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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

IT'S A "HORSE PIECE"

Before the start of hostilities in the Pacific, the American people thought the Japanese would be a push-over; and, also, Nazi and Japanese propagandists told their people that the American plutocrats were soft and would not fight...

We were among the crowd at the Michigan Theatre in Detroit last week when the new film, "Wake Island" was shown for the first time. The refusal of these Wake Island defenders to surrender even in the face of overwhelming odds, together with our defense of Bataan...

We Fooled The Germans The German leaders thought that when British ability to become a sea power, the United States would therefore, shut out the shipyard of manufacturing in Britain; whereas in fact, everything we have been doing...

Have You Met... Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Monger, who are now living at 2511 East 14th Ave. They formerly lived in Huntington Woods, however they were not entirely satisfied with their new home...

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Colby and their 12 year old son, Frank, who are now living at 2511 East 14th Ave. Mr. Colby grew up in Birmingham, and his parents, the Edwin Colby family, have always wanted to return...

The A. Z. Mitchell, who came from Detroit to live at 475 South Cleburne road, Beverly Hills, Mr. Colby's district manager for AAA. Frank is a student at the Detroit Country Day School.

Captain and Mrs. L. G. Caldwell, who came from Cleveland, formerly an architect, Captain Caldwell is stationed at the United States Government War Office, Corps of engineers, in Detroit.

SALVAGE MEMO TINS CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot. Place in a can for City collection the last week of every month. Keep dry; keep separate from rubbers.

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

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office, City Hall, for City collection the last week of the month. Copper engraver's plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, M.A.G.A.—Zines, books, papers, etc., these to Salvation Army, which will call for them. Phone 4014. Scrap paper not wanted.

Classification, Sept. 14, 1942 Robert H. Mageehan, Alford Standish DuPont, George Milton Stanbury, Mike Nacci, Winston Howard Cook, William W. Wright, John Howard Jones, Calvin Harold Chesbain, Rains Clark, Stanley Alton Marks, Theodore Roosevelt Willis, Arthur Richard Fortner, Bronson Middlebrook, Jr., Harrison Lyman Cook.

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Nation-wide Church Program A nation-wide plan under which many churches in their financial campaigns simultaneously, has been recommended by a committee of leading churchmen who think that it will tend to place greater emphasis upon the proper financial support of organized religion.

Among the participating churches are listed: Episcopal, Northern Baptist, Presbyterian, U. S. A., Methodist, and others, including Jewish synagogues. Dr. Earl F. Adams, staff secretary of the Northern Baptist Church, says that the purpose of the movement is twofold: "To bring the importance of religion forcefully to the attention of the community; and to urge individuals to take more active part in church work and to insure adequate financial support through regular giving."

While local customs will be considered, it is suggested that the canvasses occur in two periods, with emphasis on the Fall period: Nov. 15 to Dec. 6, and Feb. 21 to March 14. Plans should be made to prevent other plans from conflicting with the church campaign.

Mystery! Here is mystery: Sir Norman Birbeck, recently returned to London after inspecting American war plants, tells a London newspaper that our industry is performing "miraculously" and that at Willow Run, he saw machinery turning out "a Liberator every hour."

On the same day, in Washington, J. H. Kugelberger, pioneer airplane designer and president of the North American Aircraft Corporation, which is building B-25 medium bombers, P-51 attack planes and AT-6 advanced trainers, asserted that Mr. Ford had not yet produced a complete plane. The huge new bomber plant at Willow Run does "priority."

Willkie's Trip Abroad Trip to Russia and the Near East as his representative, the President says that Mr. Willkie will tell the world that America's war effort and explain to neutrals what an Axis victory would mean to their future.

Mr. Willkie explains that the trip was arranged on his own initiative because of his desire to become acquainted with the countries and the leaders with whom this country should cooperate more and more, both in the immediate and long-range future.

CUBAN WAREHOUSES ARE BOULTING WITH SUGAR, and no way to get enough of it to other countries to relieve the situation. A Cuban spokesman says that this condition can create civil war for us "Cuba, you know, depends majorly upon its sugar crop for its economic survival. It isn't during war— even in sweet Cuba."

Non-Aggression According to the world's first record-keeping part was recently unearthed on the Turkish-Syrian frontier in the form of clay tablets bearing cuneiform writing of 1500 to 1300 B. C.

Apparently, the nations of that era found non-aggression pacts as worthless as nations of the twentieth century. We do not know how well the mutual aid provision worked, but the presumption is that it did not amount to much.

In the present day, as in ancient times, the existence of nations depends, not upon agreements to outlaw aggression and war, but in the power and resolution of the nation in its own defense.

We do not know what lessons will come from the present world struggle, but regardless of what happens, the people of the United States will undoubtedly understand that the safety of this republic in the future depends upon the armed forces that we maintain.

Dr. Hu Shih, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, not only intelligent, but also a student of the international situation. He pointed out that the United States is being classed as a group of peace-loving nations, varying in degrees of democratic government. This is a very apt description which certainly applies to the United Nations (They regard Russia, China, and Great Britain, worked to avoid war.

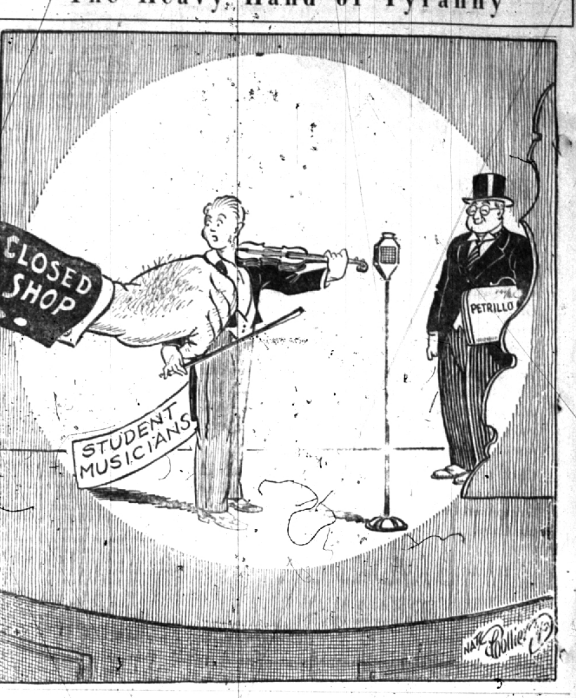
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The Heavy Hand of Tyranny



THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY (Continued) The development of the camera is but one of the uses to which optical instruments known as the camera obscura has been put. Article noted that an image was formed on the inside wall of a dark room.

These cameras were literally nothing but a box with a lens at one end and a mirror, set at 45 degrees, at the other end. Overlaid on top of the box was a ground glass, which was protected with a hinged cover, fitted with a lens to form a hood when erected. It was in short, a reflex camera. The user put a translucent paper on the ground glass and traced the outlines of the image with a pencil brush or pen.

AVIATION CADETS Air Force recruiting service in Detroit announces the following new enlistees from Birmingham: John L. Thomas, Richard P. Sturman and Harold M. Jordan.

ENLISTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS George Edward Dorell, Jr., 1431 West Lincoln avenue, had been commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Navy, according to word received by the Selective Service office here.

FOURTEEN ENTRAIN A company of 14 men entrained Monday for Fort Custer to receive uniforms and training in the Army. Their names were printed in last week's Eccentric.

PROMOTED Sgt. M. W. Hotting, of Wartles road, was recently promoted to sergeant in the "topkick" in his ordnance company at Camp Perry, N. G.

IN COLORADO Lt. James T. Sterling and Mrs. Sterling, former residents of Birmingham, are living in Colorado Springs, Colo., with their children. They have been in the mountains and parks in the area. Lt. Sterling is stationed at Camp Carson with an infantry regiment.

ENLISTMENTS The Selective Service office here has received notification of the following enlistments: Joseph C. Farley, 1275 Smith, Air Force Enlisted Reserve, Robert H. Hoffman, 18561 Planview, Detroit, A. F. E. R. John R. Corson, 236 West Maple, A. F. E. R. Rollin A. Bixby, 21 Stenograph, Pontiac, Air Force mechanic, Floyd J. Lawrence, 216 Baker, Clawson, Coast Guard Reserve.

GLIDER SERVICE Pvt. Harold Holden, formerly of Birmingham, is now stationed at Roswell, New Mexico, in the Army glider service. Pvt. Holden enlisted in the Army on July 1, and took preliminary training at Highland Park Junior College during the summer months. He was ordered to report at Roswell on Sept. 9.

ENLIST IN NAVY Navy recruiting offices in Detroit are announcing the following Birmingham recruits: Ernest J. Urbanavage, John O. Wilson and Kenneth E. Green.

Consumer News Let's All Help!

When you are visiting the Village Fair this week, end be sure to stop at the Consumers' Center booth for your household questions.

What sort of questions will the women at the booth be prepared to answer? Well, almost anything you can think of along the line of war problems of the average citizen. Most of these will be questions about the three "S's", Salvage, Saving and Spending.

Conservation in the Home Probably the most important function of the Consumers' Center is to help people with their problems of "Saving" or conserving household and personal goods. For many things we have now cannot be replaced until after the war is over.

Question will be welcomed on how to care for clothing and materials made of cotton, linen, wool, rayon, nylon and silk. There is information on conserving gloves, fur, rugs, curtains, window shades, rubber goods, electrical appliances, wooden furniture in fact almost everything which goes to furnish a home.

Advice on preserving fuel will be available, and the Center will be glad to discuss care of the family car, horse repairs, and ready-made clothes and shoes.

Conservation of foods is a big subject, involving canning, proper nutrition, and intelligent buying. Recipes for canning and ideas for preserving vitamins in cooking can be found in the Center's book.

Now You Help Us Here is a way you can help the City Hall, just outside of Birmingham, in this column and Birmingham tables will be much improved!

Change of Address The Consumers' Center has moved from the high school now that school has begun, and is located in the basement of the City Hall, just outside of Birmingham.

Important News Ensign—Know anything about the Latin syntax? Navy's Academy Graduate. Don't try to tell me they had to pay a tax for their fun too.