

War is, of course, a non-scientific method of settling international disputes, from now it may be too much to expect mankind to become Utopian within the next generation—though the losses, human and property, acquired during war suggest that never, never again will we engage in another such catastrophe!

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are now being built in Sheffield Estates, near Stores, Transportation, new school site and City Park.

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There is nothing stilted about the interiors—their warm informality is bound to appeal. The living room—14' x 23'—with natural fireplace, the dining room and breakfast room all have broad windows overlooking the rolling countryside. Three bedrooms—two of which will accommodate full twin bed suites of furniture—are airy and bright and the two baths are scrumptious.

All exposed basement walls are in glassed block and the recreation room and laundry are as bright as daylight can make them. The garage is connected to the residence by a breezeway above which has been built a sun deck.

Air conditioned heat—complete insulation, storm sash, and an attic fan are definite assurance of warm winters and cool summers.

The grounds comprise approximately 3 1/2 acres including a private spring fed pond. Taxes and maintenance costs are unbelievably low. New carpeting, drapery, pool table and electric range are included in the purchase price.

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Bits of Birmingham

A most remarkable feat that most small children accomplish in Birmingham sooner or later is the art of shinning up over the edge of the several concrete fountains in the business district and getting a drink of water without a boost from mamma or daddy. They rarely pass up a chance to show their prowess either.

There was a lot of shouting between Royal Oak and Birmingham pistol packers last week, but of course it was all friendly. This Wanderer has been told the Birmingham team was a wee bit firmer and as a result they missed a lot of targets. Royal Oak club won in the pistol match at the Municipal range by a score of 1,008 to 996. One can figure out that the Royal Oak boys were just a bit more steady than the Birmingham outfit, but not so very much more so, at that. Lawrence Smith of Birmingham was high point shooter with 268 points. He topped the time fire tests with a 91.

Although Birmingham public schools do not operate school buses, leaving that task to the regular bus lines, there is a lot of interest here in the announcement that the wartime ban on the use of school buses for athletic purposes has been revoked by the Office of Defense Transportation. Transportation of resident pupils for educational programs at county or community fairs and to health clinics may be furnished by a school district board. This is interpreted to include use of buses for athletic purposes and for educational purposes.

This Wanderer heard there was a food shortage up north but here in Birmingham it's the cars that have been coming back into service. Cars, both large and small, that had been seen on the streets (anyway not very often, are now back out adding to the constantly increasing line of travel on the highways. Big 16-cylinder Cadillacs and little four cylinder old timers were out getting gas again. Garage and service station workers report a very noticeable increase in cars now being used.

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Grew's Successor:
Deem Acheson, above, is successor to Joseph C. Grew as Under Secretary of State, second highest post in the State Department. Grew resigned after 41 years of service, during which he was Ambassador to Japan.

State Fire Chief Says Property Loss Higher Last Year
In its recent report to the Birmingham Fire Department, the Michigan State Police fire bureau tells of fire losses during the past year of 19 million dollars, a four million dollar increase over 1944. The year brought a total loss of \$100 million during 1945, with four firemen killed. There were 12,429 fires in homes and 284 houses trailer fires during the year. A total of 13,631 grass fires were listed.

Some Birmingham youth who assisted with the milkweed pod harvest last fall were told that the milkweed pod-floss collection program will not be an activity of youth groups, including schools and 4-H clubs, in Michigan this year. The Michigan State Police, notified by August F. Miller, of the War Hemp Industries, Inc., Pontiac, Mich., that no commercial agencies will process the pods this year. Demand for the pods for use in life jackets and other war equipment has ended with the coming of peace. Youth groups in Michigan harvested more than a half-million bags of pods last year. This means the ending of a lot of fun for Birmingham youth and also the end of a lot of back-breaking work.

Food shoppers finished Saturday forenoon as a heavily loaded garbage truck rolled slowly along West Maple while they were waiting in the long lines.
This young man will have to have some new shoes to start school with Wednesday said many a mother to many clerks about many young men in many Birmingham stores the past few days. They also took care of the little ladies and gentlemen, but that's a simpler task. Mothers aren't so fussy about durability of the fabrics in little girls' clothes because they won't be wearing put knees scuffing on the sidewalks or rubbing out seats of trousers sliding down roofs and terraces. Anyway that's the way we used to live.

It wasn't a regular golfing event but the merry cote was the finest galleries of the season when the three Ritz Brothers, Harry and Jimmy, played at Knollwood Country Club last Sunday. The famous crotchet trio were wisecracking and ad-libbing all through the match and the gallery was in stitches most of the time. They played good golf, too.

We never saw so many willful violations of the traffic code as noted Monday evening—Labor Day. It looked to those farther back in traffic line as though a lot of people were running right through the red lights. Some seemed to want to brag that they had not only run one red light but two or three and all the same evening. But once up to the light this Wanderer noticed that officers were in charge. They were not waiting for the lights to change but rather were speeding up the traffic by running cars through the red lights whenever traffic was light from the other direction. It was fun to just run one red light and not be fearful of arrest. But, don't try it just any old time; not in Birmingham, for the local police say not every day is Labor Day, no matter how they may seem.

Set. William Green, of the Birmingham police force, says folks were as careful as could be with their Labor Day week end driving in town. "We had a few speeders but no reckless drivers, no drunk drivers and, no accidents. There might have been a bumped fender or two but nothing of record. Either people were really driving carefully or they were all out of town for that time."
Birmingham police are continuing their campaign to check speed.

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