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Using new and inexperienced help in the stores results in the most embarrassing situations sometimes, according to reports received by this department. The other day, a man entered a drug store and asked for a certain item of stock. (It doesn't matter what it was except it wasn't one of those items you would raise your voice about.) So the boy who was clerking, hollered out, "Say, have we any in stock?" The store manager neighbor don't heard it. Take it easy, the soap man said, and there'll be enough to go around.

The soap man said that his company is shipping into Michigan as much soap this month as during the same period in 1942 and 1941. The government is releasing more soap because more are being imported. More household fans are being turned in his patriotic wagon, so the situation should ease up PROVIDED you and your neighbor don't board it. Take it easy, the soap man said, and there'll be enough to go around.

Bill Sloat, the high school instructor, believes he has the highest sunflower in town. It measured 13 feet the other day and has a stalk as big as your wrist. The leaves measure 31 inches across.

One of the citizens complained to police that children were putting nails under his tires; in fact, a neighborhood ruckus developed over it. Ah, the dear children!

Horses seem to take a liking to the greenward of our fair city. Twice the past two weeks, a stray boss has been taken into custody by the constabulary, the latest animal belonging to E. E. Parker, Square Lake road. The horse was at the City garage for a couple of days until claimed.

Grand Trunk officials say that boys are again tossing stones at passing trains.

While on the lost-and-found theme, we note that A. J. Stevens, 210 East Clawson road, lost his bicycle containing \$28, the latest \$41 and other papers while attending the Bloomfield Theatre Sunday.

Please don't infer that this column is against boys. Heaven forbid! That would we do without them!

Besides that, Kenneth Morehouse, of Utra, turned in to police a leather jacket he found on the sidewalk outside the Free Press office on South Woodward avenue.

A worker at the likker store appeared in our office again this week to urge people to get their ration cards prior to the sale of likker on Aug. 12. The likker has little to do now, and will feel irked if people wait until the 19th to claim their cards. A quart, or fifth of a gallon, depending on the size of the bottle; or two pints will be the monthly allotment. That ought to be enough for the average snakebite.

In addition, Bill Moody, 847 Purdy street, reported the theft of his red and white bicycle from the Birmingham Theatre Friday night.

Added note: If you don't claim your card by Aug. 19, you'll have to wait until after Labor Day, the LCC has ordered.

Someone has been pasturing goats on Bird street and the neighbors don't like the odor, according to a report made to police.

We wonder whether a black market will develop. In other words, will John Jones who doesn't drink buy a quart for \$3 and then sell it to someone else for \$5?

Several householders about the village have reported footpads prowling about late at night.

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Two boys 13 years old and one lad of 12 left home last week intending to take a trip, but Detroit police detained them when they came to explain to Dad and Mom.

If this keeps on, this Wanderer has visions of horses dashing up and down the streets, escaping from the farms to the cities in wholesale fashion. Another horse has strayed? Mrs. Alice Hatos, 2712 East Maple, who took this one in said it almost ran in the path of a train.

Imagine a member of the fairer sex who is not the least bit afraid of snakes! Sport an individual in Mrs. Bert Conner, of Harbor Beach, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter C. Morgan, of Purdy street. She was walking on Daines street outside the Arthur Krain beer home when she saw a 4½-foot snake wriggling along. Grabbing a stick, Mrs. Conner made short work of the reptile, which was called a bull snake by naturalists at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. It was non-poisonous.

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In the play, "The Bluebird" given at the Greek Theatre at Cranbrook last Friday afternoon, there was no bluebirds because they're a pretty scarce article and besides, the game warden wouldn't like it if you caught one. So, they used a blue pigeon. Incidentally, what a perfect day for the outdoor theatre!

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After hunting all over, a reader has come to the aid of our aid; she is trying to buy a chromatic harmonica of the sort where you push per contra. The thing shifts to a different key. When found it will go to an Army motorcycle rider who was injured and is spending a long period at the Longview, Texas, hospital. If she can't get a harmonica with the trick gadget, she will take any good instrument. Phone 3458-11.

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Following an article in this column last week about the soap situation, an official of a soap concern phoned to explain why soap will not be rationed (it has been considered). (1) In nearly every community the water is of different degrees of hardness, requiring different quantities of soap. Birmingham's water yields 17 grains of minerals per gallon; in Galion, Ohio, it's 42 grains, but in Johnson, Pa., it's a mere one-half grain per gallon. (2) Different families require markedly different amounts. Babies, laboring men, people who bathe frequently.

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A newspaper columnist recently conducted a poll on the correct pronunciation of "Lashun" and found that civilians are 78 per cent for "ray-shun" while the military are 100 per cent for "rash-un." In this Wanderer's opinion, both are right. "Ray-shun" is the Army means a fixed allowance of food per day and has been pronounced that way for a long time. "Ray-shun" in the civilian world means something a little different and should rhyme with nation. This column is written by a hundred and one other words using this suffix.

Michigan Conservation magazine reveals that Oakland County has 447 lakes and is exceeded only by Marquette with 835; Luce with

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571: Iron with 528; and Gogebie with 488.

A City employee who has been moving the weeds along Pilegrim gets plaquid from one group of neighbors there. It seems that he is being out of his way to avoid cutting down a hollyhock.

The City Commission held a hearing Monday night on a proposed change in the Zoning Ordinance (see story in Part I). Mayor Martz preceded the general discussion by a 15-minute description of the ordinance—how it came about and what it was supposed to do. No one who had done it any better. It was a splendid review.

One drug chain is paying seven cents each for old golf balls, so it occurs to this Wanderer that here would be a good project for some organization trying to raise money for charity. There must be those hordes of old golf balls around town. It is said that the old balls when given a new cover are better than the brand new waffle pellets.

A letter from A. Wilson Bow calls attention to the fact that the Oakland County Kennel Club, Inc., is holding a dog show and obedience trials in the Royal Oak Market building Sunday, Sept. 5. Bow is a professional stranger of shows. Pontiac's show is Sept. 4.

Managing Editor John H. Harwood is now qualified for the role of prophet. While at the police station Monday afternoon, he was discussing a juvenile with a police record who was about to be taken to the detention room at Pontiac. "Watch out for that he doesn't get away from you," he told the officer. "I don't know what you're talking about," said the officer. "That's what you're talking about," Harwood looked out of a second story window and saw the youth running down the street with the policeman in pursuit. (See story on Page 1.)

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On Aug. 19 a group of 15 boys is having for the YMCA Camp at Hale, Michigan, a luncheon at the Hotel Mackay, run by Bob Lynd. They are sponsored by Mrs. James Couzens who sends a check for the year in honor of the late senator's birthday on Aug. 28.

Al Mudgie has left his rural spot at Glenn because they are pretty quiet up there in the fishing country, and has returned to Birmingham to drive a cab.

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The deer, which took to the water to escape a dog which was pursuing it, swam out about half a mile in Lake Superior and then climbed onto a rock which was just awash. After the deer had remained there about two hours and seemed reluctant to return to the mainland, Officer Larson went out to the rock by boat and drove the deer back into the water and to the mainland, where it sprouted unharmful into the woods.

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County Drownings Called Excessive By Red Cross Man

Alarmed by the high rate of drownings occurring in Oakland County, the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross recently completed a survey analyzing the causes and today issued a statement cautioning against aquatic hazards. Water safety rules also are offered.

Official records show that by August 1, 15 persons had lost their lives in Oakland County lakes this year.

Francis A. Wallace, first aid and water safety field representative of the Midwest area of the American Red Cross, has been here studying the aquatic problems of the Oakland County Chapter. He stated that to his knowledge the drowning toll in this county is higher than in any other county in the 17 states covered by his office.

Referring to the large number of lakes and bathing facilities available in Oakland County, Mr. Wallace added that "it would be normally expected that there would be some loss of life through aquatic accidents, however, the excessively high toll here is distinctly above what is normally anticipated. 'It is the individual swimmer who must take the precaution to know the water where one might strike hidden objects as rocky ledges, sunken logs or become entangled in weeds are other common hazards.'"

As an added precaution, Mr. Wallace advocates swimming only where a lifeguard is on duty and only during supervised hours. Simplest rescue and lifesaving methods recommended by the American Red Cross were mentioned by Mr. Wallace. Many drownings, he stated, can be avoided as well as capable swimmers without endangering their own lives, he said.

Occasionally on waterfalls, at wharves and docks, accidents occur when arms are pulled out enough that an extension could be reached out to the victim. If the struggling person is within reach the rescuer should drop to a prone position, taking a firm grip on the edge of the victim with one hand and without overbalancing stretch his other hand to the victim. Many persons have been saved by someone holding such extension as an oar, pole, towel, tree branch or a rope within the drowning person's grasp. This method is useful in aiding the rescue of persons falling off a dock or from a raft boat.

Free floating supports are used to assist a drowning person. Mr. Wallace said that objects such as boards, planks, logs or even overboarded boats may be dropped, though with caution, overhead, giving immediate relief until measures can be taken to bring him to shore.

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TREMENDOUS GROWTH SAULT STE. MARIE, Aug.—Opening of the new General MacArthur plant at the Sault throws into bold relief the tremendous development in Michigan's transportation system in the past 100 years.

Just 91 years ago, when the first shipment of iron ore passed through the locks, a load of just 6 barrels of ore was transported. The new MacArthur lock is capable of handling boats carrying over 18,000 tons of ore, according to conservation department geologists.

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