

See that young man wearing a military uniform? He's only 22, just out of college; his parents love him, as do others. He's cost his parents many thousands of dollars, from the cradle to college graduation; now he's potential cannon fodder. Oh, he's proud to wear that uniform—but he wonders why wars can't be prevented.

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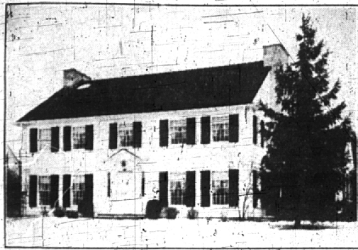
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In Birmingham

The grounds of this attractive Colonial comprise 3/4 of an acre overlooking Quattron Lake. Pleasantly landscaped, there is room for privacy and recreation and the setting is superb.

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Fire Losses Here Cut to \$5,576

Fire losses in Birmingham during 1941 were cut to \$5,576, according to a summary report just issued by Fire Chief V. W. Griffith. The per capita loss was 46.5 cents, compared with 56 cents in 1940; \$1.20 in 1939; 47 cents in 1938 and 48 cents in 1937.

During 1941, the estimated loss on buildings was \$3,971; the estimated loss on contents, \$1,606; almost all was covered by insurance. Buildings and contents endangered by these fires totaled \$1,295,540.

The department actually spent 125 hours 44 minutes fighting fires; the rest of the time was spent in inspection, drills, fire prevention work, operation of the city wells and on other city business.

Our per capita loss was low but that is somewhat the result of circumstances. One large fire would throw it much higher," Chief Griffith said.

Ask FHA Insure Home Owner's Equity

One proposal that goes directly to the heart of the whole building problem for defense workers is rapidly gaining support. It is FHA insurance of the home owner's equity, rather than the present plan of FHA insurance of the mortgage.

The plan was first proposed by a former FHA legal counsel. It would give the worker buying a home in a defense area, or the investor building rental houses, or the defense workers protection against loss on his investment due to termination of the war emergency.

CAR HITS POLE

Jerry Johnston, 631 Brown, estimated damages of \$100 to his car last Friday when his machine, going east on Brown, hit a pole. He reported to police that he was following a truck driven by Thomas Ritter, 870 Lakeview, and that when the truck turned in front of him, he tried to avoid it and struck the pole.

WANTS TRIAL

William Fatge, 21, 38470 Maitrot street, Birmingham, was arraigned before Justice John J. Schuler on Tuesday for a minor traffic offense and paid a \$5 fine. At the same time he posted bond of \$100 after pleading not guilty to a charge of reckless driving. He was released pending trial of Jan. 20.

Birmingham Ranch House FACING GOLF COURSE

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Bits of Birmingham

The parents of Thomas R. Giles, 20 years old, of 1140 Webster, listed in Birmingham at first war casualty, have not given up hope. Their son was listed as "missing in action," but they believe he is alive somewhere. They have heard of mix-ups in identification. Not long ago they saw a newspaper picture of men working in Hawaii and they believed they recognized their son as one of them. The youth attended Holy Name and Adams Schools here, and later, he went to Ford Trade School where he was graduated. He was electrician third class in the Navy.

Herbert Flemington, 1047 Chester, went out into the back yard of his home on Monday last week and found an owl frozen to his fence.

Despite the risk of running afoul the censor, this Wanderer will make a long-range weather prediction: We foresee a period of cold followed by warmer weather.

Speaking of censorship, our readers probably wonder whether the censor has come around to 220 North Woodward to tell us what is what. The answer is No. We know not what is written. We cannot reveal anything of troop movements because there are no troops here to write about. We don't know any military news to reveal. Censorship is invoked at sources of military news. We are still free to speak to the government or the military, although no soldier can do so. There might be some news about writing material which would discourage the enlistment of troops, but we have never seen them. By and large, there is little need of censorship because the newspapers are just as anxious as anyone else to say that the war is won and over with.

We had a chance to chat briefly with Mrs. Carol Darling, new dean of girls at the High School, and she imparted the news that her brother, E. G. Whitney, former managing editor of the Eccentric, is in the state of the Jacksonville, Fla. Journal.

Police chased hockey players off the Torrey rink on Monday. The neighborhood rinks are for the milder forms of skating; hockey belongs at Quattron Lake, they say.

Carlton C. Patterson, of Woodland avenue, was called east last week because of the death of his uncle, L. P. Tucker, of Syracuse, N. Y.

Writes Mrs. A. Elinor Franck, from Paterson, New Jersey: "Many thanks for the pleasant moments you have given us through the columns of your paper, and may the lights of your city need not be dimmed in the coming year, but burn brightly all through 1942." Thank you, Mrs. Franck, and for the nice Christmas card you used upon which to send the greeting.

Rudy Anderson, for many years a local resident, well known in Birmingham circles in Detroit and Michigan, is now connected with the publicity department of the National Automobile Dealers Association, with offices in Washington, D. C. Telling us of his new duties, Mr. Anderson concludes: "We miss The Eccentric, because 'HomeTown' copy, after all, is best. Start my subscription with the first of the year and see that I get back copies to that date." Best of luck to you and Mrs. Anderson, Rudy, sayeth this Wanderer, and we'll add your Washington address, 4514 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., so that some of your many Birmingham friends will drop you a friendly greeting.

In our "People's Column" this week is a letter from Harry S.

Lee, Plymouth, Michigan, manufacturer, describing his plan to mobilize men over draft age who own rifles. Read it, folks, and if you are interested in defense, write Mr. Lee a note.

A note received: "Dear Wanderer: Regarding your comment on a simplified mailing address such as just Detroit instead of Detroit, Mich.—a Detroit business man tried that some years ago. After a short time the post officials at Washington wrote him and asked him to use the state as well as cities, listing the Detroit in other states. It was to avoid confusion."

Al Arnold, who likes to read his old home town paper, the Charlevoix Courier, showed this Wanderer a paragraph in that paper's 16 Years Ago column: "In December, three dolls were sent to Japan by a local Sunday School class, among thousands from other groups in the country, to promote Friendship. (Evidently the idea didn't work, but anyway we tried it.)"

John C. Schmidt, of Birmingham, has been granted a divorce decree from Mrs. Inaace Schmidt.

A West Frank street resident complained to police about the pigeons on the roof of her house, stating that she wanted something done about it.

Water mains and gas mains are far below the frost line, so will some one explain why extremely cold weather affects them? Last week, there were three water breaks, one on North Woodward, one at Chesterfield and West Maple and a third, on Baldwin. A gas main broke outside the Paul DeWitt garage on South Woodward and the men couldn't understand what was bothering them.

That purse listed in this column last week was identified and claimed a couple of hours after The Eccentric was out.

Thieves are getting no weaker. They broke into a new automobile at 444 West Frank being built by Howard Reed and carried away a heavy bathroom fixture. We hope they have limboed the rest of the winter.

In a display of modern furniture at the Detroit Institute of Arts this week, high prizes were taken by Eero Saarinen and Charles O. Eames.

The James R. Longwell, junior and senior, were defendants in a \$50,000 law suit in Pontiac this week, growing out of an automobile accident. The plaintiffs settled for \$3,500.

Frank Turnesa, of a famous golfing family, is the new professional at Forest Hills. His predecessor, George Hosner, went to Birmingham.

Neighbors came to the rescue after that fire last Thursday morning at the Duffose home, at 4 below zero. One man brought out overcoats for shivering policemen directing traffic. Dixie Diner donated hot coffee and Hart Ladd brought it to the scene. Sisters at the Home Name school saw to it that the children going there received lunches, while other

Rotarians Learn Of Defense Work

An informal discussion of various phases of the civilian defense program as it may apply to Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and vicinity, was engaged in by Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon at the Community House. Among those who talked were Mrs. L. N. Pyle, Paul Friedrich, and Miles W. Robinson.

Mrs. Pyle, who is chairman of the local committee to register persons in Birmingham, stated that to date slightly over 400 men and women had registered, and asked that many more local citizens come to the Community House for that purpose; hours of registration are daily from nine to five o'clock, and from seven to nine o'clock in the evening.

Mr. Friedrich, business manager of Cranbrook School, told of the varied program being installed among faculty and students of Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools, and the Academy of Arts; to promote theme behind it is to prepare for any emergency that may arise during the war.

Mr. Robinson, principal of Barnum school, told of activities in Birmingham's public schools to meet the defense emergency.

Neighbors gave invaluable aid. . . . We are sorry that our paper last Thursday did not carry a story about the fire, but there is no doubt we do do more for you after we have gone to press!

A resident at 201 Glenhurst saw flames in a new house across from 316 Glenhurst. She called firemen who discovered that workmen inside had started a fire on a salamander, which is a flat portable metal stove used for heating construction jobs.

Sound movies taken by Quentin Reynolds, famous war correspondent and writer for Colliers, will be shown next Monday evening, Jan. 19, at 7 p. m. to members of the St. James Men's Club. E. A. Schirmer, of Country Club drive, Detroit manager for the Crowell company, will give the prologue.

This Wanderer was at Quattron School last Friday morning when the first air drill was held there. The passing bell and his horn were heard started a fire on the moment and there was an awful din. The children got a thrill out of it as they marched the first floor corridor; even the littlest ones were not excited by it.

Exchange to See Movie on China

A motion picture on reconstruction in China, and a talk by a Chinese will be next week's program at the Exchange Club.

Tuesday two educational sound movies were shown, one dealing with television, the other with the electron microscope.

Dr. A. K. Stolpmann, retiring president, was presented with a plaque by Ralph Bricker, on behalf of the club.

TWO CARS COLLIDE

Walter George Anderson, driving south on Woodward, was in collision Monday morning with a car turning off Adams onto Woodward, driven by G. W. Janke, of Flint.

In Briarbank



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