

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

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Primary Election

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given, that a General Primary Election will be held in the City of Birmingham, in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on

Tuesday, the 15th day of September, 1942

at the respective polling places hereinafter designated:

- 1st Precinct.....Quarton School
- 2nd Precinct.....Adams School
- 3rd Precinct.....Municipal Building
- 4th Precinct.....Bell Funeral Home—Basement
- 5th Precinct.....Pierce School

from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard War Time, for the purpose of placing in Nomination by all Political Parties participating therein, candidates for the following offices, viz:

STATE AND DISTRICT:

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, Representative in State Legislature.

COUNTY:

Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Circuit Court Commissioner, Drain Commissioner, Coroner, Surveyor.

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September 8, 1942

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Paula La Tourette Repeats as Winner Of Tennis Tourney

Many matches in the tennis tournament have been played off during the past week, the Women's champion now determined and the Men's and Junior tournaments nearing completion. In the Women's division, Paula La Tourette repeated her last year's performance as champion again copped the title. To accomplish this feat, she defeated Jane McKee Monday afternoon, 6-1, 6-2.

Dick Gray and Frank Wablers are the only players to reach the semi-finals in the Men's tournament to date and the winner of the Glenn White-Hodney Grambeau match will join these two. The other semi-finalist position will be decided when Don McLeese plays the winner of the Hugh McLeese-Cap Phelps tilt.

In the Junior division, Frank Wabner and Don McLeese have reached the semi-finals and the winner of the Glenn White-Gordon Dean McAllister meets the winner of the Jim O'Connor-Dick Gray match.

Check, not words alone, win wars.

Musical Instruments Sought for Army

Musical instruments of all types, with the exception of pianos and radios, are being sought for the men in camp, posts and stations throughout the Sixth Service Command.

The instruments will not be used for regular Army bands but are for entertainment purposes only. The drive is under the direction of Captain Wayne King, Army Specialist Corps.

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Bits of Birmingham

Birmingham is to get natural gas in about a month.

Howard Hahn, impresario at the Birmingham Theatre, called to say he still had a few seats left for the Michigan Theatre premiere of the "Wake Island" movie. Only downstater seats will be present; a downstairs seat costs you one \$100 bond (\$75 net), a few balcony seats are left at \$50 (\$37.50 net). Last Friday and Saturday, Howard sold \$1,000 worth of bonds and over the weekend, \$175 in stamps.

The Townsend family, of 403 East Lincoln, confesses itself completely mystified over the nocturnal perturbations of their dog Rusty. It seems that for three successive nights now, the family has retired in the evening, doors shut but not locked as is the custom, under the impression that Rusty, as usual, was snoring safely in the kitchen. But came the dawn, and to their amazement they found Rusty waiting on the steps to be let in—and the doors still shut. And just to make the thing more complicated, Rusty is small and has never shown any talent in the mastery of door-knobs. The Townsends have come to the conclusion that there is a benevolent prowler about who drops in in the middle of the night and takes the dog for a walk. Much as they appreciate this, the family has decided that he should be dispensed with, inasmuch as Rusty gets plenty of daytime exercise and additional midnight strolls leave him tired out the next day.

The new phone book is going to press, and we're glad of that. So many people have moved in and out that the old book is already out-of-date.

Have you noticed that when you give the operator a number in the city, she transfers the call to another switchboard in the same office? The Chief Operator tells us that, expanding business has made this necessary. A dial system was planned for the city but it is "out" for the duration.

This Wanderer has noticed two new types of two-engineered planes flying over Birmingham. The most numerous are the Douglas transports used for freight or passengers, and they can be recognized by their low, triangular-shaped wing, with the engines set on top. The two new types just referred to are (1) the B-25 North American with a twin-tail, and (2) the B-26, with a high wing and underslung engines, each of 2,000 horsepower, making this the fastest bomber in the world. These two bombers swoop around like pursuit planes.

People all over the world are being skilled in identifying planes because this knowledge can be mightily useful if they are near the thing. Every plane looks different to the practiced eye, and the editor is writing our picture syndicate to suggest they make up a composite layout showing their dissimilarities for reproduction on the printed page.

Do you have a dog which you think might be trained for Army service? One of our readers informs us that John S. Sweeney, phone Randolph 4656, Detroit, is in charge of this project in Detroit.

This Wanderer went into a meat market last Saturday night and discovered that the butcher had sold some 2,000 pounds of meat—every scrap of fresh meat he had in the place. The Labor Day week-end combined with the talk that rationing were probably responsible. People have decided that they might as well enjoy those steaks while they can.

Russell Grinnell, chemist in charge of the City's disposal plant, saw some one throwing some trash on the property last week and he got the man's license number. Police will speak to him, a Wellsville driver resident.

Prowler calls were reported last week from the Shaw residence, 357 Waddington, and from the Holmes residence, 1091 North Woodward.

Incidentally newcomers to Birmingham, of which there are many, will be interested to know that this city has a new and modern sewage treatment plant which prevents pollution of the Alabama River. Many cities hereabouts have not yet met this problem. We have discharged our obligation.

Mrs. Mary Margaret Klingensmith was granted a divorce last week from Thomas B. Klingensmith. She gets custody of their six-year-old daughter, but the father may have the child every other weekend. He must pay \$15 a week alimony.

Two from Birmingham were among those who got their citizenship in Oakland Circuit Court last week. They are Rheta Gertrude Gherhart and Hilda Wilson.

The Lathrup Townsite building restrictions case is still in Court, but has been adjourned until Sept. 14 for possible settlement between Mrs. Louise Lathrup Kelley, the defendant, and a townsite group, the plaintiffs. Mrs. Kelley desires to build a group of homes along Southfield on lots originally zoned for business; the opposition says the homes will not meet the restrictions.

Frank L. Mills, 808 Ann street, dropped in to show us a copy of his old home town paper, the Henry News-Republican, of Henry, Ind. Mr. Mills has two sons with the armed forces: Frank, Jr., who is in the Coast Guard petty officer school at Groton, Conn., and Eric Robert, who is with the field artillery at Fort Bragg, N. C.

E. Slanator, of 1592 Rufus street, reported to police Monday that he found a dog which was killed by Flyer bicycle in front of his home.

Police took into custody last week a 19-year-old Birmingham youth who confessed to attempting to take indecent liberties with two little girls at Oak street and Lake Park Saturday night. The boy said that his family will send him to any institution. Because no formal suit has been filed against the boy, the Eccentric withholds his name.

Mrs. Young, 124 Brownell, whose first name police did not obtain, reported Monday the theft of two gold rings from her car. Mrs. Ivan Woodhall, 347 Greenwood, has found a set of car keys with this on the case: "Winter Bros. Towing."

Oil heat expert that rationing this winter is inevitable, which may be a serious matter in a city like Birmingham, where almost all of the homes built within the past 15 years are heated with oil.

The tough thing about it is that the average householder has but one or two oil tanks and can store no more, whereas the user of coal can pile it up.

Many people are already having their oil burners checked over to get maximum efficiency. It might be smart, too, to lay in some lamp coal and wood to use in the fireplace. The government advises people to wear more clothing and cut the house temperature down to 68 degrees, or thereabouts. Much oil, too, has been used in the past to heat un-used rooms and to keep up temperatures all night, people reasoning: "If you let the temperature fall at night, it takes just that much more to heat it up in the daytime." That is not true.

Remember how Granddad and Grandmother used to get their range in their big kitchen, heated by the range, with the rest of the house shut off?

A complaint has reached police of speeding cars on Willow Lane.

Quarton Lake has really been down during the past week, the water dropping from six to eight feet. The reason is that the City has been seeking to put an extension on the Harmon avenue overflow, and in order to do so lowered the lake level at the dam site. As soon as the work is finished, the lake will be allowed to regain its old level.

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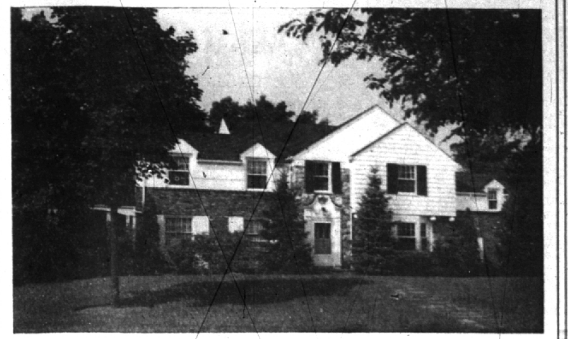
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