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**COMMUTER'S WIFE**

**Mackinac Is Ideal Place for Family's Summer Vacationing**

By HELEN BRUNSON  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

There are in this community, many who remember delightful childhood summers spent on Mackinac Island. They recall the band music floating out over the "Fairy Isle" in the evenings from Grand Hotel, long days spent roaming the cool woods, sunny afternoons playing in the sparkling white sand.

And to this day, Mackinac has never lost its charm. You can drive up to Mackinaw City and take one of the speedless ships that carry you out to the island (in about 45 minutes). There you can spend a day or a week, being as active and "vacationing" as you want to or doing absolutely nothing in perfect "air-conditioned" comfort. No automobile is allowed on the island, so this slows you down considerably. You spend your time riding a "bicycle cart" or talking tours in the horse-drawn "saw-



Mrs. Brunson

rey with the fringe on top." Or you just sit on the beach and look out on one of the most beautiful views in the world.

IF YOU ARRIVE at the time of the yacht races, you can walk down to the pier and watch some of these magnificent craft being polished and readied by their owners. You can play golf on a course that once was a battle-ground, or climb up to Old Fort Mackinac. This was taken and retaken by the Americans and British during our early wars.

The village is a state park, preserved in the original as much as possible. John Jacob Astor's fur-trading post still stands, a place where French-Canadian trappers brought their catches from the north country and where Astor made millions in the early 1800's.

There is little to remind the visitor of the 40 years, 1840-80, when Mackinac was the center of the fishing industry on the great lakes. Little except some of the ancient buildings on Main street which were once general stores catering to fishermen and now house curio-shops.

CHIEF ATTRACTION on the island is still Grand Hotel, built in 1887 by Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt and John Plank George Pullman, sleeping-car builder of Chicago, had a hand in it too. Many of the great old houses are still furnished in the ornate style of the "society era", and some now rent rooms to vacationers. It would take a book, indeed hundreds of them have been written, to tell of the magic of Mackinac. And any Michigan family that hasn't visited there truly has missed something.

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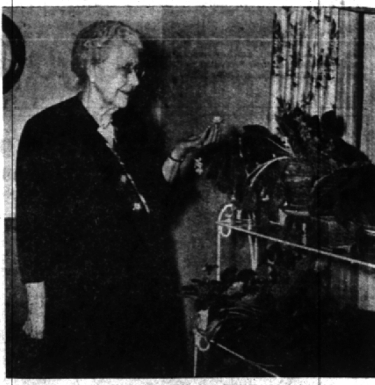
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"African Violet Queen" (Eccentric Photo)

**DOWN TO EARTH**  
**Grow African Violets For Pleasant Hobby**

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME  
Special Writer for The Birmingham Eccentric

I had a real treat this week when I visited an African violet enthusiast, Mrs. George A. Jacoby, Sr., 245 Puritan. She came to Birmingham after many enjoyable locations in her country with her son's family.

Mrs. Jacoby is a sprightly hostess more than 85 years young and each day unfolds much pleasure as she carefully propagates well selected varieties of violets for her many friends to share.

She selects a leaf to be rooted, splits the stem "a wee bit" and places it in a medicine bottle to keep the appearance of roots at least two inches long. Then the leaves are played in small pots in a mixture of vermiculite.

THESE FILLED pots with their rooted leaves are then placed in an endored rectangular container that used to be a fish bowl. They are kept within this humid glass box until they are well established with three or four small leaves. At this time they are planted in a commercial sterilized soil, in small pots.

Mrs. Jacoby's favorite violet is "Blue Heires". It has a large ruffled, scalloped leaf with blue flowers. She has 30 plants in bloom and many more "babies." There are more than a dozen types represented.

THEY ARE watered as the grower's touch dictates. She feeds them a weak manure tea which she makes from a commercial mixture. In her plant "maternity ward" I was interested to see how she had used a broom straw to hold a leaf in the position she wished.

Her room faces west and she says, "I let them have a little sunshine and then I draw the blinds." Mrs. Jacoby has a real apprecia-



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This group is chairmanned by Mrs. Frank Rhodes, Jr., and meets as usual the last Tuesday of each month. Others on the committee are Mrs. Bartow Deneen, Mrs. Harry Swan, Mrs. Hugh Mack and Mrs. James Chapman.

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