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## Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

### FAITH IN HITLER

Some months ago I had opportunity to discuss the war with an ex-German citizen, a fellow who came over here in the early 1920s, but still possessed some of the old pride of country which led him to believe that Germany would win.

"Hitler will pull me out of this mess," he said. "Hitler has plenty of surprises up his sleeve."

He could not answer, expressing his faith in Hitler to sweep all before him like he had done previously in continental warfare.

And this is probably as in Germany today. People are still confident of more victories to be added to the already remarkable record.

That is one reason why the bombing of German cities is important, even though aerial attack of itself is not decisive.

WE MUST WIN QUICKLY  
I have always disapproved with those who tried to scare us into thinking that Germany was in dire peril of invasion by the Germans, an argument whose fallacy is self-evident.

UNHAPPY INVESTORS  
People who bought those drain bonds must feel unhappy at seeing \$100,000 in tax money going to the United States just because the Germans were declared unlawful on a technicality.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston H. Weir, who moved here recently with their two young sons from Dearborn Hills. The boys are Donald, 4, and Charles, 7, who is starting at Quanton School this week.

KEEP BARUCH AT WORK!  
The Baruch Committee's report on rubber was clean-cut and promises to bring some order out of the rubber chaos.

STUPIDITY  
For example, we need some one to look into such stupid situations as those which prevail in meat packing, where the packer can sell at a fixed price but must buy on a constantly rising market.

TAX PROGRAM  
Needs of the tax program, it seems to me, are these:  
(1) More of 'em. We can't do on running this war on the cuff.

WASTE FATS—Strain and keep cool. Turn in your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rancid fat not wanted.

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near place you got it out at curb for City collection the last week of the month. Copper engravers' pins and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES—You can donate these to the Salvation Army, which will call for them. Phone 4014. Scrap paper not wanted.

## Our Schools Advance

With the schools of the nation about to open and millions of youngsters crowding the classrooms it is right and proper for American citizens to appreciate what the education process means to the boys and girls of the nation.

The fact that "an education" is being given to more of the young people than ever before is evident also the fact that the courses of study, laid out in our schools, have broadened to include much more than the three R's of earlier days.

The statistics of education, however, based upon school censuses and formal courses of study, cannot complete the entire story of modern problems. The school today has taken over, more completely than ever, the life of the average student and has assumed, in advanced areas, a greater responsibility in the growth and culture of the individual.

THE AIDING THE COMMUTER  
The railroads say there is just nothing they can do to provide more train service, in light of gasoline rationing, a little imagination would help out, such as the use of school buses, instruction cars, and even unused baggage cars with benches installed.

Among the prominent Americans discussing the world situation on the Fourth of July were Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts, whose conclusions deserve attention.

## Simple Self-Preservation

Warning that we are lost if a tide of nationalistic prejudice and suspicion sweeps over us, the Justice declared that "those who criticize Britain for her mistakes without knowing all the facts, are endangering their lives and our lives, as well."

Moreover, he continued, "We must remember that Russia's fight is our fight, and that we must help her as she is helping us."

The philosophy upon which we base our participation in the present war is not "abstract humanitarianism" but the "common sense of simple self-preservation."

EDUCATION'S PROBLEM is to teach boys and girls to read and to write—also to heed and to do right.

## Women As War Killers

The way to win a war is explained succinctly by Lindania Pasichenko, described as a "brown-haired, soft-spoken woman of 26," who wears four of the "highest decorations of Soviet Russia."

She is reputed to be the best sniper in the Red army, with a record of having killed 309 Germans, not counting other Rumanians who died as a result of her "trial shots."

"Every German," she continues, "who remains alive will kill women, children and old folks. Dead Germans are harmless. If I kill a German I am saving lives."

This is a philosophy that will astound the moralists and the wing-protruders who continue to chant their refrains about peace and love. Her contempt of necessary duty arises inevitably from the suffering of her own people, brutally trampled by an invader who has shown no mercy to those in his path.

There is a natural reluctance, on the part of a civilized individual to accept the kill-or-be-killed philosophy, but there is no other choice that exists for free peoples of the world. It is no idle talk that the war means slavery for us or death for our enemies, and the only way that it will be won is through the mass murder of those who are set to loot the world and oppress mankind.

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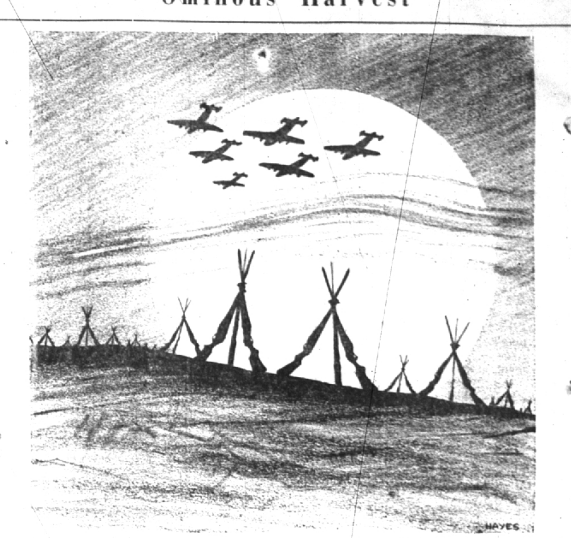
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## Ominous Harvest



## THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

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LOCAL EXHIBIT ANNOUNCED  
In conjunction with the Village Fair, to be held at the Community House Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27, the Birmingham Camera Club is sponsoring a photographic exhibit.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SHORT COURSE  
From time to time your editor has been asked if the know of a school where the beginner or advanced worker might learn the rudiments and fundamentals of photography, and where the more advanced worker might improve his technique.

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## A Junior Album



reading top to bottom: Marty and Barbara, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Howard Fox, 859 Lakeview. Ronald, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Darling, Lone Pine court. LEFT, reading top to bottom: Vera and John, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gunn, Lone Pine court. Peter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cranford, East Long Lake road. RIGHT, TOP CENTER: Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stillman, 215...

## Consumer News

### Let's All Help!

Pears, peaches, berries, tomatoes and cranberries are now available in appetizing rows on most Birmingham fruit shelves.

## PETERS TO LECTURE

The Photographic Guild of Detroit announces its first fall meeting on Monday, Sept. 28, in the Science Auditorium, Joseph Campau Hall.

## People's Column

Another Idea For Clock Setters  
Editor, The Eccentric:  
I see by the papers that they are time tinkering again. About the beginning of the century an article came out in a magazine written by a man in New York city offering a good solution for the time problem.

Grape Catsup  
About 1 basket of grapes  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 pt. cider vinegar  
1 T. salt  
1 T. pepper  
Cinnamon, cloves and allspice to taste.

Wash and dry cucumbers. Mix orange ingredients and arrange in jars or in a crock. If the crock is used, fill mixture with water. The latter will take each time pickles are made and put for use.

Stem grapes, wash and put in preserving kettle with enough water to keep them from burning. Cook slowly until grapes are soft, rub through colander. Reject seeds and skins, measure pulp to 3 parts. Add other ingredients and cook until to the quantity and thick. Skim and set aside to cool. Put up in jelly glass.

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