

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART 2

Thursday, April 28, 1949

To win and keep the respect and admiration of one's children is, I think, a great achievement to be made upon earth. Children are, on the average, willing to overlook their parents' mistakes of the head . . . but they never forget mistakes of the heart . . . for these latter deeply wound.

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Bits of Birmingham

One mother this Wanderer knows had her "call to dinner" problems solved thanks to the boy scout organization. Before her two youngsters became a boy scout and a cub scout, she had to blow a whistle to call them to dinner. Several times. But now the older boy, being a scout, has assumed new responsibilities as well as a new badge to go with his scout uniform. Every evening he stands in the door and blows a call. His younger brother, though just a cub scout, has taken his cub badge seriously and commencing home in high gear where, as once he wandered home in low—even just idling along. Well, mothers, if you can't get your children home promptly for dinner, try the cub or boy scout method and see how that works.

Good old Erie is no longer under British rule, and what is it going to do to our tenant? A certain faction in Ireland wants to revert to the Gaelic tongue, and judging by the way some of the words look in print, it's going to provide a pretty tough time for the boys who have for years specialized in the good, old sentimental Irish ballads.

Birmingham has some young doubting Thomases (female). The Wanderer watched two little girls going along the street the other day when one of them noticed a "Wet Paint" sign hanging on a mailbox. Immediately the two had to turn around and run experimental fingers along the letter slot to see if the sign had informed them correctly. P. S. It had.

There's a streak in most of us, and this Wanderer is no exception, that enjoys seeing the underdog get top position once in a while. Along with several others we stood and watched, joyfully, the other day while an extremely angry squirrel chased a cat.

was only a little cat, true, but it was traveling like a big one.

About three feet behind came the squirrel. At every jump he made some remark about the cat which we feel sure it is not good editorial policy to quote here, snarped his tail and made another leap. The little cat, at each remark, seemed to get just a little bit longer and ran a little bit faster.

The Eccentric's apologies both to Lt. Deje Service and Sgt. Leo Stiers, whose identities we confused in the cutlines under last week's pictures of the local police department's campaign against unsafe brakes and lights. It was Sgt. Stiers who appeared in the photo, not Lt. Service. The Lieutenant told this Wanderer: "I don't mind being mistaken for the handsome sergeant, but you should have told me about my demerit." And then the Sergeant called to say, "The Eccentric's promotion should call for a new badge. But certainly, shouldn't it?" We're sorry, gentlemen; we've got your identities straight for the next time we refer to you.

Last week The Eccentric carried a Page One item about the pending new bridge over the River Rouge at W. Maple. In the past few days several local motorists who use Maple between their homes and places of work, have remarked while this Wanderer:

"Well, I suppose we will have many more months of detouring around Maple, only this time in another section." Checking with city officials, we learned that the new bridge would be constructed just north of the old one, thus permitting traffic to continue uninterrupted while the new project is worked on. It is to be assumed, however, that there may be a few days during which the bridge approaches are actually connected up with existing right-of-way. But certainly east-west traffic won't be disrupted for too long, it appears.

There are two persons in Detroit who are thinking unkind thoughts about Birmingham. John Hegarty, Detroit reporter for the Birmingham police that his son came here Saturday afternoon to attend a moving. He parked his car on a nearby street, and after the show, started to drive home. He had not gone far before he had a flat tire. In rapid succession the tires on the other three wheels joined their mate in this unhappy condition. Repairmen removed 18 nice shiny new facks and roofing nails from the tires.

This Wanderer does not wish to appear irreligious or unsympathetic, but . . . A short time ago one of our subscribers passed away. Since that time The Eccentric has gone to the home each week, as in the past. This week we received a printed form from the postoffice stating that the subscriber had moved and left no forwarding address.

Miss Laura H. Schroeder, chief telephone operator here for many years, is under a doctor's care at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. It is the first time she has had to be away from her job in 34 years with Michigan Bell.

The yard of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stites on Bates street has been attracting a good deal of attention these days and justifiably so. It's probably the most colorful Birmingham lawn to date with pansies (the first to bloom in town so far as we know) blooming for over a week already. Three kinds

of violas, hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, snow flowers, crocuses and narcissus in full bloom. Mrs. Stites said that she received so many plants and bulbs for Easter that she decided to share them with the whole neighborhood and promptly put them out in the yard. Not to be deprived of such an early view of full springtime, this Wanderer is planning on dropping around that way, too.

The telephone on this Wanderer's desk rang Friday afternoon and when we answered it, a small boy's voice said: "This is Dick Carlson, and I'm 10 years old. I live at 761 Henrietta and I want to report the first dandelion. It's in my backyard." We assured Dick that although a few of these annual summer weeds may have already been noticed by others, he was the first one

to report in "Will you print my name?" he asked. "Yes, we will, Dick. Look for it this coming Thursday," we told him.

The Opera Guild of Detroit, now in the fifteenth year of its existence, is rehearsing weekly for its spring show at the Masonic Temple on June 2. The presentation will consist of excerpts from

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