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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

There it Was— Right in The Middle!

Easy Roberts mowed his lawn early last Saturday. Then he sat on the porch, and watched Handy Peterson cutting *his* grass.

The Roberts' property and the Peterson's border each other — with no hedge or fence between them. So, when Easy notices Handy had left about a four-foot strip unmowed along the boundary, he walks over and asks why.

"That's *your* land," says Handy. "Mine ends here. See, it lines up with that oak tree across the road!" Easy didn't think so, so they went up and down looking for the surveyor's marker. Where did they find it? Right in the middle of their "no man's land!"

Well, they both grin and take turns finishing the job and then retreat to Easy's for a friendly glass of beer together. From where I sit, a little searching around for the truth of the matter often shows that the other fellow is as much right as you are—at which point the whole thing doesn't seem as important anyway.

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Birmingham Girls' Group Stops for Day's Rest; Leaving for Month In Italy

By JANET SOUTER

Editor's Note: Janet Souter, 22, of 19689 Riverside, sends her fourth article on her European tour. She is determined to make the trip with as little expense as possible and is apparently making good on her enterprise.

LUGANO, SWITZERLAND—The last two days we have been learning how the other half lives. After weeks of hostels and pensions in Holland, Belgium, England and France we finally hit the jackpot in Switzerland.

The living expenses here are extremely high and so we were all surprised when we landed in Zermott, Switzerland and were scheduled to stay at the best hotel in town for two nights.

The cost per night for full pension room and three meals was 24 francs per day, which is about $5.75 in American money. Also our stay in Zermott included a day of mountain climbing which meant a ride part way up on the Funicular train—at a cost of about $5.00 plus a guide.

ONE MIGHT think that this was one place where an individual travelling on his own could really save money, but staying there with all the glamour connected with it gave the morale of the group a boost which it needed after travelling so long. Also it gave us an idea of how other people travel.

Other guests we met while staying there were a new type of people to us and were extremely interested in our group and were amazed at our itinerary. We have found that no matter where we go people are friendly to us. For some reason or another when 27 young Americans carrying saddle bags invade a small town, everyone seems aware of our presence.

TO BACK TRACK a bit on our itinerary—we left England by night steamer from Southampton to Le Havre. At that point we also said good-bye to hostels until we get to Germany. We cycled through the Chateau country and the Loire Valley in France.

One thing stuck out in my mind throughout this time—how could 25 miles of water make such a vast difference in countries? Everything from the food to the language to the personality of the people changed on entering France from England. The war damage and its repair is one example of the difference in temperament between the two peoples.

In England there has been a lot of reconstruction work done already and the streets and buildings are at least cleaned and rid of the rubble. In France, especially in the smaller towns, debris is littered all over and the towns are in ruins but the people just don't seem to notice.

HOWEVER, MIDST all the ruins and the filth, you will invariably find a potted flower growing or something done to put beauty into desolation.

While I am writing this we are in Lugano, Switzerland having a day of rest. There is absolutely nothing planned for us and we are located in an old villa about 20 feet from the lake. It is like living on a picture post card, it is so beautiful. Although like all Americans, we want to see and do as much as we can while we are here, today is appreciated by all because tomorrow we start our motor tour through Italy and we will be on the go constantly for the next month.

If you don't want it, some one else undoubtedly does—sell it to them thru an Eccentric Classified Ad.

Obituary Notices

GEORGE HEWSON, 82, 22940 W. 10½ Mile road, died at his Southfield home last Friday after a long illness.

Born on August 8, 1867, Mr. Hewson came to Southfield in 1885 from Muirkirk, Ont. in Canada. He married Bertha M. Wright of Pontiac on December 19, 1900.

Mr. Hewson's last occupation was a retired farmer. Survivors are; his widow, Bertha; a son, Lawton; and two grandchildren, Joan and Floyd.

Services were held Monday in the Manley Bailey funeral home in Birmingham with burial in Southfield cemetery.

CLAYTON L. ROURKE, 52, died at his home in Highland last Wednesday. His wife was an ex-Birmingham resident, the former Marguerite Haskins.

Services were held at the Richard-Bird funeral home in Milford Friday and burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Birmingham.

Surviving besides his wife are his mother, Mrs. Eric Clark of Collingwood, Ont., and a son, Stanley.

JOHN COOKSON, 86, died July 12 after a prolonged illness. Mr. Cookson, 884 Beaver road, came to Big Beaver 11 years ago from Pontiac.

Mr. Cookson was born in and attended public schools in Michigan. He worked as a carpenter and builder.

Survivors are his widow, Edith Cookson and one daughter, Mrs. Agnes Petty, Windsor, Ontario.

Services were held Friday in the Bell funeral home, Birmingham with burial in Oakview cemetery.

FREDERICK J. BLANDING, 62, former pitcher for the Cleveland Indians from 1909 to 1914, died suddenly Sunday at his home in Salem, Va.

Born Feb. 8, 1888, in Redlands, Calif., he was the son of the late Mrs. Emma Hupp of Birmingham. He was a baseball and football letterman at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Blanding married Clara Shields, who survives, in Cleveland in 1914. Other survivors are two sons, George F. of Salem, and Robert J., of East Lansing, and one daughter, Mrs. Katherine Shailer, of Schenectady, N. Y.

Services were held yesterday at 2 p.m. at the Bell funeral home in Birmingham. Burial was at the Franklin cemetery.

JOSEPH CALVIN YOUNG, 81, 7051 Henrietta died at his summer home at Williams lake July 15.

Born Aug. 2, 1868 in Norfolk county, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Young married Gertrude Allen of Oxford county, Ontario, Canada on Sept. 4, 1900.

Mr. Young came to Birmingham in 1904 where he worked as a brakeman on the Michigan Central railroad and later as a carpenter in this area.

He is survived by three sons: William and Charles of Birmingham and Joseph, Williams Lake; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at Manley Bailey funeral home with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

HARRY SHERWOOD, 62, 959 E. Maple died Tuesday morning in St. Joseph hospital, Pontiac, after a short illness.

Born in Wallaceburg, Ont. May 3, 1888, he came to Birmingham in 1928. Mr. Sherwood operated a florist shop and later worked at Timken Automatic Heating company.

He was past master of Birmingham Lodge F & AM, 44, past high priest of Birmingham RAM,93 and past patron of OES, 220.

Mr. Sherwood married Gladys Johnson on Dec. 23, 1912, a survivor.

Others are: one daughter, Mrs. Harold Webster, Pontiac; one son, Ormand K., Fort Collins, Colo.; mother, Mrs. Harriett Sherwood, Wallaceburg, Ont.; and two brothers, Thomas and Malcom, Wallaceburg, Ont.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Manley Bailey funeral home in Birmingham with burial in Franklin cemetery.

CLARA TERESA McMANUS, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. McManus, 504 Landon, died Monday morning at St. Joseph Mercy hospital.

She is survived by her parents and three brothers, James Patrick, William Henry and Roy Anthony.

Services were held Wednesday morning from the Bell funeral home with burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

MRS. HARRIET HANGIE HASLAN, 91, died at her residence, 412 West Lincoln, after a brief illness. She had been a resident of Birmingham for the past three years, coming here from Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. Haslan was born in Binghamton, N. Y., on Sept. 12, 1859, and attended the local schools. She later taught school in Brandt, Pa., for three years. On Oct. 26, 1881, she was married to Cornelius B. Haslan in Brandt.

The survivors include these children, Mrs. Neil Stewart, Scranton; Mrs. B. F. McAllister, Cincinnati, Ohio; Cornelius B. Haslan, Jr., Clarke Summit, Pa.; the Rev. J. R. Haslan, Prosser, Wash.; and Mrs. Loren O. Blunt, Birmingham.

Two sisters, Mrs. Adeline R. Haslan of Birmingham and Mrs. Harry Myers of Garden City, N. Y. survive, with 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Services were held from the residence last Saturday with burial in Forest Hill cemetery, Scranton.

Annual Tourney Tees Off Today; Finals on Sunday

The annual Birmingham Invitational Best Ball golf tournament will be held at Birmingham Country Club this weekend, with official qualifying rounds being played today.

Regular tournament play will begin on Friday in each of the six flights and will continue through Sunday afternoon, according to Bert Carpenter, tournament director.

The championship flight will comprise the 15 low qualifying teams and one of the defending champions, George and Harry Linklater, the brother team from the home club, which walked away with the honors last year. Each of the other five flights will also have 16 teams, making a total of 160 players taking part in the three-day event.

THURSDAY EVENING a stag dinner will get the tournament off to a start and on Saturday evening a dance for members, contestants and guests will be held. The last event of the tournament will be the awarding of prizes, late Sunday afternoon.

Some of the best amateur golfers in this area, many from out-state, and some from as far away as New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois will compete, Carpenter stated.

Some of the leading teams entered are, Eldon Auker and Alvin "Bo" McMillin, both of Birmingham and luminaries in the world of sport; Perry Byard and Ed Flowers of Birmingham and Oakland Hills, Chris Brinke and William Guse of Oakland Hills, Blaine Eynon and Howard Neilson of Pine Lake, Elmer Ellstrom, Jr. and Tom Lowery from Birmingham, Ralph Ellstrom and Henry Dimond of Dearborn Country Club, Roy Nelson and Bob Hodge of St. Clair, Bill Nettle and Dick Olson and Rollie Wyand and Dick Whiting of Birmingham and Red Run.

A few of the teams have already qualified. The Ellstrom-Lowery team and the Nettle-Olson team have both turned in scores of 69 to lead, so far.

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