That frown you allow to spread over your face is not nearly so becoming as a genuine smile. What a fine thing it is to learn to paint the surface of your countenance with good humor!

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PART TWO

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Bits of Birmingham

Every dog has his day, and some work overtime. Last Saturday a Birmingham dog "attended" the movies. This Wanderer is not sure whether he was expressing his opinion of the show, the way he was treated, or the people who attended, but he did manage to get a good healthy nip at two persons as they left the show. Mr. Dog landed himself in the hands of the Gentlemen in Blue, of course.

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During the frequent hard showers early last week, Birmingham streets took on the appearance of small lakes in many locations. It would not be long after the shower stopped before every lake would have more than its quota of noisy youngsters splashing around in the muddy water. This Wanderer heard of one little three-year old who finally wore mother down to the point of being permitted to get out in it. The only stipulation was that she wear her boots because the water was dirty. Miss Three-Year-Old donned the boots and went out. In a matter of minutes she was in water far above the boot tops, and insisting that her feet were not wet because hadn't she put her boots on? Aren't parents difficult?

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A few days ago this Wanderer happened to be passing the Municipal Building and stopped to watch the antics of two squirrels. It seems there was only one peanut around, and one squirrel had it. The other would climb a short distance up the side of the tree where his friend (?) could see him, circle around out of sight, come down, and pounce at the other. A chase would result, and squirrel-with-the-nut would then make a mad dash back to his lunch, swearing a blue streak. We don't know how long this went on, but we watched it through four performances. It seemed like an awfully hard way to get breakfast.

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Sally Louise Buck, 593 Townsend, has been chosen as an alternate to the annual Girl's Nation meeting in Washington, D. C. from August 7 to 12. The girls were picked by the Girl's State board of directors from a group of 12 recommended to them by the girls' counselors. They were chosen on the basis of leadership, honesty, scholarship, cooperation, courage and character. Girls' State is sponsored annually by the American Legion Auxiliary in which the girls organize state and town governments and participate in a week's program on occupations and recreations. The Girls' Nation will be much the same except they will organize mythical governments on a national basis. Two girls from each state are expected to be present.

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Leaving by plane Sunday to serve as delegates to the national convention of the National Education Association at Cleveland July 4 to 9 will be Mrs. Geraldine Rue and Miss Phyllis Gardner who will represent the Birmingham Teachers' Club.

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Did you ever see a dream walking? Well, neither has this Wanderer, but Saturday morning we did see a garage going for a ride. Houses wandering around town have become a fairly familiar sight in Birmingham the past few months, but now their close relatives seem to have taken it up. This garage business, though, seems to be a bit different than the house technic. It looks funnier too. That is, it did in this case. They simply opened the doors, backed the truck in, raised the garage up on the truck body a few inches, and drove away with it. Might be an idea for some drivers—put the garage on wheels and it would save driving through it every so often!

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Would you be able to survive if your car dropped off a nine-story building? Probably not. Then, you know just how much of a chance you have to survive a crash when your car is traveling 60 m.p.h. A few days ago this Wanderer was talking to a State Police trooper who told us a car that crashes when going that fast gets the same impact as though it had been dropped those nine stories. "Any time you smash up at 40 m.p.h. you will know how it feels to drop four stories," remarked the trooper. "A mere 20 m.p.h. collision will produce the same results as falling off a one-story building, and who would want to risk that!" These statistics are especially fitting since this coming week end will see millions of persons on the highways celebrating the 3-day Fourth of July week end.

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Ordinarily, squirrels like to frolic in trees and on nice green lawns. Why they should select sewers to romp around in is hard to determine. But the other day Capt. Stan Pepperell of the Birmingham fire department played hero to one unfortunate squirrel which somehow got into the drainage system under the court in the rear of the Municipal Building. For more than an hour Stan tried to figure out which downspout the animal was attempting to climb back up. Naturally, the squirrel couldn't negotiate the tin pipe. So Stan got a rope, climbed up to one spout opening in the eave and let the rope dangle downward some 15 feet. It was quite some time before the squirrel finally got back into that particular spout and discovered the rope. Then up he came, poked his head out the top, looked around and blinked in the daylight, and scampered off. "The little fellow, evidently worn almost to a frazzle, looked much relieved," Stan reported to this Wanderer.

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Mrs. Eric Kurth, 156 N. Worth, had quite a bit of excitement in her yard Monday afternoon. An Edison wire came down, burning a nearby tree and then the fence against which it fell. Mrs. Kurth said she should have called the Edison company three months ago when she heard the tree creaking. She reports to this Wanderer that the wire had been worn in two by the action of tree limbs, and this accounted for the suspicious noise. "The wire fell close enough to the house to cause considerable alarm," Mr. Kurth explained. "Perhaps other property owners can be spared future danger and fire if they take the trouble to immediately report to the Edison company any reason to believe that trees may be causing trouble to electrical wires."

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Walt Fauser, local Michigan Bell manager, and Dale Stafford, managing editor of The Detroit Free Press, are very good friends. Dale has a summer cottage up on Lake Charlevoix and Walt spent a recent week end there. Among the more exciting moments, Walt went for a swim—from the middle of the lake to the shore. This Wanderer can elicit no more factual information from Walt other than the comment, "The water was fine, though chilly—and I swam the whole distance with my shoes on." Walt would not say whether he shed his coat and vest.

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Maj. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart this week became the 68th member of the Birmingham Rotary Club when he was inducted by Past President Oscar Peterson.

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During wartime to save motorists' valuable gas coupons, the city took down the "No U Turn" signs on Woodward avenue. Today, although gas is pretty expensive compared to what it once was, it nevertheless is plentiful. And the signs have not been replaced yet.

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The Eccentric last week confused the identity of two Episcopal clergymen and ran the photograph of Christ Church Cranbrook's Rev. William S. Hill over the identification of Bishop Richard S. Emrich. The Eccentric regrets the error.

Have You Met . . .

The new neighbors from Cleveland, Ohio? They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Thurston and children, Diane and Ronald who are living in their new home at 247 Southlawn. Mr. Thurston is with the art department of the Detroit Free Press.

WE LOSE A DAY THIS WEEK

Since the July 4 holiday will be observed here next Monday, July 5, it will mean The Eccentric's editorial staff will have one day less this coming week to gather and prepare editorial copy for next week's issue. This was the case over the Memorial Day weekend, too.

Therefore, it will mean that news items should be submitted by the end of the week, or this Saturday, as far as possible. Otherwise, it may be necessary to shorten considerably, or possibly leave out, items which are received here on Tuesday. We never like to do this, but it can readily be seen that no one can do two days' work in just one day.

PLEASE BRING OR PHONE IN YOUR NEWS
BY THE END OF THIS WEEK

Jim Milldebrandt Enlists in Navy

James Milldebrandt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Milldebrandt, 1029 S. Adams, left Tuesday morning for the Great Lakes Naval Training school in Great Lakes, Ill. He has enlisted in the Navy for three years.

A graduate of Baldwin high school, he was employed by the Birmingham National Bank and also has been sports writer for The Eccentric.

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