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The Birmingham Eccentric

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Bits of Birmingham

This Wanderer was walking through the grounds at Springdale Park the other day to casually inquire as to the large picnic party there when a lady's shoe whizzed past his head and banged against a nearby tree. Sure enough this Wanderer was soon off to one side and safely behind another tree, while he figured the situation out. It seems there was a Presbyterian church picnic on and the ladies were having their annual slipper kicking contest. And the tree in question—the one hit by the slipper—was really taking a beating. Slipper after slipper, slammed against the tree which was right in line with the kicking goal. No, this Wanderer did not stick around to learn the final winner of the contest.

Interest continues in that new developed, DDT, insecticide, which is being tested out in various localities, including Mackinac Island, and at Caro. The state department is staging a number of such demonstrations around the state and hopes the new insecticide should be used only against house-hold pests and not in gardens or orchards where it would destroy insects beneficial to crops.

There are not many half-year automobile license plates in use in Birmingham but owners of those and the other 317,495 users in the state are being warned by Guy T. Harman, deputy secretary of state, that their car licenses expire on Aug. 30. Up to this week there had not been a very big rush for new license plates but tomorrow is expected to bring to every license plate office a big rush of applicants. Michigan's total cars licensed this year is only about 32,000 short of the total licenses last year, according to Harman.

Members of the Lions, Exchange and Rotary clubs of Birmingham are making ready for their annual golf tournament and dinner at Glen Oaks club on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Sept. 12. The various foursomes have been

organized and notified of their time for the tee off. Prizes are to go to the winners. The dinner will follow tournament play at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. Several members of these clubs have been notified by this Wanderer trying out the sporty Glen Oaks course and now the Wanderer knows the reason why.

Five years ago a young college boy in Beirut, Lebanon, wrote a nice, friendly letter to a college girl from Birmingham, but somewhere, somehow, the letter became lost, strayed or forgotten and it did not reach Birmingham until last Friday. The letter, one of those college English foreign letters which so many youths write from one land to another as a part of their college work, was dated June 27, 1940, and sent by George Bakos, student in the American University of Beirut to Virginia Broehl, then a student at Normal, Illinois. It was written plainly but with many words spelled as if the word of a foreign student in an American school. Of course, the Wanderer is told, Miss Broehl had gone from school, taught school a while and then became the bride of James Brennan and now resides in Birmingham while her husband is serving in the Navy. The letter relates how the writer had secured Miss Broehl's name from a fellow student, Morris Berbari, of Basrah, in the state of Iraq. Mrs. Brennan says she has no recollection of ever having written to Beirut but that she might have because Getter writing to foreign students was a part of the regular task in English at college. But anyway, she says, five years is a long time to wait for an answer.

She (a Birmingham woman) was walking briskly along Woodward avenue the other day and came to an abrupt halt, then gazed into the display window... there, in many a place, was a goodly array of glistening suitcases and other types of trunks; such a display had been around much since shortly after Pearl Harbor. The woman was still standing there when we went on... just another proof that the war is over. Now all that

is required is to get cooking fat and some nice steaks to put in those glistening pans.

A local parent, no doubt of "the old school" dropped into this Wanderer's sanctum the other day and said: "Summer sure tans lots of our youngsters, as they spend their vacations out in the sunshine. But, honest, I don't believe that youth ever gets tanned training until the sun's ability to tan is aided by some gentle, though vigorous, device wielded—only when necessary—by the parent."

Many Birmingham and nearby Victory Gardeners are complaining about the lack of co-operation from Old Sol this summer—especially those who have been growing tomatoes. Unless the sun shine keeps on coming for the next two weeks, it appears that many garden vegetables will have to be nicked green. (Maybe Congress ought to be asked to do something about this lack of 1945 sunshine.)

With the summer vacations about over, and hundreds of our school children back in town, there'll be lots of bicycle riding on Birmingham's streets—all of which is an annual reminder to motorists (and the kids, too) to watch out for situations where accidents might occur.

Harry S. Starrs of Bloomfield Hills, reports that right now appears to be the annual "quiet spell" in that city. When asked about special activities in police court or the city offices he replied, "No, trunk, no peddlers, no reckless drivers, no law suits. We are just a quiet bunch of folks."

Harry Hellman was having a bit of difficulty over his bits of exciting information in Sunday's double header ball games in Cleveland. Maybe it might have been the strange case of the radio broadcast being both in Water Front park there, or perhaps he was worried over the fact that he lost two games Sunday. Anyway he declared a foul tip bounded off the "breast protector's" umph! and again declared "it's ball three, too high, inside and low."

Poncho Villa, the straw man at the entrance of the Indian Craft and Gift Shop, who was on vacation at Hubbard Lake for two weeks, returned to Birmingham Monday morning. First out did location had been occurred and that a new one had been arranged at 81 West Maple. Poncho, it is said, had quite some vacation, landing a two pound and three ounce black bass while doing a bit of trolling on Hubbard Lake. But friends say his days of vacationing are over and that some rain or come sunshining he will have to stand his watch outside the shop door for many, many months to come.

Who says that modern man is far from the pioneer days of his American ancestors who cleared forests, spanned rivers, fought Indians, and began this great and glorious country? Take the case of Dr. Edward B. Spalding, 555 West Maple, one of the nation's greatest dental authorities. He and Mrs. Spalding have a summer cottage at nearby Green Lake; he wanted to remove an 18-inch white oak, so did some cutting with a cross-cut saw, then fastened a long rope, plus block and tackle, to his car and began pulling... rope broke... so place ladder against particle cut tree near horizontal woodman into lake... rigged up supporting rope between two nearby trees, then up ladder and made rope fastened... then hitched

rope to car and down came tree, rope and all... "I improved the looks of the premises and got some potential firewood, too," laughed the doctor afterwards. (Now all he needs is another pioneer-minded friend to help him saw up the tree into usable firewood.)

Under a recent date a "Birmingham resident" writes: "I, being one of the many Birmingham residents who, like scores of others, object to the immigration of our dogs, have no objection to buying a license, even at double fee, as any good citizen would do. But I do resent the former-mentioned. Do you recall the articles that Dr. Newitt (a former Birmingham health officer) had in your paper shortly before he left here? Would it be possible to reprint it, if it could be found? (We'll try—Ed.) His statement was that immunization was slow paralysis for an animal. If you are able to find his writing I would appreciate the reprinting."

Those stout fyers you have observed over Birmingham recently are members of the Army Air Corps, either from Selfridge or Romulus Field, according to Milton Berr, owner of the new airport east of Birmingham. "In the case of our own instructors and fyers, we emphasize the fact that they should not try any stunts over Birmingham, of course; but we do take them up for sight-seeing purposes. Incidentally, operations at the new field are beyond expectations; we now have 80 students learning to fly and already a number of them have earned their solo licenses."

Butler Barber: "How is the razor, sir? Does it go easy?"
Man: "Well, that depends on the city or office he's in. If you're shaving, it goes hard, but if you're merely skinning me, it goes tolerably easy."

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