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Thoughts In Passing

By Frederic A. Andersen

As you probably discovered by this time, The Eccentric has a new managing editor. Since it was Harwood's policy to conduct a column in this space each week, I'm going to continue with my thoughts in passing. John told you that in his "Swan Song" last week that his opinions have been always his own. Mr. George Averill has told me that the same thing still goes. Regarding what you are likely to find in the column...

Consumer News

Facts About Rationing and Wartime Buying

Care of Meat in the Home When shopping buy meat last to avoid carrying it around in the car, and let it deteriorate in your car.

Wipe with damp cloth or scrape. In the wrapped away valuable juices. Never soak meat (except salted meats) in water unless it is to be cooked in that water.

Cooked meats should be placed in a covered dish in a parchment or zipper bag to retain moisture, already depleted by cooking.

Meat keeps longer in large pieces. Do not slice, cut or grind until actually ready to use or serve.

Meat should be washed carefully, both inside and out, patted dry and refrigerated in the coldest part of the refrigerator.

Roasts, steaks, joints (any meat large pieces) will keep many days in a modern refrigerator if in good condition when purchased.

Meat—Buy a freshly ground, store immediately in coldest part of refrigerator and use the same day. Never leave out of refrigerator even for a brief time.

Liver, kidneys, sweetbreads—follow rules for ground meat—very quickly perishable.

Cured lean meats keep well, but fat may become rancid, so store in cool, dark place and wrap in wax paper on ham and bacon until ready to use.

WASTE FATS—Stain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rancid fats not wanted.

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office or put at curb on your last City collection day of the month. Copper, silverware, plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES—You can donate these to Salvation Army, which will call for them. Phone 4014. Scrap paper not wanted.

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One Down—The United Nations have knocked one of their enemies out of the war. Italy has fallen and is now available as a base for shuttle-bombing the rest of Nazi-held Europe.

Russia is grimly battling her way back to her pre-war boundaries as the highly-touted Nazi panzer divisions crumble before the combination of Red courage and American and British equipment.

The picture at this moment is the best yet for our cause. We are steadily advancing all over the world in every theater of warfare where we and our allies are battling.

While the stories of the Japanese fanaticism and determination to fight to the death are probably exaggerated to some degree, it is an undeniable fact that these people are taught from birth that their greatest privilege is to die in battle for their country.

In Europe, Hitler has used the Napoleonic strategy of creating around him a string of buffer states. The allegiance of these satellite countries is questionable, but the lengths to which the Nazis will go to maintain that outer rim is not questionable.

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People's Column Somewhere in Scotland, Sept. 3, 1943. Dear Sir: I just got another Eccentric today—it was a back issue, which has been following me around the European Theatre of Operations, but it completed my back issue, which I received on the August 12th copy, which arrived just a few days ago.

BRING YOUR FATS AND GREASES HERE TO BE RENDERO FOR EXPLOSIVES. I am a part of all that I have met; Yet all experience is an arch whose gothic portals never close. Glimpses that untravelled world, whose margin fades, For ever and ever when I move, Come into my vision.



That Herr Schickelgruber has been sleeping while we won in North Africa and Italy. The Germans have constructed a veritable ring of steel around themselves that is going to be plenty tough to crack.

Noting these facts, what are YOU going to do about it? Are you sure that an extra \$100 War Bond is the only path you want in the Battle of Europe? If it is... fine. But we know a fellow across the street from you who says that he believes he wants a little more stock in that new company known as Victory, Inc.

WHEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FIRST ASKED CONGRESS to make available huge sums for lend-lease to other nations, it was expected that they would be paid for either during or after the war, or a little of both ways.

SOME DAY FROM ITALY WILL COME A BOOK, OR BOOKS, ON THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE MUSSOLINI Empire Dream. It ought to make good reading, too. What a mess he made of it all!

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State Offers No Aid In Problem of Green-Filled Lakes. ANN ARBOR—Conservation department fisheries experts have been urged to offer fishermen and bathers who complain to them about the "water bloom" which frequently makes lakes in mid-summer resemble thick pea soup.

Although they admit that water bloom does interfere with fishing by reducing the visibility of the anglers' lures and by reducing the fish's eagerness to take the angler's bait by covering it with green food supply, they declare that these tiny microscopic plants, which are called cyanobacteria, are a perfectly natural phenomenon, and there is little that can be done about them.

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Grammatical Ire. The head of a Government department passed around a memorandum of instructions. One youngster added an anonymous postscript pointing out that the sentence "The man who is a member of the committee" is grammatically incorrect.



Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO Sept. 14, 1893

"An Iowa youth smoked a thousand cigarettes and sent the editor of the 'Coffin' Birmingham 'Coffin' 'Coffin' smokers should take warning. Stop Now."

"We spent a very pleasant time at Pine Lake one day last week and were very pleasantly entertained by Geo. E. Daines and his camp there. His steam yacht was in commission and with a delightful ride about the beautiful lake and an afternoon's fishing for perch which were very satisfactory as to proceeds we returned home wishing the day as long again."

"H. A. Poppleton, the fore part of this week sold to Frank Ford two lots on Maple Ave. Mr. Ford has at once commenced to erect a home, a large brick dwelling which will be a starter of many more like it on this very desirable property which will be platted and put in shape, for home buyers."

20 YEARS AGO Sept. 14, 1923

"Grading practice was the program during the week for the football candidates of Baldwin High School."

"One hundred dollars in cash, an elaborate wedding supper for the bride and groom and their attendants, a wedding ring and a shower for the bride were offered by the Odd Fellows carnival committee and couple who will be married this evening at the city hall, Oct. 13, according to T. C. Hotelling, chairman of the committee."

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The Birmingham Exchange Club took top place in the 1938 golfing competition among the service clubs of the city, following the Spring Club's first place. Word has been received by Robert E. Navin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Navin, of the University of Technology at Cambridge, Mass.

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Ford Republic In Need of Man-power

The unusual plea for aid, "we don't want funds, we want persons to join our staff and at good wages," is being voiced in local school, club and employment circles by Clyde L. Reed, superintendent of Ford Republic, one of the finest boys' schools, on the outskirts of Detroit.

"We are faced with a serious problem that will grow as winter advances unless we locate this help," Supt. Reed states. "Today we are operating with only about half of our normal staff have had to cut our boy population down to 50 from the normal 125. Because of this situation we have had to deny admission to a great many boys officially assigned to the school. Our school is unique in that it operates under self-governance by the boys. If our problem continues or becomes worse we may have to abandon this plan and revert to the status of a custodial institution, which would be a disaster; or, and this is not entirely impractical, we may have to close for the duration, which would be tragical."

Ford Republic, contrary to general impression, is not an enterprise of Henry Ford. It is supported by private endowments, contributions from counties sending boys to it and from the Detroit Community Fund.

THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner



Send them prints of pictures you take. FOR the interpreting a picture opportunity at any time of year. Not only of seasonal changes are opportunities in chances for adhesive pictures. Check over the seasonal changes that occur—the breaking of winter, the arrival of spring, the beginning of summer, the beginning of autumn, the beginning of winter. All these... and others... offer unusual wealth of material for worthwhile pictures. Among these seasons of change, harvest time is perhaps outstanding from a picture point of view. It is the work they are doing, your camera will be welcome... and if you are unfamiliar with certain harvest operations, your subjects will often be glad to show you the important points, so that your picture story will be detailed and complete. In taking harvest pictures, try to make your shots suggest the drama and significance of the harvest. To the grower, the crop represents long toil... and often the greater part of a year's income. 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