

Blessed be that church congregation whose pastor is a combination of Jesus, St. Paul, John, a reformed Mary Magdalene, and just plain Man.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1940

\$1.50 PER YEAR (In Oakland County)—SINGLE COPIES, 5c

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Birmingham: 1415

**LOCAL UNION PRESIDENTS**  
John Melena is president of the letter carriers' local of the union. Chester F. Simson is president of the clerks' local.

## City Has Had 15 Postmasters

**First One Named March 24, 1821**

Since the days when mail for Birmingham people was brought out here from Detroit by horseback, 15 postmasters have served here.

In the old days, being postmaster was more of a political plum than it is today, and the postmaster worked as short or as long hours as he pleased. Considering the fact that there has been a post office here for 119 years, it has been only recently that the office has been run independently, and not as an adjunct of a retail store. In the days of old one could buy groceries, hardware and stamps all under the same roof.

**March 24, 1821**  
Sidney Dale, appointed March 24, 1821, by President James Monroe, had the honor of being the town's first postmaster. He was followed by Ezra S. Parks, appointed in 1826 by President John Q. Adams.

On April 5, 1838, the name Bloomfield was changed to Birmingham, and Sullivan R. Kelsey received the job at the hand of President John Q. Adams. He was succeeded in 1844 by Theron A. Flower, appointed by John Tyler; Harvey W. Botsford, named in 1849 by Zachary Taylor; Orrin Poppleton, named in 1853 by Franklin Pierce; George L. Lee had the distinction of being named postmaster by President Abraham Lincoln in 1861; John A. Bigelow was named in 1865 by Andrew Johnson; Almeron Whitehead in 1884 by Chester A. Arthur; Frank Hagerman, in 1885 by Grover Cleveland; McAllister Randall in 1889 by Benjamin Harrison; George H. Mitchell, in 1894 by Grover Cleveland in his second term.

**Hanna and McKinley**  
Curiously enough, John Hanna was appointed by President William McKinley, and those were the days when the name Hanna meant something in politics! When Democratic Woodrow Wilson came into office, George Mitchell went back into the postoffice, serving

**Former Postmaster**



**JAMES W. COBB, 163 Oakland, served as postmaster as the Republican appointee from 1923 until 1933.**

until 1923 when James W. Cobb was appointed by Warren G. Harding. Mr. Cobb served until July 1, 1923, when Joseph A. Byrne was appointed to the office by President Roosevelt, first as acting postmaster then with full tenure, April 27, 1934.

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**How P. O. Receipts Have Grown**

1910	\$ 4,614.67
1920	13,914.41
1930	62,958.10
1939	70,898.27
4 months 1940	24,046.88

### 497 BERWYN DRIVE



The five commodious bedrooms are served with three baths. Because of complete insulation and storm sash, the heating costs are exceptionally low. For an appointment to inspect this residence.

**MAX BROOK INC.**  
ESTABLISHED 1893  
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BIRMINGHAM 1212 MADISON 8782

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**SOUTHERN COLONIAL**—Over 1/2 acre. Four master bedrooms, 2 baths, maid's quarters. Taxes about \$116. Offered at \$12,750.

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**English "County"**—Spacious rooms. Year-round landscaping. Four bedrooms, 3 baths. Priced to sell, \$12,500.

**DAVID FITCH**  
139 West Maple Telephone 1234

**Post Office Has 28 Employees in Civil Service**

Birmingham Post office has 28 regular employes, not including the postmaster, and four substitutes, who because of the rapid increase in business here the last few years, have been working fairly steadily.

All, except the postmaster, are under the civil service, and all belong to a mail man's union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. They get overtime pay for over 40 hours work. E. C. Beers has been assistant postmaster since 1936. Mrs. Gladys Heinze, who joined the service in 1918 and holds the second longest record here, is secretary of the civil service agency here, besides her regular work at the stamp window. She can give information on any U. S. civil service position open, and her agency will soon conduct the examination for postmaster of Bloomfield Hills, although the papers will be sent to Chicago for correction.

Following are the names of the post-office workers and the dates they entered the service:

E. C. Beers	Oct. 1928
Appointed asst. postmaster	Sept. 16, 1930
J. S. Cobb	July, 1924
A. H. Ellison	Aug., 1936
Bert Fuller	Oct., 1920
Gladys Heinze	May, 1918
Grover Mell	Jan., 1929
O. W. Richard	Nov., 1928
C. L. Simson	Aug., 1938
D. E. Terry	Sept., 1930
S. H. Wilkinson	July, 1917
Substitute Clerks:	
D. C. Ellenwood	1936
A. C. Peterson	Dec., 1938

Carrs:	
D. C. Voorheis	Aug., 1936
C. W. Frederick	Apr., 1926
F. J. Harris	Feb., 1920
Chris S. Bailey	Apr., 1925
Fred A. Riffe	Sept., 1929
Harry Smith	Apr., 1928
Earl Parks	May, 1927
John Melena	Dec., 1937
Ralph Capling	Apr., 1929
C. D. Hunt	Sept., 1936
Joseph A. Dixon	Oct., 1936
F. T. Westerby	July, 1938
H. M. Golden	Nov., 1938
Substitute Carriers:	
L. A. Westerby	Apr., 1939
Kent Gillespie	Apr., 1940
R. F. D. Carriers:	
C. C. Hoover	1919
George Wimet	May, 1924
Joseph F. MacGregor	Sept., 1936
Special Delivery Messenger:	
Charles L. Harris	Sept., 1929
Mail Messenger:	
Roy E. Webb	1928

**PUBLISHER ARRESTED**  
Oliver C. Swords, Royal Oak newspaper publisher, was arrested this week and brought before Justice Forbes C. Hascall for failure to answer a traffic summons issued March 27. He agreed to pay a fine of \$8.

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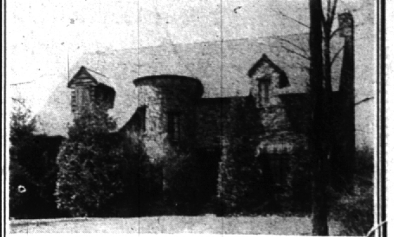
### Rare Opportunity

RARE opportunity to purchase large, well-built home; beautifully located on wooded lot in Adams School district; four bedrooms, tile bath, hot water heat, screened porch, large living room with fireplace, extra toilet etc. Priced at \$6800 on reasonable terms.

Louis Hascall Company  
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**THE BIRMINGHAM AGENCY**  
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OSCAR P PETERSON  
Insurance for Every Need  
PHONE 840  
106 S WOODWARD BIRMINGHAM

### OWNER TRANSFERRED



### 444 BERWYN ROAD

A Bit of Old World Charm is exemplified in this beautifully landscaped French Normandy home. Its owner has been transferred to New York and the necessity of his immediate removal demands a quick sale.

It has four well arranged bedrooms and two tiled baths on the second floor, with back stairway to the maid's quarters.

Awnings and roll copper screens at all windows. Being owner occupied, it has been maintained in perfect condition.

To the family who is looking for efficiency in layout and economy in operation, we recommend an immediate inspection.

May be purchased on the F. H. A. plan with very low monthly payments.

### Man Is Arrested On Liquor Charge

Trial has been set for May 11 in the case of Schuyler Hazard, 755 Hazelwood, who was arrested last Saturday by Patrolmen Robert Dunn and Samuel Stinson, and charged with driving while under the influence of liquor. Arraigned the same day before Justice Forbes S. Hascall, he pleaded not guilty.

### FRANKLIN Village Cottage A Rare "Buy"

5 room—modern home on Old Mill Street in most charming part of this peaceful, time worn little town.

**FREDERIC K. GRAEF**  
Phone B'h'am 3429-J3  
Franklin Rd., 1/2 Mile No. of 13 Mile Rd.

**SNYDER BUCK & BENNETT**  
THEATRE BUILDING BIRMINGHAM 1400

**WANT ADS COST LITTLE AND GET COST RESULTS**

**BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE** has— all advantages of City life yet is suburban in character and taxes are LOW!

**BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE** is located— at the City limits on West Maple Road, just past Chesterfield—One mile to center of Birmingham.

**BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE LOTS** are— from 80 feet up to 200 feet wide and are served by a good water system and adequate sewers.

**BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE** residents have— fine school facilities in the Quarten School and the Bloomfield Township School on Redford Road, which latter school includes all grades from kindergarten through eighth grade.

—Here are a few outstanding buys—  
100 x 166 — \$1150  
85 x 125 — \$1175  
86 x 125 — \$1850 Wooded  
80 x 187 — \$1575 Wooded

A call will bring you any additional information.

**Judson Bradway Co.**  
REALTORS  
259 S. Woodward Ave. Phone B'h'am 38

### THE BEST BUYS IN A DECADE

**Birmingham - Bloomfield Lake Properties**

Studio living room, screened porch, dining room, kitchen, utility room, 2 bedrooms, automatic heat, fenced yard, good location — \$6,700.00

Attractive brick Colonial with a most liveable plan from recreation room and hobby room in basement to the 5 bedrooms and 3 baths on 2nd floor. Price reduced to — \$12,700.00

Beautiful owner built Bloomfield home, 12 rooms and 3 baths, in a setting of fine trees — \$21,500.00

Lake homes for summer and all year  
\$6,000.00 to \$35,000.00

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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, NORTH MICHIGAN LAKES  
Main Office

**Announcement!**  
**ERNEST S. JACKSON**  
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Real Estate, Insurance, Rentals. Specializing in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Properties and Oakland County Farms.

If youth but knew what age would crave...they'd start TODAY and save and SAVE!

1 or more starts an account. Liberal earnings paid regularly

**BIRMINGHAM FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASS'N**  
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**QUESTION:** How can I make deposits when it's inconvenient for me to come to the bank?

**ANSWER:** Bank by mail.

It's easy. We can give you full information in a couple of minutes.

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"Birmingham's Community Bank"  
MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM  
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