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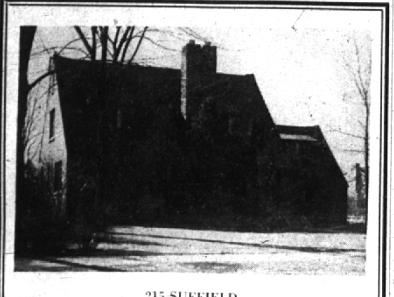
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Pressure Cookers for Canning
About 150,000 pressure cookers will be produced for this year's canning season. Although that will be twice as many as were made in 1942, it is believed that demand will be far in excess of

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Bits of Birmingham

A trip about town shows scores of lots plowed up which heretofore have yielded nothing but weeds.

We have heard a couple of radio announcers who displayed a surprising lack of knowledge about gardening. Early last week, after that snowfall, one of them urged people to be sure their gardens were well watered; Monday morning, a newscaster urged people to be sure their gardens were well weeded and watered, when as a matter of fact, land in some spots is still too wet to work and weeds are pretty scarce.

This wanderer opines that many newspapers in running series of articles on gardening were too far ahead to be effective.

Even the person with no time and little space will get a thrill out of a couple of tomato vines in a sunny corner of the yard. Try it! It will be safe to buy a few plants and set them out in the latter part of May.

The housing situation is at a critical stage. For two weeks, our classified section has not listed a single house for rent; this week it may be better (we haven't looked).

Rep. George A. Dondoro, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., writes that he will send you a bulletin on "The City Garden," and "Permanent Fruit and Vegetable Gardens," if you make the request.

The Lions Club had quite a meeting last Wednesday. Walter Frazier, Forbes Haskell and Harry Bissett appeared as representatives of the Rotary Club to make formal protest against slurs made by Lion Bill Spence about the "old men" of the Rotary Club. The session was pretty hot. Russ McBride threatened to resign unless Spence made an apology; Spence said he'd be damned if he would make an apology, and he offered to resign. Then came the denouement: The whole thing was merely a stunt to amuse the boys.

Women with children of pre-school age who would like to work from 10 to 12 Mondays or Tuesdays in the Red Cross surgical dressings project may bring their children and leave them at the Community House. Arrangements have been made to look out for the kids while their mothers work. It has been announced by Mrs. Carol Plumstead, acting director of the House.

We wonder how Mrs. Lilly likes it out in California!

Liquor rationing was to go into effect Monday but so far, the rules are no different than in past weeks. No coupon books or anything else have been received by which formal rationing could be instituted. In other words, it's a pint to the customer. No matter what system is used, there'll be ways of getting around it, for liquor laws are tough to enforce. For example, people who don't drink may be asked by their friends to buy it and turn it over to them.

Last Saturday, police confiscated BH guns from three boys who were shooting at cars at Oxford and Madison. Another gun was taken Thursday at Greenwood and Harmon.

"The trouble with a lot of these kids is that they don't have enough to do," opines Sgt. Grant Springer, who with other officers has spent considerable time on juvenile delinquency. Many parents don't take the trouble to keep their children busy and mischief is the result.

Some hams and bacon at the Deepfreeze market got an extra smoking at 2:52 a. m. Saturday. In fact, the smoke was so thick in the smoke house that one of the citizenry concluded that the place was on fire—and so it was! Unfortunately, the meat was ruined.

Don't pay more than 44 cents a pound for dressed poultry, says OPA.

That sounds cheap compared with some of the prices paid in the last few weeks.

R. H. Calbeck's Boston terrier, "Billy Westchester," was named "best-in-match" Sunday in a puppy show at Highland Park.

E. S. Bristol, of Clawson, is the manager this year for Sprindale Park; Lee Truax did the job last year.

Some of the old timers heretofore recall that during the last war they were employed at clubs heretofore for outdoor work.

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For three days there was a cat up on a telephone pole at Delaware and Beaver Bluffs, and there by the neighborhood dogs. On Tuesday the phone company sent help to get kitty down, whereupon she promptly climbed back. She came down herself later in the day.

That fine display of service men's pictures which has been at the Sanders store is being taken away. You may call for your picture at the Defense Service Center, 131 Pierce street, we are advised.

Ray C. Cunningham, who lived on Hawthorne road here and is now a lieutenant in the Navy, is located with the Naval Procurement offices in the Marsh-Bigelow across from the big Terminal in Cleveland. In a letter to The Eclectic this week Ray refers to "the beloved Eclectic" and wants us to keep sending it to him and Mrs. Cunningham, at the Lake Shore Hotel there. That's what we'll be doing Ray—and best wishes from all of us in Birmingham, too!

When Lt. Don Egbert, USNR, showed up this week eight weeks at indoctrination school, he was wearing a dark olive uniform to our surprise, for we had expected to see Navy blues. This is an alternate garb for the Naval Aviation forces, he explained. He wore a two-bar insignia, identical with that of a captain in the Army. Don is enthusiastic about the Navy.

Egbert spoke a few words at the Exchange Club meeting and declared: "Certain tenor and comments are kept secret and sometimes become obsolete even before the public knows anything about them. These things are so advanced that there is no doubt in

my mind as to who is going to win the war."

The Board of Education office is sending out notices of need for registration to those who have not returned within the past two years. In some cases, recipients have not seen the return address stamped on the other side, and call up the City Clerk in a huff, protesting that they have voted OK. School registration is separate.

"Why don't you run some publicity and get men out at 7:30 Monday evening to help the Association make surgical dressings?" asked Elmer Meeker, who used to own and drive trucks. "I was the man there last Monday until Don Kimminson showed up. There's been carrying on a lawsuit with me, and I hope that more turn out and give the women a lift, for they have a big quota." O. K. Mr. Meeker, there's your paragraph. We had a story on Page 1 last week, but apparently the men are a little hushy and need some coaxing. Place: Community House.

The Lathrap Townsite "Topic" announces that the Protective Association plans a community house after the war. The association has been carrying on a lawsuit with Mrs. Louise Lathrap Kelley to prevent the erection of so-called "defense houses" in the subdivision.

If you have a wax paper box with a cutter edge, hang on to it and don't throw your old tin in. They are not making the cutters any more.

A lawsuit has been started by William McCallum, who owns the roller rink property on South Woodward avenue. The rink closed when the State Fire Marshal objected to the cloth ceiling. McCallum bought the equipment of the place, including the Hammond organ, at a chattel mortgage sale, but learned later that Grinnell Bros. also had an interest in the organ. McCallum secured a temporary injunction from the Circuit Court restraining Grinnell's from seizing the organ, and he asks the court to determine the correct amount of Grinnell's interest.

Roberta Hershey Will Talk May 10 On Home Canning

Birmingham housewives who are planning food preservation programs and canning for this summer will be interested in the canning demonstration by Miss Roberta Hershey to be given at the Community House on Monday afternoon, May 10, at 1:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

"In view of the current national food shortage and rationing, everyone is especially interested in Victory Gardening and modern food preservation. Plans are being made to can, dry, freeze and store as much food as possible, for food preservation comes close to self preservation this year and will help Uncle Sam too," a spokesman said.

There have been urgent requests in Birmingham this spring for canning classes. Acting Mrs. J. Vinson E. B. of the Victory Gardening Committee of the garden club and Mrs. Milton F. Maller, local nutrition chairman, made arrangements for the canning demonstration.

Miss Roberta Hershey, extension specialist in nutrition at Michigan State College, East Lansing, has been released from her regular duties. Miss Hershey is well qualified; she has been in the home economics extension department for 13 years. A large attendance is expected.

With the Japanese execution of American prisoners still fresh in mind, it is timely to note that the Red Cross has started a factory in Philadelphia where 100,000 boxes a month are packed for war prisoners in foreign lands. An article in the current Red Cross Courier tells about it.

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Zoning Appeal Board Is Named Again

A. A. Bull, E. S. Clark, Wylie E. Groves, Charles J. Shain and George Steelman were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals Monday night by the City Commission.

"The men have served well without much credit," Mayor John E. Martz commented.

boy formerly of Birmingham, was sentenced to serve from 18 months to five years for unlawfully driving away an automobile April 4. State Police fired a shot to halt the chase and wounded him superficially. The court discovered that the youth was on probation from a Texas court for a similar charge.

More court news: A trial is going on in Circuit Court over the death of John Swartz, of Milford, who died Jan. 22, 1942 from injuries received when struck by a car driven by Henry Dahlquist, Jr., of Birmingham. Harry J. Swartz, administrator of the estate, asks \$50,000 damages.

Herbert H. Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank, will appear before the Federal Reserve Board of the Adrian Exchange club on May 4 and inform the group on "Characteristics of Inflation." He will speak again on May 18 in Highland Park, this time on the subject, "Post War Economics." His audience will be the Rotarians of that city.

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