

While I am on this subject of mankind's earthly inheritance, one cannot pass up the world of flora. Every tree, every bush, every bloom, even the food crops, all reveal a world of unfolding harmony of growth, outline, and color. Is anything much lovelier than a rose-bud covered with dew in the early morning?

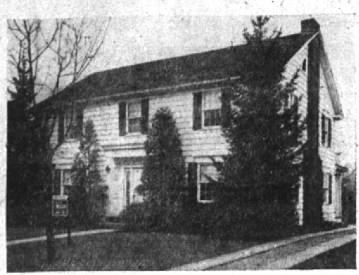
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## Bits of Birmingham

**Pvt. Fletcher Plant, Jr., son of A. F. Plant, 564 Brookside, was an Eccentric visitor one day last week while he was home on furlough from St. Louis University, St. Louis, Mo. "What are you reading, a mystery story?" he quipped at the Wanderer, who was busily engaged at reading the "Authentic Guide to Income Tax," 1944 version. The story part was hardly correct, but he sure hit the nail on the head with the mystery angle.**

**A lady recently complained to an employee of the Eccentric that the Wanderer writes a lousy column and it is a horrible example of journalism. She stated further that she had a daughter in college who could write a column three times as good as Bits of Birmingham. Now, the Wanderer is puzzled. He doesn't know whether her last remark was intended as a testimonial for the college her daughter attends or merely to add insult to the staff of the Eccentric.**

**The humorside was prevalent in this case: A citizen of our town was having coffee and doughnuts in a restaurant. The custom on these occasions is to josh with the waitress a bit, so this time the customer jokingly complained about an apparent lack of powdered sugar on the sinner. "Don't you know your sugar is rationed?" the waitress came back at him. "Sure, I know it," continued the customer, biting into the rather hard doughnut, "but it wasn't when we were baked."**

**Georgia, the Wilson Drug Store, came over to the Eccentric the other day to complain that Bitsy, the Eccentric kitten, has been getting more publicity in the past couple of issues than she had ever received in a year. "Yes," said our Bitsy, "I suppose it would be hard for a cat who leads a drab life in a drug store to grab the line light." "Line light," screamed the jealous and enraged Georgia, "listen you pip-squeak, I've been in the limelight every four months for the past eight years." The Wanderer broke the argument up at this point, Georgia went indignantly back to her store. Bitsy scampered off to the press-room to frolic around in the refreshing breezes of the flywheel on a Michie vertical press.**

**Fenton R. Mathews, whose son, John Mathews, was a member of the National Music Camp in 1943, has recently given two upright voice parts to the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan.**

**Jack Moore, chief fire captain of the Port of Casablanca, who was a member of the Birmingham fire department before entering the service, recently ran into Dr. Jack Hasberger and Dr. Jack Hollister in Port of Casablanca.**

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**The tribulations of civilian life seem to have filtered into Navy life, it was reported to this Wanderer by a Birmingham MOM this week, when she received the following from her daughter stationed at the Naval Base, Pearl Harbor. To market, to market, to buy a pork roast. Home again, home again, creamed peas on toast.**

**Members of the Exchange club at their Tuesday luncheon heard an unusually instructive talk by H. H. Corson, city manager, who explained the proposed new Birmingham Municipal Employees Retirement Pay Plan. Mr. Corson assisted in the drafting of the plan. The club received into membership Horace Barnett and Bernice Schwartz.**

**Probably no one but the Wanderer would have the audacity to voice a complaint regarding the hymnals in his church, but why must the publishers of hymnals put the words to every verse, but the first, at the bottom of the page instead of putting them all under the corresponding notes? The Wanderer likes to sing just as loud and lustily as the rest of the brethren, but his meagre knowledge of music crops out when they are far, far apart. They say that any good church member memorizes all the hymns, but that, too, is beyond the realm of the Wanderer. It would take ten years to accomplish and then they would decide to change the hymnals.**

**There's something stimulating about the recollection of a couple of old timers who have known and respected each other down through the years. R. D. Bird of R. P. F. and Charles J. Hallock, who lives at 691 Ann, are two such gentlemen. Both are of an age where young bucks like the Wanderer, do, or should call them Master. They met in front of Mr. Bird's home the other day and their faces lighted into smiles as Bird asked Charles how he'd been the winter. "I've been fine, and just passed another milestone the other day, had a birthday," he answered. "That's fine," said Bird, "fellows like you and I have to take care of themselves; they don't make men like us any more." Then they continued on their way, darn satisfied with each other.**

**Mr. Bird was helping a neighbor move the other day. The neighbor was a young fellow, a high school teacher. Of course a youngster or two came over to help teach him and it was this situation which prompted Mr. Bird to offer a bit of philosophy regarding boy workers. When you have a good fellow, you've got to get a good worker, he maintains, and when you have a young fellow who has only one year to go, you have three boys who have no work, at all. Most of you have undoubtedly made similar observations at one time or another.**

**Mrs. Wanderer, who reads most of the ads in the various publications to which she subscribes, noticed an ad, for a well known sheet manufacturer, in which Mrs. Wm. L. Lawrence, 17892 Birwood, had written a very intelligent testimonial for the company's product. It appeared in the February issue of "The American Home."**

**Who will see the first robin of the season? Don't forget to call and tell us about it if you are the one. Don't think this annual happening isn't important enough to be reported, because every year winter hating citizens take new leases of life when the first robin is seen in their community. Be a good fellow and help speed the day when we can all begin to make plans for gathering in the garden to hunt for cut worms. Keep your eye peeled for that first redbreast.**

**Mr. Groundhog's late winter weather is proving a topic for conversation among Birmingham folk and Monday a resident, who claimed to be "The Shadow" spoke truthfully about Mr. Groundhog and what he did on Groundhog Day. Being roundly accused, of a whole day misused, and feeling abused, his meals he refused, rolled up and just snoozed.**

**A Birmingham businessman who spent several days on a trip as far north as Cheboygan, then to Traverse City and back home, reported that he never was lost but at times just wondered where he was. He traveled on highways 10, 15, 25, 23, 76, 27, 68, 113, 131 and 115. And he's back home safe and sound.**

**The effect of the war on general building in Birmingham is disclosed in the January report of Building Inspector Scott Hersey, whose January report shows that only two building permits issued, their total value is only \$2,450. The report for January of last year was \$16,900 and for January, 1942, it was \$43,350.**

**That Scavenger land sale, dated for today in Pontiac, is attracting the attention of persons interested in bits of land in Birmingham. Some fine garden land and some pieces attractive as residential plots are on sale. The minimum bid is one fourth the assessed valuation for 1940. There are lots in**

**Coryell Park, Birmingham Crestview, Birmingham Estates, Birmingham Villas, Highland View, Birmingham Highlands, Pembroke subdivision, parts of Quanton Lake Estates, Sheffield Estates, Tallapoosa Estates, James L. Todd and Leinbach-Humphrey's Indian Village subdivision.**

**The Wanderer wandered alone along South Woodward avenue Wednesday morning and noticed that most dogs were either tied up with chains or ropes or were confined to homes or yards of owners. The rabbits also noted this fact and more of them were out scampering about yards and garden spots than had been seen in many a morning.**

**News comes today that James C. Thomas, Detroit and Pontiac businessman, has recovered from a slight heart attack he suffered last Saturday evening while driving home from Pontiac. When struck as he drove on North Woodward avenue Mr. Thomas' car swerved from the street and struck a car owned by Mrs. J. F. Curley of Bedford road and then smashed into a tree. Mr. Thomas escaped serious injuries.**

**Victory Gardens and the proposed general increase in size and production for 1944 season were discussed among leaders of Birmingham and this area on Monday evening at the Community House. O. K. Gregg, of Michigan State college, was the guest speaker. Birmingham's aim for 1944 is 600 such gardens.**

**There will be a Red Cross meeting of War fund chairman at the Pontiac Hotel Saturday, Feb. 12, at 12 o'clock.**

### RATIONING AT A GLANCE

**Gasoline**—In 17 east coast states, A-9 coupons are good through May 8. In states outside the east coast area, A-10 coupons are good through March 21.

**Tire Inspection**—Deadlines: For A-coupon holders, March 31, and for B and C holders, Feb. 28.

**Sugar**—Stamp No. 30 in book four is good for five pounds through March 31. Stamp No. 40 in book four is good for five pounds of cane sugar through Feb. 28.

**Shoes**—Stamp No. 18 in book one and No. 1 in the Airplane sheet in book three are each good for one pair.

**Fuel Oil**—Period 3 coupons are good through Feb. 21 in the South and through March 13 in all other areas. Period 4 coupons are good in all areas through March 13.

**Period 5 coupons** are good in the Middle West and South and remain good through Sept. 30.

**Milk**—Fats—Brown stamps V, W, and X are good through Feb. 26. Stamp Y becomes good through March 13 and remains good through March 20. Waste kitchen fats are redeemed at two ration points plus four cents a pound.

**Processed Foods**—Green stamps G, H, and J in book four are good through Feb. 20. Green stamps K, L, and M are good through March 20.

**Income Tax**—March 15 is deadline for filing returns, earlier filing is desirable.

### Frimodig Completes 25 Years At M. S. C.

Lyman Frimodig, assistant athletic director at Michigan State College, is to be feted by alumni on Feb. 12 in honor of his 25 years' service.



Lyman Frimodig

service on the athletic staff. The affair has been arranged by the Central Michigan Alumni club of M.S.C. and will be held in Lansing.

"Frim," as he likes to be known and is universally called, reached his silver milestone at State Jan. 1 this year. He joined the staff at the turn of 1919, a short time after discharge from the army of World War I, in which he served as a second lieutenant.

"Frim" also has been very active in civic affairs, having served five years as councilman and five as mayor of East Lansing. Currently, he is head of the commission studying a proposal to change the municipal government from the aldermanic to the city manager form.

—GAY AT BLOOD BATH, Feb. 14-17—

### Mail to Prisoners of War Must Not Bear American War Slogan

Postmaster Joseph Byrne reports that advice has been received from the Post Office Department in Washington that effective March 1, 1944, all mail directed to prisoners of war and civilian internees held in certain prison camps under German control will be condemned and not delivered to the addressee, if it in any way bears slogans or endorsements intended to promote our war efforts.

These endorsements include such as "V for Victory," "Win the War," "Buy Bonds" or any other of character, or in cases where postage is required for special services don't use the especially designed stamps intended to encourage our efforts for they bear such slogans as "Win the War," "Four Freedoms," "United Nations," "Overrun Countries," etc.

Letters properly enveloped, addressed and sealed and postal cards to prisoners of war, when placed in the street boxes or post office drop slots should be enclosed in unsealed envelopes which should be simply addressed "Postmaster, Prisoner of War Mail." These requirements and enclosures will be removed and dispatched for appropriate censorship. Letters and cards may be handed to postal clerks at stations without being enclosed in outer containers.

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