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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

THERE'S AN ELECTION

With our own soldiers and those of our allies battling for the front on the various fronts, the general election to be held Tuesday, Nov. 3, is not getting the people very excited. Petty arguments of one sort and another don't seem very important with the whole course of the war hanging in the balance at Stalingrad and Guadalcanal.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 20, 1892

Give Jeffers A Chance Turning to the specializing in the... Mrs. Minnie Daines Castle is... Give Jeffers A Chance

But that, of course, is campaign... Mrs. Minnie Daines Castle is... Give Jeffers A Chance

Who Will Win? Who is going to win? I wish I knew Van Wagener is the incumbent...

5 YEARS AGO Oct. 21, 1937 A picnic for the boys and girls... Mrs. Esther Rainey resigned from her post as assistant...

WEST POINT NOTICE Rep. George A. Dondero today announced a competitive examination to be held...

REPORTED DELINQUENT As delinquent by the Selective Service... Mrs. Esther Rainey resigned from her post as assistant...

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NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES You can donate these to Salvation Army... Mrs. Esther Rainey resigned from her post as assistant...

TO OFFICER SCHOOL Pvt. Ward Cruckshank has informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cruckshank of Merrill Street...

The Spirit Of Victory

"She stood in the aisle of a large British factory, leaning momentarily upon her broom; she was just a weaver, but she had worked on her junior job ten hours, with only two more to go before quitting time."

"So I asked her how, at her age, she could work so many hours..." "She smiled as best she could, and replied: 'I am not alone. I still can walk slowly, perform certain light tasks. All that I can do, is my country's in its fight to keep freedom alive against the barbarism of the Nazis.'"

"And I tell you, gentlemen, that that same one has created the meaning and the spirit of this fight which the United Nations are waging..."

"The man who spoke the words above was Virgil F. Johnson, a member of the United Press, at a newspaper meeting we attended in Chicago a few days ago."

There are 165,000 government units in the United States, according to a survey made by William Anderson, professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota, and released through Public Administration Service...

The FEDERAL GOVERNMENT last week revealed that non-defense spending for the current year has been reduced 30 per cent. That's encouraging and suggests that if continuation of such a reduction will meet with wholesale approval from the taxpayers.

CERTAINLY, IN THE LIGHT of history and current events, the drafting of youth in the 18-19 year old group is necessary. With all the sacrifices that so many millions are making in this war, the masses will do to prevent another one year hiatus here.

WHAT CODE MEANS The definition of code as follows: 1-A, passed local, abstractly in terms of the... 2-B, those with dependent... 3-C, those who have completed... 4-D, those who have completed...

LEARN OF ORDNANCE Aberdeen Proving Ground, in Maryland, announces that two men are being trained in Ordnance are Donald B. Stewart, 647 Park and John L. Church, 524 Oakwood...

FORT SILL, OKLA. First Lt. Robert J. Rioux, 710 Piers, Birmingham, is attending a division artillery course in the Field Artillery school at Fort Sill, Okla. Rioux, son of Mrs. F. E. Quisenberry, reported to Fort Sill from Donald J. Elmwood, 115...

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Inflation Worse Than Taxes

Inflation is heavy taxation, without the government getting the benefit of the increased prices that opponents must pay for what they buy. For example, there has been a moderate inflation in the cost of living during the past twelve months, amounting to a 10 per cent increase. This means that the buying power of the dollar has been reduced 10 per cent.

COLONCE, WATER, that famous mineral liquid—originated in the city of that name in Germany. By this time, we hope those British boughers have made it famous for some other reason.

ONE BY-PRODUCT of WENDELL WILKIE'S trip around the earth is that he has made some embarrassing pronouncements for the Republican party.

ANOTHER THING about the coming of rationing is going to be simpler. There may be plenty of quite a number of items, but they'll be made of plainer stuff and that is said to be good for good health.

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NEWS FROM MEN IN SERVICE change of address and to report for physical examination. Kelly was a member of the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Infantry Division, 25th Infantry Brigade...

GETS COMMISSION Marshall Maynard Fredericks on the faculty of the Cranbrook College of Engineering, 1000 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich. Fredericks is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

ENLISTMENTS 4-George Raymond Fredrick, 4415 Leighton, Troy, Ala. Fredrick enlisted in the Army. Raymond Fredrick, 120 Belknap, Air Force mechanic. William Lee Cochran, Royal Oak, Mich. Cochran enlisted in the Army. Theodore R. Willis, 222 North Woodward, Navy Reserve. (Mrs. Robert Edwin Morris, 1225 Arlington, Navy.) (Mr. David Robert Vignozzi, 146 East Maple, 2525 East 12th, Navy.) (Mr. George Campbell, 288 Ann Street, Air Force enlisted aviator. Mr. Charles E. Smith, 1412 Lincoln, Air Force enlisted aviator.)

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THE NECESSITIES OF DEATH ARE THE NECESSITIES OF WAR. WE MUST ALL DIE.

SEND IT IN! Don't forget to report your change of address and to report for physical examination.

IN ALABAMA Paul St. John, 1000 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich. St. John is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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People's Column

The Eccentric is pleased to receive contributions for this column. All contributions should be sent to the Editor, The Birmingham Eccentric, P.O. Box 1000, Birmingham, Mich.

Senator Norris Endorses Brown Mr. George R. Averill, Birmingham Eccentric. I am in receipt of your telegram of Oct. 15 with reference to Senator Norris Endorses Brown.

Very truly yours, U.S. Senator from Nebraska

Urges Neighborhood Social Activity Among the various ways needed to help our nation in these critical hours, none would seem of more importance than that of developing the morale of our people.

Growing Loneliness The loneliness of world conditions is already seriously affecting the physical and mental health of our people.

Camera Club MEETING NEXT TUESDAY The Birmingham Camera Club will meet next evening at the Commodore Hotel, Birmingham.

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