

The Birmingham Gazette

PART TWO

Some hand pumps used for lifting water from a well require priming before they work each time. Each of us also requires "priming" from time to time so that we can "lift" ourselves from negative thinking; such priming generally comes from listening to, or reading, the cheerful, positive words of others.

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Bits of Birmingham

That paragraph in last week's gazette about the whistling mail carrier brought two responses. Mr. H. E. Barrett, 644 and Mrs. H. E. Barrett, 644 Emmons, who have a son in the service, and also, a young wife across the street likewise listen for the postman's whistle, sounding when an Army letter arrives. Don Voorheis in their car, Fenton Westery was credited last week.

Here's a note, telling of another whistler. "I notice in your 'Bits of Birmingham' column you mention the postman who carries mail to the people in the northwest section of town. It seems that said postman blows a whistle when he has mail from sons and daughters who are in service.

"Now our Uncle Charley, who delivers mail in the northeast section of town, lets us know the time when there is mail from our boys and girls in service. He just whistles or pounds on the mail box. We surely appreciate his thoughtfulness.

"Please give Uncle Charley credit for his kindness and let him know that we appreciate the nice things he has done for us.

"Sincerely,
"One of the Mothers."

This Wanderer noticed that Quarten Lake looks better than usual because of ample rains. Some of the lawns are not quite so trim as usual, but you know why. It certainly gives one a lot of satisfaction to see gardens on every hand growing vegetables.

One of our operatives reports having seen a girl clerk at the post-office paddling around in her bare feet. It couldn't have been Gladys Heine, we are sure of that!

There's a tomato plant growing at the R. G. Bradley garden, 612 Mohagan, which is really a champion. Mrs. Bradley counted 54 tomatoes on it in the various stages of development, and has already picked four ripe ones, and it is still flowering. They have three dozen or more plants, all with 24 or more tomatoes on each, so it looks as though the Bradleys will not have to buy very many this year! Their corn is over 8 feet.

No report yet of any one picking a mature ear of corn.

When Daniel A. Youngs, 27375 Northgate, Detroit, was stopped by police for failure to observe a traffic signal, he also was presented with a ticket for having no operator's license with him.

Lester Strickland reported to police that he lost his wallet; however, it was found and returned to him.

A painter named Hagerman, of 11717 Washburn, Detroit, said police that while he was working at 264 Larches, some one took \$21 from his street clothes, which were hanging in the basement.

Some of our readers probably wonder what happened to the Cat Bureau, that unique organization which used to look out for homeless cats. This picture shows the last survivors of the bureau, because the street likewise listen for the postman's whistle, sounding when an Army letter arrives. Don Voorheis in their car, Fenton Westery was credited last week.

cause the former operator, a great big guy with a big heart, is now with the air-traffic industry, and is no longer in Panama.

He is Pvt. Justin P. Buckridge, 507 Brookside. They mailed this snapshot to their son, showing "Laxie," the Colby pup, and her bosom companion and bunkmate, "El Gato," the kitten. The dog even picks up the cat and carries it around in her mouth.

Mother of the dog, incidentally, is an elderly female animal with the incongruous name of "Puppy." She has produced two families a year for seven years, and has descendants in every section of a tailless Manx cat.

Marcus M. Day, Lahser road, Bloomfield Hills, got a ticket last Friday for speeding 60 miles an hour in the 35-mph zone.

One of the biggest events of the year at Oakland Hills Country Club will be the "All Watrous Day" July 31. It's stag.

Miscellany: A prowler was reported Friday at the "Cat" Vies home, 1004 Brookwood . . . Someone broke a window at the G. W. Watergraf home, 1275 Birch Thursday . . . Ernest Davis, 977 East Lafayette, Detroit, was arrested here as the most flagrant speeder in many a month. He was doing 70 mph, which is technically classed as reckless driving. Patriots might call it something else.

We might remind storekeepers and others that when ration books are found, they should be turned in at the rationing office at 116 South Woodward.

Are you saving your brown paper and flattened corrugated paper boxes? When you have a good pile—also newspapers and magazines—phone 4014, the Defense Service Center, and the Goodwill Industries or Salvation Army will pick them up.

The City will start its tie collection Monday.

Boys on Chester street, between Brown and Frank, are reported to be playing "Commando" early in the morning and late at night. Well, the reason is probably that the Commandos usually strike at dawn.

We ought to popularize the American name for these fighters, the Rangers.

This Wanderer notes that the County war bond committee still issues a monthly report on bond sales. In this writer's opinion the report is very inaccurate and worthless, and an unwarranted reflection on many communities in the county, Birmingham, for example, gets credit principally for just bank and post office sales of bonds, and not for the great total bought by our citizens who work in Detroit and elsewhere, and make their purchases there, many of them in payroll deduction plans. Thus, every month, the report shows that Birmingham is apparently falling down badly in bond purchases, when in truth, we believe our record here is as good as any in the county.

The margin of error is so great that the report has no statistical value whatsoever.

A great many people now on the payroll deduct tax plan believe that their 1942 tax can be forgotten, whereas that is not true.

unless the taxpayer paid it up in full on March 15 of this year. There are many features of the new tax which are not fully understood. Is there any local accountant or tax expert who would care to write an article for The Eccentric telling us less-understanding mortals what this new plan is all about? For people carrying more than \$2,700 a year (if single) and \$3,500 a year (if married), the new plan seems to be even more complicated than that for the wage-earners getting less than those two figures.

The Edwin S. George Foundation, 1275 Birch, is in an inoperative suit in Circuit Court against Bert J. and Ethel Allen, asserting that this couple trespassing on frontage along Island Lake owned by the Foundation. They are unable to get out of the lake for Mr. Farther, it is charged that the Allens have threatened to destroy a fence should the Foundation buy one. A temporary restraining order was issued.

A lot has happened in 25 years. "Kaiser Arranges Special Launching" says the newspaper headline. This time the Kaiser's big formal boat, the Kaiser's big formal boat, and a spiked helmet, but a hero of production. Two prominent Kaisers in two wars—it's quite a coincidence.

The writer of "Men in Service" wishes the Navy would determine an official title for its air branch. To date, there seems to be no formal designation such as has been done for the Army Air Forces (it's longer than the Army Corps). The Naval air service is variously called the "Naval air corps," "air arm," or whatever you choose, with none of the titles capitalized as you are in proper name. The Marine air branch is in the same uncertain status; that is, uncertain as to name. Who there's a war with a wallop.

Do you believe that everybody who rents property should be friendly and courteous and considerate of the landlord? Well, I don't believe it. I believe that everybody who rents property should be friendly and courteous and considerate of the landlord. I believe that everybody who rents property should be friendly and courteous and considerate of the landlord.

Someone phoned us about a hit-and-run mishap on Maple avenue at Pilgrim last night. A girl on a bicycle was hit but not seriously injured. Several people saw the accident but were unable to get the driver's license number. Patricia Ryan helped the girl after the mishap. The strange thing is that the police were given no report at all of any accident there, and there; or who the bicycle rider might have been.

Howard Holsh, Birmingham Theatre manager, is boosting his bond sales by putting up a display "Buy Invasion Bonds" and displaying big black headlines clipped from current newspapers describing the drive in Sicily.

Bloomfield Theatre announces another special cartoon show for the children Saturday. Besides an hour of cartoons, there will be another chapter of the serial "The Winslow of the Coast Guard" plus the two regular full-length features.

This Wanderer rarely listens to WJBK but by some quirk he tuned in WJBK last Saturday morning and heard Dr. John P. Wood, of Birmingham, taking part in a discussion.

Dick Sulthorpe, the gas man just south of our office, has the happiest expression in town, we verily believe. All day long this young man by the name of Max Erforth is signing or whistling.

One of the still-remaining vestiges of Birmingham's village days are the nurses who work Monday at the northeast corner of Woodward and Maple to sit about and talk this and that.

This Wanderer ran into Luther Heacock, former City commissioner, at the Commission meeting Monday night. He suggested that the City cut down a dead poplar tree at 632 Ann and add supports to a maple at 652 Ann.

As many years as you sat around this table, can't you think of anything that needs attention? Mayor Marz and you not "No," replied Luther, "you fellows are doing a good job. I believe this is the first time in 20 years I have ever asked anything of the City."

Luther is now manager of the Oakland County TB sanatorium near Pontiac and seems to be doing a good job at it. He has had good luck in keeping his feet out of his way to make their work pleasant. For example, he provided plowed ground for a dozen victory gardens, and fixed a spot where

Citizens League Elects Officers

The board of directors of the Oakland Citizens League elected officers for the ensuing year at its July meeting held at the office of the league.

Three of the old officers were re-elected. They are: Henry S. Booth, Bloomfield Hills, president; Harry L. Stanton, Pleasant Ridge, first vice-president; Murray W. Ashbaker of Pontiac, treasurer. Herbert H. Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank, was made 2nd vice-president and Ivor T. Wedin, engineer of Kerdale, was elected the secretary.

The board gave James F. Moore, executive secretary of the league for the last year and a half, a leave of absence to allow his direct participation in the war effort. He is now connected with the man power Commission, but will continue to serve in an advisory capacity until he returns to the league's office.

During Mr. Moore's absence, a special committee will carry on much of his work and continue publication of the Citizens' Brief. Those present discussed other matters for the coming year, the many things which need attention; when most people are so involved in war activity these are ignored.

New Rotarians Give Histories

Four of the newest members of the Birmingham Rotary Club gave brief biographies of themselves Monday noon in a program arranged by Dr. A. K. Toepfer, chairman.

Robert C. Bishop, local manager for the Birmingham Contracting Co., revealed himself as a Club's youngest Rotarian, for he was born in Detroit in 1917. He moved here in 1941, and is in the family, the latest born a month ago.

Dave Millman, with the Aluminum Company of America, is stationed principally at the Willow Run bomber plant for his company. He was born in 1902, and has three children.

Tom Stackable, who lives in Franklin, is semi-retired (though he won't admit it). He owns a concern that makes and sells soft destroyer and boiler compounds. He was born in Detroit, spent his early years in the U. S. Navy, and was at Manila when the Spanish war broke out in the Philippines in 1899.

When he left the Navy, he studied mining engineering, as the result of much work done in the Kentucky coal fields in search of that product. Tom Stackable's hobby is collecting miniature glass slippers and shoes.

Herbert H. Gardner, president of the Birmingham National Bank, also admitted that he was born in Detroit; went to work at 15; studied law nights and graduated, entered the banking business in Detroit when in his teens. It has been at it ever since. He is married, and has two daughters and one son, the latter in the South Pacific, in the U. S. Army. Mr. Gardner's hobbies are, outside of golf, lecturing at the University of Michigan on business administration; director of the Detroit Y. M. C. A.; and on the board of trustees of Kalamazoo College, and chairman of its finance committee.

Although not a member of the local club, L. N. Pyle, 185 Euclid avenue, frequently "makes up" absences from the Detroit Rotary Club here. So he, too, was asked to tell about himself. He was born on a Missouri farm, went to St. Louis, then to Chicago, after working for the Westinghouse Co. for 12 years; in Chicago, in 1912 he joined the Automotive Materials' Association, and came to Detroit in 1925, and has lived in Birmingham for 20 years. He paid special tribute to Mrs. Pyle's civic activities here, arguing that "one critically minded member of the family ought to be enough; that leaves me a law-cutter; general errand boy, and a next man."

Next week this speaker will be Lester Taylor, a man of Canadian descent, who will tell about his experiences in the famous Dieppe raid.

The nurses can meet outdoors in the evening for a chitchat.

Birmingham may soon have some lady mail carriers. Postmaster Joseph Byrne is looking for two or three women who feel they are strong enough to walk a route. The job pays about \$34 for the average work week (eight hours, any day except Saturday). Yes, there's uniform, too. Several women are now driving cars on the route.

Roger Todd, of 3540 Hudson, Detroit, complained to police that Barbara Fletcher, a maid working at 1222 Puritan, had his ration books and coupons give them back. Officers said Miss Fletcher promised to turn them in.

At 2:25 a. m. Monday, police men told that a man and woman were lying in the Hunter boulevard parkway, near Landon. Police Lt. Delvie Sereno found them to be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, who were walking to Auburn Heights, but had to rest on the way. Mr. Scott had just been released from a hospital. The officer called a relative of the couple in Auburn Heights.

A Fine Colonial

You should see this all brick offering located in the Quarten District. It's wide 90 ft. site is nicely landscaped and the design of the house has demand appeal. Well built and in good structural and mechanical condition there's little to do but decorating. Yes, it's insulated and storm windowed. Heat and tax costs are moderate.

Four bedrooms will accommodate twin beds, one bath has both tub and stall shower and there are two other baths. There is a den, a nook and a fine screened porch with new canvas drops. We think it one of the best listings in Birmingham and the price is right because the owner must leave the city.

In the "Town Time Forgot"

We can present two attractive homes. Both recently built, both brick construction. One has 2½ acres of beautiful grounds where everything you can imagine is growing. It has 4 bedrooms. The other—with 5 bedrooms, comes with 5 acres and a top o' the-hill setting.

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