

It is good for one's inner self to look up into the sky at night, and to ponder the wonder and glory of a Providence that makes life so futile and so orderly. One can, by so doing, gain a greater reliance upon the Infinite for ordering his own life.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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## Early Copy Next Week

Please!

Because of MEMORIAL DAY, which falls on Wednesday next week, The Eccentric must go to press one day earlier. Therefore—

All Deadlines (News and Advertising) Will Be Monday at 5 p.m.



## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Are commercial vehicles exempt from obeying city traffic laws? In a brief walk around the downtown area one day last week, this Wanderer spotted the following: one truck double-parked on E. Maple; three trucks parked in the streets; two parked in a manner to obstruct vision at intersections; one pulled only part way into a parking slot; two parked across pedestrian crossings. Trucks coming into Birmingham to make deliveries seem to consider themselves free from any restraint, even to the speed with which they tear around corners, scattering pedestrians right and left.

One woman shopper was saved considerable trouble one evening last week. After parking on Pierce near Maple, she got out of her car and left open the door nearest the street. Several cars passed by and narrowly missed the swinging door. However, eventually as a police car was going by, an obliging patrolman reached out and closed the door.

Many compliments have been directed toward the city because of the colorful appearance of the flowering crabapples on Hunter boulevard and throughout the town. It was 10 years ago, Arbor Day, April 25, 1941, that a large celebration was held at the cor-

ner of Hunter and Woodward when the first of these trees were planted. With the promotion by the Birmingham Garden club, some 1,150 of these trees were planted here that year. Of this total, 280 were planted by the state of Hunter. The object of this campaign was to make the city known for its flowering crabapple trees.

Five field workers from R. L. Polk Co. last week started their Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills survey, results of which will be contained in a new directory to be released early this fall. The survey will take about six weeks, according to Mrs. K. S. Mills, field party chairman.

Members of the city recreation board spent part of last Thursday evening touring the publicly-owned property set aside for recreational purposes. Said Board Chairman W. Coit Allee: "It was a real eye-opener to us to see what the city has done quietly during the past year. Lots of seeding was accomplished and the grass is pretty good this spring. We are delighted at the progress being made." He also pointed out that slides and swings, recently installed at Pembroke Park, have been used so much that the youngsters have worn bare spots under the equipment.

Early in 1953 The Eccentric will be 75 years old. It is planned to publish a special Anniversary Edition, in which a general history of the origin and growth of the community will be portrayed in word and picture. Do you have any old photographs of early Birmingham that you would like to loan? Or any information for a feature story that we can use? If you have, please let us know.

There are times when the social whirl is on down. Consider for example, the lady who called The Eccentric early this week to find

out where a certain organization was having its tea. She was on the hottest list and had completely forgotten where the affair was being held!

Sunday evening's lightning storm did little or no damage in Birmingham, but it did manage to disturb things for a time. Early in the storm electrical power was disrupted for a moment or two, leaving the Birmingham theatre audience in the dark and stopped the Woodward-Brown traffic light for a few minutes. Later lightning flashes played games with several burglar alarms in the downtown area, and kept police headquarters busy checking.

The Socony Vacuum Oil Co. this week purchased 142 feet of N. Woodward frontage, including the gas station, from Robert J. McKee, 231 Oakland.

The 1,800-pound bronze eagle, the central theme of the Birmingham Rotary club's peace memorial, arrived last week and is being stored temporarily at designer Marshall Frederick's, Waddington road home. Now that the memorial is about ready for assembling, Rotarians are wondering if they will have a place to put it. More than two years ago the city commission passed the buck to the plan commission, and the planners still haven't come up with the future location.

Birmingham's "Rough Riders", those hardy souls who have to drive Woodward avenue to Detroit every day, got good news this week. The state highway department has awarded a contract for the resurfacing of the southbound lane of US-10 between Eight and Six Mile roads and both lanes from Nine Mile south to Webster in Ferndale. Completion date is September 15.

## Wear a Straw



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## St. James Pet Parade Again Holds Spotlight in Small Fry Activities

It's little boy and girl time—pet time—again in Birmingham. Children from all sections of the city will parade their pets Saturday at the annual pet parade sponsored by St. James Episcopal church.

The event started here about 28 years ago after a Birmingham family had returned from a trip to Italy where they had witnessed such an event. The idea caught on quickly, and has, since that time, become a part of the community's life.

Young mothers, who proudly paraded their pets through the show years ago, are proudly watching their own youngsters in it, today.

Mrs. F. E. Howell, general

chairman and her assistant, Mrs. John Clayden, said that an effort is being made this year to create greater interest in costumes for the children.

"THE WHOLE thing takes on the air of a gala carnival," they said, "and we are hoping to inspire the youngsters to go all out for better costuming."

"In the past the accent has gradually gone to the dogs' and the children are becoming secondary to their pets. We appreciate that and are happy to see so much keen interest taken in those pets, but we do hope to encourage the children, themselves, to dress up a bit more."

As an incentive, there will be

special prizes for the twenty-five best costumes."

Mrs. Phillip Streeter heads the committee of judges, who are Mayor Chad Hitches, Fire Chief V. W. Griffith and Police Chief R. W. Moxley. Other committee workers include Mrs. E. C. Hoenicke, tickets and Mrs. Samuel Henderson and Mrs. R. H. Dickcashed, publicity.

OTHERS WORKING on the affair are the Rev. Thomas Aldrich, Miss Ruth Graff, Miss Ann MacDonald, Mrs. Ralph Mark, Mrs. J. R. Patterson, Mrs. Richard O. Straight, Mrs. Victor Kirby, Mrs. A. E. Phillips, Mrs. Elington Landanese, George Mullen and James Abbott.

The parade will begin at 1 o'clock, forming near the church

house and Baldwin high school. The pet parade is a part of the three-day sale of garden plants and flowers which open today on the church grounds.

Some one undoubtedly is looking for those items stored in your attic—make the sale thru an Eccentric West Ad.



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