



The patrol leader of B-5's patrol will again be Bill Roberts, in Fred Jeff's absence. Those planning to attend are Tom Austin, Tom Allen, Bob Berges, John Boatman, Francis Buckridge, Steve Giffels, and John Staples.

The date for the Scout ball game at Briggs Stadium has been set for July 17. Scoutmasters will have their respective troops' tickets several days before the game. The game is to be between the Tigers and the Boston Red Sox.

One of Scouting-in-Birmingham's old standbys, Ernie Petty-pence, back after a couple of years spent on the Pacific coast. He is assisting Skipper James Stanley with the Sea Scouts.

Local Merit Badge examiners report that business is rather slack, but all the Scouts who have come or are going to Camp Brady sought to pile up quite a total before fall.

First class swimming and life saving merit badge tests may be passed at Barnum pool, in case you aren't going to camp. Many Scouts have already availed themselves of this opportunity.

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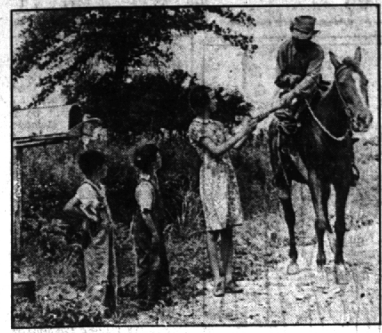
REMEMBER the man who traveled far and wide—and at last found what he was searching for right at home? Likewise parents, who are hunting the best vacation spots for their children, are very apt to find them right here at home—in the favored State of Michigan.

Broad, well-policed highways beckon—in inviting you to bring your youngsters to well-conducted beaches and camps that were made for pleasure, that are supervised for safety. And the Michigan air and sunshine sharpen young appetites and brown youthful, tuddy cheeks. Young and old together will enjoy the grand State Forests, the fine State Parks, the long scenic coast line . . . and picturesque rocks and sand dunes . . . and the educational value of the many points of historic interest.

It's a comfort to know that home and family can always be reached quickly by telephone.

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Horseback Postman's Farewell Tour



Riding rural route on horseback for last time. Alver Stypas out mail to children near Duncan, Okla. The kiddies won't see 'ol Dobbin any more. At long last, he's giving way to the automobile. But horses are still used to carry mail in sections of Kentucky and Tennessee.

Calls Neutrality Act 'Blank Check' To Enemies of U.S.

[Editor's Note: The following article on the attitude of this country toward Japan, and the possible outcome of the latter country's Chinese aggression, was contributed to The Eccentric by Mrs. Dorothy Hyde Patton of 287 Puritan road.]

By Dorothy Hyde Patton
It happens that at the present juncture in international affairs, the United States can best advance its own special national interests by means of measures which also would promote international morality and uphold international law. We can help ourselves by aiding the victims of aggression and penalizing the aggressors because it so happens that aggressors are our potential enemies, whereas the victims are not. Moreover this can be done without causing us any loss or risking anything worse than an empty threat of war. Our present Neutrality Act has penalized victims and aided the oppressors. So it has been in Ethiopia, Spain, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Albania.

Our policy is a blank check to the aggressors, who need fear nothing from the U.S.A., no matter what they do. No distinction is made between right and wrong—a fatal policy in the long run, one from whose evil effects all ready we are suffering.

Our Birmingham Boycott Committee is specifically interested in helping China in her struggle for independence against Japan. The moral issue here is too clear to need explanation. China is fighting a foreign invader who has no justification whatsoever—unless might is right. If we Americans were justified in driving England's government and forces from this land, China's cause is even more justifiable, because England did have a legal claim to be in possession of this land. China has no such claim to Chinese territory. If Americans and the American Government honor the memories of Lafayette, Kosusko and Pulasky because they, in our extremity, came to our aid, should we not honor this tradition in the case of China?

China is blockaded. The fact is, however, that although a few American merchants are shipping war materials to Japan, we are helping Japan vastly more in the matter of exports. China is very largely blockaded and Japan is not. Japan, moreover, has the productive equipment for turning raw materials into munitions. Our raw materials are more necessary to Japan than finished munitions. China, save to a limited extent, has not a proper productive equipment. China is the latest example of the folly and injustice of so-called "Neutrality" or "impartiality."

The glaring defect of adhering to the fetish of neutrality is that of failing to distinguish between right and wrong. A court at law may examine a case neutrally or impartially, but having done so, it must decide which side is right and which wrong and then favor the right and punish the wrong. In the case of present aggression there is no doubt as to the identity of aggressors and victims. In every case the aggressors are Japan, Germany and Italy. It is for the United States to strengthen these aggressor nations against our potential enemies? Dare we favor them, knowing they will use the resources of conquered territories for future conquests, finally reaching ourselves? Of all places on earth, aggressors most desire to loot the United States, which contains, according to some estimates, 44 per cent of the world's industrial productive resources.

Protect Democracy
If we believe in democracy, should we not seek to preserve it elsewhere, rather than assist in its being blotted out by those who hate our democratic institutions? Moral reasons alone should teach us to penalize the aggressor and help democratic victims.

In the case of Japan and China we are damaging our own strictly national interests by providing Japan with the major part of certain essential war materials which Japan must import. We are supplying her with the very materials she must get from us in order to fight China, and also arm against ourselves. We are arming against Japan because we believe she is arming against us. We are spending hundreds of millions on Pacific

Ocean defenses, and Japan is our only potential enemy there. Here surely is a vicious circle, but it is one that can be ended by non-warlike means, i. e. the embargo and boycott.

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Position of Japan
If the military experts are correct, what becomes of the argument that Japan would attack us, should we cut off her supplies? Would she, knowing that she could not maintain her armaments, take on the USA in addition to China? Under the best imaginable circumstances she could not meet us and facing as she now does financial and material bankruptcy, is it likely that she would become involved in war? Japan also faces the possibility of war with other nations.

It is impossible to say whether we score financially more at present from sales to Japan than is lost through Pacific Ocean trade. But it can be said that should Japan with our assistance win the war in China, our merchants will make precious little money throughout the Orient and on the other hand our Pacific armaments will make precious little money. There are no reasonable doubts about Japan's intentions. In word and deed she has expressed the purpose of exploiting the Orient at the expense of all other nations. Commerce she will drive out all others and utilize China's subjugated man-power and raw materials to build up a war machine with which she will attempt to conquer the world.

Such proof, as is available, indicates that a majority of Americans favor an embargo on exports to Japan and a boycott of her products. This situation combined with other factors—the upholding of international law, our national security and commerce—should all demand that an embargo be imposed. Why is it then that we do not follow this obvious course? It is because of the fetish of "neutrality," the inertia of the past, the attempt to fit present conditions into an antiquated pattern . . . and political maneuvering.

But our legislators will impose an embargo if enough voters tell them to do so. It is therefore the part of all individuals and organizations that favor China, democracy, our national security and commercial advantage to write to their Representatives and Senators. All possible pressure should be exerted by Americans who believe in our best traditions.

PONTIAC—Lifting of the State quarantine in Oakland County today doesn't mean a thing in the lives of Pontiac.

Ward W. Frost reminded that a city quarantine, or requirement for dogs to remain tied or on leash regardless of whether they are released, continues to Oct. 1. The fourth month restriction here in June, July, August and September, said should not be confused with the State's lifting of the bans today.

PONTIAC—State Tax Commission has fixed tax projections among governmental units for Oakland County, 4.5 for Pontiac City and 5 for the School District.

These allocations are the same as last year's allocations and are being made as a result of an appeal by Pontiac City, returns to the city about one-half million which Oakland County Tax Allocation Commission had shifted to the schools this year.

Bass Draws Big Turnout for 1939 Opening Saturday

LANSING, July 7.—With the 1939 lake fishing season off to a good start in the past week in terms of catch as well as number of anglers, the department of conservation fish division today advanced the opinion that each passing day would bring reports of even better fishing.

They issued their opinion after reviewing the reports from all sections of the state, including a general report that bass fishing was as good or even better than last season.

Bass drew a big turnout last Saturday midnight. Reports ranged from one who took his limit by 2 a. m. Sunday to "fair" bass biting in areas, including the gold standard, trade agreements, and all the other things the government as did bass, but creel census takers, interviewing fishermen on eight selected lakes in representative areas of the state turned in statements that bass has drawn a bigger following the first few days.

Interest in bluegill fishing can be expected to increase as the season progresses, according to fishing authorities. Limit catches of pan fish were brought to conservation headquarters, but the bass apparently got most of the attention. The catch was, however, frequently a larger number of favorable comments.

Bass in most lakes had been reported off their spawning beds for two weeks prior to the June 25 opening. Bluegills are known to continue spawning as late as August, but these are the exceptions rather than the general rule.

The continuous high temperatures and the wild-open sunny days which worked together against a record bluegill catch in the initial weeks. The bluegill anglers who did their fishing in the early morning and late afternoon periods reported very good luck.

Finals In Women's Tournament Today

In the qualifying finals of the women's tournament at the Oakland Hills country club Sunday, July 2, a field of twenty golfers came home with sufficient scores to enable them to compete in the finals starting today.

The number one position fell to Mrs. R. Butch with a score of 107, a handicap of 27, and a net score of 82. Handicapped at 17, Mrs. William Gufe shot a 29 for a net of 82, for second place. Coming in third was Mrs. L. C. McDonald with a score of 108, a handicap of 25, and a net score of 83.

I'll Leave It to You

By John Dealer
What I know about economics—as such—I learned in one course I took at college and from a few miscellaneous books read on the side. So, you might say I'm a dub when it comes to understanding money and credit, inflation, business curves, and the rest. I am probably, however, too big a chunk, then, when I venture to comment on the economic state of the nation.

So I shall keep my remarks very simple, on the theory that it is the simple things that really count, anyway. I shall simply suggest that prices, emporiums, the gold standard, trade agreements, and all the other things the government as did bass, but creel census takers, interviewing fishermen on eight selected lakes in representative areas of the state turned in statements that bass has drawn a bigger following the first few days.

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Not On the Program

"I hope you had dancing at your lawn party yesterday."

"It was quite unpremeditated; one of the guests accidentally upset a beehive."

Report Shows Local Building Activity

Building permits issued in Birmingham during the month of June reached a total valuation of \$49,460, according to the report of Building Inspector J. B. Baynes to City Manager Donald C. Eberhart. Fourteen permits were issued, five of which were for new single family residences, seven for the alteration of residences, one for the construction of a private garage, and one for a business alteration.

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