

Price tags are necessary for the things we need for physical existence. But he who accepts the exchange of material wealth in payment of the sacrifice of honesty, integrity, and similar phases of Good Character loses in the trade.

The Birmingham Eccentric

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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late dealer, was elected to head the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce through the coming year. He succeeds Warren S. Sumner, auto dealer.

Two boys who started a crime spree by stealing \$20 in nickels in Bloomfield Hills last November were captured in Albuquerque, N. M. The two teen-agers left a trail of robberies all across the country, ranging as high as \$300.

Four more voting machines have been arranged for in time for city elections. The rapid growth of the community also necessitated a shift in precinct boundaries and creation of new precincts in order to comply with state law enrollment restrictions.

Issue of January 17

Lee A. White, 652 Brookside, retired after 40 years with the Detroit News. He started as a reporter in 1911 and since 1936 served as director of public relations. Active in many local, county and state affairs, White will become affiliated with Cranbrook Institute in the near future.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, B'ham school superintendent, this week released the school survey report compiled by the Bureau of Education at Ohio State university. The report shows that in order to meet growing educational demands, four new schools will be needed in Birmingham within the next few years.

The post of civil defense director for Birmingham was as-

signed to former mayor Bruce G. Booth by Mayor Dean Beier. Booth, a veteran of both World Wars, succeeds John J. Hamel. Birmingham residents will be asked in April to vote on whether or not the city should hire a finance director. Commissioners feel the creation of such a department would effect a substantial saving for the city.

The first of 13,000 letters asking residential support for the operation of the Community House are being mailed this week. The drive will formally open Feb. 18 to raise the \$35,000 budget for the coming year.

Issue of January 24

The longed-for day is soon to arrive. Classes will start in the new Birmingham high school Monday morning, when 700 students will report at 8:10 a.m. Norman Wolfe, assistant superintendent, is directing the moving of equipment from Baldwin to the new building where workmen are putting on the finishing touches.

Birmingham city commissioners have asked for a study of parking spaces in the city and the parking habits of local shoppers. It is felt that such a report will greatly aid officials in finally determining what steps must be taken to correct present parking difficulties.

USMC 1st Lt. Henry M. Dahlquist has been awarded the Bronze Star for his "heroic achievement in connection with operations against the enemy while serving with a Marine infantry company in Korea."

Under terms of the will of the late John W. Watling, a gift of \$1,000 has been made to Baldwin public library. Library board members have not yet decided how the bequest, the first of its kind, will be used.

Announcement of the sale of the 350-acre Mercer farm, just west of

the city limits, was made this week. The land was purchased by the Cranbrook Development company, whose spokesman gave the price as slightly under \$700,000.

William Nicholas, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Nicholas and member of Scout troop B-4, has received the God and Country award. The honor was bestowed upon him by the Birmingham Council of Churches.

Issue of January 31

A welcome visitor in Birmingham was sighted this week by Quanton school students who reported the first robin of 1952, although the temperature was nearly zero.

"It's wonderful!" is a two-word reaction to Birmingham boys and girls as they move into their new \$2,000,000 high school building. Teachers shared their enthusiasm for the beautiful structure as all settled down to work in one of the country's most outstanding schools.

Lyle M. Groves, Jr., wanted by Detroit and Birmingham police on charges of rape and robbery, is being returned to Detroit Friday to stand trial. The young man was arrested in Florida by the FBI last week after escaping a police trap here in August. When nabbed, he was still driving the stolen car owned by Robert Brown of the Birmingham police.

It took four years for a bottle to travel from Quanton Lake to Niagara Falls. The bottle, containing his name and address, was tossed into Quanton four years ago by Dick Reed, then 10 years old. He has just received a message from its finder, unnamed, but saying Dick owes him two cents for postage.

For the first time in its 35 years, the Oakland Hills country club is debt-free. The final payment on bonds which amounted to \$124,000 was celebrated Jan. 29 with a mortgage burning ceremony at the club.

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HE WAS ONLY here a few minutes, but thousands of Birmingham residents turned out to welcome Gen. Douglas MacArthur.



... AND HIS charming wife as they gauged here on their trip from Detroit to Pontiac where the general filled speaking engagements. They were extended an official welcome to Birmingham by ...



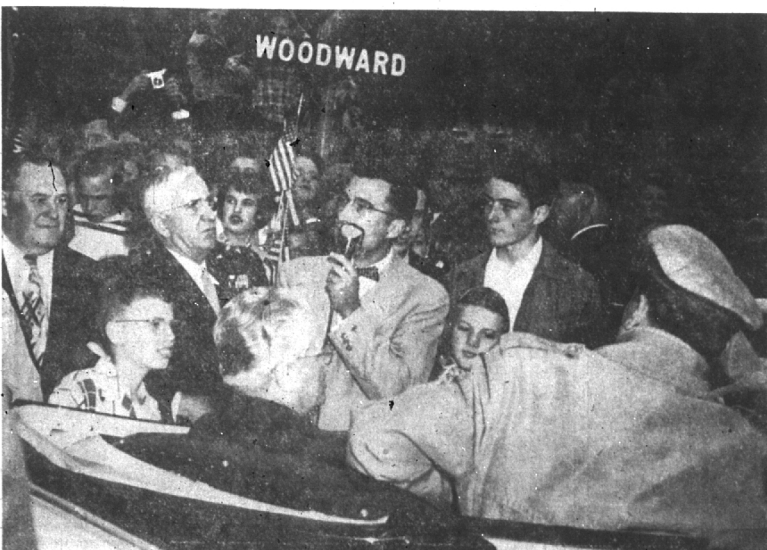
IT WAS A SMILE of pride and joy which spread across the face of Donald O'Toole, of Bloomfield Hills, as he displayed the yard-long Northern pike he landed May 18 from a nearby private lake. O'Toole said in 12 years of fishing for the big fellows, this was his best catch.



FIREMEN and volunteers remove Norman Friden, 917 Henrietta, from the wreckage of Parm's sporting goods store on North Woodward, Royal Oak, after the building was destroyed in a gas explosion Feb. 28. Friden died later that evening from injuries. Also fatally hurt was Claude Parmalee, owner of the establishment.



BIRMINGHAM'S first official "radar" ticket was issued Feb. 1 to Mrs. Hazel Kinsey by Patrolman LaMar Gilchrist. Operated on a warning and educational basis since mid-December, 1951, the new speed control equipment in February became a full-fledged part of the Birmingham police department's law enforcement equipment.



MAYOR DEAN BEIER, who spoke briefly on behalf of officials and residents of the city.



ALTHOUGH WHEN this picture was taken the approaches to the new \$35,000 West Maple bridge looked pretty "rural", city officials assured motorists that it would not be much longer before the bridge was in use.