

Perhaps God hung out the stars of night to cause mankind to lift its head from the cariboreal gaze . . . from the desire for earthly goals, to a quiet and serene contemplation of mankind's deeper relation with the Universe; to ponder his own infancy.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART 2

Thursday, April 24, 1952

## B'ham School Census Enumerators Are Named

Census enumerators for the Birmingham school district have been approved by the board of education. Workers will include Carrie Barber, Mary Lewis Fletcher, Alice Grigg, Ruth Kelley, Lillian

Moore, Myrtle B. Taylor, Elsie Dove, Elizabeth Funke, Pearl Holister, Gertrude Moonen, Mary Sloat and Martha Wilson. The census will be taken May 10-20. The possibility of checking in every home for adult residents, as well as children, was suggested since it would give school officials an accurate population picture of the entire district.

## School Withholds Cash Contribution For Recreation

Birmingham's school board has, at least for the time being, declined to make a cash donation for the operation of the recreation board. Dwight B. Ireland, public school superintendent, said the board was operating on such a close budget that nothing could be done at the present time. "We will operate with the recreation board and the city as we have done in the past," he told Frank Whitney who appeared for the recreation group. "The school district facilities still will be available for the summer program, as they have been in the past. "We, of the school board, feel that we are making a sizable contribution to the program when we open our school buildings, athletic fields, swimming pool and playgrounds. "The board also said they could not involve the high school in any extensive adult education program until they have a clear picture of what the operational costs of the building are.

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FIVE BIRMINGHAM teenagers were injured, two seriously, when this car went out of control Saturday night, at Lincoln and Cranbrook roads. Police said the boys had taken the car without the knowledge of Peter Monaghan, owner and father of the most seriously injured youth. Young Monaghan, with Richard DeLoria, is still confined to St. Joseph Mercy hospital. (Birmingham Police Dept. photo.) (See Page 1, Part 1 for story.)

## Guidance Program At Troy School

At a recent assembly, the guidance department of Troy Township High School, under the direction of R. C. Smith, presented to the students three speakers, J. J. Mooney of Dearborn Motors; George Miller, dean of admissions at Wayne University; and Harold Vroman, counselor at Lincoln High School, Ferndale. They talked on what industry expects from high school graduates, what the universities expect from high school graduates, and what the guidance department can do for the student while he is in school. They remained after the assembly to meet with the faculty and to answer questions.

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**BITS OF BIRMINGHAM**

Somewhere down the line someone slipped. Last Wednesday, April 16, The Eccentric and the Chamber of Commerce had several calls wanting to know the time of Gen. MacArthur's brief appearance here. So, to set them right and remind any others who would like to be on hand to hear the general, this Wanderer is repeating the announcement made two weeks ago in The Eccentric: Gen. MacArthur will speak briefly at the city hall on Friday morning, May 16. The definite hour has not yet been announced.

There's one lady in southeast Birmingham who has no objection to birds, squirrels or even an occasional skunk being reported in town, but feels that Mother Nature has gone a step too far in her friendliness within the past few days. She is bitterly objecting to the "flock" of snakes which have invaded her yard and feels that five in one afternoon is carrying a good thing altogether too far!

One of Birmingham's well known pediatricians did something a couple of weeks ago that brought, and still brings, much humor to people who learn about it—including the principals of this little drama. It is revealed that the Doc arrived at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, early one morning, to learn that during the night five little babies had come into the world, each to become his professional charge. Three of them were "firsts" in their families for him, while the other two had brothers or sisters the Doc had cared for. Learning the room number of the mother of one of these two, Doc decided to call on her first. He entered her room, striding toward the bed and exclaiming: "That's a fine baby girl you have, Mrs. Mama, and . . . Just then a woman's hand holding a dimity (bonnet), hopped up and a feminine voice said: "Guess you must have the wrong room, Doctor . . ." Doc's countenance fell into the usual good humor it is noted for, and he joined the smile on the lady's own face—for she was a nun, and somehow somebody had given Doc the wrong room number.

This Wanderer recognizes that the Birmingham police department hasn't got personnel enough to spread around on special assignments, but perhaps one officer

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**Lincoln Paving Hearing OK'd**  
A hearing of necessity was approved Monday night for the laying of a 37-foot pavement on Lincoln between Taunton and Eton and the city commission ordered the assessment be spread for a public hearing on the assessor's rolls. The estimated cost of the project was set at \$12,790 with property owners paying for 90 per cent of a 29 foot width and the city standing the cost of the extra width and added thickness. City Manager Donald C. Egbert told commissioners that it was important to improve this section of Lincoln to keep truck traffic off of streets to the north.