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## Bits of Birmingham

**Ben Rohr, 887 Smith, found a truck wheel Monday afternoon on Hunter near Haynes. A big truck had sheared off the bolts holding the wheel to the axle; it was returned OK.**

**C. C. Winningham has appealed for \$2,720 jury award made against him in favor of a former employee, Luther C. Lord, 46, who quit to go into the Navy. Lord claimed that Winningham promised to reimburse him after a salary reduction in 1930; Winningham denied it, and said Lord had been well taken care of.**

**Some of these truck drivers certainly know their onions. An employee for Birmingham Movers (which rents space in the garage building) of our office had to back his big truck into the driveway between our office and the garage building. He gunned the engine to get up the grade and slid backwards, with only a few inches to spare on each side. A miscalculation would wreck the truck—or one of the buildings.**

**Richard Brunelle, 15, reported missing last week, returned home three days later. He had been staying with a chum at Pontiac.**

**Some people seem to think it's unparliamentary to give party. Why should that be? Now that people are staying home more, what harm is there in having your friends in for a social evening around the fireplace? Lavish splurges are something else, of course.**

**Mrs. John J. Wallbillich, 966 Glenhurst, reported last week loss of a small purse containing \$15 and personal papers.**

**Kathryn Umphrey, our recent society editor, went on a chat on her day off and told us about staying the night with a bunch of W.A.C.s at Fort Custer. The low point of her enthusiasm on the reportorial trip was reached when she tried to grab between blankets which had been folded in some strange WAAC manner; newsmen do not need to see open and she had not been provided with the substantial WAAC pajamas she had about her the next day before she started.**

**A reader sends us a list of his pet peaves. (1) Adams road is a speedway; "Bloodfield and Troy Townships need funds to stop these law violators." (2) He can't understand why gas and tires are used to haul grown trees from a nursery to transient miles away. (3) Reduced deliveries "make living a hardship for those who have rural homes," but a diaper wash company is allowed unlimited mileage, he says.**

**The laundry dryer who rescued that dog (previously referred to as "Blossie") is now known by name. A reader phoned to say: "I had just read your item in Bits of Birmingham when the driver came to the door. He told me all about it and was quite pleased to think you were going to print his name." So, plaudits to Clarence Larson who used a rope to lass a struggling dog and pull him from Quorton Lane!**

**A young bride recently left Birmingham to join her husband who is in the Army, and she wired back: "Rush marriage certificate. Hotel won't let me stay with my husband until I can prove I'm married."**

**Mrs. Crowell, 1180 Villa, has the initials W.A.C., but her first name is Wave.**

**Several readers have asked us to print the various rationing dates. Look for them under the heading, "Consumer News—Let's All Help," on another page. Mrs. George W. Patch prepares this column.**

**A reader writes: "I wonder if merchants realize how much their rationing affects the customer buying spirit? A cheery 'Good Morning' or 'How Do You Do' puts the buyer at ease. The most discourteous example is the dealer who approaches with a curt, 'What's the matter; is the axe dull?'"**

**No Fooling**

**Mrs. Bertha B. Neff, of 136 Linton, has lived in Birmingham for quite a spell, and during all these years has depended upon the service of the Eccentric to maintain her balance in life (she said so herself) page after page. Her husband, Mr. Neff, is a car dealer. That was when she came in, after shovelling 18 tons of snow from her driveway so she could get her car going. She bounded into our office, her countenance beaming and shining with the light of the Muse—for she had written a poem. She titled it "The Winter of 1942-43 or 'The Shoeless' lament." Here it is:**

**Shovel! Shovel! Shovel!**  
The work is never done;  
With the snow'd stop falling,  
And we'd have a little sun.

**My Mother used to tell me: "When the flakes fall from the sky, Old Mother Goose must be at work. Picking her geese on high."**

**Boys' haircut and masculine attire were the order of the day, explained, Miss Evelyn Bros. 19, explained in women's court, Chicago. She merely thought the garb fitting for her son as a drill press operator, and never posed as anything but a girl.**

**Two 11-year-old boys were arrested Saturday at 8:10 a. m. at McClellan's key warehouses, which they had entered by a small window. Police found out that the entry had been made by the boy who wanted a pigeon for a pet. (The birds roost among the rafters.)**

**Some one buried a snowball through the kitchen window of the Leonard Brown home, 876 Hazelwood, Friday.**

## Heads Dentists

**DR. GEORGE E. MARIN, Birmingham dentist, who has been named president of the Oakland County Dental Society. He succeeded Dr. Donald Hinkley, of Rochester, who went into the Army. Dr. D. K. Toepfer, also of Birmingham, succeeds Dr. Marin as vice-president.**

**DeMolay Boys Run City for Day**

**Boys of Hassberger Chapter, Order of DeMolay, "governed" the City of Birmingham Monday afternoon, Jan. 18. Regular Commission meeting was preceded by one at which some of the boys acted as commissioners.**

**All of the boys agreed that it was very interesting, and wish to thank their thanks for the fine attitude shown toward them. The trial, at which Harry Lee was tried and found guilty of non-payment of dues, failure to learn his obligation and failure to regularly attend meetings, was the most interesting event of the day. He was arrested in the afternoon by policeman Charles Conwell, and placed in jail to await trial. After consulting his lawyer he was taken to the court room. His sentence was to learn his obligation and make payment of his dues within 10 days. Although he was found guilty, the trial was conducted for the purpose of learning more about court proceedings, and no personal or other such accusations is really being leveled against him. Harry took the trial as a perfect sport, although he was rather surprised when arrested and taken to jail.**

**The boys who were in office do not make up the whole chapter, but there were not enough members available for all, and a limit was placed on the number to be excused from school on the day.**

**Those who were in office are: Mayor, Frank Boomer; City Manager, Gordon Cole; Justice of the Peace, Ralph Appell; City Clerk, Dale Roberts; Fire Chief, Larry Johnson; Police Chief, Bob Barton; Treasurer, Francis Niederfuhr; Water Department, Bill Lenke; Assessor, John Robertson; Engineer, Bill Hooper; Public Works, Alvin Estes and Building Inspector, Jack Mellinger.**

**Commissioners were Don Leulen, Harry Lee, Bill Wronos, Tom Plum, Carl Thomas and Bob Barton. Lawyers at the trial were Jack Poorman and Bill Wronos.**

**New England hills again. We'll never forget the snow-covered two of our six rooms are heated at all, and we waken to a temperature of 25 to 30 degrees most mornings. It takes courage to get up! The bathroom is on the upper floor, but naturally, and we have to let the water run all night to keep the pipes from freezing. And we hear that the oil supply is being cut daily, rather than improving. Somebody blundered!**

**Dominic Caputo, who has been acting as chairman of merchant cooperation in the collection of waste fats, announced Wednesday that since Sept. 1, 1942, some 9,000 pounds had been collected in Birmingham. Many housewives are not yet saving their fats... or if they in a clean coffee can, or keep them in a clean jar, put in some clean vegetable or fruit can and take to your meat market.**

**Miss Eleanor Stanton, manager of the Bloomfield Theatre, announces a special program for Saturday afternoon. The program is for the children. There will be an hour of cartoon features and the first chapter of an exciting new western serial, "Valley of Vanishing Men."**

**Miss Stanton also announced a new service for patrons who have new or used coats. The service will notify her of their location—North Africa, New Guinea, Alaska, etc.—and will notify the patrons whenever any special new comes with scenes of these countries. They had a number of inquiries from people who want to see the places where their sons are fighting," Miss Stanton said.**

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