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Bits of Birmingham

This Wanderer watched a small boy buy a frankfurter for a big English setter Thursday morning. After the clerk handed it to him he had begun to carefully remove every bit of skin. Asked why, he replied, "Well, your hands might not be clean, and he doesn't want to eat dirt." P. S. The boy's hands, we swear it, hadn't been washed in a week!

There have been many kinds of chain letters, but one called to this Wanderer's attention recently has, by far, the biggest appeal. It goes like this: "This chain was started in the hope of bringing happiness to all tired business men. Unlike most chains, this one does NOT require money. Simply send a copy of this letter to five male friends, then bundle up your wife and send her to the fellow whose name heads the list. When YOUR name gets to the top, you will receive 16,188 women and some ought to be dandies! Have faith! Don't break this chain! One man broke it and got his

own wife back." What a wonderful opportunity for a practical joke—providing the wife involved is agreeable to the gag.

The Eccentric staff has been checking back through its files to find out the last time we put out a 4-section paper. It was back in 1929, during the boom days, about this season of the year, too. Does anyone want to make a comparison with the days of 1948?

Howard Holsh, the general manager of the Birmingham Theater who has done considerable to promote the community spirit of Birmingham, will be seeing his 18th Christmas here this year. Howard came to manage the Birmingham in Nov. 1, 1929.

Whoever drove a grey Chevrolet in Birmingham the evening of Nov. 29 and returned home to find a mysterious package there should not get the impression that Old St. Nick was here early, or that he made a mistake. The

underwear and Jack knife in the package were purchased by Hugh McQueen, to be included in a Christmas package which Adams School is sending to a Navajo school. Hugh mistook that particular Chevrolet for his mother's car and made a very natural error in putting the package in it. If Henry it may yet be included in the box destined for a little Navajo boy, for whom Christmas would be a pretty bleak affair were it not for these Birmingham youngsters.

Here's an item which this Wanderer has just received in the mail, all the way from Tokyo, Japan: Betty Ann Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Pierce, 1119 E. Maple, who is with her parents in Tokyo, was very seriously injured in a riding accident which killed her horse Oct. 31. Betty Ann suffered a broken leg, internal and head injuries, and a paralyzed right arm. According to the letter, the injuries resulted from a head-on collision with another rider—as an Army enlisted man—who suddenly appeared around a wooded curve at full speed. Both horses were approaching each other "on the rail". Betty Ann's brother, Bill, has been elected president of his senior class at Tokyo American School. Their friends can write them using the address: c/o S. S. Pierce, ESS-GHQ-SCAP, APO 500, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.

This Wanderer has always maintained to his friends that few cities in the nation had a police force as courteous and considerate as that of Birmingham. Friday morning again brought this to mind as we watched an officer collecting coins from the parking meters. He removed his gloves and carefully caught from each coin from the meter to make change for a lady who had parked her car nearby and found herself penniless. (We mean, without a penny, but with some larger coins in her possession.)

It truly is a small world. Cpl. George Halpin, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Halpin, of Ruffner, a former Scoutmaster with Troop B-12 of Holy Name Church is now serving in the same capacity—but in Tokyo, Japan. He is in charge of the troop composed mainly of the sons of officers and men who are stationed there with the U. S. Army along with some Japanese boys. Cpl. Halpin, serving a two-year tour of duty, has been in Japan since May. Among his troop members is the young son of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Another recent addition to the Birmingham business field is Aluminum Model Toys, Inc., which has moved its executive offices to the second floor at 164 W. Maple from the Union Guardian Bldg., Detroit. The company's plants are located at various points in Detroit, West H. Galloway, 3560 Woodlake court, is president of the

company, Elmer Sylvester, 253 Fluff Cross road, is executive vice-president, and Carl Stenshorn of Detroit is secretary.

The Eccentric appreciates the efforts of those many local residents who took time to mark the recent civic questionnaires and return it to this office. We believe we observe a definite trend in a number of the answers, which ought to greatly assist the city planning commission. Within the next several weeks, The Eccentric will go over the returned questionnaires and present a general review on what we believe the questionnaires indicate.

Four Birmingham women this week were awarded prizes in the recent \$10,000 limerick contest sponsored by Cunningham Drug stores, Mrs. Alfred Avery, 26246 Telegraph road, route six, won a league football; Mrs. J. E. Bain, 1084 Willow lane, got a bottle of perfume; Mrs. Agnes O. Miller, 1970 Graefield road, was awarded an automatic iron; while Louise H. Tuomey, 572 Harmon, received a half dozen nylon hose.

Members of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce honored Roger J. Emmert, 348 Berwyn, at a dinner last week. A former director of that group, Emmert has been factory manager at the GMC truck division in Pontiac since 1932. He has left that position and will become a member of the corporation staff in Detroit.

Cadet Dain W. Milliman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dain W. Milliman of Yorkshire street was one of the members of the Glee Club of the United States Military Academy who participated in the program at John Wanamaker's store after the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia. The Glee Club is composed of 110 cadets, and the program at Wanamaker's, which was broadcast and televised, is

one of the customary ceremonies which are part of the football games between the two service Academies. Cadet Milliman is also a member of the wrestling

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