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The house was built in 1933, at a time when no one was building, and the best of everything was available for a fraction of its cost today. It's brick, rock insulated, has a Gar Wood hot water heating plant, and the site is an orchard

Bits of Birmingham



"It isn't often that we have such a worthwhile speaker from so far away to speak to our Rotary club," declared Rotary president, Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, at the close of Monday's club luncheon program. The speaker was Dr. Harry W. Richardson, dean of chapel at "Dunkles" Institute who had been spending three days in Birmingham. Dr. Richardson, a Negro educator and speaker, spoke at the annual Cranbrook Conference, Saturday, at the Fernalde Youth Conference, Sunday, and at Baldwin High School and the Rotary club, Monday. For the Rotarians he gave an interesting picture of

the life and work of the great Negro scientist and educator, Dr. George Washington Carver. A night—apparently older boys and girls—and were including in their activities the doubtful fun of letting the air out of automobile tires. A number of theater goers found their cars, entire rows of cars, with that tires. Late in the evening just wasn't a nice time to find this out. Police were called. In fact, they had been busy and had rounded up some of the trouble making lads. There was a hurried call for pressure tanks from the fire department, but some auto owners had to jump up their own tires. They said they wished they could have caught the boys or girls—responsible and could have made them do the handling of the hand pumps. Anyway they all agreed, and some told this Wanderer, that they thought this type of fun was some kind of "out" in Birmingham.

Retiring from a hunting trip near Houliout Lake, Aaron H. Webster and Carl Underhill reported that the ducks were very scarce, as are all other game birds this year. They saw one flight of ducks but came back with plenty of geese for their families. The secret of their success should be passed on to others so that disappointed hunters will be able to satisfy their appetites. Mr. Webster had a three-shot automatic and Mr. Underhill was carrying a double-barrel shotgun. When the lone flight came over, they both fired and went out to pick up their ducks. Only then did they discover that they had killed eight ducks with five shots. Nice work if you can do it!

Now here is something that is really not funny. It deals with the pre-Halloween pranks of Birmingham.



"What's Birmingham doing to save its home from 'the wars'?" asked Mrs. Nora Ead and Miss Betty Graves, upon their return from a recent auto trip through Ontario to Toronto. All the way through Canadian cities, large or small, the two Birmingham business women saw flags all awash and welcome signs placed everywhere. "I don't know if it's streets, on telephone and light poles, on buildings and most every place where they could be made to stay. 'We in Birmingham may be an enthusiastic and happy over the return of the services men and women, but we are not giving our good shooting and auto sports contrast with the luck reported by David Anderson, whose days are busy ones out at the office of Bloomfield Township on Telegraph road. Dave has a box of 25 shells for pheasant hunting, fired them all in a single day at as many pheasants and downed just one bird, Milton F. Mallow, who does law work in Detroit and serves as a member of the Birmingham city commission, has a bit of better luck. He used six shells and brought home five pheasants. "I don't know how I ever missed that first shot," he moaned in telling of the trip. From the lobby of the police department has filtered out word that H. George McKay, police department member whose earlier days found him doing his shooting at Charlevoix and also at Beaver Island, missed his first three shots the other day. "Then I remembered there was quite a difference between breaking Blue Rocks at the Skeet range and bringing down your pheasant or duck out in the wild country. I sure broke the remaining birds that took the air in front of me and filled my daily limit. But we hunted all day, whereas last year our party filled their bar limit in two hours. Hunting sure is off this year."

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"Purchases by the conservation department of recreational lands in southeastern Michigan now total 29,081 acres. An additional 1,224 acres have been acquired during the last month at the vicinity of Brighton, Highland, Island Lake, Ortonville, Pinckney, Pontiac Lake, Froid Lake, and Rochester. Eventually, according to plan, the state will acquire 100,000 acres stretching from Jackson in Oakland county to provide play space for three-fifths of the state's population. The sum of \$3,000,000 was voted by the 1944 legislature to finance purchases.

With over 2,000 sailors in New York Bay Navy Day last Saturday, Mrs. Charles J. Shan, 813 Erce street, was unable to attend the "Y" Herald Tribune's 14th annual Forum on Current Problems, because of an acute shortage of space. Mrs. Shan has attended the Forum every year for the past eight years and says she was very disappointed to be unable to attend this year.

Ross Mulholland, the morning radio announcer at radio station WJR, will have to change his daily announcement about being "your barfooted radio announcer" or he is just going to freeze those feet this winter, declared a Birmingham woman after listening to the announcer give his regular closing sign for his early forenoon broadcast. "That fellow sure knows it's too cold to go barfooted," the woman declared.

This Wanderer saw one pheasant that will not be so anxious in the future to fly over cars on the main highways. The big bird came up out of a weed field all intact and lighting in a stubble field across the way. But he had not a heavy wing. The bird's telephone lines and slammed right into the wires. Tossing back almost a dozen feet by the impact, Mr. Pheasant turned a double flip-flop and flew away back into the field from whence he came.

The near approach of the Christmas season has led to a number of other day when the Wanderer noticed great piles of freshly cut Christmas trees piled up along the highway up north in the Christmas tree country. These soon will be loaded on great trucks and hauled to numerous cities south, some coming to Birmingham to secure "home" houses during the holiday season.

Now that matter of hunting is again called to the attention of the Wanderer. This week's prize bit is furnished by a party of duck hunters who claim eight ducks with five shots. The Wanderer calls this rather good shooting and auto sports contrast with the luck reported by David Anderson, whose days are busy ones out at the office of Bloomfield Township on Telegraph road. Dave has a box of 25 shells for pheasant hunting, fired them all in a single day at as many pheasants and downed just one bird, Milton F. Mallow, who does law work in Detroit and serves as a member of the Birmingham city commission, has a bit of better luck. He used six shells and brought home five pheasants. "I don't know how I ever missed that first shot," he moaned in telling of the trip. From the lobby of the police department has filtered out word that H. George McKay, police department member whose earlier days found him doing his shooting at Charlevoix and also at Beaver Island, missed his first three shots the other day. "Then I remembered there was quite a difference between breaking Blue Rocks at the Skeet range and bringing down your pheasant or duck out in the wild country. I sure broke the remaining birds that took the air in front of me and filled my daily limit. But we hunted all day, whereas last year our party filled their bar limit in two hours. Hunting sure is off this year."

Mayor Wilmer E. Moody told fellow members of the city commission Monday night that he was leaving town today and would not be back until Nov. 19. "Why the 19th?" piped up Commissioner Milton F. Mallow. "Commissioner Ralph A. Main, member of the Lions club, answered before the mayor had time to explain. "He's coming back in time for that Lions club feather party on the night of November 19th. The mayor would not want to miss that."

Bill Terrell, former employee of The Birmingham Eccentric, writes that he has found another holiday for himself. It's going to be on the 23rd of each month. "I have just been thinking about my war experience," he writes.

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Birmingham servicemen who will be out on some broad, broad ocean on Christmas Day will receive a gift at a party aboard their ship, according to the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross. Word from local Red Cross workers today brought news that hundreds of Christmas packages were being shipped out by the camp and hospital committee, of which Miss Rosemary Thompson of Birmingham is the supervisor. The committee groups headed by Mrs. Alex Lunsford reports 200 packages prepared and shipped. The packages were financed by Birmingham's Christmas clubs and organizations. These high sea packages are being sent as a means of bringing a touch of Christmas to servicemen who otherwise would not have Christmas festivities, according to Miss Thompson.

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