

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

Two-thirds of all Germany's newspapers today are published by members of the Nazi Party. That proves that most Germans get only the kind of newspapers that the Nazis want them to get. One reason why you, the public, should be interested in keeping America's newspapers free from political domination.

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## Use Jap Periscope To Train Our Men

For many a month the U. S. Navy submarine school at New London, Conn., needed a small periscope for technical instruction. Since all American periscopes were very much in use, instructors at the school expected to eliminate that part of the training. However, one morning, students and teachers saw in one corner of the classroom a small, simple, patiently waiting for the class to begin. It seems that the officer-in-charge hit upon the idea of using a periscope from one of the Jap-

new two-man submarines captured at Pearl Harbor. So today, prospective U. S. sub commanders are using a Jap periscope to perfect their technique of attacking Jap vessels.

Plastic hand grenades are now being manufactured in Canada and are used for training and offensive operations by troops within the Dominion and overseas, according to Ralph Hemphill, founder of the Plastics Institute in Los Angeles. Unlike the cast iron grenades, which operated on a time principle, used in World War I, these plastic grenades are filled with high explosives which are set off by percussion as soon as they land.



## Bits of Birmingham

To Frank Minninger, 768 Yarmouth, goes membership in the Grand Order of the Sharp Hoe for first reporting the harvest of green corn. It was on Wednesday, July 21, that he picked his first ears. He planted his crop on May 9, which was before the last frost.

Ronald Edwards, who lives at 862 Davis, was not far behind. He picked 17 ears Monday.

Cars throw those little pebbles of the tar onto the sidewalk on West Maple, and an operative reports that ladies with thin soles find said pebbles quite annoying.

Some hot Wednesday when the mercury climbs close to 100 we will dig from our files, as is our custom, a picture of last winter's snow.

The Eccentric recently printed some letters written by Pvt. John Tillotson, of the Marines. We are told that three local boys were thus inspired to join this famous corps.

As time goes on, people seem to be losing their respect for the 30-mile speed limit. One Sheriff's officers here arrested five drivers going through on U. S. 10.

T. D. Carlisle, 1569 Buckingham, reported to police the loss of his Norwegian elk hound, which dog is said to resemble a police dog.

As the above dog would be interested primarily in elk, we are sure he had nothing to do with the chicken massacre at the Henry Egert home, 721 South Adams, where a dog killed 21 chickens some time Friday night or early Saturday. . . . Frederick Sage, dog warden at Pontiac, says dogs and cats are killing 200 chickens a week in that city, and he has announced that he will shoot any licensed dog found running at large. Licensed dogs at large will be impounded and their owners brought into court, he says.

A special appeal comes from the City Recreation Department: They have 500 tickets for the baseball game Aug. 6 but don't know how to get the kids down

to Briggs stadium. If you can drive your car with a load, write or phone J. Edgar Bigelow at the City Hall, phone 1256. The driver, of course, will be admitted.

Stuart Smith, who lives at 292 Willits, feels quite badly about the fact that his dog was killed by a passing motorist who did not even bother to stop. The dog was a constant companion to his elderly mother; everytime some one came to the door, he would bark and take the place of a door bell.

Mrs. John B. Hammond, Kensington, who lost two of their Hereford cattle were missing.

Roy Belanger, of Detroit, a seaman, was driving east on Maple early Thursday morning when he fell asleep and hit a utility pole at Larchline, with damage estimated at \$300.

Roy Smith, the woodworking man, who lost his 1,000-piece collection of arrowheads, got some of them back. A man taking away a load of shavings found a bag of them buried in the shavings pile.

Smith started collecting at roadheads at a farm boy in Lapeer County.

Police have received a complaint of curs apedding on Adams between 12:30 and 2:30 p. m. No one could be trying to meet the train at that hour.

The duration will probably last longer than the war. By that we mean, some of the price controls, for example, can not be relaxed until civilian production gets underway.

An admirer of the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Connor, 482 Westwood, called to say that it is too bad that their garden is not in the contest for it is really a beauty. (The contest is now closed to further entries.)

Another gardener ventured the opinion that common sense should rule in the matter of cultivation and weed eradication. "A man with much regular work should not exhaust himself in his garden just to take a prize," he declared. "Beyond a certain point, extra work doesn't yield any extra vegetables. Of course, for people who can spare the time and energy—the spare, weedless garden is OK."

Kathrine Joslyn, of Troy Township, has secured a divorce from Jack W. Joslyn.

Dogs killed four ducks at the Schultz home, 460 Smith, Tuesday morning.

Tomatoes are ripening fast at the garden of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis, 564 Ridgedale. Their fine back lawn was dug up for the purpose of gardening, and the tomato vines have thus far yielded 21 ripe tomatoes.

Last Thursday as H. H. Kendall, 1213 Dorchester road, was getting out of his car at a filling station in Mt. Clemens, he slipped and fell breaking his leg and dislocating his ankle. He was taken to St. Mary's Mercy Hospital and is reported to be doing nicely.

Mrs. Grace Fisher, route 1, Birmingham, has filed suit for divorce from Earl Fisher. Mrs. Ethel Fitch Giffels has filed suit for separate maintenance against Raymond P. Giffels, 650 Waddington.

Plenty of rain this spring; levels in the City's wells are holding up fine, says Fire Chief V. W. Griffith.

Many moons ago when D. L. Pyle, high school principal, first came to town, we promised that some time when news was scarce we would reveal his first name. It is Denzil.

Glady Heinze, who you will remember was referred to as definitely not the lady employee at the post office paddling around in her bare feet, wrote us one week pointing out that she is all set for the duration with regard to shoes. "Thank you for the interesting week," she wrote. "Do you know what with all these attractive young girls in the Post Office?"

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**Women in Service**  
Gifts from Africa Sent by Army Nurse  
Lt. Frances Stanley, daughter of Mrs. Alberta Stanley, of Madison road, it stationed in Africa. She is an Army nurse and has been in Africa since November. On May 18, she mailed her mother a box of gifts from Africa. She also sent a pair of silk plaid slippers trimmed with fur, which she bought in England. Most surprising was a red felt hat, for which she paid \$10. Strange as it may seem, the gifts were wrapped in none other than The Birmingham Eccentric!

**OFFICER TRAINING FOR WAVES**  
Enlisted women in the U. S. Naval Reserve may now apply for transfer to officer status after six months service in enlisted ratings under a system authorized by the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Applicants must be recommended by their commanding officers and will be sent to the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's school, Northampton, Mass., before being commissioned. In general the opportunity for an officer's commission is open to enlisted women whose superior ability and hard work warrants a recommendation from their commanding officer.

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Lady doctors of trombones, trumpets, and clarinets are needed by the Coast Guard Spars for a 25 piece all-girl orchestra at the Spar training station in Palm Beach Florida. There is also a crying need for a snare drummer. One of the most needed musicians is a Gluckenspiel player (yes, it's an instrument).  
Women 20 to 36 desiring to become Spar musicians at the Florida school are instructed to make application to the new Spar recruiting office at 531 Lafayette building in Detroit. All Spar recruiting activity now takes place at this address.  
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"Because I heard mother say she was going to clip your wings."

**Regimental Radish**  
Corp. John Kinser of Camp Pickett, Va., grins as he holds up a bunch of radishes grown in his regiment's Victory Garden. He's one of the non-coms who spend spare time augmenting the food supply.

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