

**"What is it?" All Wheaton ponders purpose of 3-story mystery contraption erected by Peter Reber in his yard.**


south ends. At present, the town has a population of 8,000.

To welcome the newcomers, the Wheaton Business Assn. has appointed tall, likable Bert Godfrey, supervisor of the town's recreation center, "official greeter." Godfrey visits families as they move into town, giving them information regarding churches, schools, parks, and businesses.

Even as citizens discuss potential zoning plans, 27-year-old Peter Reber, native Wheatonian and graduate of Armour Institute of Technology, continues research with his three-story, odd appearing \$1,800 "radio static finder," located in the side-yard of his family's home.

There are many stories in the pristine suburb as to just-what-Peter-is-doing with "that butterfly catcher," as it is called. One account has it that he is halting the flight of airplanes over the town at night in connection with an anti-air raid experiment which he is conducting for the U. S. army.

"All of those yarns are false," says young



Reber, who is employed as a radio technician in Chicago and conducts his experiments during spare time. "Actually it is a radio antenna to aid in finding the direction of arrival of atmospheric static."

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