but the reporter said "Michigan was outplayed, outmaneuvered, out-anything." That good, old, loyal Michigan spirit, maybe!

The Wanderer enjoyed a wonderful "thickies" dinner at Bloomfield Hills Country Club last Friday night along with 12 or 15 other Oakland County weekly publishers and their wives at a banquet staged by Harold Fitzgerald, publisher of the Pontiac Daily Press. The idea behind the dinner, Harold told the boys, was just a "get-together." No speeches either, even during these campaign times. We want to thank Harold for an enjoyable evening, with the hope that another "get-together" can be arranged again.

Early last Saturday evening it appeared that a blanket of fog had settled over Birmingham—it wasn't "wet." The "fog" was the light blue smoke which resulted from numerous fires which local residents had kindled to destroy the fallen leaves.

While most of the nation is worried about rising prices and inflation, there are some who have discovered that certain prices have fallen to rock bottom. The Wanderer seen this week where the high school in Bad Axe, Mich., made a purchase which will be used in class study and training—it was an \$11,000 air-plane engine. The WAA sold it to the school for a mere \$10. Wouldn't the housewife be pleased if meat and butter prices would tumble proportionately?


The charge comes to the Wanderer this week that he is inciting further vandalism by suggesting that persons can obtain a few nails by searching around new homes for those small bits of steel that carpenters have dropped. We're sorry that anyone read this interpretation into the item. Maybe there are a few carpenters who DO have to rummage through the debris on the floors for those nails

that have dropped there. The Wanderer would suggest that this "interpreter" ask a few carpenters if they ever halt their work to office and get some of the "No Trespassing" or "No Hunting" signs which are available!

Irene Hanley, Birmingham's city clerk, certainly seems to have the office's business under excellent control. When the Wanderer called her this week to learn the number of additional persons who had registered for the November election, she obtained the exact registration number about an hour later. Compare this with several other city or township clerks the Wanderer contacted who had to estimate the "new" registrations.

Commissioner Bill Martin almost didn't get to go bird hunting last week because he took an extra precautionary measure with his (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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Town Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28th
8 to 10 p. m.

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Don't be perplexed on Election day—KNOW HOW to vote on the Three important Amendments to the State Constitution and the City Charter Amendments.

YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION IS INVOLVED

COME to the Town Meeting and hear the Amendments discussed Pro and Con by the following eminent authorities:

A. J. PHILLIPS, Executive Secretary, Michigan Education Association, FOR the Second Amendment

VS.

ARTHUR A. ELDER, President, Michigan Federation of Teachers, A. F. of L., AGAINST the Second Amendment.

Presiding Officer—CLARK C. COULTER, prominent Birmingham resident, Detroit Attorney.


HOWARD R. ESTES, State Representative, Oakland County, THIRDS

Howard R. Estes will discuss the City Charter Amendments.

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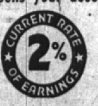
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