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WE'VE JUST LISTED one of the most charming old remodelled farmhouses in this or any other community. The location is ideal—only 3 miles from Cranbrook, in the nicest part of Bloomfield—and the surroundings are what you want—rolling hills, orchards and lots of natural wildwood and seclusion. There are more than 100 evergreens on the 5 acre parcel, most of them selected nursery stock.

THE HOUSE overlooks the road and has been extensively and expertly remodelled to provide every modern feature. All the floors are of wide-plank or select oak, random width, pegged and screwed; the walls have been completely stripped of the old plaster, insulated and re-plastered; the kitchen is a housewife's dream—the whole structure has been rebuilt from the outside boards in. Mechanically and structurally it is as new as tomorrow, yet the charm of age has been retained to best advantage.

THE ROOM LAY-OUT is planned for any size family. The owners occupy a first floor suite of large bedroom, dressing room lined with built-in wardrobes and closets, and private bath. The servant's room and bath, too, is on the first floor and can be used as a family bedroom if desirable. The 2 bedrooms and bath upstairs are large and roomy and may be used only when needed.

FOR THOSE who ride, and who want to keep the oat crutchers with them, there's a fine stable with six grand box stalls and a pine paneled tack room for the after-dinner conversation. There's room there, too, for dogs and chickens. Here is everything—close-in enough for year 'round use. You'll have to hurry on this one!

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Bits of Birmingham

Beginning in this issue, GRA, in his "This & That" column on page one, is telling about his recent trip from New Orleans to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, on a 32-ft. Chris-craft boat. Of the 780 miles of waterways traversed, about half of it was either in the Gulf of Mexico or lakes, bays, and sounds large enough to kick up quite a fuss. "The so-called Intra-Coastal waterway route isn't what it may appear on a map," says GRA.

Spring, with its thawing, is going to reveal plenty of Birmingham gravel and oil-top streets in all their ratty ruggedness. "There certainly appears to be a wide open invitation for Birmingham officials to bring forth a practical plan to make our streets better, admitting that much of the plan includes direct cost against abutting property owners. After all, the individual cost per lot is comparatively small," said one citizen to this Wanderer yesterday.

A second robin was sighted in Birmingham this week, and it was reported by Mrs. Carl DeNocker of 716 W. Lincoln. He was seen taking advantage of the soft ground by diligently searching out worms in the DeNocker front lawn. Watching him work, and no doubt

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waiting for any "left-overs" were several nervous sparrows.

Riding downtown on the bus the other day this Wanderer noticed a lot of signs, both inside the bus and along the road, which had served their purpose and seemingly might well have been removed some time ago. One told of using one's ration points properly in purchasing meat and another related to the Victory Loan campaign, now some past.

Herb Moore, 235 Poppleton, who works for Les Slusser at the Birmingham Hardware, came close to getting tapped on the head early last Friday evening. . . and by his boss, too. Here's how it nearly happened: local police, every night, try the front and back doors of all stores here, now and then finding one unlocked. When they found the front door of the hardware store unlocked, they called Mr. Slusser, who immediately went to remedy the situation. When Mr. Slusser got there he found the door locked, but went in, anyway, as he entered the darkened store he saw the upper outline of a man descending into the basement; thinking it might be a stranger, Mr. Slusser got himself a nice big club and was about to plant himself strategically in the basement, when he saw the man descend. He recognized the man as Herb Moore, who wondered whether or not he had locked the door, so came up to see just before his boss arrived. Forgetfulness can, believe both Messrs. Moore and Slusser, be the forerunner of various accidents . . . even between friends.

It is in the spring, or during the wet or rainy season, that people can find out how much insulation there is on sidewalks. The warm spell of last week and yesterday many sections of Birmingham sidewalks that were navigable only in boots or rowboats; another revelation of the wet season is that one may discover in his yard those areas that are low.

Driving about these days on synthetic tires over icy streets has convinced many drivers that such tires do not have the tread grip on road surfaces that the old rubber ones did. At least that is the conviction of Dr. George P. Raynal, whose daily driving takes him over all types of roads.

Those noisy but necessary paving and sidewalk smashing air hammers moved up into the block from Maple to Willis, on Woodward avenue, Monday as workmen continued to replace the old gas mains with modern, new equipment. Next in line will be the east side of Woodward in the improvement area. Most comment heard by this Wanderer has been that the crew seemed to be doing a good job and using extra precaution to protect the public from accident in the area.

Workmen recently moved the sign from the building at 119-121 South Woodward occupied for some years by the Mary-Thornton Antique store, to the new location in the new McBride building on Pierce street. The stock of antiques, one of the large ones in this area, has been completely moved into the new building. The Woodward avenue building is to be occupied by Grinnell Bros., whose sign has appeared in the windows. This change, it is said, marks the beginning of a series of changes of location among Birmingham business firms for the coming spring and early summer seasons.

That picture recalled memories of my school days at the schools I attended near Bethel, Pa., explained Mrs. Vern M. Colburn, of the Star Cab company, as she called this Wanderer to ask more about the picture on page four of last week's edition of The Eccentric. The picture caption was "School's Out," and the picture showed all that remains of Bethel township school after fire had finished its work. "That school," said Mrs. Colburn, "was about two and a half miles from the Nantyglo school where I at-

tended and many a time I have visited the building and the section round about. I recall how we youngsters would visit an old orchard near the burned school and gather apples; then run across the road and sit on the steps of the school to eat those. We would gather wild raspberries on the mountainside just back of the school, too. The settlement was one of the oldest in the state."

Birmingham would obtain quite a remarkable recreational area if the School Board were able to execute its future plans today. The city would probably see a football stadium, a couple each of hard and softball diamonds, a hockey rink, tennis courts and will other recreational and athletic facilities.

It was 8:15 o'clock Tuesday morning at the home of Arthur J. Underwood, 86 Manor road, when the telephone rang and a voice said: "London, England, calling." In less time than that measured by the average motorist's tooting horn as he watches the red light turn amber-to-green, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, their daughter, Barbara, and the fiancée of First Lieutenant Arthur J. Underwood, Jr., were all set to take the call; it was from the latter, who had arrived in London three days before for a brief holiday. Of course, they had the usual joy that goes from hearing the voice of a loved one three thousand miles away. "My son is Port Operations and Intelligence Officer at Marseilles, France, and we talked for 11 minutes," related Mr. Underwood, Sr., to this Wanderer. "He said it has been raining in London for three days; that when he passed through Paris last

Friday three feet of snow had fallen. His voice was as clear as if he were talking from the next room." (Mr. Underwood, Sr., admits that the 11 minutes was a grand investment. . . \$48 worth . . . for, like so many days of late years, he had consented to the long distance operator's query: "Will you accept this call collect?")

"Now it will make little difference where you are caught, your fine for traffic violations will likely

be the same in Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Detroit, or any other place in the Metropolitan area," declared Chief of Police John P. Hackett after the City Commission on Monday night adopted the standardized list of fines proposed by the police courts and auto clubs of the area. "We worked on the plan a long time and it has my approval," Chief Hackett told the Commission. "The list follows quite closely." (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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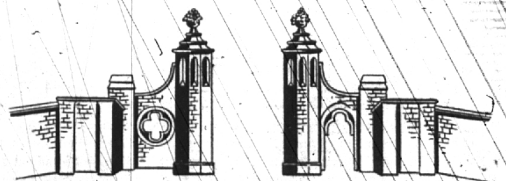
. . . after long months and years of planning and waiting, the time has come when you can go ahead with those plans. If you've been waiting for the war's end to build a home, may we suggest that you investigate the subdivisions listed below.

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