

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

This newspaper is the weekly effort of quite a number of people to reflect the nature and activities of the community we all live in. The work that is being done in and adjacent to Birmingham; there is also much that is right and good. Our effort is to reflect in these pages what happens... so help us to reflect only the good!

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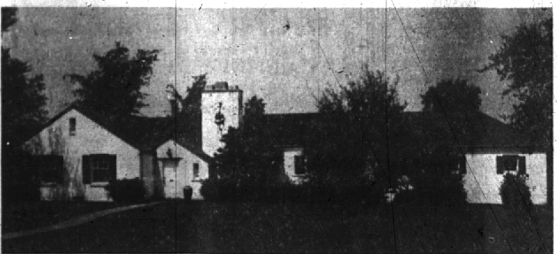
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## Bits of Birmingham

The first Michigan peaches appeared on the market last week and daily offerings are steadily increasing and will continue to increase until late August when marketing will be at its peak. Michigan's peach production is expected to be 21 percent above the average. According to Miles A. Nelson, director of the bureau of market and enforcement, State Department of Agriculture, the latest report indicates that this year's crop in Michigan may reach nearly 3,000,000 bushels as compared to a yearly average of about 2,500,000 bushels. Many peach orchards about Birmingham are expected to yield many bushels of delicious fruit.

Now it begins to look as if those persons who set such great store on the "Pause that Refreshes" may have to get along with just the pause and let the refreshment go. Dr. E. Riley, executive secretary of the American Bottlers Carbonated Beverages, is authority for the statement that many thousands of small bottlers will be forced out of business unless the sugar situation improves. And it seems likely there will be little improvement before mid-autumn or later. If that is the case soft drinks will be in a class with cigars, steaks

and chicken and nylon hose. Right here in Birmingham the soft drink shortage is already being felt. Thus far there have been no long lines like the cigar lines over at Wilsons Drug but a lot of people have been drinking fruit juices and good tea instead of their usual carbonated drinks.

John Gaffl, chairman of the Birmingham Victory Garden committee, calls attention of all Victory Gardeners to a statement from the bureau of Agricultural Economics, in Washington, advising civilians to expect no significant relief from food shortages within the next 12 months. Chairman Gaffl urges that every gardening family can do many vegetables and fruits as possible for their anticipated needs during the coming year. "Better can what you can," says Gaffl for in a report on the national food situation, the Bureau—which is the agriculture department's statistical agency—said such foods as meats, fats and vegetable oils, sugar, cheese, condensed and evaporated milk, poultry, eggs, canned fruits and canned vegetables will continue short in relation to demands. In addition, rice, dry beans, apples, and processed foods using large amounts of sugar and fats and oils may become short, it said.

Claude Harmon, pro over at the Lechmoor golf course, plans to escape the snow and cold weather of the Birmingham area next winter and will spend his time at the Seminole Golf Club, West Palm Beach, Florida. Claude has signed up as winter pro at the noted southern course. The Seminole job is considered one of the best openings in Florida. Harmon has been in Chicago several days playing in the All-American Open.

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Birmingham Representative RICE A. HOWELL WABEEK BUILDING

Last Saturday a letter reached Birmingham from Berlin telling the parents of a Birmingham soldier that many members of the Army of Occupation were picking up some extra money trading with the Russians. He mentioned that some men had sold their watches for as much as \$300, American money. Then on Sunday came a news story over the United Press wires that the American soldiers in Berlin had been ordered to turn in all government issue watches and that the Army had placed a special guard over all gasoline to curb black market operations. Controls were tightened the story said when it was discovered the U. S. Second Armored Division, since arriving in Berlin, July 6, had wired home money orders amounting to almost twice the amount of the average monthly payroll. One soldier far has not found any men in his or nearby outfits who are from this city. The truck had been named "Boston Blackie."

Those three families over on Aspen road, whose gardens may soon be turned into a building site are really four families for on one of the smaller spaces in the fine garden of the Henry McGowan of the same street. The McGowan garden is not quite as large as the others but feature tomatoes are making quite a show. The partners in the garden lot, which is reported to have a new owner getting ready to build a home there, include the H. H. Gardner, the William Esser, the Seyor K. Thigstad and the McGowans. The gardening quartet hopes the new owner will delay building operations until fall.

The Charles Edwards Post American Legion today was operating under a new roster of officers, headed by Walter Skell, commander. Other officers recently named and installed last week include Richard H. Dewoy, senior vice-commander; Lee J. Mohr, junior vice-commander; Dr. Peter Aron, historian; and Oliver Peterin, chaplain. A busy year is being mapped for Birmingham Legionnaires.

"What became of all the pigs that belonged to those pig tails?" asked a Birmingham woman of a Birmingham butcher today, as she surveyed a pile of pig tails in the meat case. The butcher's reply was that he just did not know but that apparently they had not come to Birmingham for about all the pork he had seen for weeks was pig tails. The inquiring housewife rejoined she would not mind getting possession of a piece of bacon, a ham, or pork loin just to make certain that there were other cuts of meat in a pig nowadays besides the tail.

This story has to do with more of those governmental regulations on buildings, too much speed in some cases and not enough in others. It seems, according to the way this Wanderer does it out, that Birmingham's appeal for permission to rebuild Springdale park club house, went to the right party but that there had to be a personal and written appeal to other departments, one being that dealing with recreation. The appeal and personal appearance was made, the records show, but they also show some department a bit slow in making a report on its findings. The report was favorable, but did not reach headquarters until

after the case had been up for decision, and permission for the building was denied. Now comes word through the underground that maybe the matter can be reopened and permission granted. Anyway the City engineering department has plans drafted for a really nice building; one that can be enlarged with the addition of the second of two planted units. The hundreds of users of the park hope the necessary building permission may come in time for the building to be erected this autumn.

"Guess the weather has been too warm for excitement," declared Chief of Police John H. Haddock, the other day when queried as to exciting news which his department might know all about. The police docket did show a lot of calls but they all seem to be of very minor importance. The big dog—continuing records of minor accidents and fires, some store doors left open at night; calls for police to escort messengers carrying goodly sums of money; church, funeral and other details. And, yes, there continues to be calls about dogs running at large in violation of the city ordinance; dogs destroying gardens and flowers; and, once in a while a report of some child being bitten by a dog. "The Wanderer is told by many local residents that they hope conditions continue to remain quiet."

The Birmingham party with this group said the news was hard to eat. Dr. W. H. B. was driving out beyond Sarnia, Ontario, the other day on business and stopped at a building site. The girl in the eating place brought the sad news the time was near 2 o'clock. "Sorry, but the only meat we have left is steak." And steak, of course, just would not please the Birmingham folks. None of them were in the habit of having a steak for lunch. The Wanderer lets them even urged haste in getting most steaks onto the table for the hungry party.

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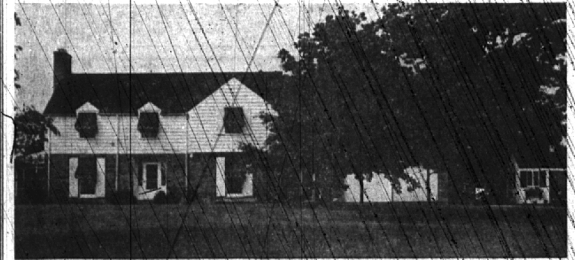
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