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## Brick Cottage

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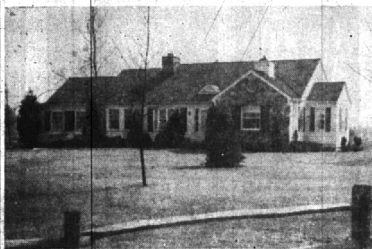
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## Bits of Birmingham

Give the public an inch and it will take a mile, particularly where the parking meters are concerned. The police department found that on Lincoln's and Washington's birthday anniversaries more than the usual amount of parking tickets were issued. Motorists, in paying fines, remarked that "the banks close for the holiday, so we figured the meters weren't supposed to be operating." They were hastily shown that the parking ordinance provided only six holidays for free parking—Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving. Besides the free Sunday parking, of course. Therefore, that motorists would have no excuses, the city last week completed the installation of new plates on the street side of all parking meters, listing specifically these "free" days.

Birmingham's representative to the State legislature, Howard R. Estes, got a quick trip home last Thursday afternoon when the legislature adjourned for the week-end. Gov. Jim Sigler flew Estes, home in the governor's private plane. They had intended landing at the Birmingham airport, but muddy runways prevented a landing so they put down at Pontiac. "The governor is a very good pilot," Estes commented to this Wanderer Saturday morning.

Four boys from Barnum Junior high school, and one from Adams, stopped in at The Eccentric Saturday morning to take a trip through the plant. The Barnum eighth graders said they had to write up some kind of a report for their English class, and decided to write one about The Eccentric.

## Snug Like a Bug



The RAF is experimenting with this new type exposure suit: 12 1/2 ounces when folded, it fits into the pocket in the Mae West collar. Wearers put it on, then inflate it to give buoyancy as well as air insulation against cold and damp. Flight Lt. P. Latham models it at Farnborough, England.

The youngsters were Terry Blakey, 13, of 1314 Humphrey, who attends Adams; and Bill Carson, 13, of 2112 Yorkshire; Don Dickenson, 13, of 1275 Humphrey; Jim MacFarlan, 14, of 207 S. Woodward; and Tom Tracy, 13, of 1335 Humphrey.

In the past week or so, a number of Officers Reserve Corps or Enlisted Reserve Corps members living in the Birmingham area have been reassigned to reserve units located in the southeastern part of the state, this Wanderer has learned. Reassignments were made, it appears, because of the recent concern—now openly admitted by Washington—over relations between the United States and Russia.

A visitor to Birmingham Rotary Club at its Monday luncheon was District Governor George Smith of Plymouth. "Take it easy, boys, this is no official visit," Gov. George chided club members.

This Wanderer was reminded



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again this week that several local residents have been receiving that "superstitious" chain letter, involving the sending of no money or goods, it merely insists that had luck will come if the letter is not sent on to other persons. The woman who most recently called this "malicious" piece of work to our attention remarked, "If it were for some real good, such as circulating a prayer around the world, then I'd cooperate. But this one is just meaningless and I don't hesitate to break it." It was her suggestion, and we agreed with her, that such no-good letters should be torn up. "Why bother ourselves with nonsense when there is so much work to be done?" she asks.

Harry Deayne was inducted into the Birmingham Rotary club Monday noon by club president Bill Torrence.



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