

The magnitude of our state is ever apparent no matter in which direction or what distance we travel. Each year as the summer vacationers return to our community, new tales of discovered or rediscovered wonders are related.

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Birmingham to Join in Observance of National Home Week

Extensive preparations are being made by the many parts of the homebuilding industry throughout the whole metropolitan area, including Birmingham, for observing National Home Week, September 11-17, according to a report issued by the Builders' Association of Metropolitan Detroit which is sponsoring the event.

Plans to place 1,000 homes on parade throughout a metropolitan area have aroused the active interest of home buyers, builders, supply dealers, merchants, advertising agencies, mortgage lenders and others having a part in building, equipping, selling and buying homes.

John W. Baker, National Home Week Committee Chairman, commenting on the preparations, made the statement that National Home Week belongs to everyone interested in new home building and especially to new home buyers.

Open for Inspection
The 1,000 homes on parade will be displayed and kept open for inspection each day during the week of September 11-17 in order that home seekers will have opportunity to observe the work of builders and subcontractors, quality of materials being used and equipment being installed. The most important participants in National Home Week will be the home seekers who visit and inspect the new dwellings paraded for them.

"To assist home buyers in viewing homes of the type they have in mind to buy, locations and price ranges of the Homes on Parade will be made known in advance in various ways. Photographs of new homes ready for inspection will be shown on posters in many locations. Homes will be grouped according to price range in lists showing the name of the builder and the location of the home on parade. These lists will be distributed from many centers throughout the area."

This Wanderer observed last week that human nature is such that it is possible to accept almost anything philosophically. An out-of-towner stepped into the office with the largest possible smile spread across his face. One would think he'd just collected on the Irish Sweepstakes! He showed card across our desk and asked directions to the police station. We told him, his grin widened, and he left. All this would have been routine business but for one thing. The card which he so happily thrust at us was a parking ticket!

The flora and fauna of Birmingham is doing its best to make the city famous this year. We've had many reports of the strange doings of animals and plants, and now still another has come to the attention of the Wanderer. At the Mudge home, 788 South Adams, the Persian lily is blooming for the second time. As though that were not enough, the bush has made a change of color. The blooming which appeared at the proper time, mid-June, were of a blue shade, while those which are in full bloom, now, are a delicate shade of pink, entirely foreign to what it has ever produced before.

Probably having attended her first city commission meeting in a long time, a local woman called this Wanderer Friday to suggest that the commission ask persons who take the floor to speak to give their names and addresses for the benefit of the rest of the audience. "It would have been more meaningful to me, at least, last Monday night to have known who was addressing the commission," she remarked. We would like to point out that at least during official hearings, the commission does request that people give their names and addresses before continuing their remarks. However, this practice possibly could be extended to cover other meetings and subjects coming before commissioners.

Among this Wanderer's acquaintances is a young college student, working during the summer months, to gain actual experience in his field. Thursday morning called for him to spend considerable time on the streets of Birmingham. Just when the storm was at its height. Finally, he was being dragged, he stroled into his summer headquarters and with a very grin remarked, "What a joy won't go through to graduate!"

Every year just about this time Fire Chief Vern Griffith picks up his phone and calls this Wanderer. "We're starting to get a reaction to the Detroit firemen selling their Field Day tickets in this area," the Chief says. "Maybe you should put a note in the Bits of Birmingham informing the local folks that the Birmingham fire department does not participate in this venture, that Field Day proceeds go only to the Detroit Department. Then the chief hastens to add: "And ask them not to call us about who won the cars. They'll have to call Detroit, for all we know here is what we, too, read in the papers."

George Gillingham, 708 East Lincoln, visited this Wanderer last Friday morning to take a little pride in his garden. Gardening has been his hobby for years, and he is anxious to get on with it on new seeds as they appear. This year he tried the Tree Tomatoes, and finds they are just what he needs. He has two plants which are about eight feet high, and several others which are about four feet high. To prove that the plants do not just run to height, he brought out a tomato for this Wanderer to see. A beauty weighing very close to one pound.

It is pretty hard to shake the dust of Birmingham from your heels, as the old saying goes. You not only run into people in a little Northern Michigan these vacation days, but here and there the evidence that the town is still on the map. Way up by Gaylord, along U.S. Highway 42, there is a comfortable looking log cabin for sale. The "For Sale" sign is that of the Birmingham and Gaylord, but no one from Birmingham thinks of anywhere else when he sees the familiar pine tree, etc.

Have you noticed the "guide lines" which have been painted on Woodward avenue at the Oakland and Willett intersections? Motorists, these lines are there rather than taking diagonal shortcuts will do a great deal toward eliminating the hazards of one of Birmingham's dangerous intersections.

We turn now from the flora to the fauna for the second part of the lesson. Monday afternoon we received a bit of startling information about Henrietta, the Scholastic at It seems Henrietta has developed some queer tastes in foods, for among her favorite dishes are corn-on-the-cob, antelope and raw mushrooms.

What's in a name? Frequently lots of healthy chuckles, especially when they're attached to the street number of a residence. Our own is quite a good deal different than the average run of the lot. For instance, our lot at Pine Lake a motorist has tabbed his home as "Bedside Manor" and here in Birmingham, another facetious resident calls his abode "Dunrentin". This Wanderer has often been tempted to call our property "Holocaust

Hill!" and now by gosh, I think we'll do it!

The Wanderer ran into a heaving up Brad Springer last Sunday evening. He was readying the family car for the annual vacation trip which was to begin Monday morning. He said that if any one should be monkeying around with the census during the next couple of weeks and makes the discovery that many are missing, not to be come alarmed. The Springers were in Vinewood have seven children and Mr. and Mrs. James C. O'Connor of Oakland ave. have five are vacationing together for the next two weeks in side-by-side cottages on the west shore of Otago Lake near Gaylord. If the Wanderer was really concerned over game conservation he could work himself into a real tizzy worrying over the possibility that if each one would catch their limit of fish each day, it would practically eliminate Otago Lake from the earth's closest approach to the "Happy Hunting Grounds."

Local Men Serving on Training Cruise

Lieutenant Commander James M. Mason, Jr., 964 Kennesaw, and Arthur J. Lake, airman apprentice, 835 Oakland, are among the officers and men of the Carrier Air Group 59 of the Organized Naval Air Reserve based at Gross Pointe, who left last week for Pensacola, Fla. for two weeks' duty. The men will serve on the aircraft carrier USS Cabot in Caribbean waters, according to an announcement made by Capt. James P. Walker, commanding officer of the Gross Pointe base.

Practical problems including deck catapult launchings and night carrier landings, as well as bombing and gunnery runs, will be held. The Cabot will also put in at a "port of call" for shore liberty.

Local Boys Take Part in State Chorus

Larry Peck, 1440 Birmingham boulevard, and Don Jones, 588 Purdy street, were among the 75 members of the all-state chorus who were heard last week Thursday over WKAQ. The boys were at the National Music Camp at Interlochen where they remained until Sunday. The chorus is made up of boys and girls from all over the state, and is under the direction of Geneva Nelson of the University of Michigan music department.

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E. H. Peterson Has Colgate Fellowship
Elliott H. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrille C. Peterson has been awarded a fellowship of Colgate University to serve as a graduate preceptor for the coming year, Howard L. Jones, director of preceptorial studies, announced today.
Peterson's duties will consist of working with freshmen in an advisory capacity, to supplement regular classroom sessions. The program is intended to help the freshmen start his college career in a friendly atmosphere, working out solutions to his problems with his preceptor, and receiving individual attention according to his needs.
Peterson, a native of Jamestown, N.Y., attended Jamestown High School and has a bachelor of arts degree from Colgate, 1949. He spent 29 months in the Army Air Force as a navigator.
He is married to the former Jean Elizabeth Lazell, of Jamestown, and the couple has one child.

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