...story books as the most vital in ...ent years or in many centuries—vital to the future of humanity. There can be little question about that! Yet we who are going through these perilous years too little realize the tremendous upheaval that is destined to follow.

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

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Seal Sale Headed By Mark Hardin

Chairmanship of the annual Easter seal sale to finance the work of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children has been accepted by J. Mark Hardin, Birmingham Rotarian, it was announced this week.

The sale opened this week and will continue until Easter. In accepting the appointment, Mr. Hardin said that he anticipated the upward trend of the seal sale to continue this year, as it has consistently done in the past.

"The experience of our first wartime year has indicated unmistakably that the citizens of America realize how vitally important our services are to the nation," Mr. Hardin said.

"Not only has the size of the civilian job done by Easter seals increased, but the benefits of the experience of all societies for crippled children and adults in programs for occupational therapy, sheltered workshops, vocational guidance, training of the crippled for productive jobs, and placement in employment will be urgently needed as the war progresses," he declared.

Others on the committee who will aid in the annual Easter seal sale are members of the Birmingham Rotary Club. Members will contact the public in their efforts to reach the local quota of over $500.

PLAN SPEAKERS' BUREAU

A Red Cross speakers bureau will be established by the Oakland County chapter, it was revealed by graduating classes at Shattuck E. M. Beresford, public information chairman. This bureau will train speakers on Red Cross activities who will be available for service clubs programs, social group meetings, etc.

White Dutch Colonial - $9,800

AGAIN we offer one on a fine, wide, corner site in the Quarton district. Yes, it's all white with heavy clapboard siding.

There are 4 bedrooms; tile bath with tub, plus a stall shower. The living room, always light, is nearly 19 x 20 and takes furnishings nicely. 1st floor lavatory, steam heat (good place for a stoker), and an attic, too! Stove and refrigerator included.

Modern Ranch Home - $16,000

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Bits of Birmingham

A good, first-class coincidence always stirs this Wanderer.

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For Example on page 1 of Part II last week, there appeared a picture of J. D. Dun, former Toledo newspaper editor, now an ambulance driver and hero. It was placed in that spot quite by chance. Under it, the printer by chance put a story sent in by Harold B. Kuder, local administrator of war transportation. The peculiar thing about it all is that the two men are first cousins!

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Here is a funny one that AL-MOST got into the paper last week: This is how a contributor worded her article: "The chapter is now working on flannel layettes for war babies, which will be supplied to the wives of American soldiers who have gone to war."

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The same thing affected her that hit another housewife Monday. She was thinking about her son, who is with the armed forces far away, and left the house without turning off the gas, ruining the stew. She called to say: "I think a lot of people are pre-occupied these days. Everybody ought to realize it, and take added precautions."

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One mother whose sons are all in the service says the only way she can forget about her loneliness is to do hospital work, where she finds many people a good deal worse off than she. One mother she ran across has seven sons in the war.

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That mysterious voice who called us last week about war bonds (do you remember?) phoned again Monday to say: "Here's a caustic remark you can put in your paper: 'Buy the bonds you say you have!' "

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Russell Burns, electric contractor, has been elected vice-president of his association.

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A lady who lives over near the Village Playhouse came in Monday to say: "Saturday night some one parked in my driveway, and it was very inconvenient. I called the police, and they said we could have the car towed away, or we could charge them for parking space. So, we charged them $2 which was cheaper than towing and a ticket. I don't know who the people were, but I want to let them know that we are turning the $2 into the Red Cross fund." She added the wish that departing spectators and players be more quiet, for horn-blowing, etc., makes it impossible for neighbors to sleep, she said.

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So, this Wanderer, being a broker of odds and ends, passes along her message.

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Another cash customer suggests that men and women in the armed forces number each letter so that a missing letter will make itself apparent in the next letter which does not arrive.

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Ellsworth Feeley, who gave his address as Birmingham, has filed a petition with Circuit Court in Pontiac seeking restoration of his driver's license. He is under sentence (but at liberty) on a charge of negligent homicide following a mishap Jan. 20 in which his truck killed a child. The case is pending. Feeley said he could not make a living unless he could drive.

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Mrs. George Singers, 528 Park, saw a robin during that warm spell Monday. Yes, there are a few of them about.

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Notations about lost and stray dogs fill the blotter of the police department.

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Frank Griffin, 42 years old, of Deckerville, was arrested Saturday night in a tipsy condition, and it cost him $5 Monday morning.

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Charles Springs, 1665 Villa, missed eight gallons of gasoline from his tank last week. The thief forgot to leave a couple of gas coupons in payment.

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Oakland County's two representatives in the House at Lansing have introduced an amendment which would require the Oakland Probate Judge to turn over the fees he collects. Rep. Higgins told the House that the probate judge's salary, fees and income from his law practice yield about $15,000 a year, while Circuit Judges get only $8,500.

Are you a former school teacher and able to do substitute work? If you have never filed your name with the superintendent of schools, it would be a good idea, for replacements are hard to get except in English and social studies. The A. A. U. W. has helped prepare such a list in the past. Math, science and elementary teachers are the hardest to procure.

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How are you getting along with your points? Many people have found that the 48-per-person are ample, especially if they use fresh stuff procured from the green grocer.

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OPA men are checking around in Detroit, and this wanderer notes that local filling station men are a little more strict now.

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Not even your house is safe from the automobile. Mrs. S. Nelson, 205 Pierce, reported to police Friday that some one damaged a rear corner of her home.

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Prowler calls were reported last Thursday night from Floyd street and Abbey road.

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The State Highway Department is still busy shutting off traffic lights which are of marginal value. This Wanderer believes that the lights on Woodward and Brown and Woodward and Oakland and Oakland-Willits could be safely shut off after 9 p. m.

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Robert C. Bishop, office manager for the Birmingham Contracting Co., Monday was accepted into membership by the Birmingham Rotary Club, bringing its roster up to 49 active and three honorary members. Mr. Bishop lives in Huntington Woods, and his local office is in the Hanna building.

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An Army officer somewhere could not find what happened to a Big Beaver boy, so they declared him AWOL and sent the police to his home. The missing soldier was not AWOL, but serving as a military policeman somewhere in Africa!

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Miss Eleanor Stanton, manager of the Bloomfield Theatre, advertises a special show for the kids Saturday afternoon. There will be a full hour of cartoons, followed by a chapter of the serial, "Valley of Vanishing Men," with the double feature: "Flying Tigers" with John Wayne and Anna Lee, and the Dead End Kids in "Mug Town."

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Peas, beans, and lentils when bought exclusively for use as seed are exempt from the processed foods rationing program and do not require the surrender of either point stamps or ration certificates, according to OPA.

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A reader sends us this note:

"Where is the Old Family Doctor, who has the interest of his patients at heart? Just heard of the case of a young Birmingham mother whose baby had swallowed a safety pin, and who called the baby's physician at once. His reply was 'Don't you know pins are rationed?' and 'Don't feed the baby cotton, and bring him in tomorrow and I will look at him.' The mother thought she had been unduly alarmed and waited until her husband got home at night, after holding the restless child all day but the young husband got busy at once, rushed the baby to a surgeon where an immediate operation saved his life, although the child remains in a serious condition still. Why must physicians wise-crack about a human life? Where is the dignity of the good old medical man?"

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The insurance company has reported to the City on the collision between a City truck, driven by Mark G. Dance, and a car driven by Miss Adeline Cooke. The company refused to pay for Miss Cooke's damage on the ground that both cars were equally to blame. Mayor Martz remarked: "In court, when both sides were at fault, it's no dice for either party."

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E. S. Jackson, the real estate man, asked the City Commission (by letter) to dump some gravel on Humphrey street, east of Torrey, where 16 houses are being built, with 13 more to come. The City Commission decided that it was against its custom to put gravel on a street until a project had gone through to improve the street, with most of the cost assessed against the adjoining property owners.

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This Wanderer got his automobile insurance renewed the other day and was happy to note that there was ONE commodity which had come down in price.

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A decree of separate maintenance has been granted by Circuit Judge George C. Hartrick to Mrs. Florence M. Webb, of Birmingham, from James C. Webb, of Pontiac. Mrs. Webb filed a cross bill for the decree, and was awarded custody of their child and $20 a week alimony.

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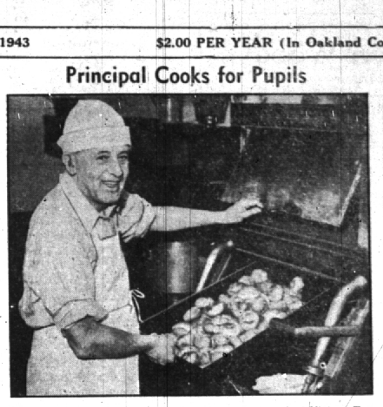
A local cleaner called us to say: "I wish you would ask people to come to the cleaner's and get their clothing. Our storage space is full, and other cleaners are in the same fix. With a shortage of help, that means a lot of extra handling."

Principal Cooks for Pupils



When cafeteria employes walked out in protest against Victory Tax deductions, Dr. Eugene Lehman, principal of fashionable Highland Manor School, West Long Branch, N. J., pitched in to help cook a meal for his young charges.

Two Cars Crash at Lincoln, Woodward

Two cars crashed Monday afternoon at Lincoln avenue and Woodward. Louis Edward Smith, of 772 Bennaville, was driving south on Woodward avenue, not far behind a convoy of Army trucks, when Clifford A. Young, of 1507 Humphrey, appeared from the west, and a collision resulted. Smith's loss was estimated at $50; Young's at $75.

Consumer News

Let's All Help!

Your Red Stamps

Beginning March 29, housewives, who have several weeks practice in using the blue stamps in Ration Book Two for buying processed fruits and vegetables, will have little difficulty in learning to use the red stamps for meat, canned fish, fats and cheese. Each person will be allowed 16 points per week, but the points do not have to be used up that particular week as they will be good until the end of that month's ration period. One important difference is that butchers will be able to give change in point stamps, which is not true of the blue stamps. The purpose of this is to enable shoppers to buy small quantities at a time if they so desire.

Don't Rush

Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown has appealed to the public to avoid a buying rush before rationing begins. He stated that the announcement of the program was made in advance to stop the false rumors that were in circulation. To avoid the confusion which results from all the stories one hears about what's going to be rationed next, remember that only official announcements from the Office of Price Administration, the War Production Board, the Department of Agriculture or other government agency can be relied upon for complete accuracy.

Following the same procedure used in processed fruits and vegetables, shortly before each ration period a list will be published in the newspapers giving the point values of the various items. Housewives should clip this for reference in planning their grocery lists. Point value is determined by supply and may be changed for different periods. More abundant types of meat will have lower point values, so besides collecting recipes for 'meat stretchers" cooks will use fewer chops, steaks and roasts and more of the other cuts which of course have equal and sometimes greater food value but require more careful preparation.

Any person who has not obtained Book Two may do so by bringing his Book One and applying at the local Ration Board.

RATION CALENDAR

Gasoline—"A" book coupon No. 4 expires March 21.

Sugar—Coupon No. 12 (5 lbs.) valid March 16. Must last through the end of May, or 11 weeks.

Coffee—Stamp No. 25 (1 lb.) expires March 21.

Tires—Class A. First inspection deadline March 31.

Fuel Oil—Period 4 coupons expire April 6 in Zones C and D. April 12 in Zone B. April 17 in Zone A. Period 5 coupons are now valid in all zones.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1893

"The fellow who hasn't the money to travel has the satisfaction of knowing that he will not be killed in a railway accident."

"The voters of Bloomfield will hereafter vote in two different precincts according to legal notice published elsewhere. While this makes it easier for the north half, we opine that we all will wish it back to the old way just from the delay in getting returns and not the least factor against the change is the greater expense made in voting in two places."

"The scheme to build Library Hall on the lot owned by the Library Association on the corner of Woodward and Maple avenues, ought to go without one more word of encouragement. Do you understand the proposition and realize that it depends on you and you only whether we have a nice solid three story building in this lot or keep the measley old appearance on the corner that has been an eyesore to everyone for many years past? Every property owner in Birmingham ought to take a bond, every business man should have one and all should feel it a duty to help on this great improvement. Do you realize that you simply loan the ladies $100 at 4 per cent and it will be paid each and all of them back inside of ten years?"

25 YEARS AGO
March 22, 1918

"Japan is expected to proceed with her suggested intervention in Siberia with two great armies within the next few days. She will go in with the approval of England and France, who practically will guarantee the unselfishness of the expedition. Japan's reply is calculated to satisfy President Wilson that the sole purpose of the projected move is against the common enemy and contains no threat against Russia's territorial integrity."

"British aviators have dropped a ton of bombs on the town of Coblenz, capital of the Rhine province of Prussia, according to an official communication issued in London."

"Wylie Bell broke a bone in his right foot recently while attending the physical training class in the Baldwin High School."

"Any person who wilfully hoards any necessaries shall upon conviction thereof be fined not exceeding $5,000 or be imprisoned for not more than two years or both."

5 YEARS AGO
March 17, 1938

"The Rev. W. Glen Harris and his family will arrive Friday from their former home in Trenton, N. J. Mr. Harris will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, made vacant by the resignation of the Rev. W. Clarence Wright in December, and will preach his first sermon in Birmingham Sunday. His theme will be "Enthusiastic Godliness."

"Robert Luce, a member of Troop B-6 of the Bloomfield Hills School, was given the Birmingham Eccentric award as the outstanding Boy Scout of the year at the annual Parent-Scout dinner held Monday in the Community House."

Decoy Duck Maker Explains The Art To Exchange Club

An unusual hobby—that of making decoy ducks—was described Tuesday to the Exchange Club by Charles L. Pozzini, of Detroit, several of whose productions have won in national shows.

Pozzini showed the step-by-step construction of the decoys, which are built up from pieces of white pine, and hollowed, then painted carefully, with each decoy taking approximately 40 hours of work. He was introduced by Lawrence Smith, himself an enthusiast. A new member, Lee Judkins, was introduced. Francis Buckeridge, star clarinetist at the high school, played two solos.

Safety First

"What's making you look so angry?"

"Nothing much. I cut myself with a safety razor, burned myself with a safety match, and nearly got run over while reading a safety first notice."

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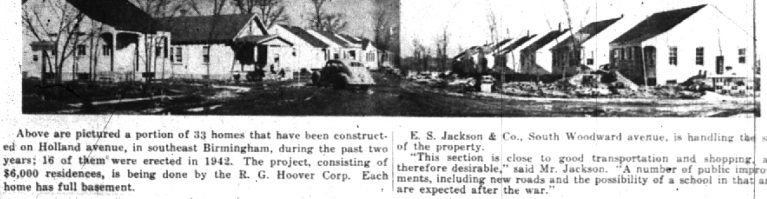

Above are pictured a portion of 33 homes that have been constructed on Holland avenue, in southeast Birmingham, during the past two years; 16 of them were erected in 1942. The project, consisting of $6,000 residences, is being done by the R. G. Hoover Corp. Each home has full basement.

E. S. Jackson & Co., South Woodward avenue, is handling the sale of the property.

"This section is close to good transportation and shopping, and therefore desirable," said Mr. Jackson. "A number of public improvements, including new roads and the possibility of a school in that area are expected after the war."