Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

A VISIT TO FORT CUSTER an years past, I have attended several summer camps where the presented regimen included an early morning the interpretation of the program was interesting. Fort Custer, at Battle Creek, where thousands of Michigan boys have been and are to be inducted into the Army, must remain a memory of, the same sort, for there comes the first taste of the new military life most of these boys don't want but are willingly accepting for reasons which are obvious.

Thursday, I was the guest be done to get some baseball dia-riend who "covers" the fort monds laid out. There does not

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OF DETROIT

Birmingham, according to reports that some to us, rates among the sew highest in Michigan regarding the development of civillians in the nation's defense of civillians who have heen taught what to do in case of enemy liombing in this area; hundreds of men, and women, know what to do in case of injured people; men by the score know what to do in case of first started by incendiary bombs. Eyen though we all hope that this instruction river will have to be used, it is good to know that it is available.

Growing War or no war, Mother Nature every spring will not be stopped from releasing elemental energies, and soon Birmingham and vicinity will be colorful with growing plants and shrubs, trees and grass-not to overlook plenty of weeds. Carting for these growing things can give you a kind of release from the mental shackles of a troubled world. Along with your flower garden you may efeate a Victory Garden of londstuffs—and, Folks, who ever sold-Voin a vegetable that tasted anything like the few that may be raised in your own yard or nearby lot?

Our State has Friday, April 10, was the 25th anniversary of the Police founding of the Michigan State Police. Created as a special organization of only 50 men, with Col. Roy C. Vandercook as Commissioner, it was in reality a child of the first World War, dedicated to prevent, among other duties, subsersive acts against the nation within Michigan's industrial and transportation systems.

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Now we are engagled in a second World War, and this same Michigan Stale Police organization? now increased to 525 able and energetic men, is engaged in repeating its protective influence's against our country cenemies within Oscar G. Olander, appointed Commissioner in 1920, now heads the force-which has practically every modern stream-lined device to assist itself in the defense of law and order.

lined device to assist itself in the defense of law and order. Citizens of Michigan may, justifiably, feel proud of their State Pollee—those conference and wholesome-looking men who risk their lives in the service they render to the Colu-monwealth.

SCOUT

Clergymen the late expressed pronounced pacifist and War opinions during the past twenty wars, including those who have talked foul-shly about awer assisting their own nation in war, are rapidly readjusting themselves to the hard facts of aggression.

readjusting themselves to the hard facts of aggression. No clergyman is called upon to heat the tom-toms for war but the pulpit is not the place for a weak-minded idealist incapable of serving the acute spiritual requirements of a people at war. Nether is it the place for an exaggerated ego thereto in carping criticism of the government, its policies and those risk-ing their lives for our defense.

FORTUNATE, INDEED, is the person these days who can retire . . . meaning, of course, his automobile.

Flying The Flag
front of her home, day and night, in hone of her son now serving in the Army Air
Carps.

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The lady ran into the objections of neighbors who persuaded policemen to advise her as to the proper respect for the flag. Even the United States Flag Association ruled that she should lower the flag each night. Everybody is entitled to list or her opinion on this subject, but it seems a little silv for other people, most of them probably above the fighting age, to advise the mother of a man serving his county how to respect the Association of the Country in the gluthest of the probably above the fighting age, to advise the mother of a man serving his county how to respect the Association of the Country in the gluthest of faith in infilituous shows officient peoplet for the national emblem and should be perfectled to fla a flag when and where they please.

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You wild Daily Go to Detroit or Pontias to 10) with Dally to to Defruit or Pointias to work—have you arranged for the conserva-tion of your fires by teaming up with others to take turns in driving a full load of pas-sengers? If you haven't, the day'll come when you'll be sorry.

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