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A SHORT five minutes' drive from Birmingham will reach this white Colonial behind its white picket fence. With 2 acres of land it offers all the things one goes to the country to find—and most of the development has been done.

The house is typically Colonial, and exceptionally well built. The Living Room is 18 x 23, with a large open fireplace at one end; the dining room is amply large for entertaining and the kitchen is brand new from wall to wall, with lots of cupboards and linoleum topped counters. The four bedrooms upstairs are average in size and there's a sleeping porch besides. A small basement room has been finished with asphalt tile as a playroom and the entire basement sparkles.

The heating plant is new—a modern boiler and stoker—and the cost is less than \$140. Taxes are only \$60 annually.

There's a four car garage and a small metal-roofed barn for the dogs or poultry you'll want to keep. A regulation size tennis court will keep the children busy and rose and perennial gardens will interest the gardener in the family. 80 fruit trees, of all varieties, and a large vegetable garden will keep the larger filled.

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Bits of Birmingham

Not all winners live in Detroit for the other day Ginny Hood, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Hood, 975 Fairfax, and a student in the 10th grade at Baldwin High School, seemed to know her America, and as a result will receive a \$50 Victory bond. The phone rang a few mornings ago at the Hood home and Ginny answered. The speaker, on the "Know Your America" program from WJR asked the usual questions about the correct family name, phone number and address and then put the prize question, "What president of the United States has been president of Princeton university?" Ginny had the answer right on the tip of her tongue and her answer of "Woodrow Wilson," brought her the \$50 Victory Bond.

Not so many months ago someone suggested that Birmingham have a Historical Commission to secure historical data of the city and preserve it either in Baldwin Library or in the Municipal Building. Detroit caught the fever, although this far little action has been notified locally. Last week Mayor Jeffery named the first Detroit Historical Commission with Donald S. Kiskadden, Highland Park, as chairman. Why not get such a commission at work in Birmingham?

It has been several days since a report of a stolen bicycle has appeared on the police docket but David Boyce, 492 West Frank has reported his bicycle stolen from the rear of the Olson market at Woodward avenue. The bicycle is a white and red Roadmaster bore a city of Birmingham license for 1945. Anyone seeing this bicycle would please David by reporting the fact to him.

Although no Birmingham man was listed the election of officers of the Oakland County Council of Veterans, held last Thursday night, is of interest to all war veterans and their families. The Council favored a plan to assist

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returning veterans of World War II in finding jobs. Named to office were: Whitney Smart, American Legion post, Pleasant Ridge, as commander; William E. Ward, Detroit-based American Veterans post, Royal Oak, senior vice commander; Roger Buell, Veterans Foreigners, 4236 post, Pontiac, junior vice commander; Halie E. Upleyke, V. F. W. post No. 1498, Pontiac, treasurer; Edward Finn, V. F. W. post No. 1407, Ferndale, chaplain; and M. E. Spitz, D. A. V. post No. 16, Pontiac, adjutant. Birmingham posts of the Legion and V. F. W. are active in this county-wide organization.

The Ferndale high school gymnasium where on Friday evening Michigan High School won a close basketball game from Ferndale, was the scene of another hot scrap Saturday night. The U. of D. team played Toledo University there, winning 40 to 34 before a crowd of 2,500. This was the first defeat the visitors have suffered this year, winning six games in a row. Local fans who witnessed the battle declare it was a hot scrap all the way, with the victors taking the lead in the third period with a five point drive. This was the fourth victory in five games for U. of D.

Birmingham residents who feed birds in winter probably benefit equally with the birds themselves, for Michigan's winter-birding birds are fully capable of looking out for themselves. However, when ice-storms cover even the weed seeds that form a substantial part of their diet, bird-lovers, however, get intimately acquainted with the species that winter in Michigan. They place their feed outdoors, preferably grains, suet, bread crumbs, and meat scraps. Best feeding places are covered to keep snow away from the food.

Five mapping crews are taking advantage of winter conditions to secure depth soundings and bottom soil samples on inland lakes of the state. One crew from the conservation department's institute for fisheries research at Ann Arbor is working in Oakland County. Surface ice furnishes platforms above lake bottoms that allow better study of sub-surface conditions and summer crews later complete survey work. The war for the aerial abandonment of a lake mapping program that has been under way for more than a decade.

This matter of butter has this Wanderer's bit worried. Last year he lacked the means to keep the larger stocked with butter. Now when so pointed as necessary he cannot find the butter. And the big butter and egg men in Washington, D.C., declare there will be a lean supply of butter for January, February and March. Probably 40 million pounds less than was available during the last three months of 1945. They hold out hope, however, that there will be more butter in the spring.

Houses are hard to find in Birmingham and most other cities and apparently it worries some folks to see any home being damaged or destroyed. Mrs. Harold R. Bresler, 748 Davis street, has reported to police that children have been destroying a home in the 700 block on Bird street. Police were sent to handle the case and warn the children to end their destruction.

The past week end brought an epidemic of glass breaking, both of the streets and at Quarters lake. West Maple street had several spots Monday morning with evidence of bottles or cans being broken. Mrs. Lawrence H. Penney at 660 Lakeside, reported to police

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