

Around The Cracker Barrel . . .

One of the casualties of the present period seems to be the costume jewelry industry, largely centered about Providence and central New England. Whether we're still fighting World War II, or whether we're starting in on World War III, isn't too important to the jewelry men when they can't get metals.

Most costume jewelry is made from base metals copper, tin and nickel. Government restrictions have cut off new supplies of the metals to the jewelers, but they have been permitted to use what they had on hand. Now that's about gone, and these distressed manufacturers are laying off employees by the hundreds.

Which means, that unless substitutes can be found for these basic metals, by Fall the lower priced lines of costume jewelry will be gone. We'll likely see a swing to silver and gold, but that will mean much higher prices.

But apart from the apparent coming shortage in costume jewelry, and the present acute shortage of woollens, shortages have not otherwise developed. There's a big argument going on in certain sections as to whether or not such shortages will develop—and we're speaking mainly of fabrics. Some maintain that we'll have all of the fabrics we need, no matter what might come. Others maintain that the present apparent surplus of goods is due to the fact that buying has been sharply curtailed for the past three months, and that had normal buying been a fact, shortages would presently be felt. Who's right we don't know.

But we do know that all quotations for woollens for Fall delivery are up sharply. With raw wool having almost trebled in price during the past two years, and with an actual world-wide shortage in evidence, it is safe to assert that any lower prices are impossible. That's why we felt we were very fortunate to obtain ladies' fine suits, excellently tailored of 100% woollens, to presently retail at \$49.95. Already we've had two shipments of these suits, and those of you who have been lucky enough to get them know their quality.

The third shipment—and the final one—is due tomorrow. We won't be able to get any more of these fine suits at any such price. So if you need a suit—or will need one in the Fall—this is your great chance. Don't wait, for we know this last group of suits won't last.

These last few days, when Nature has pushed up the thermostat, are an indication of what's ahead. It's going to be warm, and you'll want play clothes. White Stag's separates in sail cloth and denim answer just about every need for play and casual wear. They're piled all around in the Village Store, in a great variety of colors and styles. By mixing a few different styles of garments, and varying them with correlated colors, you can have an almost endless number of combinations—and all at reasonable prices. Don't wait too long, for the rush has already started.

If you want something in true California style, in fine imported sun rays, you should have a look at the group of separates designed by Tabak of California. These garments have distinction. Their colors are beautiful. These are the kind of summer clothes which make a person turn around for another look. And prices are not high.

Went to the Antique Show in Detroit last night. Went voluntarily. It seemed to me that the predominant article of merchandise, shown by almost all dealers, was the mustache cup. It's amazing how many styles of cups were shown. Some simply said "Father" in gold letters. Others were elaborately decorated with flowers. There was quite a difference in the shapes of the bars built into the top of the cups, but all were intended to keep an unruly mustache out of the cup's contents. I can just imagine that different manufacturers would likely argue long and loud about the merits of their particular shape of mustache bar. But I'll bet the public didn't care whether they were clipette, heart shaped, oval, semi-octagonal, or just plain straight.

But the shape of some things is important. Like the cut of a swim suit, for instance. In the days of the mustache cup ladies' swimming suits (called bathing suits, for no one could swim in them) consisted of balloon-like bloomers topped with a full blouse with leg-o-mutton sleeves. Each end of the garment would hold a barrel of water. It's a long distance from the old bathing suit to the fine, form-fitting suits of today. And among today's best suits we think none can surpass those made by Rose Marie Reid of California. The construction of these garments is amazing. And, because of such fine construction, and because of the fine fabrics used, the resultant comfort and appearance is outstanding. You owe it to yourself to see the Rose Marie suits for 1951 before you take the first plunge.

So, whatever your needs for the hot days ahead, pay a visit to the Village Store. You'll be welcome.

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Tree Removal Still City Problem; May Simplify Methods

Trees remain among the City Fathers' problem children. Mayor Chad Ritchie, after Commissioner Frank Rising's suggestion, few weeks ago of holding tree removal requests until "a small grove" is accumulated and then coming in as one mass, has come up with the information that present action is governed by an ordinance passed in 1929.

This was done at the time of the "Woodward Episode," when tree removal stirred up quite a stir.

Ritchie said City Manager Donald Ebert estimates the 12,000 city trees are worth about \$1,000,000.

RITCHIE SAID he'd like to see a study made of the old ordinance, to see if tree removal must continue to come before the commission or whether it can be turned over to the city manager.

"When it comes to the vote," he said, "the commissioners probably haven't seen any of the trees they vote on."

Ebert said he has prepared a new ordinance which would make tree removal an administrative matter.

Rising agreed to such a system, with commission action only in some "big" matter.

Ebert's proposal also provides for any resident, who objects to the removal of a tree, to appear before the commission with his case.

Four Persons Hurt In April Accidents

Only four persons were injured in traffic mishaps here last month according to the report of Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley. A total of 27 accidents were recorded, with violations indicated in 15 of these.

Improper turns and failure to stop in assured clear distance accounted for three each with failure to yield right of way and reckless driving with two each. The April 1950 report showed 27 accidents and five injuries. Total to date show marked decline in the city's accident rate since 1950 showed 116 and for the first four months of 1951, 88 accidents.

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City Appropriates \$9,500 for Maple Resurfacing Work

The city commission has approved appropriation of \$9,500 toward the joint Birmingham-Oakland county resurfacing of East Maple from Adams to and including the Elton intersection on the east side of the viaduct.

The county road commission will receive bids Monday for application of asphaltic concrete surfacing on this portion. The city will also receive bids the same time for its part of the work.

In addition, at Monday's meeting the commission approved \$1,600 for widening the concrete pavement from the Elton intersection to a point two miles east of Coolidge.

Archery, Handball Activities Slated For YMCA Groups

Birmingham YMCA has discontinued Saturday morning meetings of the Hinkydink group at the First Baptist church until September. In its place the 'Y' will sponsor beginner's archery in St. James Park each Saturday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

A series of handball games between Gra-Y clubs will take place from 10:30 until 12:30 each Saturday. This week Walnut Lake Gra-Y club takes on Bloomfield Village. Winner will play Poppleton school Gra-Y next week. Play will be on ball diamonds adjacent to hook schools.

Troy Township Lad Captures Gra-Y Marble Tourney

Allen Wood, 10-year-old fourth grade student at Poppleton school, Troy township, won the Gra-Y marble championship of the Birmingham Branch YMCA.

He will compete with champions of 12 other Metropolitan Detroit YMCA branches in a play-off at Robinson field, Grand River avenue under the lights, the night of May 10.

Budget Review

A first meeting of the Chamber of Commerce budget committee, held in May 2 to review the fee was held May 2 to review the proposed city budget. The committee, Eugene Moore, chairman, Waffer McFarland and Foster Toothaker, will report their recommendations to the board.

Obituary Notices

NORBERT WIESLER, 44, of Shadow Lane, Bloomfield Hills, died in Harper hospital, Detroit, April 28 after a long illness. He was born in Norwalk, Ohio, on July 26, 1906, and was graduated from Georgetown university. He married Thelma Scheid in 1929.

At one time associated with the Wabec State bank, Mr. Wiesler was a manufacturer's agent at the time of his death.

He was survived by three daughters, Mary Margaret, Mary Elizabeth and Mary Josephine. Rosary services were held Tuesday evening from his mother's home in Detroit, with a requiem mass at St. Hugo of the Holy Wednesday morning. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

WILLIAM ARTHUR FITCH

80, 1155 East Lincoln, died at his home April 27 after a brief illness. He was born in Essex county, Ont., on Jan. 14, 1871, and came to Bloomfield township many years ago where he was a farmer. He moved to Birmingham after his retirement four years ago.

He is survived by his widow, Hilda Moore whom he married in Bloomfield township on Nov. 5, 1914 and four children, Gordon, Jesse, Ernest Goehs and Mrs. Jesse Baker of Ponca and Arthur S., of Birmingham.

Services were from the Bell funeral home Monday afternoon with burial in Roseland Park cemetery.

WILLIAM NATHAN HAYWARD

73, of 1211 Humphrey, died suddenly Monday at his residence. He was born in England on Oct. 2, 1877, and came to Birmingham from Toronto 26 years ago. He was in the plastering business.

He is survived by his widow, Margaret; five children, Edward, Mary and Robert, all of Birmingham and Mrs. Edith Turner and Fred Hayward, both of Long Island; and two sisters, Mrs. A. L. Housard and Mrs. E. C. England.

Rosary services were held from the Bell funeral home Monday evening with a mass at Holy Name church Tuesday morning. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

JEANNE McCLANATHAN

7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McClanathan, 1027 North Woodward, died in St. Joseph Mercy hospital April 30 after a brief illness.

She was born here Oct. 24, 1943 and was a second grade student at Quanton school. Besides her father, Jeanne is survived by a brother, Richard.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Bell funeral home with burial in White Chapel cemetery.

MRS. CLARA C. NIXON

88, 19095 Beverly road, lifelong resident of Southfield township, died at her home April 29 after a long illness.

She was born June 21, 1862 in Southfield and on Nov. 10, 1887 was married to John Nixon. She is survived by three sons, Clark of Howell, Harry of Vassar and Lucius of Birmingham; three daughters, Mattie at home and Mrs. Edward Stevens and Mrs. Halsey Russell of Fowlerville; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held from the Bell funeral home Monday afternoon with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

MRS. LUCY B. PIERCE

90, a former resident of Birmingham, died April 27 after a short illness. For the past two years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. T. T. Mould at Sayre, N. Y., and had also resided in Springfield, Mass.

She was born in Kent, Conn., and was the widow of Frank W. Pierce. When in Birmingham, Mrs. Pierce was a member of Missionary A. of the First Presbyterian church.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by a granddaughter, Miss Mary Arnold. Services were held in Springfield, Mass., on Monday with burial in Hillcrest Park cemetery.

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