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Knocking on Wood with JOHN H. HARWOOD

DONDERO ON THE SPOT Ever since Michigan's new Congressional district—the 17th, covering Oakland County and the 22nd ward of Detroit—was established in 1932, George A. Dondero, of Royal Oak, has been our representative at Washington. Now, as a former isolationist, he appears to face the toughest fight yet for reelection.

GRINDING SLOWLY There are many who think that the President may do something about putting a ceiling on wages and farm prices, and people who are just thinking about the inflation problem add: "It's about time that something is done."

ARNOLD'S WORST ENEMY The glass container industry has been found guilty of conspiracy to violate the anti-trust laws, meaning that for years nine big firms have joined to control prices and production.

Those Not For Us Are Against Us Many Americans, who have admired the people of Finland, will regret the closing of American consulates in Helsinki and Finnish consulates in the United States.

PROGRESS ALWAYS PROGRESS One of the interesting things about this land of ours is that some of the things that we are doing are new gadgets. I do not want to say that they are new, but still, it is at least like to find how some ambitious fellow has made his bid for fortune.

Have You Met... Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael, who are living at 21891 Northampton drive, in Berkshire Hills, Birmingham, recently moved out here from Detroit because they wanted to be able to bring up their little boy, who is five years old, in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wall and their four children, who are now living at 569 Oakland avenue, before moving to Birmingham, Mrs. Wall and the children had been in Santa Park, New Mexico, for several months, and before that the Wall family lived in Highland Park. They've always liked Birmingham so well they were looking for a place to live this time, they decided to try our city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jervis B. Webb, Jr., of 3965 Lusher road, since they've always wanted to live in the country, it seemed only natural to them to look around out here until they found a place they wanted. The Webbs have two children, Susan Maureen, 3, and Jeremiah, 18 months. Mr. Webb is coordinator for the Jervis B. Webb Conveyor Company in Detroit.

MONOTONY A Detroit manufacturer who has a flock of women working for him plays recorded music, he found it relieved the boredom. The idea is not foolish at all; it has been tried before, for the owner says that boredom is worse than physical fatigue.

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Public Funds Should Be Audited A New York judge, in sentencing a village official for misappropriation of public funds, declared that the defendant was inherently honest but became a victim of temptation because his salary was low although handling large sums of money and because his accounts were not audited frequently by a public agency.

Commenting on two cases, the judge pointed out that one village had not audited its accounts in nine years and that no audit was had in the other for five years. One taxpayer was paid \$15 a week, although handling funds of such size that she stole \$20,000 without being detected at once.

Every community should see that its public funds are regularly audited. This is a protection to officials, as well as to the corporate unit. Moreover, it would be a good idea to accept the recommendations of Judge Frank H. Loker, who suggests "frequent surprise audits of public accounts in the manner followed by bank examiners."

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It seems that the Finnish refusal of official recognition of an American visonual, which was in violation of a commercial treaty with this country. Generally, it is thought that the Finnish stand was due to German pressure.

Despite our admiration for the Finns, their struggle to retain independence and their faithful payment of previous war debts, the friends of Finland in this country cannot escape the conclusion that the Finnish Government has cost its lot with the Nazis.

WHAT IS THE MATTER with the motorists of Birmingham who ride back and forth daily to Detroit and Pontiac, or refrain from "swapping a ride" in the program to save rubber and gasoline? Very few of them, according to the local War Transportation Committee, have agreed to "gang up" and thus help the war effort.

A Junior Album



TOP CENTER: Molly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Martin. TOP RIGHT: Catherine and Christine, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis. BOTTOM CENTER: Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Slater, 673 Ardmore. TOP LEFT: William Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ellis, 864 East Maple. BELOW: Margaret Beatrice Studio, Birmingham.

Youth and Crime Something of a challenge to the home and the church, as institutions, comes with the figures recently released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, showing that 18.5 per cent of all persons arrested in the first six months of 1942 were under 21 years of age.

The Federal group led the nation in the number of arrests, 12,991. The next age groups, in order were 18, with 12,365; 21, with 11,946 and 20, with 11,330.

Perhaps you have wondered why certain magazines these days are able to present words and pictures pertaining to important areas in this nation, the impact of which is to acquaint readers with the various industrial and military values, then depicted; we wonder about this, too. Naturally, those same words and pictures can fall into the hands of the enemy.

HARRY F. KELLEY, Republican candidate for Governor of Michigan, pledges that he will, if elected, select most for office only on the basis of their ability and character merits. That is a pretty decent stand to take, at that.

It is local officials' expectation that most citizens in the northeastern part of the city should hear an air raid siren, they'll have to place one where it can be heard. To date, most people in that section avoid blackouts simply because they knew in advance the time, and watched their clocks.

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Behind the Man Behind the Gun



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

SHORT COURSE There is good news in store for all owners of cameras residing in the greater Detroit area. We mean for those owners of cameras who would like to know more about the things one can do with a camera.

PLENTY OF PHOTOGRAPHS An interesting editorial by Frank R. Frappie, editor and publisher of American Photography, appears in the September issue of this worthy publication.

Consumer News Let's All Help! Now that meat will soon go on the list of foods to be rationed, the wise housekeeper is searching her recipe files for hearty and healthy dishes to replace the customary roast or chops.

Presenting young people of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and vicinity... for them and the youth of America, we strive for Victory and a just peace!

SALVAGE MEMO TIN CANS—WASTE FATS—RUBBER METALS. The Birmingham Camera Club will sponsor a photographic exhibition some time in October.

City of Birmingham, Michigan Notice of Special Assessment West Maple Sidewalk. Notice is hereby given that the Commission on the part of the City of Birmingham has been living out here with Mrs. Ansteth's parents.