

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

Perhaps too much of the affairs of mankind are dominated by people who depend upon an academic approach to the solution of problems; during the past 14 years, plenty of professors and teachers have dominated government—with very little beneficial value to the practical solution of many problems.

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The Wanderer wants to thank the many persons who called in to offer a used gas stove for the veteran and his family. The calls that came in Thursday and Friday would have permitted many veterans in distressed situations to acquire a stove. The need of the particular veteran we mentioned was taken care of and those other persons who called in have been put on a reference list to aid in similar cases that may arise. Thanks again, everybody.

Commissioner Ralph Main happened to pull into a gas station at the 500 one day last week while in the Upper Peninsula on business and who should also drive in for a tankful of gas but Art Winger, a former advertising manager of The Eccentric, in Hastings, Mich. He was bringing back a carload of youngsters who had spent a week or so in Canada as guests of one of Hastings' service organizations.

That driver for the dry cleaners dropped by to tell the Wanderer that since his comment appeared in this column several weeks ago, the Birmingham housewives have responded very well by having garments ready by the side door when the drivers call. "It's helped out considerably," the driver told us. "A number of women said they hadn't thought about the wait the driver had, and were only too glad to cooperate now that it had been pointed out to them."

Along the grapevine comes word that about 16 couples of the older folks really enjoyed the four sets of square dancing at the street dancing program at the high school. The jitterbug set, the Wanderer hears, just stood by and seemed to wonder what it was all about.

Been out to look at the bottom of Quanton Lake lately? The Wanderer did the other day, and it

You can begin looking around various tourist agencies, C of Cs, hotels, etc., for the 1946 Michigan State Highway Department road map. The Department has announced that they are being distributed now. The Wanderer would like to look at one to see what changes have been made in the State since 1941, when according to our information, the Department suspended publication of the maps because of the war.

Birmingham bird and deer hunters should have little trouble getting their quota of pheasants and deer this fall, according to information from Johnson, Michigan State Conservation officer for Southern Oakland County, told the Wanderer the other day. Johnson said that the broods of pheasant chicks are larger this year than in the past several seasons. It's not uncommon now to see nine of them in one nest, while the ordinary number is around seven. From what other conservation officers from northern counties have told Johnson, one can drive along various state highways and count many deer eating in open fields, thus indicating a good deer hunting season.

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appeared to him like a little valley with high grass growing in wild abandon. Yep, the weeds have sprouted from the lake bed and turned all but the highest banks into a greenery.

Tin can manufacturers have their fingers crossed that they will enter the "home stretch" of Michigan's perishable fruit and farm produce seasons without any loss to the farmers, the Wanderer learns. Once this problem is licked, the other users of metal cans may be able to put their products into this type container.

Something the Wanderer hadn't seen on the police blotter in a long time was noticed this week. A tire and wheel which someone had lost along Hunter boulevard were brought into the station. Ordinarily, police have been receiving reports of stolen automobile accessories, and this week was no exception. J. H. Bailey, 421 Wimbleson drive, reports the theft of two fender skirts and two hub caps.

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Reo and Graham-Paige. For the six years previous to the war, he was connected with Nash-Kelvinator advertising. He is one of the past presidents of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian church, and was active in the church bowling league. His plans, he says, include a pretty good vacation, then he intends to stay in the East on automobile dealer accounting and tax work.

Newest weapon to combat truck hi-jackers is the installation of two-way radio in the caps of trucks, the Wanderer learns. Within 90 days, it is claimed, the American Trucking Association will be operating this new system which will enable the State police to know if hi-jackers have stopped a truck, and to locate the scene of the hi-jacking within a few miles after the truck driver doesn't make his scheduled report via radio. If this radio system is installed in most of the big trucks on the road today, it ought to save many dollars in perishable items that might otherwise be lost in case of major mechanical breakdowns along the road.

"Now that Detroit has figured out a couple of new east-west expressways through the city, maybe they'll attack the problem of adding a few more good north-south one-way streets for us suburban folks who get married up on our way in and back from work each day," a local citizen lamented to the Wanderer Monday.

Birmingham's Chamber of Commerce, if the city had one, would not be encouraged by this fact: there is grass and weeds growing in the downtown business area. Although there is not too much of it, a few sparse clumps can be noticed. Especially along those curbs which have a step up to the sidewalk. The Wanderer would pose this question: can Birmingham truthfully say that no grass grows under its feet? (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

Bloomfield Village



Bradway Boulevard
FARMHOUSE STYLE, the appearance of this home, perched on a high knoll, is interesting. Mature foliage, as you can see, adds just the proper note to make it picturesque.

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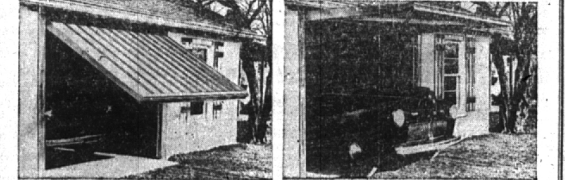
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