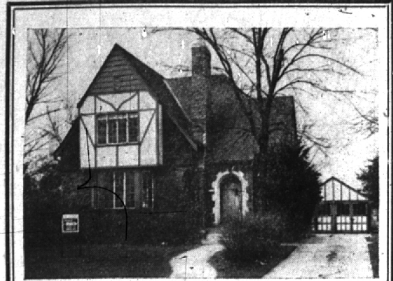


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When Charles Ryan, of Trombley Farms road, near Birmingham (this Wanderer can't find it on the map) got into his car last Friday night he found a baby deposited inside. The child, a boy four months old, was warmly wrapped and a food formula was pinned to the blanket, indicating abandonment. Ryan, who was parked on Thompson street in Highland Park at the time, visiting friends, took the baby to the police station. The mother was found later; she said she had left the baby because she could not provide it with a home.

James Morrow, 14 years old, was the victim of an unusual misadventure Saturday afternoon. While climbing a fence, he fell and a ring on his right hand caught in the fence, injuring his finger so that amputation was necessary.

The "baby" of the Metropolitan spelling bee in Detroit last Friday, Marcia Loomis, 10-year-old fifth grader at Adams School, was ninth in the spelling bee. She has had three more years to become the grand champion—and don't be surprised if she makes it!

George Beauchamp, principal of the Bloomfield Village school expects to go into the woods this summer, and the school board will engage his successor very soon.

Men under 38 in the Birmingham school system are Ralph Bantouch, Paul Carter, Lloyd Chapman, Norman Cobb, Frank Jehle, Wilson Jenkin, Edmund Sittala, Myron Mott, George Myers, W. G. Sloat, John Springman, Malcolm Tindall, Victor Eight and George Ten. Eight of these men, as indicated by asterisks, have one child born before September 14, 1942, and are interested in immediate military service.

Several people informed us they enjoyed that little story last week about the prominent woman who seemingly put the telephone receiver in her purse and tried to walk out of the phone booth. Here's another one: Sunday afternoon, Patrolmen Ralph Bell and Sam Stinson found a car parked on Brown street with the engine running. The owner had gone to the cinema and forgot to turn it off.

This Wanderer will never forget an episode some years ago when his mother boiled an egg and got to turn off the stove and retiring. The smell got so bad in the middle of the night that everyone awoke. It was days before the atmosphere returned to normal. Try it some time and see.

Francis D'Arkos, of Dearborn, who has a victory garden out on West Lincoln way, near Glenhurst, arrived Sunday noon to find that some one had wrecked his tool shed.

Remember that next week is Clean-Up and Paint-Up Week, and the time to get out the rubbish for collection by the City. Remember, too, that if you and your neighbors don't look after the vacant lots in the vicinity, no one else will. Metals, good glass, pressed tin cans and other SALVAGE SHOULD BE SAVED UNTIL THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 24.

Does Birmingham have an Army general in its midst? Police received last week a delivery message to Gen. S. E. Reinhart, 47 Madison, on account of the fact that he could not be reached by telephone. We couldn't reach him either so are unable to tell you the details.

Speaking of things military, we are reminded of young Bill Timm, son of the Patrolman and Mrs. Timm. Having spent three summers aboard a Great Lakes cruise ship, Bill was crazy to get into the Navy, but at Michigan State College, where he was a student, he somehow got into the Army enlisted reserve. He tried everything, but the Army would not let him out. Then he got a bright idea. He went to see Gov. Harry Kelly at the Capitol; the governor wrote a letter to the commanding general of the Sixth Service Command at Chicago, and presto! Bill Timm is now in the Navy. Great Lakes Training Station is his present address.

If later in the season you note that the victory garden rows of Mrs. Walter Herdich, 201 Baldwin, are slightly crooked you can blame it on the meany who stole 2,500 feet of twine from her garden the other night.

Well, how did you like the blackout? Your answer, no doubt, would depend on your age. In regard to the three different signals, one for dimout, one for blackout,

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and one for all-clear, this Wanderer wonders whether it isn't a little too complicated for the present situation when no bombs have ever appeared. The new system was designed for areas where air raids are frequent, so that people can utilize the "blue" dimout time when bombers are approaching or departing. Should a raid occur here, this Wanderer is willing to put up with a complete blackout immediately, even if it does waste his time. Of course, a raid may come as Hitler gets more desperate.

This Wanderer doesn't think much of the "blue" dimout because we and many other cities have no equipment to dim the streetlights hence there is no true dimout at all. To make all householders shut out their lights while the streetlights blaze away doesn't make sense.

However, we are not criticizing the local officials, because they are interested in what we suggest, so we shall do, too, until told otherwise. In matters like this, we must give our complete cooperation.

Sgt. Bill Green and Patrolman Ralph Hill have captured a white dog which was killing chickens at 1492 Birch street.

Fire loss in Birmingham during April was a mere \$12, according to the department report. This Wanderer doesn't see how anything could catch fire with all the rain we have been having. . . . A copy of the Piqua (Ohio) Daily Citizen happened to our desk, and we noted that when the paper runs a fire story, three insurance companies have their ads at the bottom of the story.

Memorial Day, May 30, is on Sunday so the schools will observe it with a holiday on Monday. July 4 also falls on Sunday, if you are interested in the holiday, that would signal heavy week-end touring. . . . "Certified vacations for Civilian Control" is our motto. We restrict it to war workers? This Wanderer believes that anyone who has a rubber outlook for this summer.

A mother phoned to say that certain children had been "acting up" on the Greyhound school buses, and opined that unless they behaved, they all might have to walk. Supt. Ireland said he hadn't heard anything about it, adding that drivers had been instructed to confiscate the ticket of any child who misbehaved.

Dr. Ireland gave quite a talk on the need for discipline among young people, and he urged some parents to give attention to their children, in a report made recently at the Community Council meeting. Our superintendent sees these problems in a sharp outline—and this Wanderer has never known a school man less apt to speak his mind. He's no pussy-foot, and doesn't scare easily.

For the first time, civilians may earn an official service bar similar to that of the military. New services, according to a recent announcement of the national civilian defense director. Six distinctive bars for service ranging from \$10 to 5,000 hours will be given to Civilian Defense volunteers. All Civilian Defense volunteers may qualify for the awards including members of the Citizens Defense Corps and the Citizens Service Corps. Nothing is known locally about this yet.

Do you know the whereabouts of an old-fashioned organ grinder? Mrs. Robert Brown, Phone 1013-W, would like to hear one for the St. James Fair May 22.

Surprising how many men have an aversion to carrying an umbrella. Over in England, it's standard equipment.

One prominent Birmingham woman sold her house in the country one day, and then learned three days later that the house they had been renting in Birmingham was to be taken back by the owner. "If we can't get a house, we'll live in our trailer," she said. They're lucky to have a trailer.

Most of the firemen have parties this about town. They spend 24 hours at the station, and are then off 24 hours, you know. Some of the policemen are working outside too, and it's a good thing.

If you are a lover of bagpipe music, you may hear some exciting music from 332 Southfield road during the next week where the George Doyle are entertaining with their F. flyers, one of whom has organized a bagpipe band at Prince Edward Island, N. S., where the boys are stationed. Mr. Doyle is also a bagpipe enthusiast, and he says it will probably be the only bagpipe music ever heard in Birmingham.

Fire Chief Vern Griffith and Police Chief Hackett went on a tour of the Willow Run bomber plant Tuesday.
Harold Corson, acting City manager, reported Monday night that the Calvary Baptist Church people planned to build up the walk three feet above the ground,

so that small children could not get in, but the Commission expressed concern that it still might not be safe. The WPB, which ordered cessation of building when in the cellar stage, won't even let them build a sewer to drain the place, suggesting filling with dirt and putting their money into war bonds, that part sounds all right to this Wanderer, but our own opinion suggests that some old-fashioned American independence is needed. If the place is a hazard, why not ignore the bureaucrats and put in the sewer?

We understand that Mrs. Helen Genung, new chief clerk of the rationing office, gets phone calls at home at all hours, just like Mrs. McCutcheon did. This will probably drive her to getting a new phone with a secret number.

Ira Harshbarger, 747 Smith, parked his car in his driveway Monday night and some one siphoned out 14 gallons of gas.

Even the squirrels can't stand this wet weather, says Mrs. Rudolph Schultz, 460 Smith street. Fuzzy squirrel ran into their porch, rattled their screen door, and accepted a piece of bread. Her brother, William Wright, also got the little fellow some nut meats. Later, he came back for more.

The Detroit papers have printed the ceiling prices for food, and your Birmingham Consumer Committee suggests that you keep the list for reference. A price panel is to be appointed here soon to receive complaints on prices and rationing matters.

William Grambeau, of 14-Mile road, saw two fresh deer pelts on Cranbrook road, near 14-Mile road, the other day. Some one had evidently shot the deer up north and thrown the hides out.

Ward Smith, 1769 Pine, donated for salvage some of the munitions he picked up in Germany during the last war when he was a member of the Army of Occupation. He had meskits, bayonets, hand grenades and many other things. It was not until June of 1919 that Smith left Coblenz for home.

"Dear Wanderer:—When writing your column in the future, I wish you wouldn't connect my name with the person who calls every Tuesday, as I try to be a humanitarian, after you get to know the other fellow he's only had the misanthropic he paints himself.

Well, so much for that. My real purpose was to tell you about another contest I thought of that could start as soon as you're ready. You know as well as I do that a contest creates great interest. Every week a biographical sketch could be put in the paper, of some merchant or doctor, but it has to be somebody working in Birmingham who has a chance to meet the public. The people would only have to drop the name of the person who they think the sketch describes into an envelope with a 10c or 25c war stamp as entry fee or nothing if you see fit. After it catches hold you will probably get enough War Stamps so that there won't be any lost on the War Bond. By the way that's my suggestion for a weekly prize, a \$25 war bond, if anybody wins one week it could be carried over to the next and so on.

In my estimation this contest, besides having a patriotic theme, Corp's and Citizens Service Corps. Eccentric and will set some minds a-thinking. This contest could go on right up till the football contest begins in the fall. Here's hoping you like the idea. "THE BREWMASTER."

In Line of Duty

(Signal Corps Photo from NEA) Nurse Carmen Carlton bolts back in an old barber chair "somewhere" in Australia while "somewhere" Nurse Virginia Calhill gives her "the works". A nurse who is fresh and starchy can do wonders by just passing within eyewave of a wounded man.

Highlights Listed For Canning Show Staged on Monday

On Monday, the scene of the first wartime food preservation demonstration in Michigan, and more than 400 attended. It was given by Miss Roberta Hershey, extension specialist in nutrition from Michigan State College. Many more such demonstrations will be given throughout the state this spring.

The Birmingham demonstration was under the auspices of the O. C. D. Nutrition Committee and the Victory Garden Committee of the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

Miss Hershey demonstrated the canning of asparagus as a typical vegetable, and rhubarb in representative spoilage; this year, food is too precious to risk any waste, she said.

Miss Hershey stressed the following general directions: 1. Check equipment carefully. See that sealing edges of glass jars and tops are not chipped or dented. The porcelain inset of screw tops should not be cracked. Tighten any loose wire clamps.

Rubbers should not crack when pressed firmly in a fold between the fingers. After being twisted several times, most rubbers will lie flat and rubber rings will not. Clean the opening of the gauge of a pressure cooker with a toothpick. Check the safety valve. If it is a ball or spring type, wash it each time after soaping.

Wash jars, tops, in soapy water and rinse. Place in a pan of warm water, bring to a boil and keep hot until filled. Jar caps with a sealing composition and rubber rings should also be allowed to stand in water.

Always use an firm, sound, fresh produce. Two hours from the garden to the jar is a good rule. Wash thoroughly and grade for size and ripeness.

Hot-Packing Better (a) Hot-Packing (Covering with boiling water and cooking without a lid a few minutes.) All vegetables and some fruits are precooked before packing. When packed raw, they are covered with boiling water or syrup. The hot pack is preferred to the cold pack for most products for the following reasons:

(a) Precooking drives out air and helps retain vitamins.
(b) Hot pack means that actual processing begins sooner so there is better assurance of keeping.
(c) Precooking shrinks product out of the jar so more may be canned in one jar.
(d) Hot pack keeps peaches and pears and completely covering with hot syrup means less likelihood of darkening.
(e) In green vegetables, precooking at simmering temperature improves color.

5. Packing. Four or five jars are enough to pack at once. Place new, wet rubber rings on jars. Work rapidly and keep jars hot. Do not pack products densely; use a knife blade to work out air bubbles. Leave one-half inch head space in glass jars.

(a) Adjusting covers. There are four types of covers. Wipe sealing surface of jars carefully. (a) Turn screw tops down until tight, then back one-fourth inch.

(b) With wire-clamp jars, snap the top clamp down firmly, but leave side clamp up.

(c) With vacuum seal jars, screw the top clamp down firmly.

(d) With glass top seal jars, adjust the small sized rubber ring (See CANNING SHOW, Page 5, Part 2)

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