

# The Birmingham Eccentric

Each of us has many sides, many phases of thought and action; most of us are, in the main, amiable folk—over though some end there we may have a tantrum. But the chap who spends a majority of his waking time in fantasizing on how to be one who makes the earth a better place on which to live.

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## Bits of Birmingham

David Anderson, who is busy every day out at the Bloomfield Township office on Telegraph road, says he has found plenty of good hunting and lots of shooting up in his favorite pheasant country. But his marksmanship has not been the best and, as a result, he has been unable to bring this Wanderer a brace of birds. "I really had a great day and my dog put at least 25 cock pheasants. I shot at every one but couldn't hit the side of a barn. I get just one pheasant."

"Didn't know those junior high boys could be so carefully trained," declared a football fan at the Barnum-Ferdale game at Piere field last Friday night. Yes, Barnum won 13 to 7 and the home boys flashed some beautiful play. There was precision and plenty of drive to their efforts and fans really did enjoy seeing how neatly they executed their plays. Some of the fans talked to the Wanderer and suggested maybe when schedules are made up for another year there could be more night games. "We really did enjoy that game Friday night," one fan declared with enthusiasm.

"As a general thing you can count on those Texas being fairly level headed," remarked the Rev. W. Glen Harris, a Texan by birth but a Michigander by adoption.

When he read, the following as having happened at Hobak, Texas, after a disastrous football game in that town. "Really I think this is what California would claim as 'Wusnat,'" continued the good Birmingham pastor. He read something like this: "Handling of the high school football team has become a controversial subject in Hobak. After the team lost its fifth game Saturday, the coach resigned; the home of the school superintendent was plastered with rotten eggs; 19 members of the football team turned in their books; in the ensuing scuffle the superintendent received a bad head cut; a mass meeting of parents did nothing to solve the problem; the superintendent and principal resigned; and then to top it off members of the school board resigned. Now the problem is in the lap of County Superintendent Levere M. Tunnell. Mr. Harris said Texas did have the Texas Rangers, if their services should be needed."

It's nice, now and then to get one of those "thank you" letters. Two often communications are in the "kids" variety. But today there came to the desk of the Wanderer a "thank you" for the boys and girls attending the recent Teen Center at the Community House. The occasion for the note was the splendid conduct of the boys and girls. "It's improved 100 per cent over the last year," said the Wanderer. J. J., whose letter appears in the People's Column on page 2 of this section of the Eccentric.

A lot of Birmingham hunters have complained the past week of a shortage of game birds, both pheasants and partridges. They say that out in the sections of the state where hunting allowed there are very few birds. But this Wanderer thinks maybe the birds have given up country work and moved to town. Anyway he saw several pheasants over in the Poppleton garden area and Monday forenoon saw a hen pheasant wandering around down on Furdy street.

Birmingham's school athletic coaches held a lot of attention Saturday afternoon when they attended the Hazel Park-Ferdale game at Hazel Park. Coaches Homer Cooper, Lutes, Brotzman and Faculty Manager Hubbard, dressed in identical sports jackets, were in the stands to see Ferdale win 8 to 0. The game was a special event for Coach E. Grbe who is completing

20 years of coaching at Hazel Park. He will retire at the close of the season to take up other school work. The cameraman noticed the Birmingham coach and caught a few candid shots.

One Birmingham businessman, questioned about his fall sports season hobbies, declared "I think the fall season would be a grand time to be a dog. All you would have to do would be to go hunting."

When Mayor Wilmer E. Monday sets his mind on doing a thing, well, here's an illustration: Wednesday evening of last week, about ten o'clock, this Wanderer got him on North Woodward avenue and exchanged greetings. "How's everything?" asked the Mayor. "Well, Bill, you know that drinkin' bout this night off the Kreage store that I've often referred to as being drinkless? Well, it's not working right now. I guess we'll name it 'Sakara.' Here's tomorrow's Eccentric, with a paragraph about said fountain." His stammered his foot: "I'll do something about this night off the Kreage store that I've often referred to as being drinkless. Well, it's not working right now. I guess we'll name it 'Sakara.' Here's tomorrow's Eccentric, with a paragraph about said fountain." His stammered his foot: "I'll do something about this night off the Kreage store that I've often referred to as being drinkless. Well, it's not working right now. I guess we'll name it 'Sakara.' Here's tomorrow's Eccentric, with a paragraph about said fountain."

Late Sunday afternoon as this Wanderer was driving homeward from Springfield, Ohio, he met a long string of walkers. Inquiry revealed that the National A.A.U. 40 kilometer championship was being walked off. Yes, and the three lead men were Detroiters. This Wanderer noticed Bill Mikala, great walker from this region, was in the lead; George Weiland was not far behind and in third place was Walter Fleming. The three finally finished in this order.

Monday night's meeting of the city commission was a rather brief one when compared with the many sessions held the past few months which ran the closing hour well on toward midnight. Monday night the bills and claims were quickly disposed of; a hearing on the proposal to change depth regulations on garages at private homes given a quick OK and Albert Arnold heard on a request for street improvements on Edenhorough and Buckingham streets. This last request was approved in quick time and the meeting was over before 9 o'clock.

No sooner said than done, is the motto of the painters and decorators that brightened up Labelle's with a new finish last week. It was certainly a speedy delivery of a complete new appearance and included a new floor of asphalt tile besides.

In printing a story last week's Eccentric about the placing of books alongside the Birmingham Memorial Book in the Baldwin Public Library, we inadvertently left out the name of the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Associa-

## Red Cross Sends Out Boxes To Men Sailing At Sea

Though Christmas is some weeks away, members of the Gann and Hospital Committee of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, have been doing extensive Christmas shopping for men in the Armed Forces. This week 100 gifts for servicemen on the high seas will be shipped to the West Coast in order that men spending Christmas day in transit will have at least one Christmas present. Boxes which are being packed by the committee contain writing portfolios, special city pencils, hard candy, pocket novels, playing cards and soap. Aesthetically wrapped, each serviceman receiving a gift will know that friends at home are thinking of him and wishing him a happy Christmas.

Five hundred packages are also being assembled for men who are remaining overseas. Each package of this sort will contain a single suitable gift. Funds for these gifts are being raised by the organizations and individuals of the community who wish to use the Camp and Hospital committee as a channel for service.

Miss R. M. Thompson, Bloomfield Hills, is chairman of the committee responsible for the gifts and she is assisted by Mrs. Maynard C. Matlock, Birmingham, and Mrs. J. W. Patterser and Elaine Appel are wrapping the gifts.

This Wanderer thought he was in some upper Michigan tourist resort town the other day when he scanned a line of cars parked on Woodward avenue and saw licenses from South Dakota, Florida, South Carolina, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. Auto traffic is picking up noticeably.

Birmingham's and Bloomfield Hills' part of the Community War Chest campaign is going along nicely, with the full quota expected to be raised, the Wanderer was told Tuesday afternoon. The word came through that Detroit was having a much more difficult time and likely would not reach its quota by the end of the week. Young C. Smith heads the Birmingham committee while Sanders heads the Bloomfield Hills group. Herbert H. Gardner, great job in organizing and directing their committees. They hope to have a report by late next week and the meeting was over before early reports say gifts are as large or larger than those received last year.

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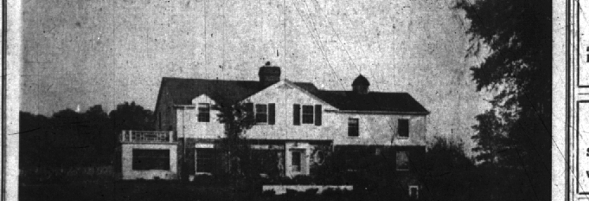
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Three bedrooms were planned for the family—one of them a dressing room, sleeping room and bath owner's suite. Two bedrooms, bath and kitchenette comprise an apartment for the servants.

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