ONE YOUNG SCOUT from Birmingham's Troop B-1 was taking a written test for the merit badge "Citizenship in the Nation." Asked to name the Congressman from this district, this young lad without hesitation, wrote "Don Darrow." Wrong? Sounds like "Donderd"

THE REV. EMIL KONTZ of the Baptist church, has a talent which most people of Birmingham do not know about but which came to light last Thursday morning at the Ruth Shain International Class Reunion breakfast. Since the distinguished speaker of the reunion was formerly a high ranking Hungarian official, the whole affair was spiced with a Hungarian flavor and the Rev. Kontz said grace in Hungarian. Rev. Kontz, it was discovered, did post-graduate work in Hungary, can speak Hungarian fluently, and keeps in practice by preaching every so, often in a Hungarian church in Detroit.

IN COMMENTING on the city's 98.19 per cent collection of its 1932 property takes—the best reteord Birmingham has had in the past 25 years—City Manager D. C. Egbert remarked, "It looks like we're right at the peak. There's only one way to go—and that's down."

AVERAGE REVENUE per parking meter in Birming um for the third facal city quarter is up \$1.45 over last year, ac-carding to figures compiled by the city finance director's of-fice. In the past 12 months the city has added 37 meters to the downtown area. The statement shows that as of March 31, there is an operating surplus of \$21,295.18.

APPARENTLY seeking buman companionship, a rac-coon paid a visit here last Saturday and was discovered in the backyard of the George S. Scott home, 787 Hazef-wood, Although attempls were made to take the visitor-picture, he slunk back into the branches of an evergreen and refused to pose.

RESIDENTS in the 900 block of S. Gienhurst were startled the other afternoon to hear what seemed to be considerable rifle fire from the nearby works. Alarmed they called the police. Investigation revealed some small boys had selected the spot to shoot off a few friedrackers. A brief lecture was given by police on the advisability of forgetting all about frecrackers henceforth and forever more.

MORE STOP SIGNS are wanted for streets entering coin, according to Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley. He residents had asked, particularly, for a sign at Lincoln Pleasant and would like to see more of them along the atreets. Commissioners, it was revealed, are about to rec a letter regarding the installation of signs.

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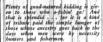
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Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

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PFC. WALLACE F SMITH; son of Me, and Mrs. Park H. Smith, 271 Chesterfield, its serving with the 7th Cavairy Regiment at Camp Chtoke in northern Japan. Pfc. Smith, a Baldwin High school inceed in July, 1952, and received his basic training at For Knox, Ky.

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