

# The Human Eccentric

PART TWO

Though slow and motion may fall in autumn takes its annual floral toll, each of us can retain in memory, the loveliness of the words and pictures that we attend during the summer. We got these laborers... as we get an inner sense of the bond of love that exists between mankind and Nature.

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Those who prefer quiet English charm will appreciate this new offering. The "four bedroom" family will like the unusual room arrangement and the two nicely tiled baths (there's a third roughed in). The secluded library and finished recreation room, too, are *different!* in this Quorton School residence.

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## Bits of Birmingham

**Approach of hunting season** brings a reminder to Birmingham hunters that automatic, semi-automatic, or auto-loading guns larger than 22 calibre may be used legally only if capacities of magazines and chambers combined are reduced to six shells or cartridges. Plugs must be fitted in a manner that will prevent removal from loading ends. Expanding bullets are not banned; tracer or exploding bullets are. Michigan's new firearms law, effective Sept. 6, does not affect slide, bolt or lever action firearms, even though capable of holding more than six shots.

Certain that war's end will bring greatly increased hunting pressure in this area, the conservation department hopes that Williamson Plan hunting clubs will aid in handling trespass problems. Under the Williamson Plan, members of cooperating clubs allow limited numbers of hunters on their lands, the hunters pledging themselves to protect farm property. Last season 64 clubs in 18 counties counted for the plan. Lasted hunting on 224,113 acres of farm land owned or managed by club members.

Practically all of the war-time "35 miles per hour" speed signs along the highways around Birmingham have either been removed altogether or have been changed to read "45 miles per hour," according to a professional man who has driven most of the main roads during the past couple of weeks. Some cities have changed their signs, especially on their more through, fast traffic streets. But in most cities, the Wanderer is told, the traffic violation fine remains at or near the "\$1 per mile."

Ferry A. Vaughan, over at the Birmingham office on Telegraph road, says there is a constant and visible evidence of trapper use of gasoline for automobiles and trucks. "Traffic on Telegraph road is just one mad scramble," he said. "Cars and trucks go up and down the road in a constant, mad stream. Hardly give a fellow time to get across the street any more."

A lady's voice heard over our telephone the other day asked: "Is there anything can be done to quiet these firecrackers? They all night music-treat is not much appreciated by my family or neighbors. Would it be possible to have a worse nuisance than the 'startings' that are being complained about on East Maple avenue? And we had to tell the lady we just did not know of a single thing that could be done about the noisy tree loads."

With the hope that many more Birmingham servicemen will be home to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners this year, Wanderer surveyed the turkey situation the other day and was pleased to find a bright future forecast. It is estimated that Michigan's turkey production this year will establish a record. There will be a 35 per cent increase in birds marketed this year over last year, a 78 per cent jump over the 1937-1941 average.

A Birmingham woman, who asked that her name not be used, reported having seen last week in an Ohio city the site of Birmingham, a beautiful public outdoor swimming pool, where special attention was paid to children and young people. She suggested such an improvement for Birmingham, along with additions to be made on one to other playground facilities. "Certainly Birmingham is a rich enough city to erect and maintain such a pool," she said. Springdale park, or Smith-Poppleton park, would be a possible site. This Wanderer explained that the city already owned plenty of land where such a pool could be placed and also lands for additional playgrounds, and that per-

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legislation. Word comes that the House Interstate Commerce Committee is drafting legislation to return the country to standard time Sept. 30.

This Wanderer is happy to announce that some of Birmingham's golfing fraternity helped swell the Plum Hollow Golf club's Big cross-tournament, treasury last summer and that as a result the club now has \$7,000 with which to buy equipment for war veterans at Plum Jones Hospital, Battle Creek. President David H. Griffith, of Percy Hollow, announces that Al Watrous, Frank Sprouff and Sam Byrd will be the buyers.

T. C. MacDonald, member at Oakland Hills, made the Lochmoor invitational golf tournament the past week end, the occasion for his first hole in one, his long golfing career. He holed his three iron shot for an ace on the 17-18-19-20 hole Saturday. Later on in the day Jack Rossaced the same hole with his five iron. MacDonald was playing with Frank Walmesley in the fourth flight while Ross was playing with Richard Whiting.

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One of the largest groups of Birmingham dinner club members to get into a golf game in some years did yesterday afternoon at the Oaks Golf Club in the annual inter-club match. Following the fun there was a dinner and program at 6 o'clock in the club dining room. The Wanderer just would not want to vouch for the accuracy of the scores, however, for the rivalry was very keen.

Verz Brown, Detroit Times writer, whose reports on the shifting scenes of Metropolitan Detroit's life and numerous news items have been read by many thousands, now has taken on a new role—that of a columnist. Her

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