

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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Serious and sincere people, as they become older, realize more and more that the best things in life cost so little. For example, a man may acquire too much money for his own good—but he never, never, can acquire too many friends! The cost of acquiring friends is in being a friend.

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## Quarion Cubs Will Stand Inspection By Maj. Gen. Reinhart

If you visit Quarion gymnasium Friday evening at 7:30, it might be well to take along your sun glasses, for the shining faces and polished shoes of the members of Cub Pack B 2 should be quite dazzling. Mother won't have the

least bit of trouble getting Sonny to wash behind his ears and get at even the hardest-to-reach part of his neck. For Major General Stanley E. Reinhart will be present when the boys line up for a military inspection.

In addition, the Birmingham Veterans will have a large display of war relics from both the European and Asiatic theatres of operation. The youngsters will be able to see the kinds of munition, guns and swords used by opposing armies, as well as various pieces of wearing apparel and flags.

For their part of the big evening, pack members will have a display of handicraft which they made as a part of their scout training. A brief marionette show will also be staged for the boys.

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## Mary Julia Horton Sends "Thank You" Letter to Santa

It seems rather late to be talking about Christmas and Santa Claus, but The Eccentric has one last message from him until much later this year.

Santa Claus tells us that one

day last week he received a letter from a little girl in Birmingham, named Mary Julia Horton. Mary had written to Santa, just before Christmas, telling him what she was hoping to find in her stocking. Well, when she found two of the things she had been longing for, she sat right down to write and thank Santa for them. Her letter said:

"Dear Santa: Thank you for the pair of ice skates and doll with real hair. Mary Julia Horton."

Santa thought that it was very nice of Mary to remember him, and admits it makes him feel very, very happy to have been able to get her those Christmas presents.

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## February's A Small Month But It's Packed With Interest

By Alice E. Morgan

February might be the smallest month in the year, but, counting holidays and special events celebrations, it's just about the busiest in the whole year.

The parade is lead by the ground hog, that sly little fellow who pops out of a hole in the ground on the second day of the month. He's reported to take a quick look around and if he sees his shadow, duck back for an additional six weeks of slumber and meditation. What becomes of him if he doesn't see his shadow has never been made clear. Maybe he passes away from sheer loneliness, we don't know.

The gourmets hold sway for a week, beginning on Feb. 24 when the country notes National Kraut and Frankfurter Week. That's not such a bad idea. We could use a large steaming plateful, right now, along with a plate of hot, crusty rolls, some rye bread and big jug of coffee.

But before this week draws to a close the Boy Scouts take over, for on the sixth of the month they open the activities of their Anniversary Week. This is going to mean big doings for Scouts everywhere.

Piled right along with them, begins the National National National National Drama Week. Whether this means we should more deeply appreciate our dramatic art, or acting like the Divine Sarah, this writer is not quite sure. Maybe it just means that on this week we should see more shows, or even sit ourselves down and write ones. We don't know.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, some sections of the country will pause for a moment in their hectic everyday lives to note the birthday anniversary of Henry Harrison, former United States president. Two days later the entire country, if not the world, will note the birthday of a man responsible for many of our modern day conveniences Thomas Edison.

Prevent Crime  
Following immediately is the anniversary of the birth of Lincoln, beloved by many, honored and respected by all and deemed by many to be the greatest man our country has ever seen. The date also opens two special week observances, National Security and National Americanism weeks.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, police officers throughout the nation will have their hands full with Crime Prevention Week. Special press articles are being prepared by national law enforcement groups for this event.

Of course we are all aware of Feb. 14, Valentine Day. It gives us an excuse to remember our loved ones with little special gifts. Too, it offers a wonderful chance for "that boy" to give "that girl" the ring. Yes, it's field day for Dan Cupid on Feb. 14.

Hard to Figure  
And here's one that's hard to figure out, especially in a climate like this. National cheer Week opens on Feb. 15. Could be that we

from the records and forgotten completely.

Overlapping we find Sew and Save Week which starts Feb. 19 and Brotherhood Week, which begins its activities the following day. The latter is noted by churches throughout the country with special services and programs.

Washington's Birthday  
And then, there was a little boy who cut down a cherry tree. The little boy just happened to have been born on Feb. 22, and just happened to become the first president of the newly formed United States. Because of this we pause, this day, to pay tribute to George Washington. Two days later another great American, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz will celebrate his birth date.

On the 25th of the month we celebrate the birth of the Great American Groon. Yes, it was on this date that it legally became

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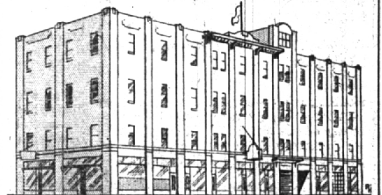
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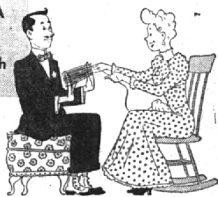
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