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Laughs, Thrills, Spills Mark Annual Pet Parade

By Alice E. Morgan

It was a great day for the pets Saturday, May 22. A warm sun and a cool breeze made their big day of the year quite livable. From north, south, east and west they gathered; dogs, cats, rabbits, goats, turtles, doves, and even a "cow".

The horses of the mounted division pawed the ground snorted loudly and rattled their bits while they tried to make believe that just because they were bigger than anything else there they were going to be real tough about the whole affair. Really, they were softies, though, for one carried two riders and another had his rider plus a shaggy red dog on his back.

In the dog division the spaniels held the field, coming in swanky gowns and the suits of clowns. They wagged their tails and smiled gaily at everyone, stopping only now and then to instill the proper fear and awe in the cats.

The one and only "cow" was lead carefully around the line of march by the farmer boy, but was proclaimed the strangest cow ever seen in town. It was bright red, and walked erect, bearing a sign "This is our pet."

On the other hand the cats and kittens didn't look happy at all. In fact, they glowered. They huddled deep in the arms of their little owners and cast baleful glances around them. The one which rode in the little cart, safe behind a wire fence but labeled a "Wyld Beest" looked fittingly ferocious. She twitched her tail and spit at the dogs who dared come too close.

Unhappy Cuddles

Without a doubt, the most unhappy individual there was the now-famous "Cuddles," the only alligator giving Birmingham, Mich., as a home address. Being anchored firmly to the bed of a bouncing jiggling cart didn't bother Cuddles half as much as the cold wind. The wind blew—and there was Cuddles. No place to hide, no shelter to crawl under, just sit there and take it. No, that one critter looked anything but pleased, and as far as he was concerned this, the 25th annual pet parade to be sponsored by St. Elizabeth's Guild, could be the last. Cuddles would weep no crocodile tears over it at all.

Most of the spectators looked on Cuddles with a bit of misgiving, and said little. From their attitudes it was easy to pick the favorites as the pets marched by. There was the big black dog in the yellow clown suit, his tail waving wildly through a hole in the seat of the trousers. Then, there was the big spaniel who, somehow, got his tail inside his trousers and wagged the whole thing.

The blonde cocker with the rakish hat and blue blouse drew her share of the applause, as did the scottie, very celtic in his tam and plaid ribbons. The hunting dogs, their grim masters trudging along in their boots and coonskin caps, fell into the spirit of the thing with gusto (and a small fight or two). But the member of the K-9 Corps, with his fully uniformed young master, looked neither to the left nor right.

"Hot Dog"

The merry little dachshund seemed not to notice the huge bun split and tied on either side, nor the crepe paper "mustard" which adorned his back. All the other dogs noticed, though, and many a quick snack was enjoyed as they passed.

The one goat entry turned out to be two at the start and one at the finish. Two white goats pulled the old covered wagon, from which hung the pioneer's pots and pans, dried pelts and washboards along at a good rate. Something happened though after the conveyance drew out of sight, for when it came in one goat preceded the other, which was left to do all the work alone.

Magazine Cover

Birmingham also had a chance to see a magazine cover, walking. A small boy sat in a little cart. One arm circled a beautiful blonde cocker puppy, the other its black brother or sister. The smug looks of the two pups, plus the adoration in the youngster's face, captured the heart of every person there.

The parade was not without its thrills, either. One came at the very start, when one dog decided he did not want to follow any trodden path, and departed on a route of his own, entirely aside from what the others were taking.

The second bit of excitement happened when the dignified Chloe, cocker candidate for the office of Cat Catcher of Birmingham, cast dignity to the winds, lost her glasses, and headed back at a dead run to where she had started from. Captured, the bolting candidate once more mounted her wheeled platform and made the rest of her preliminary appearance in a most fitting manner.

Planning For '49

A mounted troop, followed by members of the Baldwin High School band, lead the paraders past the judges stand. Following the breaking up of the affair, children and pets gathered around the award station and received their prizes, which were donated by the merchants of Birmingham.

The curtain fell on a group of happy youngsters who shoved leashes at mothers and fathers and raced off to the movies in the church house. As they passed many were busy with plans for the parade of 1949.

This affair opened the week-long plant sale, an annual event of St. Elizabeth's Guild, which ended Friday. Committee chairman, in their final report, stated that it had been one of the most successful sales in the 25 years they have been featuring them.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
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The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, June 7th, 1948, at 8:00 P. M. in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of certain improvements on

Chester, from Martin to Lincoln.
Stanley from Brown to Lincoln.
Watkins from Brown to Lincoln.
Frank from Southfield to Bates, and
Wallace from Southfield to Stanley,

which would be maintained by the City for a period of five years.

The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district to defray the cost of this construction and said special assessment district shall consist of the following described property:

Argus Addition
Lots 1 to 35 Inc.

A surplus in Argus Addition being a parcel of land described as:
Beginning at the NW corner of Lot 15;
Thence N 88° 30' W 50 ft. to the NE corner of Lot 16;
Thence S'ly on E line of Lot 16 to the N line of Frank Rd.;
Thence E'ly along N line of said street, A distance of 50 ft.;
Thence N'ly along the W line of Lot 15 to point of beginning.

A surplus in Argus Addition being a parcel of land described as:
Beginning at the NW corner of Lot 21;
Thence W'ly on the S line of Frank St. 50 ft.;
Thence S'ly on the E. line of Lot 20, to the SE corner of Lot 20;
Thence E'ly 50 ft. to the SW corner of Lot 21;
Thence N'ly on W line of Lot 21 to point of beginning.

Assessor's Plat No. 1
Lots 7 to 19 Inc.

Bird and Stanley's Addition
Lots 15, 16, 21 and 22

Castle Addition
Lots 17, 18, 38 and 39

Hoods Addition
Lots 1 to 6 Inc.

Merrill's Plat
Lots 18, 19, 54, 55, 90, 91 and 126

Schlaack Bros. Addition
Lots 1, 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, 21 and 22

Smith Addition
Lots 1, 2, 9, 10
Lots 13 to 24 Inc.
Lots 26 to 45 Inc.

Torrey's Addition
Lot 2
Assessor's Replat of part of Torrey's Add., Hood's Add. & Smith Add. "A replat of Part of Lot 1 and Lots 20 to 28 Inclusive. Part of Lots 31, 32 and 33 and Lots 34 to 39 Inclusive, all of Torrey's Addition and Lots 7, 8 and 9 of Hood's Add. and Part of Lot 25, Smith Add."
Lot 3
Lots 7 to 17
Lot 21
Lots 28 to 37 Inc.

Chamberlain Subdivision South ½ of Lot 30 Torrey's Addition
Lots 4 and 5

Clark & Cobb Sub's of Lot 32, except E. 120 ft. thereof, of Torrey's Add.
Lots 1, 2, 3, 8, 7, 11, 12 and 13

Wm. Duff Sub. of part of Lot 31, Torrey's Add. & part of lots 24 and 25 and vacated street in Smith Add.
Lots 1 to 16 Inc.

McBride Subdivision of the north 261.3 ft. of Lot 29 Wm. Torrey Add'n.
Lots 1 to 9 Inc.
Lots 11 to 14 Inc.

Schlaack Bros. Subdivision of part of South ½ of Lot 29 & Part of North ½ of Lot 30 Torrey's Add.
Lots 6 to 11 Inc.

Valentine Addition
Lots 3 to 28 Inc.

Assessor's Replat of Lots 1, 2, and 50 Valentine Addition
Lots 1 to 4 Inc

Plans and estimate of cost of this project are filed with the City Clerk of the City of Birmingham for examination by the public.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

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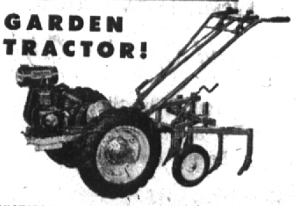

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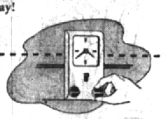

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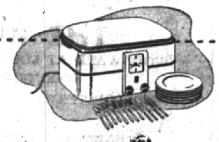

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