

# The Birmingham Centric

PART TWO

Many people, like molly wood, have no combustible qualities in their nature to rise up in burning opposition to the evils that infect mankind. They have become molly through the action of their own little worlds of self-centeredness, pettiness, non-cooperation, and similar negatives.

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**AT ART INSTITUTE**  
The calendar for the week at the Detroit Institute of Arts is:  
Oct. 31, 4 p. m., gallery talk: An Artist Paints Light; Nov. 2, 8:30 p. m., motion picture: Harvest; Nov. 3, 8:30 p. m., general tour of museum collections; Nov. 5, 8:30 p. m., lecture: Riza Abbasi.

## "In Time for the Holidays"

Possession of too few of the available residences may be had in time for the Festive Season. The Owners of this delightful property are moving November 15.

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## Bits of Birmingham

**This Wanderer expects readers to believe exactly what his telephone informant expected him to believe when she called the other day to report an incident in connection with the Ration Book Four registration. The incident concerned a male of the species who got his names and addresses down on the blanks and then assumed. The lady in attendance inquired the reason for the halt. "I don't know what sex my wife is," replied the registrant with a straight face. "And what's more, I don't know her age." Unable at first to believe it was not a gag of some sort, the lady tackled the age problem. They finally settled for 50 years. "But she isn't going to like it," said the gentleman. "Well, she'll have to like this," said the lady in attendance. "Just put an F in that little square." The gentleman did so and departed. The explosion of mirth that followed when he was safely out of earshot simply beggared description, my informant said.**

**This Wanderer doesn't know how much help this item is going to be, but maybe it will draw some suggestions. A member of the surgical dressings group that meets regularly at the Community House let drop the other day the idea that she thought there would be more people in attendance, and more regularly, if some kind of entertainment accompanied their work.**

**Priv. Justin O. Buckneridge of the air corps infantry is back in the 3rd Army Air Base in North Carolina, after a three week furlough. About 100 relatives and friends attended an open house his parents gave for him on Oct. 13 at their home, 507 Brookside.**

**Imagine Herbert Gardner's surprise the other day when the Baker walked into a restaurant and said, "Hello Goofy?" The catch of the story is that it took place in Australia, where both are serving; Herbert in the Army and Joan with the Red Cross.**

**A few weeks ago G. R. A. ran a column of typical typographical mistakes that have occurred in newspapers, bringing many chuckles to our readers. Ferry B. Allen, 212 Glenhurst drive, sends us a clipping from The Eccentric of over a year ago, in which he printed the story of the faking prowess of Robert B. Klingler and George E. Krejci, of Bloomfield Hills. Those boys had caught some nice bass, and along with the picture of the boys and fish, in the closing paragraph of their letter we allowed the mis-spelling of "bass" to get through; so the paragraph read: "For short fight, tricks and stamina, give us a large-mouthed black bass at sunset any time—the man was right who said that once for once, pound for pound, they are the ramest things that swim." Thank, Mr. Allen, for sending us our own "typo"; in these days we're thankful that they are not more frequent and embarrassing.**

**William Spence, of 30523 Greenfield, told this Wanderer that he saw a big buck deer in the Milford area the other day while hunting birds. "I'm getting pretty close to Birmingham, so, you'd better build a fence around your victory garden next year. A high fence."**

**A rather perturbed housewife phoned last week to inform this Wanderer of the woe she dis-**

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## Mail Order Road Drop Job Bars On Women, Minors In Industries

**DETROIT, Oct. 27**—Women and minors soon may be allowed to do many jobs previously closed to them by regulation, George W. Dean, chairman of the State Department of Labor and Industry, and Montague A. Clark, state director of the War Manpower Commission, announced today.

A statement of understanding between the two agencies provides for their cooperation in effecting adjustments to make possible the employment of women and minors, whenever conditions warrant, to ease Michigan's wartime labor shortage by using such workers on thousands of jobs now filled by men.

There will be no blanket lifting of labor regulations, Chairman Dean explained. An individual employer who feels that certain jobs in his establishment, now closed to women and minors, could be performed safely by them can apply for an analysis of those jobs.

If his plan is found to be operable on a basis of sound labor utilization, if the work he thinks could be done by women and minors is judged suited to their capabilities, and if working conditions meet State minimum standards, approval of the employment will be granted.

"Women, not usually considered a part of the working force, constitute our only major source of new workers," Mr. Clark stated. "During the next six months, Michigan's war industries will need approximately 150,000 additional employees to fill new jobs and replace men lost to the armed forces. Most of them must be women because the supply of men is virtually exhausted."

Clark pointed out that during recent months the number of men employed in this State's war industries has declined steadily. Reports from approximately 350 of the larger employers show that male employment reached its peak in March, 1943. At that time men constituted 824,000 of the firm's 1,033,565 employees. Although total employment in these establishments had increased to 1,093,540 in September, men employees numbered only 799,623, a decrease of more than 25,000 in the six months period.

"In nearly all of Michigan's large industrial areas, most men over 18 years of age are either in the armed forces or already working in essential industries," Mr. Clark added. "If certain aspects of jobs now restricted to men can be altered so women can fill them, and if minors are allowed to take over non-hazardous work now performed only by persons over 18 years of age, we shall be well on the road to vastly increased war production."

## Plans Aid On Gas Appliances

To help meet the needs of people in the Birmingham area who are without certain gas appliances and cannot obtain them through normal channels, Consumers Power Company is instituting a new "Information Center" service which will endeavor to put people in need of equipment in touch with other who have appliances on hand which they are not using and would be willing to sell.

"We are asking all our customers to list with us any appliances they don't really need because they're willing to sell," said David L. Brown, Division Manager, in announcing the new service. "It's the patriotic thing to do. It will provide some family with much needed equipment, and at the same time give you money you can invest in extra war bonds."

Mr. Brown stated that the "Information Center" service will be available in all company offices for those wishing to buy or sell appliances. He stressed that the service was designed to help a wartime shortage situation and that the company's only function would be to bring individual buyers and sellers together.

## Dec. 10 Mail Date For Men Sent Overseas After Sept. 30

Christmas parcels for soldiers who have left home stations en route overseas after September 30 may be mailed as late as December 10, it was announced today by Col. S. D. Ringsford, Commander of District No. 1, Sixth Service Command, Detroit.

The new deadline has been set for the benefit of persons who receive official change of address notification subsequent to September 30. The reason for the separate provision, it is explained by Colonel Ringsford, is that relatives and friends of soldiers being shipped now would not have sent parcels in time for the regular October 15 deadline for overseas mailing. The change of address notification must be presented by the sender when the package is mailed, Col. Ringsford said. The same limitations on weight and size placed on packages mailed before October 15 will hold good for those mailed before the December 10 deadline. Packages may not be more than 16 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined, and they may not weigh more than five pounds and only one parcel can be sent from one person to any one soldier with an overseas A. P. O. address.

Post Office, has been in the Central African Theatre of War since August. He is a war art correspondent for the Life Magazine. When he returns he will do a mural in the Recorder of Deeds Building in Washington, D. C.

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