

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART THREE

Perhaps the surest way of attaining, and holding, a degree of personal happiness is to count one's blessings, often. If you have health, loved ones who also love you, a job you like, and pleasure in reading, plus an inner satisfaction that, as years roll on, you are getting acquainted with spiritual values, then you should be fairly happy!

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## Tennis Champions Win Awards; Two Events Unfinished

The Birmingham Tennis Club's city open tournament finished six of the eight divisions Sunday at the Baldwin courts with championship and runner-up trophies being awarded in each event.

The semi-finals of the women's singles were played off with Anne Wilson defeating Mary Ann Milbrand 6-3, 6-0. Katharine Smith defeated Ingrid Reichold 6-3, 6-3. Anne Wilson defeated Katharine Smith in the finals 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Smith took an early lead by careful placements, but lost the advantage as the match progressed. Both players displayed fine tennis and it was anybody's match until the last point was played.

**Losses Early Lead**

Paul Penfield defeated Glenn White 6-3, 8-6, in the semi-final round of the men's singles. Wayne Smith went into the finals by defeating Weston Myer 6-2, 6-2. Penfield, playing almost flawless tennis, defeated Wayne Smith 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. Smith, playing his best game of the season, could not hold an early lead and finally lost the match to the hard-driving Penfield.

Harris Jackson cracked down hard on Keith McIntire to take the junior singles title by the score of 6-4, 6-2. McIntire found Jackson's speed and strong forehand shots a source of constant trouble. "Toby" Maxwell found a worthy opponent in Roger Beebe in the finals of the boy's singles, but defeated Beebe 6-4, 6-2, to take the championship.

Penfield and Genero Floriz won their way into the finals of the men's doubles by defeating Hugh McLeese and Fred Prince, 6-2, 6-3. Penfield and Floriz then went on to take the title by winning from the hard-hitting Leon Bramley and Edward Dingler team, 1-6, 6-1, 6-2. Bramley and Dingler took the first set with ease, but from there on the smooth running team of Penfield and Floriz found the holes and cracked through for repeated points.

Anne Wilson and Katharine Smith won from Virginia Hood and Peggy Baldwin in the semi-

## Too Big to Pick

Just to emphasize its height, 6-year-old Mary McKinnon stands beside the 13-foot sundowner in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones at Chicago.

## Local Woman Assists Three Little European Girls on Road to Physical Recovery

*By Barbara Fox Blauman*

The horror of being without food, shelter or clothing is slowly becoming an unpleasant memory through the help and kindness of their new foster parent, Mrs. John J. Hamel, 281 Wellesley drive, Birmingham.

The three children adopted through the "Foster Parenthood" by Mrs. Hamel are Marie Monique Rousseau, six-year-old French girl, Celeste Piphero, 10-year-old Italian girl, and Edda, a nine-year-old girl also from Italy.

Marie who was born in Avallon, France, is the eldest of three children. Her whole young life has been shadowed and twisted by the sufferings of war years. Her father, an active member of the French resistance movement, was brutally treated under Nazi occupation and finally was killed in April 1944. He never saw his last child, now three years old.

**Use Furniture For Fuel**

The grief-stricken mother could do little more than beg for food from neighbors who were starving themselves. Clothing wore out and nothing to replace them meant that they went ragged. Without fuel they huddled together for warmth and at times burned their own furniture for heat. The business of the liberation of France.

Celeste was born in Rome and is now under "Foster Parenthood" care in one of the children's homes in that city. The family suffered great hardship because of anti-Semitism which developed during the war. Celeste's father hid from the Gestapo but was caught and placed in a German slave labor camp. He has never been heard from since.

Her mother, who found it too much to cope with rising prices, care of her three children and job seeking, is now seriously ill and unable to work.

**Wears American Clothes**

Celeste, because of her physical and mental backwardness, looks about six years old rather than 10. According to reports from "Foster Parents" she has made good physical progress under the plan and she is so proud of her American clothes.

France is the youngest of three children. Her father was also caught and killed during the German Occupation for no other reason except that he was a professor to the Jewish faith. France and her mother were given shelter in a Catholic convent until they were helped to escape into the hills. They lived in hiding until the ending of hostilities, always exposed to the elements without clothing, food or the medical care they often needed.

She is now in a "Foster Parenthood" colony in Italy where she receives the care that her ill mother cannot provide. She has been put on a special diet and already gained weight.

**Find Needy Children**

The Foster Parenthood organization is a volunteer organization founded by the British on a plan similar to the American Red Cross. It operates children's projects in Holland, France, England, Malta, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, Poland and Czechoslovakia caring

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finals of the women's doubles, 6-0, 6-0. Dolly and Mary Ann Milbrand, in the other semi-final round, came from behind to down Margaret Beers and Jane McKee 8-10, 6-4, 6-3. The all-round superb play of Dolly and Smith was to much for Mary Ann and Dolly Milbrand, and the Wilson-Smith team took the title by the score of 6-2, 6-2.

The mixed doubles finals and girls singles finals are to be completed later in the week.

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