I am convinced that no rationing program our nation develops can be so severe that the common plight will be unbearable; it may become, and it ought to, quite uncomfortable, according to peacetime standards. Nothing is so important as the winning of this war, for without this victory, slavery is mankind's fate.

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

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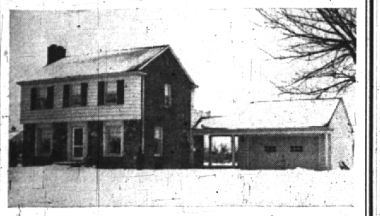

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A reader phones: "What's the weather going to be tomorrow?" Madam, if we could be sure about that, our services woud be in much demand by the High Command.

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This Wanderer hopes you will forgive him for devoting space to such a trite subject as the weather—a good deal has been said and written about it during the past 10,000 years—but honestly, have you ever seen such doggone conditions?

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For two weeks in a row, it thawed and rained terrifically during the middle of the week, followed by blizzard and cold over the weekend.

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The City had to repair more than a half dozen water meters which froze and burst Sunday and Monday morning, when the mercury dropped 8 below zero hereabouts. Many pipes were frozen; also many automobiles.

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Turning to another subject, police report that two speeders were given tickets, to wit, Ulysses G. Janes, 1144 South Woodward, who was going 50 miles an hour; and Gerald H. King, of Flint, who was doing 45.

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It is not certain just when the roller skating rink will reopen. The State Fire Marshal ordered it closed because of a false ceiling made of cloth. This was fireproofed and conformed with City Ordinance, but the State official still didn't like it.

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Nothing has been heard of late about the dance hall which the proprietor proposed to establish in the building.

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Postmaster Joseph Byrne says that the various publications mailed there, sent over from the Eccentric printery, makes our company his largest customer.

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'Tis reported that Charles Benn, 1259 East Humphrey, was bitten last week by a stray dawg.

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It is getting to the point that from one-third to one-half of our incoming mail comes from one branch or another of the Government. Some of the letters bear news of the Men in Service and come from all sectors of the United States. Our "News of Men in Service" is one of the most popular columns in the paper, for parents never know when they will read some paragraph about their sons.

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Much of the news is contributed locally, so these lines constitute an invitation for you—meaning you—to phone us or send us a note when your son, daughter or husband is promoted, transferred, comes home, gets a medal, or is otherwise deserving of mention.

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Mrs. Stanley R. Saunders' brother, who was killed at the capture of Casablanca, has been awarded posthumously the Order of the Purple Heart.

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Whenever it starts to rain hard and flood, we note that the Fire Department asks police to watch the Grand Trunk underpass. If the water should start to rise fast there, the F. D. will send a truck to the other side and leave it parked there to answer any calls which might originate on the other side of the tracks.

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Mrs. Earl L. Moody, 847 Purdy street, has been acting as agent in procuring license plates for some who have been too busy to go to Pontiac or Royal Oak.

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There seems to be a slight slackening in the number of weddings. Can it be that the armed forces are taking men so fast and at a younger age so that they don't have time to devote to romance?

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Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation director, has asked that cities eliminate unnecessary traffic lights. This Wanderer happened to drive past the Woodward-Brown intersection late one evening and noticed that the light was on amber. (It was placed on amber because one of the red bulbs had burned out). We were struck by the fact that the amber was quite a convenience, and we wondered why it would not be logical to put the Brown light and also the Harmon-Oakland lights on amber after 9 o'clock at night, when there is very little traffic.

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A story comes to us about the proprietor of the 14-mile road tavern. He spent $44 to have the snow shoveled out of his parking lot, only to have the space filled up entirely by drivers who left their cars there while taking the bus or riding with others to their work. If a parking lot is needed there for public convenience, perhaps Birmingham or Royal Oak could establish one.

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Lou Randall says that the Baldwin High roof is in a state of disrepair; in short, it leaks. That the roof is covered with slabs of slate to accommodate walking, was the curious fact he related. On the top is a small greenhouse, but it is not used in the winter for lack of heat.

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The Baldwin auditorium-gym floor is in bad shape too, and the Board of Education has had it on its list of repairs, awaiting the necessary money. Aside from the fact that the boards squeak, the basketball team says the balls don't bounce right because of dead spots.

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Joseph Millar, 1571 Ruffner (not the "Uncle Joe" of the editorial page, who also lives down that way) brings in a poem from a copy of the Ulster County (N. Y.) Gazette, dated Jan. 4, 1800, devoted to the death of George Washington. It starts out: "What means that solemn dirge that strikes my ear? What means those mournful sounds—why shines the tear? Why toll the bells the awful knell of fate? Ah! why those signs that do my fancy sate! Where'er I turn, the general gloom appears . . . ." and so on.

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Shortly after noon last Friday, sparks from a chimney descended on the roof of the Barney Eldred home, 1160 Ruffner, and the resulting fire burned a hole therein. Firemen estimated the loss at $20.

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Saturday evening at the G. H. Doyle home, 332 Southfield, there was quite a lot of smoke and no one could figure out whence it came. Firemen were called to make an inspection, and they found that some one had put a glove on the furnace to dry and had forgotten it.

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That gale of wind and zero temp did not do the oil tanks much good Sunday.

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Firemen were also called to the J. S. Carlson home, 780 Westwood, where an electric motor burned out and smoked up the house.

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Accidents in the City have declined sharply with absence of snow and ice.

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Walking past barber shops, this wanderer noted that some of them don't appear to be very busy in the mornings, probably because so many people are busy during those hours. If some of them did not open until noon but stayed open several evenings a week, some of the factory workers might be able to get into the shops easier. Our barber friends will probably reply that they don't like night work!

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Commissioner Howard R. Estes and his wife have just returned from a 5½-week trip to Mexico, in which they combined business and pleasure. "Am I sold on airplane travel?" he declared. On the way home they left Mexico City at 9 a. m. and arrived in Denver at 9:30 p. m., where they visited their son, Pvt. Howard P., who is a student in the photographic school there. Their only train route was from Chicago to Birmingham via the G. T. R. Their planes had smooth sailing all the way, and they covered some 7,000 miles.

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The income tax man will be at the Walbeck State Bank Thursday and Friday of this week and March 4, 5, and 6, to give free advice on your tax return.

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Last week, The Eccentric carried the obituary of James A. Curry, of Philadelphia, former local resident. Later, it was learned that a cousin, James McAllister, also a former local resident, died suddenly on learning of Mr. Curry's passing.

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According to a Detroit News story with a Pontiac dateline, the OPA office in Detroit wants to divide Oakland County into six rationing districts, each with its own board. A. J. Diebel, the present county director, is opposed to the plan, it was reported. He now has 16 branch offices throughout the County.

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C. E. Stephens, 22635 Franklin road, has been named chairman of the Southfield Township Civilian Defense Council. Stephens also works as special expediter for the County salvage organization.

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Oakland County's CIO and AFL have gotten together and formed a labor council. A general meeting of representatives of the two unions will be held Sunday, Feb. 28, in the offices of the Oakland County Trades Council (AFL) in the Wilson Building, corner Woodward and Maple, Birmingham.

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In a publicity story sent to our office, this Wanderer's eye was caught by the following statement: "The crankshaft alone of the aircraft engine may be compared in value with a complete lower priced automobile."

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If you are equipped to plow gardens, the committee would like you to register at the Defense Service Center, 131 Pierce street. An attempt will be made to group plowing jobs, so that plowmen can work most efficiently.

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Joe Smith, our former porter, said he hoped the Army would send him to a warm weather camp for training. His wish was granted in typical fashion; the Army sent him to Wyoming!

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This time mixup is something. One of our customers can leave Birmingham at 5 p. m. (fast time) and arrive at Lansing at 6 p. m. in time for dinner. However, coming to Birmingham, he leaves at 9 a. m. and doesn't get here until noon our time. How did our representative at Lansing, George Higgins, vote on the issue?

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About the only sensible argument in favor of slow time (as far as farmers are concerned) is that their relationships with milk deliveries, city markets, etc., gets them up too early under the fast time. Otherwise, a farmer is his own boss; cows don't pay any attention to the clocks; and the farmer can arise any time he wants to. But, if the cities stay on fast time, what has rural Michigan gained by this mixup?

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Everyone registering for the new ration books is earnestly requested to bring along a book for the Victory Book Campaign. Boxes will be ready to receive them near each registration center in the schools, according to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, supexintendent of Schools.

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A reader phoned Tuesday to exclaim: "Will you please help find a black and white springer spaniel which jumped from a car near Dr. Gaston's Monday morning? She is small, but about two years old and very, very nervous. She ran toward Birmingham. Phone 143-W if you see her."

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A 3½-year-old miss studied one of Birmingham's bald pates and then said: "You haven't got most of your hair, have you?"

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"We salute the faithful postman these days. In spite of snow, ice and storm, he makes his round with little delay. Time was when going to the post office for mail was one of our daily chores," a subscriber writes.

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In reference to a statement in a recent Eccentric that rabbits were a pest in vacant lot gardening, the magazine, The Home and Garden, for January, says that "one gardener has adopted the method of cattlemen. A simple wire fence, electrically charged, eight inches from the ground, kept rabbits out of a garden located in a heavily infested area."

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Tuesday night, a man rushed into Wilson's apothecary shop and said: "I want some matches. Here's a dollar. I've got to catch this bus outside!" The clerk rushed to accommodate him; he got his change and then hurried out the door—leaving the matches behind him!

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D. W. Wilson, 422 New Center Building, Detroit, reported to the constabulary Monday night that somewhere between Bloomfield Hills and Detroit, he lost a lady's platinum ring with a 1½-carat diamond, set with seven small diamonds. Officers have not yet run across it.

Harry Denyes, Jr., Now Registered

Harry M. Denyes, Jr., of 950 Pilgrim has recently been registered as an architect in this State.

He studied at the University of Michigan, Northwestern Universit, and Armour Institute of Technology in Chicago. While at Armour (now Illinois Institute of Technology) he studied with the noted European architect, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.

Since leaving school he has worked in the offices of J. Robert F. Swanson, Birmingham architect and Giffels and Vallet, Inc., L. Rossetti, Associated Engineers and Architects in Detroit.

He is a member of the Michigan Society of Architects, American Designers Association, and Sigma Chi Fraternity. Mr. Denyes has enlisted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces and is at present working in Birmingham awaiting his call to active duty.

Commission Lauds Departing Manager

A resolution of appreciation was adopted by the City Commission Monday night in behalf of Lt. Donald C. Egbert, who leaves Saturday for Quonset Point, R. I., to start an indoctrination course. It follows:

"Donald C. Egbert, City Manager, having been granted leave of absence by reason of his call to active duty as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, this Commission in behalf of the people of the City and of all the Commissioners under whom Lt. Egbert has served, expresses on the permanent records of the City our and their untiring industry and intelligent wholehearted appreciation of his direction of the affairs of the City and for his devotion to all of the highest ideals in the cause of good local government. They extend to him the assurance that because of his endeavors and those of his co-workers, Birmingham is a better place in which to live. His efforts in the organization of and his administrative leadership in civilian defense has given Birmingham's war effort on the Home Front a high place among Michigan municipalities. His sacrifice of position, family and friends for the duration of the war is equalled only by similar sacrifices made by many others in this community. It calls upon the civilian front to unqualifiedly support the fighting front."

Two Cars Crash At Chester, Brown

The car of Miss Adeline Cooke, 1562 Villa, was badly damaged Monday at 6:07 p. m. at Chester and Brown streets. Miss Cooke reported to officers that she was driving north on Chester and had stopped to look both ways before crossing. She turned to the right first, and then examined the left approach carefully because of the grocery store there obstructing her vision. Meantime, a car driven by Stanley Gallagher, living at a Northwestern Highway trailer camp, approached from the east, and a collision occurred. Ice prevented Miss Cooke stopping quickly, it was reported. Her loss was estimated at $200 and that of Gallagher at $175.

Lt. G. S. Goodell Stationed in Detroit

Lt. George Stanley Goodell, a volunteer specialist with the U. S. N. R. is now on duty in the Detroit office of Navy inspection. The general manager of the E. H. Fyfe Co. in civilian life, Lt. Goodell entered the Navy two months ago and was first assigned to a station in Maryland. Thus he is now able to stay with his family at 475 Tooting Lane.

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For a period of about 6 weeks after Mar. 1st, the Delinquent Roll will be in process of preparation, and persons desiring to pay **any** 1942 taxes during this period must apply at the **City Treasurer's Office** for a certificate of the amount of such taxes. This certificate must then be presented with the payment to the **County Treasurer at Pontiac.**

Save both time and money by paying 1942 Taxes on or before Feb. 28, 1943.

H. H. CORSON,
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