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"Maybe we will get some warm weather now," said a local resident talking with a Northerner at the corner of Woodward and Maple, Friday forenoon. "Warm, Ah you say!" exclaimed the Northerner. "Yes," came the reply, "maybe warm enough so we can do without our top coats."

The parents of boys on the Baldwin track team are to meet this evening at 7:45 o'clock at the Community House to make final plans for the annual picnic. The picnic is to be held Wednesday, June 7, at 6 o'clock at Springdale park. Mrs. Henry Millbrandt is general chairman.

A stern policy to curb setting of grass fires without permits has cost nine offenders in seven southern Michigan counties a total of \$275 in fines and \$92 in costs in recent weeks. Conservation of forests, who issue permits, have signed 20 complaints during the period. Few such fires have been noted near Birmingham. Residents of northern counties where fire hazards are greater have more familiarity with state laws which establishes penalties for failure to secure permission to set fires, and relatively fewer complaints are brought north of the Maskegon-Buy City line. The fire report for last week brings the total acreage burned so far this season to 11,454, a figure which is steadily approaching the 14,908-acre total in all of 1943.

After forenoon visits to cemeteries and then attendance at the Memorial Day ceremonies, hundreds of local residents were seen in their gardens. There was a lot of gardening done on the holiday, with entire families with hoe, shovel and cultivator. Several out of one car was father, then mother and then followed three sons, and each of the five had a new hoe and a lot of peat, despite the warm weather. Greenhouses and roadside stands for the Memorial Day are up and were just as busy last Sunday as hundreds of families bought their garden plants.

The old street sweeper makes a bit of noise at times and stirs up a lot of dust on some streets but nevertheless it's welcome. Some really sizable piles of dirt have been swept up by the big machine which sprinkles the street while it works. Just like mother did back in the old days before the invention of the vacuum cleaner.

There was a lot of garden making Monday evening and parts of Tuesday and it was a tall constructive. One garden on Cranbrook road, near the Birmingham Country Club, was serving as a picnic grounds for a bunch of hungry pheasants. The garden had two hideous scarecrows in it too, but pheasants must not be as easily fooled as crows. Yes, the pheasants have been making Birmingham gardens regularly of late.

If Sailor Sam from Birmingham should pop in from overseas some afternoon, don't be surprised if he brings along a piece of the Japanese navy. The green light is on for the importation, personally or through the mails, of certain items of captured enemy equipment. Sam, of course, must abide by the laws which prohibit the National Firearms Act.

All Birmingham folk who have an appetite for special kinds of cheese will be greatly interested in the following announcement made yesterday in Washington, D. C. "Nine types of cheese were placed under dollars-and-cents ceiling prices today as a regulation which the Office of Price Administration said would save consumers more than \$2,225,000 a year. Cheeses affected are Provolone, Parmesan, Monte and Modena, Soft Asiago, Romano, Gorgonzola, Monterey and high moisture Jack. New retail per pound ceiling prices in most cities are: Provolone, 52, 51 and 53 cents; Parmesan, 62, 61 and 62 cents; Monte and Modena, 51, 50 and 53 cents; Asiago, 51, 50 and 52 cents; Romano, 63, 68 and 70 cents; Blue, 47, 46 1/2 and 48 cents; Gorgonzola, 47, 46 1/2 and 48 cents; Monterey, 39 and 41 cents; high moisture Jack, 36 and 37 cents.

One doesn't have to go to war center cities to note the manpower shortage, or the hypowater shortage, for a right here in Birmingham. One notices how many lawns, once kept cut slick and span, now left to grow into a tangled mass of grass. It really is difficult right here in Birmingham that anyone do this kind of work.

It was a nice little walk folk found Tuesday when they visited the flag pole area of the Municipal building lawn for the Memorial Day ceremony. The concrete walk has been laid where earlier a path was being worn in the lawn from the main entrance on the north side of the building to the entrance of the fire department quarters on the east side. City crews completed the walk late last week.

If you want to send your fur to sea then see George Dimas of the Dimas fur store. He is again making a plea to Birmingham women who have discarded fur coats, fur pieces of any kind, to bring them to him to be made into fur vests for merchant seamen to use when in cold regions. Through the efforts of furriers all over the nation over 50,000 fur vests have been given to U. S. merchant seamen and those of our Allies.

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"The Fire Department is appreciative of the cooperation of the committee and the people as a whole during the Clean-Up campaign."

"While the fires in the furnaces are out during the spring, summer, and early fall of the year, this period presents an opportunity for each home owner to have their chimney flues cleaned, furnaces repaired, and screens on chimneys of wood shingled homes replaced or repaired to offset the great number of roof fires that occur each fall as a result of faulty heating equipment, or the burning of paper in furnaces or incinerators without screens to protect the roofs."

RIFLE CLUB BUSY

The Birmingham Rifle Club, with many new and old members is just now getting started on what looks like a busy summer season. Lawrence Smith, general chairman, reports the range on Cranbrook road in use at least twice a week, usually on Monday and Thursday. Featuring the program is precision training on proper handling and care of rifles. This part of the work is favored by the U. S. Army as valuable training.

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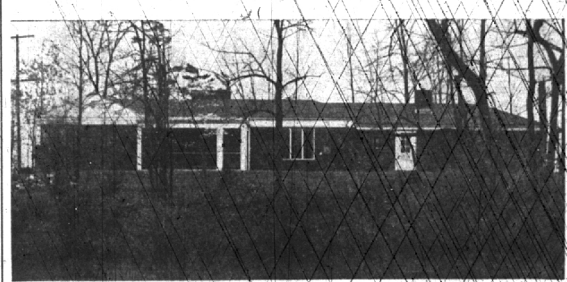
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