The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 5

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What is the use of being gloomy? Just as one seeks light to guide his footsteps through darkness, so does one profoundly need to light his thoughts with the good, the idealistic, the hopeful and cheerful attitude. Holding on to gloom is holding on to doom.

PVT. ROBERT C. Dutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo. C. Dutton, 1243 East Ruffner, who entered the army March 30, is taking his basic training at Camp Chafee, Ark.

Former Civic Leader Dies In California

Williams C. Harris, 88, for many years one of Birmingham's leading citizens, passed on May 13 at his home in Coronado, Calif. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Betty Pridby, of Coronado.

A lawyer by profession, Mr. Harris formerly lived on S. Woodward, where the American Legion Hall is now located. He served for a number of years as a member of the Birmingham Board of Education when Baldwin high school was erected, and also as attorney for the then Village of Birmingham.

His last work in this area, before he moved west, was as financial agent for St. Luke's Home, Highland Park.

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A MEMBER of St. James Episcopal Church, he was on its vestry for many years. He was one of the leaders here in the formation and establishment of the Birmingham Community House.

For a number of years he was associated with Archie C. Utter, 872 Southfield, when the latter headed a large insurance company's Michigan branch.

Burial was in Coronada.

Add 8 'Dial Direct' Communities

The Michigan Bell Telephone Co. has added eight communities to the list of those in eastern Michigan and Canada which Birmingham "Midwest" and Royal Oak "Liberty" telephone customers can dial direct. Furthermore, 15 other communities in the western part of the state (area "616" in the nationwide dialing plan) have been added since the first of the year.

Number changes in those additional communities, conforming to the "metropolitan" type numbering systems, have been completed.

Flint and Wayne are the larger cities of the new eastern Michigan group which includes Clio, Fenton, Flushing, Holly, and Mt. Morris. The new Canadian point is LaSalle, Ontario.

Additional points in the "616" area are Atwood, Bellaire, Benton Harbor, Boyne City, Central Lake, Charlevoix, Climax, Coloma, East Jordan, Eastport, Ellsworth, Petoskey, St. Joseph, Walloon Lake, and Watervliet.

New Homeowners Want Pavement

Paving of the south half of Grant street is called for in a petition submitted to the city this week by Robert N. Baker, 591 Smith.

The request has been referred to City Manager D. C. Egbert for a recommendation. Egbert recalled that several years ago when the north half was paved, residents between Catalpa and 14 Mile objected to anything more than gravel surfacing.

"Too, the south half at that time went through an area where there were comparatively few homes. That situation has changed however," the manager explained.

AMONG the men who have completed eight weeks of army basic training conducted by the 3rd Armored Division at Ft. Knox, Ky., is Pvt. John B. Schoenfeld. He is the son of Mrs. John B. Schoenfeld, 1886 Birmingham boulevard, and the husband of Mrs. Bertell Schoenfeld, 1568 Henrietta.

Model Railroaders Approve Club Idea

A constitution for a model railroad club for South Oakland county is to be presented for adoption June 11 at the Birmingham Grand Trunk depot.

At a meeting there Friday night, more than 50 persons evidenced a desire for a group and voted that preliminary organizational steps be taken.

Also at the June meeting a second committee will report on possible locations where the club can build a layout and hold future meetings.

The Grand Trunk has offered the use of a large unused room on the second floor of the Birmingham depot.

Continue on Board Of Banking Society

Retained to serve an additional year on the board of directors for the Oakland county chapter, American Institute of Banking, are John Farr and Lorraine Attig, both from the Birmingham National Bank.

The county AIB will be headed by Wayne J. Dengate, Community National bank of Pontiac.

OAWS White Elefunt Sale Ending Tonight

Oakland County Animal Welfare society will close its "White Elefunt" sale at 9 p.m., May 20. The sale, including rummage items and antiques, is being held in Royal Oak, 422 West Fourth, to raise funds for the ambulance and humane officer.

Localites serving on the committee include Mrs. William Ferguson, publicity, and Mrs. Lewis K. Marshall, general committee.

LADIES WERE guests at the High Twelve meeting last week, and like all good wives extended a helping hand to their husbands. Presiding at the punch bowl are Mrs. Howard Willett, Mrs. William Anderson and Mrs. Willis Mallory, wife of the program chairman for the affair. Entertainment was instrumental and vocal numbers by Detroit's "Singing School Teachers", the Febny-Carr quintette. A special feature was a geranium plant for each of the special guests.

Polio Group Puts Reports, Election On May 27 Program

Election of officers and a report on the Polio Vaccine Trials by Dr. John D. Monroe, will highlight the annual dinner meeting of Oakland county's National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis chapter. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., in Grace Lutheran church, S. Genessee St., Pontiac.

Dr. Monroe, director of the county health department which is conducting the vaccine tests on 17,118 children in Oakland schools, will give his report. The project is sponsored by the National Foundation and supported by March of Dimes funds.

John B. Taylor of Birmingham, nominating committee chairman, has presented a list of candidates for the executive committee and board of directors.

Chapter Chairman Pierre Delmontier of Farmington, who will preside, said reservations must be made through the chapter office before May 24.

'Poppy Day' May 27

Annual "Poppy Day" sales for Birmingham American Legion and VFW posts will be Thursday, May 27. In granting approval, city commissioners said sales could be made the following day if the weather was bad next Thursday.

Exchange to Honor Two Banker Members

As a part of a national program, banker members of the Birmingham Exchange club will be honored at the noon meeting on May 25. Guests will be Hilmer C. Carlson of the Birmingham National bank and Wesley E. Smith of the Wabeek bank.

Noble D. Travis, vice president of the Detroit Trust company, and active in the program of public relations for Michigan banking institutions, will speak.

The affair will be held at the Birmingham Community House, with Malcolm Ferguson handling reservations for members and guests.

Southfield Optimist Club Will Install Officers on June 3

New officers who assume their duties next month for the Southfield Optimist club will be headed by Herbert Starkey, president.

Others are Chris Christensen and Thomas Lenehan, vice presidents; James McGraw, treasurer; Matt Berres, Ed Bush and George E. Jaquillard, directors for two years; Hugh Dohany and Ray Peterson, directors for one year.

Installation will be June 3 at Huck's restaurant, when members of the Optimum club and wives of Optimist club members will be special guests.

SOC to Have Own Address Directory

A new directory, which lists South Oakland county telephone users both by street address and by telephone number, will be distributed during the latter part of June by the Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

To be known as the South Oakland County Address Telephone Directory, the new book will include Ferndale, Hazel Park, Oak Park, Royal Oak, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods, Berkley, Clawson, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Franklin and Lathrup Village.

Most of Royal Oak, Southfield, Troy, Bloomfield and West Bloomfield townships are covered in the new book.

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STREETS IN the territory will be listed alphabetically by community in one section, followed by the resident's address, name, and telephone number. In addition, there will be a telephone number section listing all customers numerically by telephone exchange.

A. H. Warner, Birmingham manager for Michigan Bell, said the book is being published to meet a demand expressed by business men for information concerning the 350,000 residents in South Oakland county.

The directory will be provided on a lease basis.

Church Assembly's Duties Explained

Functions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA were outlined Monday to Birmingham Rotarians by the assembly's administrative assistant.

He is Dr. Henry Barraclough of Philadelphia, who is in Detroit for the assembly's meetings which begin today.

He was introduced to the club by the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of Birmingham's First Presbyterian Church.

To Decide Paving At June 7 Hearing

A three week's postponement in the decision on paving St. Andrews and Edenborough, both from Derby to Pembroke, was made this week by the city commission.

Confirmation of the assessment roll will be made June 7, at the same meeting when it will be up to commissioners whether to vacate this portion of St. Andrews.

Vacation has been suggested by the city plan board and agreed to by subdivision group officers as a means of discouraging through traffic on residential streets.

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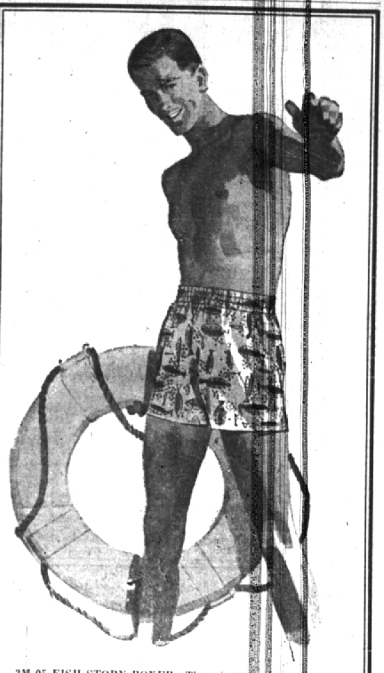

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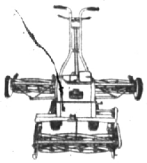

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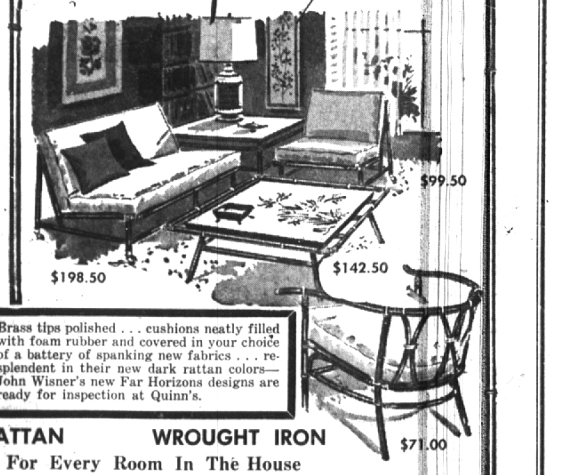

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