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Bits of Birmingham

Here's a question for Joel Cupperman, math whiz of the Quiz Kids radio show: How many miles in a mile? The obvious answer is, of course, "one," but that apparently never occurred to the man who greeted the road signs on Southland road. At 12 Mile road a sign points north and informs the traveler he is still four miles from Birmingham. At 15 Mile road, to all intents and purposes only one mile farther north, the sign proclaims to all and sundry that Birmingham is two miles north. Confusing, isn't it?

Seems this Wanderer has a habit of referring to residents of Birmingham as "Birminghamites." Yet there are several persons around town—long-time citizens of the community—who insist to call this to our attention. They say that it should be "Birminghamian." So, getting out our thumb-worn version of Webster, this Wanderer finds that the suffix, "ite" is added to the names of communities ending in "-ham." Grammatically, it would appear, this writer is right in writing "Birminghamites." The question is, are we going to be dramatically correct or shall we determine our own suffix?

A short time ago Birmingham has the pleasure of being an address by the brilliant lecturer and world-traveler Dr. Charles R. Joy, brought here by the local Save the Children Federation. He is associate executive director of the National SCF, and had just returned from Europe at the time he spoke here. He complimented this writer in writing that he had done on the clothing drive just closed, and on the collection of Christmas tags for the children of Europe. Dr. Joy's address brought a message which, at that time, no one guessed would apply to another situation here. He told of the horrible hunger which gripped the nations of Europe, and of what it might well do to those countries and the world as a whole. He described the disease brought on by malnutrition, of the death and poverty there. He described the pitifully wasted bodies of little children, innocent victims of the

war. He described the ravages of individualism, and the fact that the lack of proper food made people more susceptible to it, and unable to combat it when finally struck. Have you ever seen little children eating clay? Dr. Joy did, and when he asked about it, he was told that this particular type of soil had a sweet taste that made it palatable. The children ate it simply because there was nothing else to eat, and it did fill their little stomachs, giving them at least temporary relief from their hunger pangs.

Birmingham has again been asked for help, and is once more responding generously. The facts brought here so vividly by Dr. Joy became alive now, as the drive goes on for food stuffs for Europe. This drive starts locally, and men are seeing it through to its end, and local people are asked to support it. If your mind has slipped into the hurry and scurry of the holidays, and has become a bit dulled to these things, it quietly for a few moments and recall the things Dr. Joy said on his trip. He said that the children and adults alike, need this food, as we know from the lips of a man who saw conditions there. Let's share the wonderful good fortune we have, and give liberally to the National Food Campaign sponsored by the Michigan Junior Chambers of Commerce and organized by the Birmingham Chamber.

On Christmas Night this Wanderer and his wife drove around the Palmer Woods section of Detroit to view the magnificent home lighting displays which have made that section known to most people in the metropolitan area. That evening hundreds of motorists drove around the Woods admiring the displays. What this Wanderer would like to know—why can't Birmingham, with its fine homes, decorate to such an extent as the Woods?

As far as this Wanderer has been able to ascertain the first "Birmingham" baby of 1948 is not a Birmingham baby at all. It is George William Averill of Berkeley. However, we do not feel too far amiss in predicting that the lad may, in all probability, become a Birmingham man. He introduced himself to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George William Averill, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Averill, last Sunday afternoon, and of course it is quite possible that, in the future, the Birmingham Eccentric will be seeing a great deal of him.

The members of the Charles Edwards Post 14, American Legion Auxiliary, wish to thank those of Birmingham who did not forget to remember. During their recent Christmas drive for "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave," they were able to pack 60 beautiful Christmas boxes, which were sent to the Veterans' Hospital in Battle Creek. They wish especially to thank the members of the Metropolitan Auxiliary, the Past Masters' Club of Birmingham Chapter, OES, Pythian Sisters and members of the Pullman Club for their generous support.

While quite "painful" to the individual, it is amusing to the outsider, how close one can come to his work, and how blind to some phases of it. The Eccentric received a letter, this week, from the pastor of a local church, who was writing of the activities of one of his groups. We were amazed to note that through the whole letter he had consistently misspelled the name of the organization. We've occasionally done the same thing ourselves.

Asked the other day when the Ford Motor Company would sell a car at 1941 prices, Ernest R. Breech, the company's executive vice-president who lives on Manor road, Birmingham, said, "Immediately—when we can buy steel at 1941 prices, when we can add capacity and equipment at 1941 costs and when our employees work for 1941 wages."

Birmingham youngsters, last week, had a chance for a double thrill if Daddy happened to buy television for the family Christmas present. The Meredith Marionettes, which presented "Hobby," the "Hamp" and "Horse," for their Monday were presented Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from Detroit over the television hookup. This is the first attempt to televise a marionette show and was looked forward to with a great deal of eagerness by Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Bixby, producers of the show, members of the staff, and those who have followed the work of the Meredith Marionettes.

Of the 20,637 students enrolled in the University of Michigan this year, 989 are from Oakland County. It seems fitting, with the high educational standard of Birmingham and vicinity, that 210 of these, or almost one-fifth of the entire Oakland County enrollment, are from this section. The report which the University News Service office released last week shows the following vicinity ratings: Birmingham, 179; Bloomfield, 22; and Franklin, 6. Of these, 63 are returned veterans, including several local girls who served in the various branches of the armed forces during World War II.

"Die Neue Zeitung," (which translated from the German means "The New Newspaper") in its November 17 issue carried a picture of Birmingham's ex-governor Murray D. Van Wagoner as he stopped in Munich on his way to becoming Military Governor of the American-occupied zone in Bavaria. The paper was wrapped around a Christmas present just received here by Mr. and Mrs. Karl Seiffert, 678 Chestersfield. The gift was sent by Mr. Seiffert's first cousin in Arnsfeld, Germany, who is also named Karl Seiffert.

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