

There is little doubt but what the most wonderful exploration human beings ever conducted was their own consciences. "The Kingdom of God is within you," states the Bible, and those who sincerely believe come upon their resources beyond earthly measurement.

Early Deadlines
For Next Week's Issue
of The Birmingham Eccentric

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, next week's Birmingham Eccentric will be published on Wednesday, November 25.

This necessitates moving all news, classified and display advertising deadlines up one full day . . . to Monday afternoon, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m.

So for Next Week's Issue,
Early Copy Will Be Appreciated

New Phone Books Being Delivered

Sixteen tons of new telephone directories weighed in this morning when the record shipment arrived for distribution here from the Crawfordville, Ind., printer.

Delivery of 18,000 books, approximately 2,000 more than last year, will start Nov. 24 in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills and be completed within two days, said Albert Warner, Michigan Bell manager.

Old directories are not to be turned in when new ones are delivered this year, he said. Stickers on the cover of the 1953 edition remind telephone customers that it is not to be used until Nov. 29.

At 12:01 a.m., Nov. 29, Southfield telephone numbers will be changed to include the central office name "Plandera" or "Elgin" plus five numerals.

THESE NEW numbers, plus listings for Big Beaver, Mayfair, Pontiac and Royal Oak, are included in the new directory.

More than 1,000 new listings in

both the alphabetical and yellow pages classified sections have been added." Warner said. "The information given in this year's book is especially important because of the introduction of nation-wide toll dialing here."

Warner referred to the information pages at the front of the book. "It gives instructions on how to dial the 15 principal areas which can be reached by direct dialing. Before the end of the year, 60 cities in Michigan and Canada will be added to that list," he said.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
EUGENE S. W. E. M., Southfield township board member: "A taxi cab ordinance in the township will not only help protect Southfield's city cab company, but will also give the township board the power to regulate operations of all cab firms operating within the township."

Birmingham Background
Local History in Story and Picture

J. A. BIGELOW
J. MORTIMER BIGELOW

1st West Pointer From B'ham Was Mortimer Bigelow

From the files of The Birmingham Eccentric, Feb., 1908, comes a nostalgic word picture of a boy's life in Birmingham 75 years ago.

It was written by Mortimer C. Bigelow, then a captain in the U. S. Army. It is the reminiscence of his boyhood activities in his home town village.

Mortimer Bigelow was a son of John Allen Bigelow, prominent business man and civic leader in Birmingham. John, the father, had served in the Civil War, had fulfilled many village and township offices, had served as postmaster and had been at one time a merchant in the village. In 1908, John Allen Bigelow was engaged in the insurance business.

Mortimer was the first young man in Birmingham to be admitted to West Point. Appointed as an alternate, he took the examination to enter West Point in June 1891 after the principal appointee failed his chance.

HE GRADUATED from West Point in May 1895, a full fledged lieutenant in the U. S. Army. Within 10 years (1901) Mortimer Bigelow has attained the rank of captain and was a colonel at the time of his death, about ten years ago.

When Captain M. C. Bigelow wrote his letter for the local newspaper, he was stationed at Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming.

"THE BIRMINGHAM as I remember it best was dear little country village, dependent only upon itself. Our wants were few and those few were easily supplied within our own immediate surroundings."

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Seek Reduction In Troy School Building Costs

The problem of how to stretch the American dollar is still confronting the Troy board of education.

Two weeks ago the board received low bids of over \$670,000 for construction of its four-unit expansion program. With only about \$600,000 to do the job, the board has been huddling with its architects in an effort to find some way of reducing costs to bring them within range of their budget.

According to W. H. Schroeder, assistant superintendent of schools, the board has decided to go ahead with building of the Stewart K. Baker Junior high school and last Thursday approved a bid of \$301,000 for the school by the Maurice Stranberg company, Detroit.

AN ADDITIONAL \$3,106 will be added to the cost of the junior high school for an underground feed-in power lines.

Schroeder said construction on the school is expected to begin sometime this week.

Meanwhile, the board is making plans to let for new bids for the additions to three elementary schools in the district.

Cranbrook Gardens Attract Over 3,000

More than 3,000 visitors to the gardens of Cranbrook House during the past season set a record for both attendance and income, the Garden Tours committee reported this week.

Approximately \$1,350 netted by the enterprise will go to scholarship funds for helping worthy students attend Kingswood School Cranbrook and Cranbrook School.

Cranbrook Play Cast Selected

Cast selections for George Kaufman's popular prize-winning comedy "You Can't Take It With You," to be presented by Cranbrook Summer Theatre, will be announced by Carl G. Wonnberger, director.

The comedy of manners deals with the absurdities of social convention by creating a zany family whose whims lead to stonks, a printing press and a telephone side by side in their living room.

Boys of Epaterston, the Cranbrook School dramatics group, will be aided by girls from their sister school, Kingswood and the Cranbrook Summer school of the Theatre, with a different cast for each night.

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3 Hurt in Troy Automobile Crash

Three persons were injured in a two-car collision Sunday afternoon at Livermore and E. Long Lake roads in Troy township, according to township police.

Driver of one of the cars, Samuel S. Blair, 47, of 3165 Kilmer, Troy township, was admitted to St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, for cuts on the head and back injuries.

Treated and released at the hospital for cuts and bruises were Frank M. Smith, 55, of 14932 Summer, Detroit, driver of the other car, and his wife Lois.

Police stated that Blair was driving south on Livermore when Smith, traveling west on Long Lake, apparently failed to see the stop sign at the intersection and the cars collided.

A 3-Minute Speech No One Will Forget

William Springer of Wing Lake will be the main speaker at the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table of Michigan meets Nov. 19 at Greenfield Village to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

In commenting on Lincoln's historic speech, Springer will point out that it was so short, just under three minutes, that the photographer did not have time to make an exposure, consequently no picture ever was taken of the former president's "greatest moment."

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

ST. HENRY TIMM, Birmingham resident: "It is very strange that I should have to share that, after Birmingham went to so much effort and expense to bring the youngsters to the city a pleasant Halloween, some of the older youths had to break windows, throw firecrackers into the crowds, and otherwise spoil the occasion."

Feb. 2, 1908.

M. O. BIGELOW.