

Farewell to Cottage At Summer's Close Carries Sad Touch

By HELEN BRUNSON The Birmingham Eccentric
Comes now the time to close the summer cabin and move back into the city.

MICE, RATS, squirrels and other small animals will enter an uncoccupied house through any opening they can find. So we must close all holes with metal or with wire screening and screen over the top of the chimney.

IT'S HARD to protect your cottage against a determined vandal, but covering windows with hinged battens or shutters and putting heavy locks on doors may discourage them.

It must be cleaned and maintained in a state of fashion to please the whims of civilization. It is open to the inspection of the world. It is always on display. It's part of society.

It also is, in large part, your own creation—for through the years you have mended it; painted it; invented innumerable crude gadgets for it, distorted it with your feeble carpentry and made it your own.

And that explains the feeling you have when you turn the key in the lock, get into the car and take one more look over your shoulder as you drive away.

Birmingham Residents Are Insured Above Nat. Average

(Special to The Eccentric) NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—How do residents of Birmingham compare with those elsewhere in the country in ownership of life insurance? Into what form of insurance do most of them put their money?

ON A PER FAMILY basis, this represents local holdings of \$2,000 per family, which is well over the average in other parts of the country, \$1,400 per family.

OF THE VARIOUS types of coverage, ordinary insurance is well ahead in popularity, accounting for nearly two-thirds of the total. In Birmingham approximately 70 per cent is in this form of insurance.

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The average parent is given the enjoyment of two sets of childhood, his own and his grandchildren. It is quite possible to have a grandchild on one's lap, read to him, watch his reactions... to again recall, more tenderly, the own parent's childhood.

School Opening Brings On More Street Dangers

During the past 12 months 3,000 children have been victims of automobiles, 80 of them fatal accidents. Many more were seriously injured, some crippled for life.

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley made this statement today, and with the opening of school near, urged parents to take time to teach their youngsters street safety.

"Teach the children the four cardinal rules of pedestrian safety," he said, "and keep a constant example of it before them by fathers, purchasing from the government in 1871 for \$2 an acre.

"CHILDREN," he added, "often learn dangerous habits from walking while watching adults. Too many of us are prone to step into the street and then take a hurried glance up and down the thoroughfare. If we see a car approaching we do not wait, but make a wild dash for the opposite curb."

"We can't ask the children to assume all the responsibility of safety, but we show them how to take of their share of it."

"IT WILL never erase the question from your mind as to whether or not the accident could have been avoided had you been more careful. If you have children of your own, the fact that police said you were not guilty of negligence, will never remove the haunting fear of what may someday happen to those youngsters you hold dear."

To Attend Republican Women's Conference
When the mid-western regional conference, sponsored by the Women's division of the Republican National committee, meets in Chicago next month, Mrs. Harry Henderson, 25520 W. 13 Mile, will be among the 80 Michigan delegates.

Arnold Portraits Win High Honors
Gertrude J. Arnold, who with her husband Allen Arnold, operates the Arnold studios here, has recently been honored by the Photographers' Association of America at their national convention.

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WILLETS STREET, LOOKING WESTWARD, AS IT WAS IN ABOUT 1895 Photo is from J. Bert Peabody's collection.

Committee Finally Got The Smell Out of There

The street that was eventually to become Willets, was at first just a lane leading to the Willets barn on the land which Elijah Willets, one of Birmingham's first citizens, purchased from the government in 1871 for \$2 an acre.

Nothing was decided upon, but two years later, (1882) Thorne and Converse, tired of hearing complaints, voluntarily moved the slaughter house one mile south of the village on Pierce street.

Police Warn About Refrigerator Danger
Abandoned or unused refrigerators and ice boxes are a very serious hazard to the lives of children, Birmingham Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley said this week.

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Return From Korea
NORFOLK, Va. (PHNOC)—Scheduled to return here from Korean duty Aug. 22nd aboard the destroyer USS Owen is Navy Ensign Roland H. Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Watson, 648 West Frank.

STUDENTS ARE asked to be waiting on the main highways when the buses begin their pickup runs. The hot lunch and milk program will be in operation at noon on Wednesday. Full time schedules will be in effect at all schools on Sept. 4.

POPPLTON AREA students, kindergarten through six, register at Popplton school; seventh grade register at high school.

Troy Township Schools To Open Fall Term Sept. 9

Troy Township schools will open for a full year on Wednesday, September 9, according to Stuart K. Baker, superintendent.

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Science Institute To Hold Two Shows During September
Two diverse and unusual exhibits will be open to the public during September at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Another show, consisting of 37 original paintings by the noted nature artist Major Allan Brooks is entitled "The Wildlife of North America." World-famed as a naturalist, Major Brooks is also a traveler, hunter and taxidermist who specializes in painting birds of prey. The paintings are being circulated by the National Audubon Society.

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