

Have you parents, with sons in the armed forces, get written your Senator or Congressman or President, saying something like this: "Boys, we are watching you closely, and we want you to lose no time in remanding our faces into folds of war—so that our sons and other kin will have a chance to win."

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## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Don't be surprised if, when driving about town late at night, the police stop you to see who you are. Officers are bearing down on night patrol and are trying to keep track of strange automobiles; they know by sight just about every car parked on the street legitimately.

Incidentally, it would seem that neckers who park along the streets are in for considerable pestering from everybody. Householders are on the lookout, too, and police call every night from people who see "suspicious cars."

One of our informants was in the Telephone Theatre, Detroit, Sunday afternoon, when H. V. Kallenbach, answering questions on his new record program, read one sent in by Frank Tyson, Wing Lake road.

This column entertained some speculation last week on what will happen to local merchants as a result of the tire shortage. We note that Roger Babson, writing in Sunday's Free Press, confirms our belief that the stores nearer home will benefit.

Dr. A. Herbert Marshall, of Charleston, Mo., has started a one-man campaign to elect himself President of the United States, and this week, our Mayor received a letter from the good doctor. Whether this man thinks he can really do it, this Wanderer knows not. However, he is not far off when he writes: "If the rulers of the nations were to purge themselves of the desire for self-aggrandizement, and were to think beyond their own selfish ambition, they would never plunge their countries which they profess to serve, into needless misery and bloodshed."

The idea may seem funny, but it illustrates a good thing about our land. Where else but among two or three big countries can any upstart calmly announce to one and all that he is running for President?

Now that we are getting war reports from Australia, you will note use of the word "bush" meaning woods or forest. It is the same in Canada; people always refer to wooded land as "bush" country. Australians use the word "bush" instead of gasoline, as in the U. S. and Canada. Of all the British Dominions, Canada is probably the least like the mother country in speech and custom; American influence is much the greater, although Canadians are very loyal to the mother country, and often deprecate U. S. laxity and excesses.

Myron Owen, 19 years old, formerly a resident of Pine street, was arrested here Saturday on a warrant sent out from Detroit. It was a traffic charge.

According to a report made to police, Mrs. C. Lee, Lone Pine road, lost a purse containing \$20 in the Post Office Saturday.

Henry G. Vlier has filed suit for divorce from Mrs. Era Vlier.

Here's an odd thing: Miss Janet Simpson, of 4138 Elmhurst, route 5, parked her car on Woodward avenue, near Sternal's, Sunday night, when she attended the Bloomfield Theatre. A thief took the car from the distributor.

Mrs. R. L. Shannon, 394 Bryn Mawr, reported last night that a stray cat had bitten her daughter, Sally, age 5. The cat was not to be found, but next day, she cornered it in her garage, and the dog warden took it away for extermination.

It was like finding the bones of a well-picked chicken. Friday afternoon, Alvin J. Komisch, 2800 Bell road, found a set of wheels for a Dodge car. We need not waste space telling you that the tires were gone.

Frank Nitz, of Hazel Park, was driving through the city Sunday when his car caught fire from defective wiring. Part of the interior was damaged.

John R. McLaughlin, of Pontiac, secretary of the Michigan Association of Collection Agencies, Inc., dropped in our office to ask us to law covering collection agencies. To protect merchants and professional men from unethical agencies, the law requires out-of-state agencies, as well as resident agencies, to file a bond.

An article in the little magazine put out by the Hammond organ people tells of Mort Walton, 172 Pleasant street, and his hobbies. Mort takes pictures for the Free Press, and he is waiting for the introduction of his latest, "Five Caught Love," by Glenn Miller. Their five-year-old Nancy plays duets with her father, using piano and organ.

(Art Wingarden sent us a clipping on Mort... Thanks, Art!)

Something new in town is the Style and Fur Clinic established by Miss Esther Richardson upstairs at 144 West Maple, in the Quarten Building. Possessing 22 years experience with such establishments at Hudson's and Siro's, Miss Richardson will draft and design, and illustrate from patterns, tailored suits, coats and dresses, and will also care for your fur coat, and do miscellaneous things such as covering buttons. Watch for her advertisements weekly.

Turn that unwanted article into cash! Phone 11 for a classified ad!

Ralph R. Genter has been elected a member of the American Institute of Accountants. F. Leroy Austin has been chosen an associate member. Both are CPAs.

Mrs. Herbert Klier, 808 Ann street, stopped in with a check for this column. Several weeks ago her daughter, Mary Lou, 8 years old, received an injured foot, requiring her to use crutches. During this time, she made frequent use of the Star Cab line for transportation and Mrs. Klier wanted to express her appreciation for the extra service given by the drivers.

A Pierce street resident phoned the Wanderer to vent his opinion of basketball-playing near his house. "Boys play basketball noon and night on a concrete section near my home," he declared, "or work on night shift and another man in my house is on a night shift in a defense plant and we have trouble sleeping. I wish we could get some consideration."

The new 7 per cent reduction in fire insurance rates will go into effect April 1, according to Jim Kelly. The reduction applies only to cities which have a rating of one to six, meaning that Bloomfield Hills is rated Class 1 because (The Hills is water hydrant system of any size, something impractical for reason of the scattered population.) Jim cites the savings in Birmingham for a single-family house with wooden shingles insured for \$10,000. Formerly, the three-year premium was \$55; now it will be \$41.20.

J. B. Howarth was 84 years old Sunday and he observed the day quietly at his home on 571 South Bates street, where he is recovering from a recent illness. Beatrice McDonald sends us a birthday poem dedicated to Mr. Howarth:

Birthdays must always be beautiful days To treasure and keep through the years, With never a inkling of trouble or care, And never a sprinkling of tears, Misfortune and sorrow can wait for tomorrow, But a birthday from morning 'til night Must all be a part of the joy of one's heart, Gladness and golden and bright.

## Fire Auxiliaries Await First Drill Scheduled April 7

Birmingham's eight companies of auxiliary firemen have completed their course of instruction and will hold their first field drill on Tuesday, April 7, Chief Vernon Griffith announced today.

The drill will be simple, consisting of hose laying and connections to hydrants, he said. "I can't praise these men too highly," Griffith declared. "Attendance and interest has been wonderful."

The department is now receiving applications from men to form six new companies as they are needed from time to time.

Birmingham's fire fighting setup now consists of the regular paid company, one company of "regular" volunteers and the eight auxiliary companies.

The U. S. Navy's goal of a ship a day means unlimited opportunities for men who enlist now, according to Lieutenant Commander Carson R. Miller, in charge of recruiting for this area. With the Navy's plan for a two-ocean fleet fast becoming a reality, ambitious young men can expect rapid advancement in either the Navy or the Naval Reserve.

More than 50 trades and 100 specialties, including all phases of radio and aviation, are open to men from 17 to 20, says Lieutenant Commander Miller. He points out that one feature of Naval training often overlooked is the fact that the Navy pays while you learn. Enlisted men can choose the trade or specialty they wish, get thorough training in the Navy's great technical schools, and at the same time receive the regular pay of men in active service.

Seven men already have training in any specific field may obtain Petty Officer ratings immediately upon enlistment, with the excellent salaries such positions command.

Sour Note

A woman orchardist in California claims to have the biggest lemon in the world on her place. And what does he say?—Lynchburg News.

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## Election Notice

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan,

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Birmingham, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1942

from seven o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern War Time, for the purpose of electing the following officers:

- THREE (3) CITY COMMISSIONERS
- TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD
- ONE (1) CONSTABLE

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk  
March 26, 1942.

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