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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN J. HARWOOD

"LET'S GET TOGETHER"

If people are confused, and if silly rumors float about, much of the blame can be laid at the doorsteps of our friends at Washington.

Six months ago, Secretary Ickes said the situation was dire, but somehow the crisis failed out. Then submarines started sinking tankers right and left, and gasoline shortages again made the headlines.



SERVICE CORPS

The Emergency Service Corps held a meeting at the Municipal Building last Sunday to plan and discuss the part Scouts will be playing in air raid precautions.

James G. Woodard, recently appointed messenger-leader of Birmingham, spoke to the boys and explained their duties during air raids.

Right now, people are not paying attention to the rubber shortage. Drive a mile on the highways and you will see the rubber shortage.

Don McLeese is in charge of the boys in the district of Woodward, and the boys in charge of the districts in his area.

The President ought to issue an order to all his departments and agencies to stop making statements which have been proved by every advertisement of every advertiser.

EVERYWHERE BUT CONGRESS The far from Congress are still thinking about special prices for the farmers, and special prices and Representatives will differ before they give up the special price racket.

ROBERT WHITLATCH The subject of this week's biography of men active in Birmingham Scouting is a man who has just recently taken an interest in Birmingham Scouting.

HER KIDNEY HANDS BROUGHT ME A GIFT ONE DAY A loving gift that I have ever kept Against the brunt of stormy winds that swept Across my doorway.

HER HANDS ARE RESTING NOW, FOR SHE HAS GONE TO JOIN THE ANGEL LEGION NEVER MORE Will she bring gifts as in the days gone by.

Have You Met... The H. C. Strong, who are living at 421 Wilminton road? They moved here from Evanston, Ill.

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Merchant Seamen Heroes

Hundreds of residents of a small coast community recently watched in horror as an enemy submarine torpedoed and

The attack occurred at night and flashes of gunfire were plainly visible from the shore. While the news spread to a nearby city and there was a rush of sightseers to the coast.

The Americans who witnessed this assault should have a better understanding of the dangers which confront the men who man our merchant shipping.

The recent case of a submarine attack along the East coast has caused the death of many sailors. These men have given up their lives in the service of their country.

Twenty-five years ago France was victorious against Germany; two years ago she was beaten by Germany; then she was divided, one part "free," the other occupied.

France's Future The hero of Verdun, Marshal Petain, became France's leader, trading to present-day Germany for fighting on the side of Germany against the United Nations.

There is some hope of the resilience of every individual. Have you ever noticed how people singing in a church will close and put away their hymn books as they near the close of a song.

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WOMEN IN SERVICE

You, too, Can Help Salvage-for-Victory Schedule of Classes and First Aid Classes Community House, Mondays, 7:30 to 9:00 p. m.

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Little Boys Become Men

Millions of American parents have realized, as their sons have joined the fighting forces of the nation, that their little boys have become men.

Bravely these boys of ours answer the call of their country in her extremity, offering the only service that really counts when a nation faces ruthless and brutal foes.

The mistake of grown-ups to believe that the age of reason has wrapped its mantle upon the world. It was grown-up folly to swallow the sickening hypocrisy of Berlin, Rome, and Tokyo.

The young men, who answer the call to the colors, had little to do with the making of their world but, believe us, they will have something to do with shaping its future.

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What Your City Commission Is Doing... May 4, 1942 - Bill approved in amount of \$10,266.99, including a two-week leave for the city.

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FOR VICTORY



THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner CHAS. B. CHARMATZ, P. S. A. Editor

CAMERA CLUB NEWS The Birmingham Camera Club will hold its monthly meeting next Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. at the Community House.

Did You Know? That focusing on a particular object in the subject with the lens wide open and then stopping down several stops may result in less sharpness in the final image of the object although the general sharpness of the scene may be improved.

Happenings of Long Ago 50 Years Ago May 5, 1892 A postal telegraph company office is opened in Birmingham, with George E. Danes as manager.

25 Years Ago May 4, 1917 Mary Blumenthal with Mary Peckover, was being shown at the Temple Theatre, Birmingham.

5 Years Ago May 6, 1937 The date of the annual city-wide school drive was announced by Mayor John E. Martin on May 10-15.

A Letter On Tax Election The Birmingham Eccentric Birmingham, Michigan City of Birmingham, Managing Editor

Dear John, A newspaper should lead and you and the Eccentric have again demonstrated your ability in that regard.

Last year you supported the School Board's effort to sell the people on the policy of increasing the millage for school purposes.

Seventeen years ago this week, Monday, Charles L. Stage, Jr., founder of the Birmingham Whitehead and Mitchell drug business, died.

On May 1, 1916 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of May 1, 1917

A valuable painting of George Washington was sold at \$1500, two candlesticks and a cross, valued at \$750, were given to Cranbrook school sometime between Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Gladys Heston was hostess to 100 of her friends at a bridge luncheon at the Cranbrook Hotel Club.

Cranbrook directors named Dr. William D. Edwards as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the school.

During the summer months, Junior Album will appear every other week.

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People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive contributions for the People's Column. All communications must be signed, and the name of the contributor will be printed upon request. Letters must reach the office by Tuesday noon for publication in the following Thursday.

Hits Flashlights During Blackout Editor, The Eccentric: The blackout in our block as far as we could see seemed very satisfactory with the exception of too many flashlights on the part of our neighbors.

Then, up the street two wardens recognized each other with their flashlights. They then gave flashlights with very weak batteries.

ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS. This year, for the first time, the Buddy Poppy proceeds will be devoted in part to morale activities for our welfare activities among soldiers, sailors and marines.

As in years past, the local units looked forward to the process of the Buddy Poppy. This home program is expended only for the assistance of our unfortunate comrades, their dependents and the dependents of deceased veterans who are in need.

One item on each Buddy Poppy sold by City of Birmingham is contributed to the maintenance and development of the V. F. W. National Home at Eastern Point, Va. This home provides a refuge for the orphans of deceased or totally disabled veterans.

After a continuous track of 32 years, one of which have been in the same spot, the business of the late O. F. Hooker is for sale.

The village law forbids hitching to trees. A tree in front of the late O. F. Hooker's building that someone has violated the law.

Mr. Nancy Carter, one of the earliest members of the townships, died last week. Funeral services were held in his home with burial in the city cemetery.

The library has three new books, Three Vassar Girls in England, by Mrs. Frank H. Johnson, and Three Vassar Girls in South America.

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Plumber (Facing on sidewalk, to mate) - Well, we've remembered the tools this time, but we're not out for where we've to go.