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When we describe this lovely home as a "House and Garden" remodeled farmhouse perhaps that's all we need say. But it is so outstandingly perfect we think you'll want a few details before you drive out to see it.

FIRST FLOOR: Living Room with fireplace and huge picture window; Library with corner fireplace; Bedroom and bath; Dining Room with tree-shaded, screened porch adjoining; Kitchen with lots of cupboards and linoleum topped counters and breakfast alcove; deepfreeze room.

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MECHANICAL: New stove-heat conditioning system (operating cost less than \$100), deep well water system; clean soft water system.

OTHER BUILDINGS: A large barn, presently equipped with kennels; and a smaller garage, now used for poultry.

LAND: 10 acres, three devoted to lawn and gardens, the balance leased on shares.

LANDSCAPING: Price winning iris, both domestic and Japanese, by the thousands; pedregreed pines, linden lilies, delphinium, and phlox. Plenty of luscious blackberries and hybrid grapes.

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Contracts for quite a stretch of curb and gutter work in various parts of the city are expected to be completed shortly. City Manager D. C. Egbert told this Wanderer. Once this part of the street improvement program is started attention of the city engineering department will be turned on contracts for sewer jobs. There are several of these to be completed before next fall. Paving of alleys and some streets and a number of water main jobs are also being prepared for contractors, Mr. Egbert stated. In some sections of the city people seem real anxious for street improvements while in others property owners appear well satisfied with present condition of their streets.

That section of Buckingham street, out between Edenhorough and St. Andrews is rapidly being built up with several very attractive new homes now being finished. Improvement of the street has been asked and the City Commission has set June 10 as the date for hearing a recommendation for a 35-foot gravel street with curb and gutter. City Manager D. C. Egbert told the City Commission. "The builders are moving so fast out that way we are having trouble keeping up with them with our street improvement."

In spite of what we may be verbally mentally saying about the dampness of the weather in recent days, there's nothing like pure of rainwater to start newly seeded

lawn areas sprouting. On his appointed weekly rounds, this Wanderer has noticed valiant home owners regularly spraying city water on the seeded areas, with little or no effect. But along comes the rain and presto! the tender blades make their first appearance. Guess we just have to be "soft" hearted in our first waterings.

Rolled up for home delivery and left exposed to the elements, how long would it be before a newspaper became a rich mahogany brown? This Wanderer, other than venturing an evasive "quite some time, no doubt," wouldn't know. However, one such Birmingham home owner can tell us; all he needs to do is to go out and take that paper off his porch roof and look at the headline on the paper. Our annual clean-up campaign ended only a couple of weeks ago, too.

"That strip of highway in the center of Hunter Boulevard, under control of the State Highway department, certainly ought to be given another name," said a prominent local citizen to this Wanderer Sunday. "Whereas it was supposed to be planted with beautiful nursery stock, it now reveals a heavy covering of beautiful, but much unwanted, yellow dandelions. Therefore, I suggest that it be called 'Dandelion Strip'—for there are enough dandelions there this spring to re-seeded half of Oakland county. How can people prevent their own yards from

being covered with dandelions when so much public property is given so little attention as to the elimination of weeds?"

From Washington, D. C., on Monday came a group of 18 men connected with Fort Lincoln cemetery in that city, to visit White Chapel Cemetery and study its building and grounds arrangement. Heading the group was Law Minor, president of the cemetery company, and included were other officers and members of the sales force. They came by plane to Detroit City Airport and by bus to Birmingham; had luncheon at Kingsley Inn and dinner Monday night at the D.A.O. Spending the day with them was Andrew Marshall, manager of White Chapel. The visitors reported they were drawing plans for a large mausoleum and were much concerned about the arrangement of the White Chapel building.

Talk about an early gardener. Ernest W. Kurth of Wallace street took up the idea of growing spinach, radishes and onions from his garden.

Young men of Birmingham are reported in the midst of an effort to organize a social club all their own. They reported plans at foot for a club house for supervised social times by their own group and other activities. Albert Habbitt, Jr., 1060 Hazel street, is reported one of those endeavoring to get the club going. He told this Wanderer, Monday, that quite a few of the returning soldiers had voiced hope that such a club could be started and successfully operated. "It would give a good way to head up a lot of wholesome activities," he said.

Ensign Robert N. Stauffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Stauffer, 176 Sumfield road, has just been released to insure duty at the Great Lakes naval training station. He has just returned from a 15-month tour of duty in the Aleutians and says Birmingham certainly looks good to him. Just a bit bit of his strenuous life in the Far North, Stauffer told this Wanderer that he plans to enjoy a few weeks of rest and recreation and plans to return to school next autumn.

David Bradt, who lives over on North Adams road, declares that those red squirrels have been in the trade. After watching the squirrels for some time Bradt told this Wanderer "Ozzie, a tiny red squirrel, lives in a chestnut tree on Adams road. Almost any day you can watch him take a chestnut out to the driveway. He places it in the trunk of one of his cars. Then Ozzie drives back and waits very patiently for a car to come by. Sometimes he has to sit there several hours before a car drives up. Many cars miss the nut. He has to shove his head and three inches again till the chestnut is finally squashed in several places. Then he carefully removes each piece of wood from the nutshell and has a grand feast. Rain or shine, Ozzie is on the job, cracking a supply of chestnuts to eat."

Detroit has its Detroiters, Boston its Bostonians, Chicago its Chicagoans, but what do we call residents of Birmingham (on the record, we mean)? Anyone got a good suggestion? It would seem this Wanderer's weekly ramblings to be more varied, we have felt for some years.

As compared to the number of school district residents now eligible for registration for general school elections, the actual number who have registered in the past two weeks amounts to a negligible amount. According to what this Wanderer can learn from the Board of Education offices, Registrations must be made by June 1 or you won't be voting this June 10, all you eligibles.

"Some of these days someone is going to do something about that parking on both sides of Oakland avenue at the Woodward corner," this Wanderer was told this week. "In the morning especially I have noticed one car parked on the north side, one on the south side. Anyone trying to turn onto Oakland from Woodward has a difficult time negotiating the turn. Further down the street, but between Hunter and Edenhorough, people seem to have an affinity for parking exactly opposite from a fire truck on the northeast portion of Birmingham. It would seem to cause some embarrassment when a fire truck found itself blocked by an oncoming traffic that couldn't get out of the way fast enough." Seems like this problem could receive some attention from the city, since it may involve the health and welfare of the community.

Annual audit for the Birmingham school district will be taken this year by the same firm that has done it for the past number of years, the board of Education decided at its meeting Tuesday night. Although the auditing fee will be double that of last year, Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent, has discovered that compared to the auditing charges other school districts are going to have to stand, Birmingham is very well off.

Brig. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart, 647 Madison avenue, guest of Col. Chester B. McCormick at Monday's Rotary club luncheon, took occasion to thank Birmingham and Birmingham people for

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the friendly spirit manifest to his family during the war years. The general sent his family here following Pearl Harbor and they have continued to make this their home.

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