

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

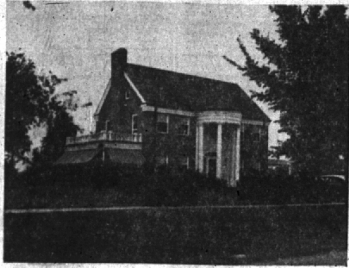
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Nature, inexorable in her intention that form and fauna shall continue to grace the earth's surface, mixes what appears to be good and bad in her handiwork. Her huge good and bad people, edible fruits and vegetables, with weeds that seek to choke them out, insects to destroy the crops. Man's triumph demands work.

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Bits of Birmingham

Those new parking meters have received a great deal of inspection since they were installed last Thursday afternoon, the Wanderer has noticed. Even though some of them had been up only an hour, motorists were putting pennies and nickels in the meters to pay for their parking. Some of the meters, however, were made to register up to the hour limit by pedestrians who spent a few pennies to see how the things worked. The three-man crew put up the 240 meters in about four hours Thursday afternoon.

Although the usual facilities of the Community House have been suspended during the month of August for the annual renovation, the employment office in the house remains open at the usual hours, Mrs. Carol Plumstead asked the Wanderer to remind Birmingham.

There are still a lot of women who cling to the idea that food cannot be kept in tin cans once the cans are opened. The Wanderer has come across this reminder from the U. S. Department of Agriculture: "It is just as safe to keep canned food in the can it comes in—if the can is cool and covered—as it is to empty the food into another container. . . . A few acid foods may dissolve a little iron from the can, but this is not harmful. . . . The principal precautions in keeping all foods are: 'Keep them cool and keep them covered.'"

Passerby often comment on the well-kept yards of many Birmingham homes, only to continue on their way to find themselves swatted in the face by branches of shrubs and trees which overhang

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the front sidewalk. Seems to the Wanderer that the homeowner's side of the yard should extend to the sidewalk and the trimming of trees and hedges to keep them from becoming a public nuisance. The Wanderer has heard of several women who are frightened concerning their homes after dark, they blush against branches and shrubs that project over the sidewalk, not remembering just where the obstructions were.

Lloyd L. Lake is back from the National Jewelry Fair held in Chicago July 29-Aug. 1. He tells the Wanderer that the display was the largest of its kind he had ever seen. He also advises that platinum jewelry should soon become plentiful in stores again.

Birmingham's Army recruiting team of Sgt. Al Sundell and Cpl. Royal McCormick informs the Wanderer that their recruiting headquarters has been moved from the Community House to the Birmingham post office. They'll be on hand every Friday from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. to take enlistments or give information. Incidentally, they said that WAC re-enlistments for the European Theater have been reopened provided the enlistee agrees to remain overseas for a minimum of one year.

In a new frozen food store to be opened in Birmingham, the housewives will be able to purchase all sorts of freshly frozen foods from venison and lobsters to Washington strawberries, pie and cookies, the Wanderer has been told by one of the partners in the enterprise. Even complete frozen dinners that only require thawing and heating are expected to be a feature.

"Ever stop to notice the number of persons who fail to keep the sidewalk in front of their house swept clean?" a local citizen recently asked the Wanderer. "I

know of several places I pass on my way to work that have accumulated a fine layer of dirt over the sidewalk. I know it hasn't been swept off since the snow melted so I could see it there. Certainly shows untidy 'housekeeping.'"

"Shopping for items to outfit a new home, today means combing a vast area," a recently married veteran told the Wanderer this week. "But there's one consolation about shopping for living room, dining room and bedroom outfits—if you get tired in the search, you can always sit down in a chair with the apparent idea of taking it far comfort and get a few minutes rest in each one."

Birmingham's 13 quonset huts will come from Port Huenuene, Calif., where they had been stored until the end of hostilities made them no longer needed, according to B. C. Lawrence, regional director of the FPHA in Cleveland. The Kuhn-Simpson Construction Association of Detroit was awarded the contract for their erection and conversion in Birmingham.

The Wanderer got a postal card announcement that a Michigan judge will go to Los Angeles this month to speak on the subject, "Michigan's Contribution to California." Just west till the California Chamber of Commerce hears about this!

Spurred by a call that boys with BB guns were shooting out street lights at various intersections in southwest Birmingham, police made a check one night last week and found lights out at Chester and Frank, Hanna and Watkins, Frank and Watkins, and Chester and Hanna and Stanley and Frank streets.

Bob Savage, newly elected president of the city's Veterans Organization, forgot that he was

talking to a group of discharged servicemen at their meeting Friday night. He asked for a volunteer to assist one of the committee chairmen. When he received no response, he smiled and remarked, "That's right—you don't get anywhere asking an ex-serviceman to volunteer. Must be something that he learned in the service."

All former Marines and their families living in the Birmingham area are invited to attend a picnic at lower Straights Lake Sunday, Aug. 18. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Lloyd Pascoe Detachment—Marine Corps League, Royal Oak.

From along the grapevine comes the word that 1947 victory gardeners can count on as much of Poppleton Park for their gardens as has not been allocated to quonset huts. The report is that the Wanderer also stated that no more quonset huts were contemplated for Birmingham. But the city's position in the matter of victory gardens on city property has been and still remains the Wanderer has been told, that any gardener puts in such an effort on his own risk. It is to be remembered that the city has plans for developing certain city parks into recreational areas—if and when they get the funds to accomplish it.

Total membership for the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association has been boosted to 78 with the addition of three new members during July. Clarence Viet, executive secretary, informs the Wanderer, the new members were Birmingham Paint, Glass & Mirror Co., Jess McNeil company, and Spencer's grocery.

Just out of idle curiosity, the Wanderer spent 20 minutes late Monday morning checking the city's 237 parking meters to see if he could spot any violations. He did—13 of them, with the little red flag in plain sight. There were two on the east side of Woodward between Hamilton and (Continued on Page 6, Part 2)

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