

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

AT LEAST TWO BIRMINGHAM PEOPLE remembered one of the greatest dates in the history of the United States . . . in the history of the world. One was a businessman, James Czuzens of the McBride Hardware, who displayed his gratefulness on the seventh anniversary of V-J Day, Aug. 14, and the second, an observant woman, Mrs. Stella Edgar, 247 Oakland, who commended the hardware people for showing their interest by flying the Stars and Stripes at the front of their store. Mrs. Edgar commented that "Armistice Day" is a holiday, V-J day, the day that ended the greatest conflict in the history of the modern world, is fast-becoming a forgotten day.

A FEW DAYS AGO The Eccentric received a note from "A Discernable Reader" who mailed it from Cairo, Egypt. He clipped an editorial paragraph from a recent issue of this newspaper which read: ACHE-SON . . . heaven only knows how much this man is responsible for the international mess we are in. Then, in his own words, our Cairo friend adds: "It would be comforting if you would appeal to knowledge rather than faith for your intelligence." Trying to understand why he doesn't like The Eccentric's lack of regard for Acheson, this Wanderer noted that the Cairo letter was written on U. S. State Dept. from the American Embassy there. Does 2 plus 2 equal 4?

WHILE IN THE WEST, on a 2-week vacation trip, local Michigan Bell Manager Walter B. Fauser expects to get in a bit of antelope hunting. Then he and Mrs. Fauser will visit some of the National Parks. But first, he and his wife are going to Casper, Wyo., for a few days to see their son, W. B. Jr., his wife and two children.

WHENEVER THE BIRMINGHAM fire siren sounds off, don't call the police department and ask for the location of the blaze. While our local police officers try to be helpful, they try to keep the switchboard available for incoming calls of a strictly police nature. Information seekers, especially the fire followers, may plug up the switchboard for 10 or 15 minutes if the officer on the desk would allow it. Every call that flashes on the board is treated as an emergency call. If the deskman finds out it's someone wanting to know the location of a fire, the caller may be treated abruptly. So the police ask, "Please don't jam the board with calls seeking locations of fires. Such a call might prevent or seriously delay one which really is an emergency."

WILLIAM H. BREECH, JR., of Bingham Lane, an aviation enthusiast, predicts that the Fifth Annual International Aviation Exposition, to be held at Detroit-Wayne Major Airport Aug. 30-Sept. 1, will be the best ever held. As chairman of advance ticket sales he said this week a sell-out no doubt will take place. Some of the greatest jet pilots will participate in the event.

**+ ALL RISK Insurance +**  
**THE McCLELLAN AGENCY**  
 Successors to the Rice A. Howell Agency  
 Rm. 245-247 Briggs Building MI 4-2860  
 Financial Security is Second only to Health

**GOODYEAR TIRES**  
 Buy One At Regular Price  
 Get One At HALF PRICE

**GENERAL AUTO SERVICE**  
 WOODWARD AT FOREST  
 MI 4-7930  
 • UNITED MOTOR SERVICE  
 • AUTO-LITE SERVICE  
 • BENDIX BRAKE SERVICE  
 WE DO GENERAL REPAIRS

**START THE FALL SEASON WITH A NEW KITCHEN FLOOR**

quality work  
 Linoleum  
 Vinyl  
 Rubber  
 Counter  
 Tops

**T. E. HOGAN CO.**  
 2865 Woodward Avenue  
 3 blocks south of 12 Mile  
 Open Friday Till 9 P. M. LI 4-3300

Observe how rapidly a baby, in its early two or three years, learns to do a portion of what it is taught and what it observes. Is this not positive proof that youth is the time to prepare human beings to be followers of what is right and good?

## Handset Printing Provides a Hobby

By RUTH ANN SILBAR

Love for rare books has led Norman H. Strouse, of 795 Fairfax, from one hobby right into another.

For many years, Strouse has been collecting old books with hand set type, printed by hand on hand-made paper. Because of his collection, he became interested in the art of printing and began his study of type faces and printing methods. He accumulated so much knowledge on the subject that today he is considered an expert on typography.

He is said to have one of the best libraries on type and printing in this part of the country. It wasn't long before Mr. Strouse hankered for type-setting equipment and a hand press of his own so he could be able to create fine printed matter. On Christmas day, 1949, his "indulgent" (the word is his) wife Charlotte, who also has an appreciation for fine printing, presented him with a Chandler & Price hand printing press.

**AFTER USING THIS PRESS** for some time, he one day expressed a desire to own an historic Washington hand-press to one of the managers of the firm and the top executive on the Ford account. A Washington hand-press a hundred years ago was the ne plus ultra of presses—the last word—and almost all the small newspapers of that day were printed on it. Today the Washington press is classed as an "antique," three of them being exhibited at the Edison Institute at Dearborn. However,

one newspaper at least, the "Taylorville Signal" of Smith County, Mississippi, edited by two elderly spinster sisters, are still using it. Strouse has a July, 1950, copy to prove it.

**ONLY A DAY ELAPSED** after expressing his casual desire to own such a press, when his fellow-worker came back with the information that he had found such a press in the basement of a printer in Detroit. It was dismantled, but all the parts were there, and Strouse could take it off the printer's hands for \$75.

Strouse was completely and pleasantly surprised. He wanted a Washington hand-press, but he didn't think he would be able to find one so easily. He put on his hat and went to get it immediately. Delivering the press to his home and getting it into the basement, even dismantled, was quite a feat of engineering, since just putting the press together alone weighed 800 pounds.

**THEN BEGAN** the puzzle of putting the press together. Check-

ing with old catalogues and other books, Strouse finally got it set up, although for a long time he was troubled by the lack of a "frisket." He didn't know what the "frisket" looked like but he knew it should have one, and finally got that difficulty straightened out. (A "frisket" incidentally, is a metal frame to hold down the paper.) He wishes, however, that there would be some printer around, who knows something about a Washington hand-press to check it over and see about the level of the press.

With this Washington press, Strouse is able to print larger pieces, as the Chandler & Price is a small hand press, suitable for small booklets, Christmas cards or invitations.

**MR. STROUSE HAS KEPT** a copy of everything he has printed. As he became more adept, his printing shows gradual improvement in typography and printing. "There's more to this printing business than what meets the eye," Mr. Strouse declared. "Setting the type is only a small matter. There is the question of appropriate type, appropriate paper and color, pleasing margins and size of page, and evenness of color of the ink."

His work has included printing the annual Strouse Christmas cards, invitations, his daughter Patty's college essay "Tears," tickets to a dance sponsored by his daughter Jo-Jo's high school club, small booklets on various topics on "through to his latest work, "The Golden Ladder," a philosophical work on charity by a rabbinical student of the 12th century. He has samples of his work in the libraries of the Uni-

versity of Kentucky, Colgate University, New York Public Library and William Andrews Clark Library in Los Angeles.

**HE HAS NAMED** his press the "Silverado," inspired, he said, by his favorite wine valley in California and Robert Louis Stevenson's "Silverado Squatters." Strouse had lived in California for many years and has always retained a fondness for it. California also happens to be the headquarters of a group of artists who are interested in the art of fine printing.

While Strouse may be one of the few persons in this vicinity who is interested in hand-set, hand-pressed printing, there are several groups throughout the country who are advocates of the art.

"I believe the interest in hand-set, hand-pressed printing has come about as a natural reaction to the machine age," Mr. Strouse observed. "You can find this revival in the arts in many different fields. Cranbrook, for instance, has done a lot for weaving and many people are interested in it. Many people are hooking rugs, too. This is just a rebellion against the mass production of the machine age."

**IN THE STROUSE** collection of rare books are masterpieces of fine printing. He has books from three famous English printing houses as well as illuminated manuscripts from the middle ages and copies of books by Jensen, a famous artist of 1475.

In the fall, some of the rare books in the Strouse collection will be displayed at the Baldwin Public Library here.

**MR. STROUSE HAS KEPT** a copy of everything he has printed. As he became more adept, his printing shows gradual improvement in typography and printing. "There's more to this printing business than what meets the eye," Mr. Strouse declared. "Setting the type is only a small matter. There is the question of appropriate type, appropriate paper and color, pleasing margins and size of page, and evenness of color of the ink."

His work has included printing the annual Strouse Christmas cards, invitations, his daughter Patty's college essay "Tears," tickets to a dance sponsored by his daughter Jo-Jo's high school club, small booklets on various topics on "through to his latest work, "The Golden Ladder," a philosophical work on charity by a rabbinical student of the 12th century. He has samples of his work in the libraries of the Uni-

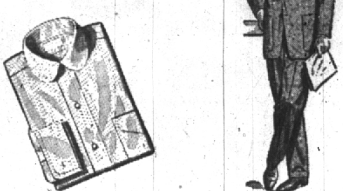
**IN THE STROUSE** collection of rare books are masterpieces of fine printing. He has books from three famous English printing houses as well as illuminated manuscripts from the middle ages and copies of books by Jensen, a famous artist of 1475.

In the fall, some of the rare books in the Strouse collection will be displayed at the Baldwin Public Library here.

## SCHOOL DAYS

for the young man's return to school!

**VARSITY TOWN FLANNEL SUITS \$60.00 & \$70.00**



**OXFORD CLOTH SHIRTS Eyelet & Button Down Collars \$4.50**

**True ARGYLE HOSE Cotton \$1.50**

**REP STRIPED NECKWEAR \$2.50**

**Dickinson's**  
 IN THE WABEEK BUILDING  
 FINE APPAREL FOR GENTLEMEN

### Southfield Youngsters To Be Fed by Kiwanis

Under the sponsorship of the Southfield Kiwanis club, plans for the annual observance of National Kids' Day, are progressing. The nation's observance is scheduled for Sept. 27, but will be celebrated in Southfield a week earlier. The date change was made to avoid conflict with the PTA Council's annual fair at the high school. The club will entertain the Kiwanis Eids baseball team at their Aug. 27 meeting, which will be held in the Methodist church.

### Going to Move

Local office of the Pontiac Daily Press, now on S. Woodward, is expected to be moved sometime during October into new quarters now under construction on Hamilton, just west of Park street.

### Optimists Eat Out

Members of the Southfield Optimist Club and their wives will gather at the home of Frank Costas, 23250 Wood, Nine-Mile road, tonight for the club's first outdoor meeting. Smorgasbord and a hot dinner will be served.

### Have You Met . . .

Merino Costa and his two sons, Fred, 15, and Ralph, 10? Former Detroiters, they moved to 3815 Lincoln drive in June. Mr. Costa is a contractor.

### STERNAL'S

for **RCA Television**  
 Radios and Record Players  
 FREE CUSTOMER PARKING  
 In Rear of Store

### Headquarters For

**POLIO INSURANCE**  
 Lawrence McKay, Jr.  
 264 Briggs Bldg.  
 MI 4-2800

### MGA Tournament

Slated For Flint  
 Pine Links players of the Birmingham area are invited to participate in the Michigan Public Links Tournament at Flint's Brookwood Golf and Country Club. The tournament will be 54 holes of medal play on Saturday and Sunday, August 30 and 31. The entire field will play 18 holes on Saturday and on Sunday, the low 60 and ties will play 36 holes for the Championship. The winners will participate in a special 18-hole best ball match on Sunday, according to Left Cunningham, tournament chairman. Entry blanks may be obtained in Birmingham from Tex Ellison, 811 Humphrey, Birmingham. Entry fee is seven dollars.

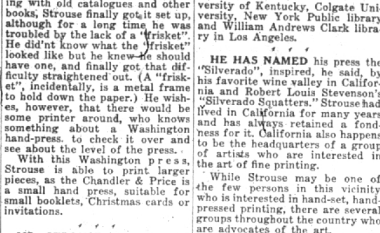
### GARAGES

COMBINATION STORM SASH  
 OVER 300 GARAGES IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA  
 It pays in satisfaction to deal locally—Costs no more

**STUART E. SHEILL**  
 1880 E. MAPLE  
 BIRMINGHAM  
 Phone MI 4-3713  
 FHA Terms

### NORMAN STROUSE GETS READY TO 'PULL A PROOF'

Rare books led him into hobby of printing (Eccentric Staff Photo)



ing with old catalogues and other books, Strouse finally got it set up, although for a long time he was troubled by the lack of a "frisket." He didn't know what the "frisket" looked like but he knew it should have one, and finally got that difficulty straightened out. (A "frisket" incidentally, is a metal frame to hold down the paper.) He wishes, however, that there would be some printer around, who knows something about a Washington hand-press to check it over and see about the level of the press.

### Play it Safe!

Smoking in bed—taking that last puff on a cigarette, cigar or pipe just before going to sleep, is one of the worst and most dangerous practices that can be followed in a home. The smoker does not only endanger his own life, but the lives of all occupants of the household who sleep in the same room.

If a person is smoking while partially asleep the ashes and fire that fall from his smoke is of little concern to him. However, if these remain on the cotton mattress or sheets they smolder or burn for an hour or more before awaking the occupant.

Usually by this time the bedroom is so full of smoke and noxious gases that the sleeping person is partially suffocated and cannot be awakened. As a result the fire is not noticed for some time and then usually by some other occupant of the building.

**IN PAST years** several deaths have resulted in the City of Birmingham from burns received in this manner. This type of fire can only be stopped through discontinuing the practice of taking a last puff on a cigarette or cigar after going to bed.

It is the individual's responsibility to stop these fires, not that of the family or the owner of the building.

Each year more cigarettes and cigars are being manufactured. The American public is smoking more and there are more new smokers. As a result there are more fires per capita from this cause and more loss of life.

**Play it safe.** Discontinue this dangerous practice, for that last puff on a cigarette could be the kiss of death for you or members of your family.

Birmingham store hours: 9:30 to 5:30

## Burberry, the famous English classic



**HIMMELHOCH'S**  
 DETROIT  
 GROSSE POINTE • BIRMINGHAM

ours alone!  
 Fits so beautifully our American way of life. Designed and tailored in London of fine British checked wool, and lined in wool, too. There's only one Burberry, found exclusively in Himelhoch's.  
 Misses' sizes 10 to 16. \$125  
 Other Burberrys at \$110.  
 naturally at . . .