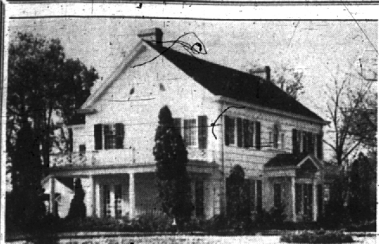


Though at times you may rebel and revolt inwardly against foolish moves or expenditures by government, don't let your emotions override your common sense; continue to stand behind your government, and relieve yourself by writing to your Congressman or Governor, or newspaper.

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Believe Fire Dept. Here First in State Ready for Raids

Birmingham, so far as is known, is the first city in the State to possess a full-fledged auxiliary fire department, organized, equipped, partially trained, and ready to go into action in case of air raids or other emergencies.

Besides the regular paid company, there are two companies of regular volunteers, plus seven auxiliary companies and one auxiliary company of specialists, making 11 companies in total. All are fully manned, and there are waiting lists, according to Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith. Enthusiasm is high, and attendance is good at the regular weekly two-hour training sessions which run 10 weeks.

In case of an air raid, the sirens will be blown, contiguous and church bells rung, and each company will then go to its designated station. There are seven stations scattered throughout the city, each at a private garage where a telephone is handy, and where the equipment can be stored. During a "run," as soon as the company is ready to report, headquarters is notified by phone and that fact is recorded on a large control board.

Part of the regular vehicular equipment is also moved. The big ladder truck and one pickup truck are stationed in the Municipal Building. The old pump goes to Wylie Bell's; and a light truck stays at Corydon in the Municipal Building. The old pump truck, privately owned, will be used as an auxiliary company. Each truck will be equipped as follows: 1 ax 100 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose, one extension ladder, a map showing water mains, gates and hydrants, a street guide, 2 gas masks, 2 nozzles, 1 foot pump, 1 reducing coupling, 1 can of tar, 1 hydrant wrench, 2 pipe wrenches, plus rubber boots, coats and one hand and fire extinguishers. Most of this equipment is now on hand, ready for use. (The tar is for sealing basements if they should be used as water reservoirs.)

Training of the auxiliaries has already been under way for several weeks. Each man will be given a 20-hour course in how to handle their own incendiaries in case of fire fighting, and when that is completed, an advanced course will handle their own incendiaries, Chief Griffith said. Should a fire get out of control, the fire fighters would be sent into action by way of a phone call to headquarters.

'Major Bowes' Show For Saturday Club

Members of the Community House Saturday Club will entertain the group this Saturday morning during the auditorium period with a "Major Bowes" program. "Caesar" promises surprises and bits of excitement.

"Because of the great popularity of leatherwork and dramatics this year, it has been necessary to increase the staff of those departments. Barbara Scott, 2136 Dorchester, a student at Kingswood, is assisting in the dramatics group, while Roger Cummings, 50 South Bates street, a Baldwin High School senior, is assisting with the leather work.

Mrs. Russell Stephens, 576 Bloomfield Court, is now helping Miss Emma Christensen with the weekly health inspection.

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Bits of Birmingham

Birmingham has a conscientious objector. The first one so listed by Kocal Board No. 7 is William Charles Doebler, address not given. His claims were thoroughly investigated by the F. B. I. and he will be sent to a C. O. camp.

A woman reader, living on Pilgrim road, writes: "Please give some news credit to Charles Winingham, who has given much time and effort, as well as expenses from his pocket, to the Motor Mechanics class of the Red Cross. You certainly know of his unflinching courtesy and helpfulness. You may not know that he invested in the company of a 16 training film set made to Army specifications, so as to give greater information to his students; and his set of 35 reels was a real outlay. Also, you might mention Russell, Paul and Leo, mechanics, who also gave their time and knowledge. You have given much credit to the Red Cross; give the men a bit, too."

This Wanderer is glad to publicize the generosity of Mr. Winingham and his men. He also adds an encomium for the student who so thoughtfully penned the above.

It has been a long time since fog persisted as long as it did Monday. Even at noon, it was thicker than more than a block on Woodward avenue.

Royce L. Beers has been granted another stoker patent.

This Wanderer really made the fall of Singapore really made the war's seriousness apparent to all. He heard one man at the draft headquarters declare he was ready to go if his wife could find a job to support herself.

Harold Corson, who served in the Chemical Warfare Division during the First World War, has prepared a 16-page mimeographed booklet which he has titled "The popular" kinds of poison gas. Several agencies in the State have asked for copies.

Another decision has come from the State Supreme Court which strikes a second blow at which ready-dead bond issues which were sold to the tune of \$8,000,000 or so to finance sewers in southern Oakland and Macomb Counties. The bondholders take it on the chin; the general taxpayers get something for nothing—all on a technicality. The Drain Commission, the general taxpayers had no legal authority to build closed sewers—just drains.

The two big "Bloomfield Village" drains west of Birmingham come into this category.

Next to having your doorknob come off in your hands, the empty feeling is stepping on a running board that isn't there.

Mrs. Betty Brockway Matlock, Birmingham, has received a divorce decree from Joseph N. Matlock.

Some time ago, James Lenard Juhl, of Lauderdale drive, Troy Township, hid a small glass bank in a mattress. Juhl gave the mattress away, along with the \$500 in cash the bank contained. The recipients, Mr. and Mrs. Rose McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Shamburn, all of Clawson, spent most of the money instead of returning it, and eventually were arrested by John Law, Circuit Judge. Frank L. Doty recently placed all of them on two years' probation, and told them to return the money.

If you have a flat tire at night in the City, and while changing it, feel insulted. Police are getting more and more calls from people who see strangers working

on tires along the street. Officers check up to see that nothing's amiss.

Earl Mullins, 635 Stanley, and Jim Blakely, 1336 Humphrey, have reported the loss of the \$2.00 auto use tax stamps.

Daniel Robertson, plumber, of 1312 Webster, informed police Saturday that a thief had taken \$15 worth of pipe from his yard.

Visiting the Fire Department offices Monday, this Wanderer ran into Chief Verne Griffith in a very, very disgusted mood—the sort of mood in which men often use the choicest sort of profanity. Verne was not using any coarse words, but he looked as though he might at any moment. He was examining a very interesting picture bought by the City to show the proper methods of fighting incendiary blazes. It had just been shown at the Rotary Club on an expensive projector by an expert operator, but unfortunately, the projector, designed for sound pictures, had dented the sprocket holes on the film, almost ruining it. However, it has turned out all right.

Police get many calls for service, but here is a new one: A Pierce street woman's puppy entangled its foot in a tree register. Unable to get it out, she called Sgt. G. C. Stephens, who had the problem very nicely.

Jack Harshbarger, 747 Smith, was bitten last Monday by a dog owned by the Hamiltons, 908 Smith, according to a report made by police.

A complaint made to police testified that children were breaking the windows in a garage at 822 Suffolk.

An irate resident called us to protest against the condition of sidewalks Monday. "Why don't people clean them off?" he asked. "The walks are so slippery and slushy as to be almost impassable as a person takes her life in her hands when using them." Why doesn't the City get after people who don't clean their walks?

Technical Books A Timely Addition To Library Shelf

By LINDO MOORE

Maybe you're working at a defense job in a factory. Or maybe you like to fool around your own workbench in the basement. Or maybe you just want to brush up on something in mathematics. In any case, one of these recently acquired technical books at Baldwin Public Library may fit your need:

1. Camm. Dictionary of Metals and their Alloys.

2. Amer. technical soc. Drafting for the machine trades. 4 vol.

3. Malloy. Drilling and Grinding.

4. Malloy. Patternmaking and Foundry Work.

5. Smith. Pressure Gages.

6. Hamm. Gears and Gear-cutting.

7. Lazarefeld. Radio research.

8. Cherry. General Plastics.

9. Popular Mechanics in industry.

10. Popular Mechanics. Shop Notes. 1942.

11. Lighting. Illuminating Engineering.

12. Manly. Electric and oxyacetylene welding.

13. Fleming. Elementary mathematics for engineers.

14. American Technical Society. Aviation. 4 vol.

15. Aircraft Year Book 1941.

provided that the shower rooms be open to any one wanted to take a bath. This week, the start of the adult women's physical fitness program, which has been used by this group for the first time, according to a reader of the Birmingham Centric, has long used the facilities.

Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, City health officer, has ordered police to keep confined the shepherd dog which recently bit Mrs. Lloyd S. Linton, causing severe face contusions. Although it is said that the dog had never molested any one previously, Dr. Kemp asked this question: "How can we be sure it won't happen again?"

"Kids with 22 rifles are doing a lot of promiscuous shooting around the Gun Club," Harry E. Bissett told the Commission, Monday night. "I think something ought to be done about it." The others agreed.

In an article in last week's Centric, it was stated that when the new E. F. Lewis avenue parking lot is ready, the City plans to change parking from angle to parallel. The plans apply only to that street and not to Woodward avenue, as was feared by Ralph Wilson, August, Ralph wrote the Commission favoring angle parking on Woodward.

Lee Durham, of Beverly Hills, leaves this week to attend the American Association of School Superintendents assembling in San Francisco. Mr. Durham attends this convention in his capacity as treasurer of the Detroit Teachers' Association. This visit will also afford him an opportunity to study civilian defense activities which will aid in his direction of the Civilian Defense Council of Southfield Township.

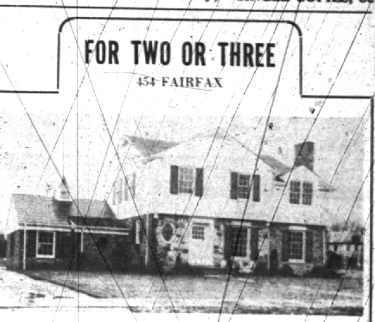
A Stray "Now, Harry, asked the teacher, "to what family does the whole belong?" "I don't know," replied Harry. "Nobody in our neighborhood has one."

Birmingham business men—about 75 of 'em—had a fine time at the party last Friday evening held for them by members of the American Legion. Not only did the merchants and ex-service men get better acquainted, but they got better acquainted among themselves. Wylie Pearlsall was chairman.

W. A. P. John, president of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc. and D. U. Battrick, general sales manager of Pontiac Motors, have returned from New York City where they accepted the Harvard Award for Pontiac Motors' 1941 newspaper advertising campaign. They were accompanied by W. J. Mougey, Pontiac's advertising manager.

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