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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD
GERALD L. K. SMITH, CANDIDATE

One of the boys in the shop said to me the other day, "I've heard that man Gerald L. K. Smith on the radio, and you know, there's a lot of truth in what he says." I agreed with Hitler, although I can't recall just now what he was right about.

"You can't tell me this isn't just a money war," my friend went on. "Yes, no doubt the moneyed interests are getting theirs," I replied. "There has been profiteering in every war I have ever heard of, by big shots and little shots alike, but that isn't the main reason this war is being fought."

"The point is that people are talking about and believing in things that are not true. They are more than willing to believe anything that some of the great greedheads are saying."

To get back to the subject, Gerald L. K. Smith and his platform for the election of 1944 are set forth in a document in the Evening Post which we have already mentioned. The document is really good, but the mark anyone who reads it should be able to find in his own mind. It is a platform for a man who would pay every soldier \$100,000 a year, and would cut the cost of living to 50 percent of what it is now.

Bits of Birmingham

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I can't tell you how many times I have been asked to write about Birmingham. I have written about it in the past, but I have never written about it in the past.

Hot weather has finally arrived, and it is hot. It is hot, and it is hot, and it is hot. It is hot, and it is hot, and it is hot.

An item in Bits last week got results for the Air Force. It was a letter from Mrs. Edward E. Rothman, son Lindner. Others who made generous offers were Mrs. Frederic Bell, Jr., 3470 West Maple, and Mrs. C. G. Fisher, 1030 West Lincoln.

Ray H. Hochold, former principal of the Birmingham High School, is helping with the war effort. He holds an administrative post with the Department of the War.

Richard Wilson, 16, of 648 Parrish road, was injured in a crash last week at Ft. Meade and Hagerty roads. Sheriff's deputies said the car, which hit a tree, was driven by Robert Mosher, 33, of 808 Madison avenue.

A 20-year-old Detroit girl, who rode out of a Bloomfield Hills on the 15th, was arrested by police. Bloomfield Hills that the motorist attempted to attack her.

Another altercation in Bloomfield Hills occurred in Bloomfield on Academy road. Thursa Duran, maid, told police that Merton Galt, 31 years old, of 2536 Hillgate, had struck her with a bottle and tried to choke her.

Camblers are gamblers. Last Thursday they won \$382.15, and they are gamblers. They are gamblers, and they are gamblers.

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"For A Better World"

An audience of bankers was recently convened by R. W. Fuller, president of the Curtis Publishing Company and chairman of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers, that "the people of this country are fighting this war for a better world in which to live."

Mr. Fuller says that "they would like it through democracy, liberty and justice for all," and he adds that "they are determined to have this better world of greater security, security, and opportunities they are entitled to."

This is what we call a realistic appraisal of the present situation. The people of the United States are interested in the principles which are being fought about, not in the principles which are being fought about.

Mr. Fuller's conclusions approximate a considerable advance over the ideas of many big business men at the time of the depression. Then millions of people were unemployed, and they were willing to work and to find employment, if they were offered.

Mr. Fuller says that this country cannot return to the "good old days" after the war, because those days "just weren't good enough." They were the days, he adds, of idleness, idleness, and idleness.

Mr. Fuller continued by pointing out that even in 1929 there were more than 6,000,000 families, twenty-one per cent of the population, with incomes of less than \$20 a week, and more than forty per cent with incomes of less than \$25 a week.

He pointed out that the handwriting is on the wall, and said, "We either must cut the cloth to that pattern or the reformers and demagogues will."

It is difficult for many people to understand why we should expect a better world to be justly realized, except by a bloody war as the one now going on, perhaps it can be comprehended more easily when one considers that within our own country, state, city or neighborhood, had feuds can exist to such an extent that the armed forces are not needed to settle them.

Western Michigan cherry growers are fitting their efforts against a labor shortage, hoping to get their crops in. Then they will have to pit the cherries.

WHAT CODE MEANS
The classification code is as follows:
A-1, available for limited service.
A-2, necessary men in training or in service with dependents.
A-3, total war dependents.
A-4, taking advanced military training.
A-5, students and clerical, 1-F, unclassified.

NEWS FROM MEN IN SERVICE

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Newell, Frank Lester.
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HOME ON LEAVE
The Mashupman Ted Snyder has been home on leave but returns to the service in a few days.

HOME
Pvt. Harold K. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Smith, was home on a three-day furlough to celebrate his birthday.

TAKING TRAINING
"GREAT LAKES" III—Soon to be honored fighters for Uncle Sam's cause are the members of the Michigan team at the U. S. Naval Training Station here. They reported for duty last week.

UP A NOTCH
Pvt. Edward K. Smith, Jr., of 218 Larchdale, who enlisted in the Air Force in April of 1942, has been promoted to corporal. He is now stationed in a technical squadron at Bowman Field, Ky. in civilian life. Corp. Kvet was a chemistry student at the U. of D.

SEND QUESTIONNAIRES
All men in the third registration have received their questionnaires.

WILL BECOME OFFICER
Pvt. Wylie Pearsall, Jr., whose parents live at 915 East 14th avenue, has been promoted to corporal and will be graduated from the Fort Belknap school at Belleville, Ill., near St. Louis. He will immediately go to the training camp at Fort Belknap. Pearsall enlisted last September.

PROMOTED
Mrs. Joe C. Saunders, son of Mrs. Ruth Saunders, Woodward avenue, Bloomfield Hills, has been promoted to sergeant. Sgt. Saunders recently completed training at the Air Force gunnery school at Vegas, Nev., and has returned to his home in Oak Park, where he is an aerial gunner aboard a bombing plane. He enlisted in January.

FACT OR MERE OPINION?
Rep. Andrew J. May, of Kent-

Juvenile Delinquency

In every way there is a sharp rise in the number of crimes committed by the youth of a nation. America will be no exception, if the people of this country don't do something to prevent such an unpleasant condition.

The fact that juvenile delinquency in Great Britain is up about 30 per cent should startle us. America is no exception.

Delinquencies are usually the result of having nothing to do. If this is true the people of the United States should keep all worthy organizations alive. They should endeavor to establish community centers, or any recreation headquarters that will keep young people off the street.

Parents should strive to strengthen family life and make the home a happier place in which to live. It is also important that fathers are not afraid; they can do more good in their own home. Mother's place is also in the home. It is more important that she build morale in her own home than that she labor for some defense service that will take her out of the home.

United States has brought great prosperity to the manufacturers of glass, we learn through our favorite daily newspapers. At least in this case people can see through what they are paying for.

And President Wallace recently said that he loses sleep at night thinking of what everybody's front porch will have a quart of milk delivered to it every morning. If the past record is a promise of the future, that milk will contain lots of water.

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Who Will Write the Next Page?



THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

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SAFEGUARD VACATION SNAPSHOTS
A thorough checkup of your camera before starting a vacation may save the disappointment of finding some of your snapshots with a white border when you return and "develop" them. Dust is likely to be the most outstanding. Go after it with a sable brush, which is better than one of camel's hair for this purpose. Stroke it over your coating two or three times to get a good static charge and it will pick up every particle of dust which has been imprinted on the surface of the bellows carefully, and you will avoid many spots when the prints are developed. Tidy all creases and nits. A drop of cellulose cement on each one will help prevent them from loosening when opening or hiking with the camera.

Protect your film against excessive humidity, use an airtight container. A good stand is to use a glass fruit jar, containing a few disks of blotter paper that has been impregnated with calcium chloride, which will aid in absorbing excess moisture from the air. Cut a piece of waxed paper. Put it in an oven for an hour to remove all moisture. When disks are ready to use, put them in the jar and seal immediately. A piece of gauze should be placed on top of the disks and in contact with the paper.

ODDS AND ENDS
Continue to look like new if they are given an occasional cleaning with rubber cement. Apply a heavy coat on the leather and allow it to dry; then rub it off with a clean cloth and all particles of dirt will come off.

PRICE CEILINGS
Some timely information about price ceilings has come our way. An explanation of the way stores in general are handling summer merchandise.

CAMERA CLUB OUTING
Members of the Birmingham Camera Club enjoyed a hike through the Cranbrook grounds Sunday with Joe Munroe, photographer for the Academy of Art.

Let's All Help!
Under a special ruling the store is required to estimate the cost of goods to him, according to a method furnished by O.P.A. The retailer then takes the lowest cost figure which he has derived following this method, and then adds to it his accustomed "percentage markup" for that class of goods.

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