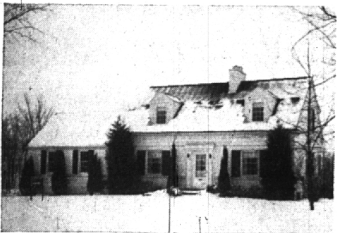


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## Bits of Birmingham

The rationing office in the basement of the Municipal Building was crowded with people, and in walked a woman with a handful of tickets from the sugar rationing office. "I've got to have six new books," she said. "I tore all the coupons out of these books so my little girl could play store, but now the grocer won't honor the detached coupons!"

You hear all kinds of reports about rationing offices here and elsewhere throughout the district. Some people think the local office is too confused, while others are amazed at the aplomb which Mrs. R. B. McCutcheon is able to maintain in the hubbub. On the whole, this Wanderer believes he is correct in saying that Birmingham people have received as good service at any where in Oakland County. There have been mistakes, of course, for all volunteer help has been used, with the exception of Mrs. McCutcheon's applications for fuel oil. The help has been handled faster here than in many places.

It's beginning to look as though the fellow who wrote the song, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," overdid the thing.

Eric Bergshagen, who was a first lieutenant in the Danish Army before coming to America, is going to New York this weekend to attend a dinner for former officers of that army given by Laurits Meichlor, famed Metropolitan singer.

Retail business in Birmingham is said to be away ahead of last year.

Mrs. R. B. McCutcheon reported last week the loss of a red zippered purse containing money and personal papers.

Postmaster Joe Byrne wonders who owns the Great Dane dog which regularly visits at his home. The dog will stay all night, or at other times, at his front home, depending on his whim. When the dog wants to go outdoors, he will go to Joe's or his front home, with his mouth and lead high or her to the door. The Byrnes are great lovers of dogs.

F. R. Arnold, of 2723 Webster, Bosh, has asked Birmingham police to be on the lookout for two Hawthorne bikes stolen from his home.

Monday night the City Commission approved a taxicab driver's license for Mrs. Edna Johnson, wife of Jeremiah Johnson, 209 1/2 High street, who was approved last week. However, Mrs. Johnson will not drive full time but only occasionally, as needed.

Monday night, Commissioner Harry Bissett said that several street signs, particularly one at Riverock and Poppleton, were turned askew and did not appear to have been fixed after he ordered the issue several weeks ago. Calvin Snell, who is in charge of signs, told the City Commission that he had fixed this sign a couple of times but that frisky boys promptly undid his work. The metal is soft and easily bent.

Because of reduced auto traffic, the City does not plan to replace Patrolman Larry Kamin, who enlisted two weeks ago.

E. W. Osborne opines that unnecessary traffic lights should be shut off to save gasoline used by idling cars.

Some of you folks may say: "The Eccentric has called for sacrifices, yet you squawk when it appears that some one is going to have to make one."

But wait a minute—any complaints you may have read in our columns cover (1) lack of efficiency, and/or (2) lack of reasonableness.

For example, was neither reasonable nor efficient for the OPA to insist that after Dec. 10 no fuel oil could be delivered without coupons when, in many localities, thousands of applicants were still unprocessed. In Oakland County, however, an order has been given for extension of time.

Christmas trees are certainly scarce this year. Trees which sell for \$2 this year cost you \$1 last year. Lovers of the one-of-a-kind will be consoled by the fact that fewer acres are being denuded.

This War Time which forces everybody to rise in the dark is supposed to save electric power, but this Wanderer could not see how, and he asked Ralph Bricker, Oakland County boss for the Detroit Edison.

It is not so much the power saved as it is the saving in peak load," he said. "It used to get dark at 5 p.m. and as people turned on their lights and started cooking dinner, this load corresponded with a heavy industrial load. Now the clock says 6 p.m. before it gets dark.

Peak loads are the worry of the power company, but fortunately, the Edison began several years ago to install new equipment which is handling the load.

You ought to talk with people in Windsor about power. Anybody who has a house full of lights gets called for it. There are no store windows lit at night, either.

More information with regard to the tragic death of the Canadian baby, age 6 months, a week ago Sunday: The baby was sitting up and died in such a manner as to lead the parents to believe that the cause of death must have been

some natural occurrence, and not suffocation. It happened so quickly that nothing the parents could do was of any avail.

If this cold weather continues, Bob Lynd, YMCA secretary, believes that the Christmas holidays will be the best time for the annual ice carnival on Quanton Lake. A couple of times in the past, thaws have nearly ruined the show.

Fuel oil users are wondering what this unusual period of cold weather will do to their oil allotment at dusk. A surprising amount of heat is thus retained which restrict the circulation of air. Pull your window shades promptly at dusk. A surprising amount of heat is thus retained. Maintain plenty of moisture in the air, for humid air is comfortable even at 65 degrees.

This Wanderer heard Dr. O. O. Beck tell of a former school-master who was a fresh air fiend, keeping the school room at 60 degrees. "We got used to it in fact, we got to like it," Dr. Beck declared.

An advertiser last week used the classifieds to find himself an alarm clock. If you have one you're not using, why not place it on the market? Some one needs that clock.

Did you see the letter to Santa Claus in which the child asked plenty of gifts for the sailors, and "especially for the marines"?

A Flint driver doing 50 in another Flint driver doing 35 in a Pontiac man driving 60 miles an hour were arrested here during the past weekend. Herbert N. Randall, of 1355 Edgewood, was arrested last Thursday and charged with reckless driving, and he, too, was speeding. Officers said. We wonder whether these speed offenders are reported to their gasoline rationing boards? It should bear upon the supplementary mileage they receive.

Do you want a 6.00 x 16 tire? If you have to do it to prove it, you're giving the serial number to the police department. An honest fellow, Henry C. Feldman, 285 Palmer, Route 4, Pontiac, found it in the bowling alley parking lot.

Some one reported to police that a snowball fight was in progress last Thursday afternoon at Forest and Maple, endangering the passers-by.



WACs WIN CORN CROWN—Mrs. Violet Weeks, 21, of Silver Lake Ind., was in training with the WAACS at Des Moines, Ia., when she was notified of her selection as "National Woman Corn Grower" by the De Kalb Agricultural Association. Her husband is in the Army and two brothers are in the Navy.



"Hurry and I have figured out a way to keep warm and conserve fuel." Drawn for Office of War Information

### Automatic Furnace Warning Issued By Fire Chief

Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith has issued the following warning to all users of automatic furnaces (oil, gas or coal):

"Since the start of fuel oil rationing, most people have been attempting to conserve fuel oil, and in the experiments that have followed in the individual home, one in particular comes to attention. It is that of a person who, while attempting to close off part of his house, has closed off and shut off the heat in the room where the thermostat has been installed. The results are that this room stays cold and the thermostat never has an opportunity to function normally. The balance of the house, not shut off, becomes overheated and wastes fuel, oil or coal, and the furnace is permitted to run so long that it, too, becomes overheated and endangers the combustibles near it, and sometimes sets them on fire."

"The above practices should never be followed and the room containing the thermostat should be kept in action with the rest of the system.

"Many users have permitted their oil-burners to run out of oil. When this is done, the furnace should be shut off immediately, and when additional oil is put into the supply tank, no attempt should be made to start the burner by someone inexperienced, for with most installations the pump has to be reprimed and the lines bled of air before the furnace is again started. The advisable thing to do is to call a service man or permit these burners to run completely out of oil."

Fire losses in Birmingham during November amounted to \$90, the Fire Department has estimated.

Mrs. Beatrice M. Price has been granted a divorce decree from Robert J. Price, with the custody of their two children awarded the mother.

Wilson Drug Co. reported to police Monday that two electric clocks had been stolen by shoplifters.

William Mulligan, 1492 Rufner street, discovered Tuesday morning that a thief had taken his 1947 green Oldsmobile which had been parked alongside his house.

Your sugar coupon No. 10 is good for three pounds of sugar until Jan. 31.



### PLAQUE AVAILABLE

As a further means of dramatizing the magnificent record for war work recognized by the National Scout Council in a form of war service recognition to be made available to such troops, Council Executive, J. B. Shields, Detroit, in the form of a Victory Plaque, is now ready for presentation.

The Plaque, a color-printed form about 12 by 20 inches in size, has a large "V" in the center with an American flag waving on top. Both side of the "V" are spaced into twelve squares each. Each square to hold a special sticker so indicating the War Service project which the Troop has participated in and for which it is entitled to receive recognition.

- 1. Defense Poster Distribution
- 2. Airman Collection
- 3. Consumers Pledge Against Waste
- 4. Waste Paper Collection
- 5. Treasure Hunt for Rubber
- 6. Salvage Campaign
- 7. Food for Victory
- 8. Air Raid Poster Distribution
- 9. Civilian Defense Service
- 10. Dispatch Bearers Service
- 11. Victory Book Collection
- 12. USO Cooperation
- 13. American Red Cross Cooperation
- 14. Defense Housing Survey
- 15. War Savings Pledge Campaign

The 45 nation-wide War Service projects recognized by the National Council are as follows:

### Exchange Club Hears H. S. Singers

A chorus—part of the high school A Cappella Choir membership—sang at the Exchange Club meeting Tuesday noon. Directed by Victor F. Church, the group sang several carols which will be presented Friday night in the annual Christmas concert.

Ray A. Palmer reported on a recent meeting of Metropolitan Area Council.

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