

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

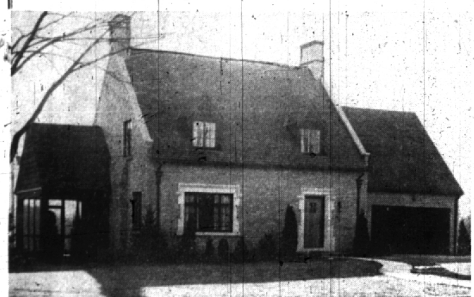
War is an international game, the rules of which never can be predetermined. No set of plans can be made for war that will not need changing, that will not cost extravagantly. So, for war costs only, none of us can logically risk; but we can, and should, risk about new war government extravagances.

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Music on Records To Be Loaned by Baldwin Library

Answering a growing demand, Baldwin Public Library will shortly make available a collection of music on records, which will be circulated on a rental basis.

"Record libraries are becoming increasingly popular," said Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian, "but I believe few small libraries have them, though they are often found in larger ones. We have dreamed of having such a collection for a long time, but until the Birmingham Musicale came to our financial aid it was never possible.

The fund for purchasing records for the initial collection was created by the Library and the Birmingham Musicale. Upkeep and further buying will be undertaken by the Library.

Selection of the basic collection is to be made by a committee, with Miss Cooke and Mrs. W. Whitling Raymond, President of the Birmingham Musicale, as co-chairmen. Members of the committee include Mrs. Edgar Bailey, Mrs. Thomas Corin, Miss Celia Merrill, Mrs. Helen Wagner Neff, S. V. Norton, Charles Farmer, Arnold W. Berndt and Victor Ulrich.

With gas rationing making it increasingly difficult to attend concerts in Detroit, a collection of records should prove popular in Birmingham. In addition, they will be of use to students and teachers of music. Victor Ulrich, of Baldwin High School, was an enthusiastic about the project. "It should prove invaluable for choir and voice students," he said.

The mechanics of administering such a collection present a number of problems, according to Miss Cooke. "Nevertheless," she said, "it's a challenge—and a kind of pioneering. We have the space and the staff and I think that we will find that having the collection will be as interesting to us as to those who borrow the records."

It is expected that the records will be ready for circulation about the first of March.

One Good Result

The talkies came in so fast that many stage stars didn't have a chance to make farewell tours. The Des Moines Tribune-Capital.

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Bits of Birmingham

Have you been puzzled about your intangible tax return? Many people have because law itself is pretty intangible, we are told. Anyway, a State representative will be on hand at the Probate Court House, Pontiac, every Thursday during February and March to answer your questions.

Lena Genster says: "When some husbands call their wives 'Angel' it is because the wives are usually up in the air and harping."

A story comes to our attention about a youngster at Brooks School. "What do you have in your mouth?" the teacher asked the little boy. "Nothing except this prune I am softening for recess," he replied.

Helen Senter, 23-year-old vaudeville singer and dancer, won an all-vince last week from Boyd Center, of Birmingham. She told the Court that she was Senter's fifth wife.

Last week Mrs. Hans Schjolin, 857 Redding road, made snow statues of Lincoln and Washington.

A large crowd paid no attention to the blizzard last Saturday night and a Community Dance at Franklin staged for the benefit of the firemen. "Firemen's Fling," they called it. The town hall looks pretty smart these days with fresh white paint and new trim inside. Around the walls downstairs are a couple dozen Carver & Ives prints.

Numerous people at the dance and on the west side of Birmingham got stuck in a jam when they tried to drive home and Bennett the tow man was far behind on his calls.

Dike Baldwin says it got to be funny out on Middlebelt road where he got stuck with a barn. He went to a farmhouse at Middlebelt and 14-Mile road and sat down to wait for the wrecker. About every 15 minutes, another knock would come on the door, and before long the farmhouse was full of people.

"This is a winter I will be glad to see over," says Mr. Bennett.

One car stuck in the middle of Pierce street and another stuck on Glenhurst, were still there at sun-up Sunday, and police had them towed away.

That rain and thaw last Friday and Saturday certainly played havoc with the streets. Asphalt patches made in concrete just seemed to melt away. Woodward avenue south of Birmingham was in bad shape in spots, particularly on the southbound lane.

Some people say that rainfall is usually excessive during wartime. They think that the explosions and fires all over the world have something to do with the quantity of dust in the air and therefore the precipitation.

If you want a chuckle about people's lives during the First World War 25 years ago, read "Happenings of Long Ago."

Housewives: They are calling for more waste fats. Many housewives are not saving their fats because they don't have a place to store them. The answer is to pool fats with your neighbor, and when you get a pound or more bring it to your meat dealer. Any clean can can be used. The butcher sends can and all to Detroit where the fat is melted out and the can then salvaged.

Dominic Caputo has been given a colorful job by the Lions Club. The Tailor Tetter, Sergeant-at-arms, they used to call it. Bill Spence has succeeded George McIntosh on the Lions Club board of directors.

John A. Frederick, who operates the better shop opposite the Wabash Building, has taken over the shop formerly operated by Guy J. Taylor at the corner of Maple and Woodward, near Schoolcraft. Mr. Taylor died early Saturday after being stricken with a heart attack the week previous while at work. He came to Birmingham in 1902 and barbered here ever since with the staff and I think that we will find that having the collection will be as interesting to us as to those who borrow the records.

Boys have been breaking out the windows of the former Sinclair gas station on East Maple.

Do you remember the little story on page 1 in our Jan. 28 review? It was the fact that police were looking for the owner of a rabid dog shot in Birmingham? The owner, Frank Gregorie, was located in Detroit, and he was warned. He came back away from a kennel on Nine Mile road, police-reported.

While Mrs. C. W. Smith, 524 Southfield, was in the basement of the house one day recently, some one entered the place, went up stairs and took a pair of pants. A small sum of money missing.

Police are running down several clues.

Mrs. Lionel Colburn, 883 Ruffner, fell on the ice outside the Old-garage last Saturday, according to a report made to police.

Max Brock real estate office has a small window display using the editorial page of The Eccentric. A red pencil mark circles an editorial paragraph to the effect that tillable land is life's most necessary resource; and alongside is Brock's latest ad: "Buy a farm."

The Eccentric, incidentally, carries the best-looking real estate advertising to be seen anywhere in this part of the country.

Mrs. Sally Miller, who ran the phrenologist's shop at 162 South Woodward, has been ordered to cease and desist by the court. Billed as the "World's Greatest Phrenologist," she was arrested Saturday under a state law prohibiting fortune-telling and brought before Judge Hascall. The court sentenced her to 90 days in jail but suspended it on the grounds that she quit. These tea rooms apparently get away with it by charging you for the tea and throwing in the reading gratis.

The ice was so bad on the Willets street hill last Saturday morning that three cars at one time were unable to make the grade.

Two 17-year-old boys were taken into custody last Saturday in Birmingham. They had run away from home (at Davison) and were riding their bikes to Detroit to join the Navy. When one of the bikes broke down, they came into Birmingham looking for a repair. Their parents came after them in the morning, but no doubt they'll get to the Navy, sooner or later. The other middle of the night ought to make a darned good stud.

Police are holding a lunch bucket and a thermos bottle for Martha Miller—at least that's the name scratched on the metal. Common-sense.

Mrs. John Lawson has found the wristwatch about which this column printed a report last week.

John Skarratt, of Oxford, told police last week that he left his suitcase (he's a soldier) with some Birmingham man with whom he rode this far on his way home. Police don't know whether John recovered the bag or not.

While duck hunting last fall at Loon Lake, Hale, Mich., near Tallapoosa, La., he shot a duck which bore a band around his leg. He sent the band to Langston, which was sent to Washington, and a few days ago, Service got a letter from the Fish & Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior relating that the fowl was a lesser scaup and that it had been banded in 1937 at Georgetown, S. C. — Miss Carrie Stoddard at the duck.

St. Joseph Hospital, for some reason, is no longer listed in the phone book. The number is 67.

John S. Bugas, Detroit and Michigan chief of the F. B. I., was right at home in Baldwin auditorium when he addressed the P. A. group last Monday night. The basketball coach, who has been reminded of his days when he was captain of the basketball team of the University of Wyoming, from which he graduated in 1934. Incidentally, Mr. Bugas was raised in a Wyoming ranch, his father still owning one out there, which he purchased in the 1880's. Prior to his talk Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Bugas were the direct guests of old friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. P. John, of Tooting Lane. Incidentally, this W. A. P. J. agrees that forthright talks like those of Mr. Bugas and his men make the best way of maintaining public understanding of and respect for the great work of the F. B. I. is being done here. Mr. Bugas makes an average of 40 speeches annually.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitten, 859 Forest, loaned us a copy of the Sept. 30, 1937, rollover section of the Detroit News Tribune and it is really quite interesting. On the double spread inside was a picture of the largest crowd ever gathered in Detroit, assembled to pay tribute to 10,000 men chosen in the "selective draft" of the front were pictures of movie stars, including Charlie Chaplin, Anna Q. Nilsson, Mae Marsh, Mary Dressler and Mary Pickford, curl and all. War scenes were on the back, and a picture of the general Pershing posed with General Petain.

A dilapidated house at 1731 Holland avenue is neither safe nor sanitary, it is believed. It was condemned it, City Manager Ebert reported Monday. The place, now vacant, was back to the State for non-payment of taxes, and it will be torn down.

The City Commission accepted Don Ebert's request for a leave of absence Monday night, effective Feb. 20, and it will name a new manager next Monday night.

After reading all about the possible drafting of women and other



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