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## BACK FENCING

By  
A MAN ABOUT TOWN

Everybody seems to be either going somewhere these days or coming back. Folks just aren't a settled these fine summer days. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shain are trying to settle down after their trip to Europe. Between customers, Mr. Shain told us something about the trip, and from what we heard, it must be great to pack up the old bag and baggage and go abroad. Present in the old country are still a long, long way from being what we Americans call modern. Deluxe gasoline stations are quite rare over there despite the fact that they get 52c per gallon for gasoline. In most cases, we were told, the gas pump sets at the curb and motorists honk their horns to call the attendant, who leisurely makes his appearance with the crank of the pump in his hand. They just don't take any chances on those who might help themselves over there. Come to think about it, we can remember back when... they did the same thing in these parts.

Earl Moody, Jr., who recently returned from Washington, D. C. informed us that he had a wonderful time and saw a lot of interesting sights. We asked him about the eating accommodations at camp and he shed a bit but finally broke down and said that he did get rather sick pickings at times. It seems that the boys had their food set out for them by groups, and it evidently did not dawn on the local boys at first that some other group was heating them to their food, thus cutting down their rations to quite an extent. After becoming enlightened, our boys saw to it that they got their first. Just the old law of self preservation which we learned in the navy... first come—gets the gravy.

D. A. Green and Emerson Brown climbed aboard the Lions Special Tuesday morning for the International Convention of Lions Clubs at Chicago. Mrs. Brown dashed down from Pigeon, where she has been spending the summer, and accompanied her husband to Chicago where she will visit tripe while Emerson attends to his convention. Mrs. Green, alas, was left behind in "lend store" while D. A. takes on his heavy duties as a delegate from the local Lions Club. We hope the boys will both have "good reports" to turn in to the local club on their return.

Dr. A. F. Johnson, the local Baptist minister from Texas, is on his vacation. That's what he calls it anyway. He is down in Santa Anna, Texas,

conducting a two week revival meeting. A fellow surely must be "sold" on his job in this old world, when he will take a vacation and spend it doing intensified work in his regular line of work. We'd say the Doctor is really a "Full-time preacher" in every sense of the word.

L. E. Davidson, the head man over at Davidsons, in a conversation about present business conditions said, "I own this business, but I do not run it." Further discussion revealed that all business today seems to have to pay a lot of attention to banking, financing institutions and Old Uncle Sam, himself. L. E. reported a very favorable increase for the first six months of this year over that of the corresponding period in 1936.

Roy Weier, who operates the welding and machine shop down on Woodward Avenue, is one of Birmingham's busiest citizens. Altho he has had everything from huge well-diggers to just a wire standing all around the place to be fixed—and in a hurry! He still finds time to do one of the finest bits of adult leadership in the Boy Scout life of this community which we have the privilege to observe. Throughout the entire year he takes his Scout Master job seriously, and a lot of his time and attention the present time he has his troop camped out at Camp George, the local scout camp, for a two week period. For weeks now he has been making preparations for the camping activities, Roy has had to do a lot of work in getting the camp ready for the boys. And now that the boys are at camp, Roy rises early in the morning and gets things going out at camp before coming in to his business of the day and returns at the close of the day to GIVE more of his time to boys who otherwise would not know the joys of a summer camp. Wouldn't it be swell if we had more of this type of men around here who will give of their time, expecting no reward or praise for their work other than that of seeing the good they are doing for some one else's boy?

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## The BOOK SHELF

Late Book Reviews and  
Literary Criticism  
by Doris Flint

"THE OUTWARD ROOM"—  
Miles Brand  
(Simon, Shuster \$1.25)

For a sle writer to be able to realistically portray the inner thoughts of a woman is unusual to say the least but when a young man of thirty can successfully reveal the inner workings of an insane woman's mind it is an innate Miles Brand has done this in his first novel "The Outward Room." It is the story of Harriet De-muth, demented after the shock resulting from the death of her brother in an automobile accident. The story opens in the asylum where Harriet in her early twenties is slowly recovering after having spent seven years there. The first sixty pages are given over to making us acquainted with the workings of the hospital. We see Harriet in conversation with herself, with the other inmates and with the doctors and nurses. The pitiful aspect of it all is the utter futility of the treatments in breaking down the wall which shuts the young woman from life. There are times when she appears completely rational—rational to the extent that she believes freedom will cure her of her obsession (she believes that she died with her brother).

The most exciting part of the story is her final escape from the asylum for that is what we want so much for her to do. This would be comic characters, Miss Cummings who sincerely believes that her liver was removed by a famous surgeon, placed in the ice-box and later served for his tipper by the wife, and Miss Barrett whose mind is a total blank, and never walks into the corridors without a coat and fur piece, serve only to make us realize that Harriet can never recover in the environment.

We are taken into part two of the story in which she escapes at night through an unlocked door and with her scant belongings in an open case, embarks uninvited and unnoticed on the rear end of a train which is just pulling out for New York. Having listened to her nurse tell of her childhood days in that great city, she is determined to see them. She rides to the next stop where she alights and hides in a nearby woods until the following evening. She then makes her way to the highway and hitch-hikes the rest of the way into New York.

After reaching the city she lives for some time on the money received when she pawned the ring which her brother gave her. At last, penniless and hungry she meets John, a shop worker who looks sorry for her, takes her home with him. She becomes interested in the work about the house and gradually the dis-wash-

And if you don't think that is a REAL reward... just try it some time.

We have received several cards from G. E. A. (Mr. Averill, in case you don't know) from various parts of Europe. In each instance, he concludes his brief remarks with some suggestion which leads one to believe that he will be mighty glad to get back home. The old world is filled with things of beauty and, in many cases, charm, but we have just a hunch that in the midst of all of it one must surely miss those things which can't be bought, sold or traded—Friends. They are precious and worth their weight in gold, we think... and on thinking it over, you think so too—don't you?

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 14th day of July, A. D. 1937.

In the Matter of the Estate of Fred W. Querton, executor of said estate having filed in said Court a petition, praying for license to sell all real estate in the interest of said estate in certain real estate therein.

It is Ordered, That the sixth day of August, A. D. 1937, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate forth the interest of said estate in said real estate should not appear thereat.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice of this order, for three successive days, be given by the publication of a copy of this order, for three successive days, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and published in said County.

JAMES H. LYNCH, Judge of Probate.

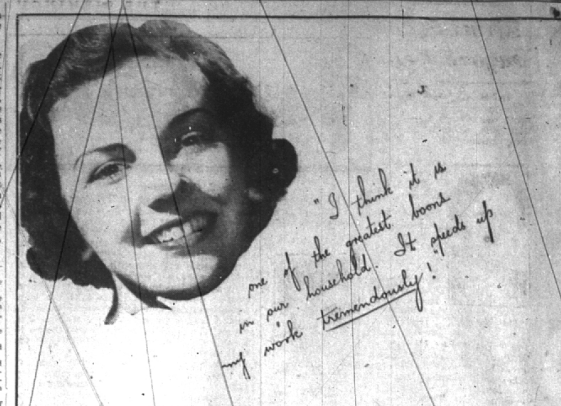
A True Copy FLORENCE BOTY, Register of Probate. 15-16-37

PUBLIC NOTICE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL. Whereas it is deemed advisable by this Council to acquire the property owned by Woodland Avenue on the West, abutting Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and Lot 12, in Birmingham Heights Subdivision, in the City of Birmingham.

Therefore Be It Resolved that a public hearing be called for the date of the 23rd day of July, 1937, at 10 o'clock P. M. in the Municipal Building at which time objections may be heard.

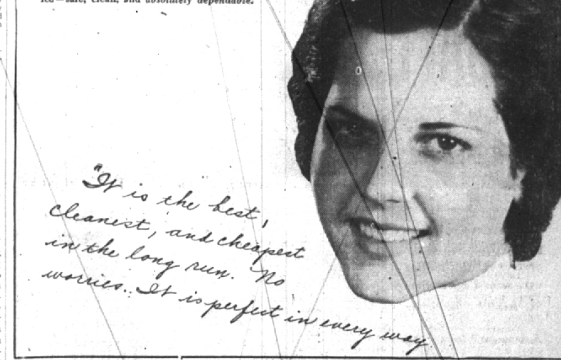
L. Irene E. Hanley, Clerk of the City of Birmingham, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission at a regular meeting held Tuesday, July 13th, 1937, at the Municipal Building.

L. IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk.



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