Perhaps at least half, if more, of the world's criticism is majorly unfair, but in times of peace humans somehow muddle through its pitfalls. But now we are at war, and unfair criticism must be decreased; it's a tough assignment for each of us, but will pay.

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James Reports Prosperous Year

Donald D. James, President of Walsh, James and Wasey Company, announced that the year 1941 showed a very gratifying increase in all lines of the real estate activities.

The business handled by this well known and long established firm, including sales, rentals, management, appraisals, etc., totalled $4,120,760.

In view of present unsettled conditions, owing to the war situation, Mr. James remarks that it is hard to estimate what 1942 will produce, but takes a very optimistic view, having in mind the numerous inquiries on hand, and the evident desire of many to take advantage of the opportunities to pick up real bargains and secure permanent homes.

The priority rulings and inability to procure some building materials has affected the sale of vacant property in the suburbs and restricted new building, but with so many people earning peak wages, there is certainly an increasing portion of these wages going into the purchase of existing homes. Also, there are many people buying acreage from plots of two acres to large farms and ranches. Many of the smaller farms will be used for raising vegetables, etc. for the duration as suggested by the Government and all farm and garden clubs.

World Traveler Addresses Students

By CAROLYN KANE

"I've been all over the world but the United States still looks best to me," said Robert Friers as he showed his film "Wheels Over the Andes" in assembly in Baldwin High School auditorium last Thursday.

This vagabond, who has been in 55 countries in 13 years as correspondent for Booth Newspapers, made this movie while covering the construction of the 20,000-mile Pan-American Highway.

His pet monkey Chico, which he saved from a certain fate of flavoring a stew in Equador, accompanied him in a cozy box to be a popular feature of the program.

While making "Wheels Over the Andes" Mr. Friers was seized several times as a spy: once in Mexico City where he was threatened with being hanged; in Equador as a Peruvian spy, and in Nicaragua for a Nazi spy.

Fire in Doll House Spreads to Home

Fire which originated in a large doll house caused about $400 in damage at the home of Claude E. Walker, 327 Pleasant avenue, last Friday evening. A second-floor bedroom and its furniture were ruined, while ceilings on the first floor will require re-plastering. There was also smoke damage.

FINED FOR D. U. I. L.

John Rufus Dodson, of 28640 Case street, near Birmingham, was arrested at 5 p. m. last Friday and charged with driving while under the influence of liquor. He pleaded guilty when arraigned Saturday morning before Justice Forbes S. Hascall and paid a $50 fine. His operator's license will be suspended.

ADMITS AUTO THEFT

Sentence will be pronounced March 2 for William J. Edmunds, Jr., 23 years old, of Birmingham, who pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of unlawfully driving away an automobile. He took it from a Pontiac factory lot and drove it several hours before abandoning it.

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Bits of Birmingham

This Wanderer and his wife were guests at the annual VFW dinner last Saturday evening and were amazed at the quantity of cake present. There were about 10 delicious varieties on the tables, and all were passed up and down so that we could sample each one. It is no wonder some of these war veterans are getting rotund.

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Mrs. Bertha M. Foreman, Birmingham resident wintering at St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., is enjoying her shuffleboard, we note in a copy of the Gulf Beach News sent this office. She even wrote a poem about it.

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Mickey Rose, manager of the Bloomfield Theatre, is the proud possessor of three $100 defense bonds he won in a recent contest staged by Paramount for the largest percentage gain in business during the holidays.

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E. A. McFaul, that feller who made a living by going about giving clever after-dinner speeches, has been arrested in Detroit on a charge of taking indecent liberties. He talked here on a couple of occasions.

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H. O. Rounds, father of the international school safety patrol movement, died in Detroit last week.

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Our new superintendent of schools has scored a home run in his handling of the new central junior high proposal. Instead of recommending to the Board of Education that it approve the step forthwith, Dr. Shibler went to the various P.-T. A. meetings first and "sold" the idea to the parents.

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In inviting his club to his home for a party, one of the members last week referred to his street as the "high mortgage district." What would home be without a mortgage?

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Oscar Conwell, 775 Ann street, reported to police Sunday that his son, Charles, 16 years old, had left home, probably for Tennessee or Florida. Another case of the wanderlust, probably.

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Dear Wanderer:

Would you please print the following in your column, Bits of Birmingham? I have a problem that needs a better solution. As follows, perhaps some reader can help me.

Rent and Food	Could be
Clothing	But
Coal	Not
Gas	Yet
Light, Misc.	Because
Total	No Job
Tax	3% or more
Grand Total	No Job

E. J. S.
535 Merrill
Birmingham

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There was a good assortment of flags waving in the breeze, Monday—Washington's Birthday. At the last minute, postal employees were told to make one delivery in the morning, and the draft office was kept open by order—two concessions to the war.

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G. S. Goodell, of Tooting Lane, executive in a large Detroit shoe store, loaned his personal secretary for two days' service in the local draft office. Because of the new registration and re-classification, the local office is swamped and can't get any more help than the two clerks now on the job. Other executives might well follow the example of Mr. Goodell.

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George Mutch, 636 Purdy, has a car which is minus its front license plate and use tax sticker. Who took them?

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This Wanderer was surprised to learn the other day that there are people who think a newspaper makes a charge for printing news, particularly society stories. We do sell advertising space, but never news space.

What is the difference between news and advertising? Well, any announcement that has as its goal the making of private profit could be classified as advertising; everything else, news. Occasionally, that distinction is not seen and some cannot understand why we won't give them free advertising. The answer is that a newspaper's advertising space is its stock in trade, like the goods on merchant's shelf; would anyone ask the grocer to give him a can of beans, gratis?

So, remember, folks, whenever you have a bit of information you think is news, don't hesitate to call us. There's no charge.

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Dogs still run at large. Sunday morning, police told three South street residents they faced arrest unless their pets were kept confined at home.

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It was the middle of the night, and Joyce Packard heard a strange noise. She called police and they found the cause to be steam escaping from a thermos bottle of hot tea.

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Some one tried to break into the car of Frank Taylor, 847 Bennaville, last Saturday, breaking off a key in the lock.

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Perry Weller, former Birmingham boy still in the local draft board's jurisdiction, was reluctant to take his physical exam in Detroit and did not show up. After getting a chance to redeem himself, he still was reluctant, and police were called to give an escort to 1040 Fort street, Detroit. Uncle Sam means business.

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Mayor John E. Martz has received the following letter from Dr. William Lloyd Kemp, Birmingham's health officer:

"Dear Mayor Martz:

"It has occurred to me that our clinic provides certain facilities which might be useful in the event of a disaster, resulting in a medical emergency. I am writing to proffer these facilities together with the services of our staff, if they can be useful in connection with your Civilian Defense plans. We desire helping in any way we can."

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The Mayor, incidentally, has moved his offices from 717 Penobscot building, to 727 Penobscot.

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The wedding of Nancy Strelinger and Clem Page in Washington, recently, was the occasion of a get-together for some of the local folk who are working in the Capital. After the ceremony, they went to Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Bradts' for a snack, and then hied themselves to Colonel and Mrs. Fritz Strongs' new house, a fascinating remodelled dwelling in old Georgetown. No two rooms are on the same level. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dodds came the next day and all gathered at the Hale Knights' home. Others in the party were Mr. and Mrs. F. Harold Mott and Frank Cotter.

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The Robert H. Dudleys entered two of their dogs in the Dayton, Ohio, Kennel Club Show last Saturday and Sunday with much success. Dusky-Boy, of Mar-Bob, was judged best of breed of the Shipperkes, and the puppy, Mar-Bob's Midgy Girl, was judged reserve winner's bitch. Both dogs will be entered in the Detroit show this coming weekend.

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A few weeks ago we published a letter telling about Harry S. Lee, of Plymouth, who has started a Michigan movement to rally all men who possess hunting rifles, to organize for the purpose (if and when necessary) of shooting enemy Nazis, Fascists, Japs, etc. etc. Mr. Lee is getting a good response, and has accepted the offer of W. C. Randall, of 770 Shirley Drive, Birmingham, to serve as Birmingham organizer. So, if you want to know more about this, call Mr. Randall, whose telephone is 2246.

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Criticism of the amount of the fee asked by veterinaries for annually innoculating local dogs against rabies, a provision necessary to obtain a Birmingham dog license, was registered with the City Commission Monday night in a brief letter from Charles J. Shain, local druggist. Mr. Shain, himself the owner of a dog which he keeps from running at large because he constructed a fence around his yard, asserted that the current two dollar veterinary fee is exorbitant, and that the City itself should either arrange for a lower rate, or do the job through its police department. He also commented upon laxity of enforcing the dog ordinance, pointing out that he has proof of the failure of certain City employees to live up to it. The letter was referred to Manager Egbert for study.

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The children's booklet illustrated by Dorothy Beals (about which The Eccentric carried a story some weeks ago) is off the presses now and on sale at Kresge's.

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Joins Max Broock

Mr. Linton

Max Broock, Inc., realtors, announce the addition of Lloyd S. Linton to their staff of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills representatives. Mr. Linton, a resident of and well known in Birmingham for a number of years, has maintained his own real estate office here for the past two years. Prior to that, he was assistant receiver for the First National Bank of Birmingham, making possible the liquidation of frozen assets and subsequently the payment of liquidating dividends to local depositors.

With many years of varied real estate experience behind him, Mr. Linton will be a valued addition to the well known Max Broock, Inc. organization. Having seen economic conditions during and after the last World War, Mr. Linton feels confident that real estate will be held in increasing demand for security of investment and personal use.

Parked Cars Hit; Pedestrian Injured

Harrison Thurston, 355 Puritan road, received a foot injury Monday morning following a three-car crash on Woodward avenue near The Eccentric office. He had just parked his car and was preparing to step off the curb when Vernon C. Pierce, of Flint, driving south on Woodward, crashed into parked cars. He was given a ticket for having no operator's license, while Allen Stokes, of Van Dyke, driver of a parked truck, received a summons for having no chauffeur's license. Thurston's car was jolted so that it struck him.

STUDENTS LIKE MAGICIAN

Guy Stanley, traveler, magician and entertainer, was presented at the Baldwin Junior High School assembly program recently.

Mr. Stanley was introduced by Martina McKinney, member of the Junior High School assembly club. Alan Joslyn and Dick Burlingame assisted Mr. Stanley in many of his Occidental and Oriental wonders. The program was acclaimed enthusiastically by the students as the best assembly program ever presented in Baldwin Junior High School.

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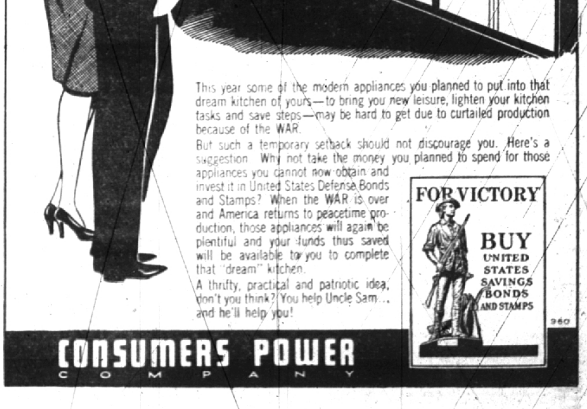

This year some of the modern appliances you planned to put into that dream kitchen of yours—to bring you new leisure, lighten your kitchen tasks and save steps—may be hard to get due to curtailed production because of the WAR.

But such a temporary setback should not discourage you. Here's a suggestion. Why not take the money you planned to spend for those appliances you cannot now obtain and invest it in United States Defense Bonds and Stamps? When the WAR is over and America returns to peacetime production, those appliances will again be plentiful and your funds thus saved will be available to you to complete that "dream" kitchen.

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