

The Birmingham Electric

PART TWO

When the day is cloudy, the airplane pilot ascends up, up through that murky mist, to a place where the sun is always shining. When your dog seems cloudy with trouble, when things just seem to go wrong, do you climb to regions of cheer and hop on your mental airplane?

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Bits of Birmingham

Max Coraell, Baldwin High graduate who spent a year in Japan with American occupation forces, showed colored slides of Tokyo to Birmingham Rotarians at their Monday noon luncheon.

Among the delegates present at the State Capitol when Governor Williams officially launched Scouting's 2-year crusade to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty" was Scout James Buchanan, Jr., 940 Henrietta.

Glen C. Richards of Walnut Lake, has been named vice-

chairman of "Michigan Aviation Week." Richards, general superintendent of the Detroit DPW, is also chairman of the Detroit Metropolitan Aviation Authority.

Here's one this Wanderer would like the local G-boys to answer: Isn't there any city ordinance that prohibits delivery trucks—everything from small pickups to huge semi-trailers—from parking on the street and causing a hazard while loading or unloading? The view of motorists is often very restricted when this occurs, as well as oftentimes creating an obstacle course for pedestrians who have to dodge among the stuff piled on the sidewalks.

If there is such an ordinance, why haven't a few tickets been handed out? If no ordinance, maybe the gentlemen on the city commission could think one up.

My! My! If you will read the annual police report you will find that those perfectly awful women numbered 441 to 497 in accidents and violations in Birmingham. It is also interesting to note that driving between 11 to 20 miles an hour, on a bright, clear day when the roads are dry, seems to be far more "dangerous" than any other speed, time or highway condition.

This Wanderer wonders how many remember what the late Will Rogers said about drivers?

The Eccentric, during the past few weeks, has reported the first robin to appear in this vicinity in 1949, and the first pair to show up. And last weekend the first trio was noticed by Mrs. R. G. Favery, 31875 Lahser, on her front lawn. "Fat and very red-breasted, they certainly looked like they had spent a comfortable, relaxing vacation in Florida," Mrs. Favery explained.

How many Birmingham people know that when they listen to the radio they are listening to the Yukon one of their neighbors is playing an important part in the production? Dick Beasly of E. Brown, has been assigned all the children's parts for both shows. Dick studied speech and radio at Michigan State College, and it is quite apparent that he is making excellent use of his training. During the Christmas season he played an important role in the J. L. Hudson television show.

"Continued from our last issue" SIGNS OF SPRING: This Wanderer regrets that we have to use the tag line of a serial to complete the last week's signs of spring, but this one arrived too late for publication. However, the news is published for this one concerns blossoms. In the yard of Fredricka Kurth, 711 W. Maple, the snow drops were in full bloom.

A Kennebec resident must have come to Birmingham in November, 1948, copy of The Eccentric, for this week he mailed in the civic questionnaire published that month. It is indeed welcome, and this Wanderer will forward it to the city plan commission to be added to the several hundred other replies which were returned.

This Wanderer received a telephone call Tuesday morning from a Franklin resident who slipped (?) over to Birmingham Monday night to attend the meeting featuring the discussion of future plans for the school system. What the lady wants to know is this: Where were the other Franklin residents? What became of the members of their PTA board from that village? "They always want to know why things happen that they have not been told about," she said. "But when they have the chance to go and find out what's planned, right from the very beginning, they stay home. It doesn't seem to me that they have as much interest in what is going on as they would like their neighbors to think. Sure, the roads were icy, but I made it safely, didn't I?"

To Name New Street

So that the city can keep up to date on its maps, City Commissioners Theron Van Buren and Garland Tait in the next couple of weeks must think up a suitable name for the school system. What the lady wants to know is this: Where were the other Franklin residents? What became of the members of their PTA board from that village? "They always want to know why things happen that they have not been told about," she said. "But when they have the chance to go and find out what's planned, right from the very beginning, they stay home. It doesn't seem to me that they have as much interest in what is going on as they would like their neighbors to think. Sure, the roads were icy, but I made it safely, didn't I?"

Have You Met . . .

The family from Royal Oak? They're Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Garrison and children, Eugene, James and Linda who are now living in their new home at 759 Half Moon. Mr. Garrison is an engineer with the Sun Oil Company.

Too Beautiful

Platinum blonde Gregg Sherwood, above, is so beautiful it makes her cry. She has a long string of "Most Beautiful" titles, but she wants to act, and no one seems to even care whether she does or not. She quit a hit Broadway musical because all she had to do was look pretty. In movies it was the same story; she's just too beautiful for her own good.

Urge Residents to Donate to Local Red Cross Drive

Harry O. Smart, general chairman of the 1949 Red Cross drive in Birmingham asks, "What would happen if disaster, such as fire, flood or tornado should strike Birmingham?"

"Everyone," he says, "knows the answer lies, to a great extent, in the American Red Cross. There would be no hesitancy—they would just come. This is true anywhere, but of course in this drive we are primarily interested in Birmingham and Oakland County."

"This is why the captains of this year's crews are asking local residents to keep their contributions in this area as much as possible. One-half of the funds remain in the county for use in this area if disaster does strike."

Keep Funds Here "Birmingham, Smart added, "is in a unique position since so many of its residents are commercially engaged elsewhere. These men and women are solicited at their offices and give generously. However, that money does not revert to our own area for aid, should we need it."

Smart and the various captains serving here point this out in order to, as far as possible, have local residents make their contributions through their own campaigns.

"The national situation is not altered, no matter where the donations are made," Smart said, "but it can have a great deal of influence on what we have to rely on here in Birmingham and Oakland County."

Co-Workers Appointed He announced that Mrs. John A. Gilray, Jr., had been named as one of the area captains during the past week. Captains have their co-workers appointed and all plans made for the fund drive which will open in Birmingham on March 1.

All houses and business places will be contacted. Members of the committee again ask the cooperation of residents in getting their contributions to the drive headquarters, in the event they cannot be contacted by a member of the working group.

Will Consider Offer. by Firm to Duct City With DDT

A company from Gregory, Mich., has approached the city commission with the idea of giving Birmingham ducting with DDT early this summer to control fleas and mosquitoes.

The matter was turned over to City Manager Don C. Egbert for study and a subsequent report back to the commissioners.

Bargains In Postwar Cars

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Only 5 Days Left to Get 1949 Tags

Deadline for 1949 auto license plates is at midnight next Monday, Feb. 28, C of C Manager Charles Mortensen reminds residents this week.

He said the local Secretary of State's office will be open during the following hours for the next five days:

Monday—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday—9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday—CLOSED
Monday—9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Persons applying for licenses must have their car titles with them. In addition, those applying for commercial plates must have either their 1948 registration cards or weight slips.

May 7 Tag Day

The city commission Monday night approved May 7 as the date for the annual tag day staged by the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Auxiliary.

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