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DETROIT, Sept. 1—Lake Gogebic's far-fung reputation for excellent walleye fishing is being challenged by the St. Clair river, the conservation department's Institute for Fisheries Research reveals.

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One of Our Town's best known ladies, who has been in several different volunteer organizations doing war-work, passed the following letter to the Wanderer the other day. For obvious reasons, the lady's name and the name of the organization in question have been deleted. Here it is . . . with no comment: After taking a short instruction course in the group, the lady was told that she was not eligible to wear a uniform. "But why I have to wear the uniform!" she queried. The boss-lady threw up her hands, aghast. "Why my dear! Don't tell me you don't want to wear it. You have simply no idea how much faster you are waited on in stores."

Ensign John R. Sprague, whose harrowing experiences are described elsewhere in these columns, told the Wanderer of having met several of his old friends while in the South Pacific. "It seems very odd at first to come into a two-by-four jungle clearing in the Fiji Islands and run into a gray you used to go to school with or live across the street from, but after a while you get used to it just as you do everything else down there."

Last Thursday afternoon was the day of the picnic for the City of Birmingham employees. They all spent the day at the Woodhall Lake cottage of the city, owned by H. Corson. There were about 75 guests who amused themselves with horseshoes, swimming, or just sitting around. City Clerk Irene Hanley was shaking her head in bewilderment. Friday, at the capacity of one of the younger set. "If that kid ate a bite he ate eight hot dogs, and then I saw him several times after that munching on popcorn and candy bars!"

Police Chief John Hackett is keeping right in the thick of the dog shows. He acted as judge in two more at weekend, Friday and Saturday of the Blue Water Kennel Club of Port Huron.

Back The Attack! Figure it out for yourself and buy at least one extra \$100 War Bond in September.

Capt. Robert Miller, of the USAAF, addressed members of the High-12 Club at the Community House last Sunday evening.

A woman walked into the local gas rationing board the other day and informed the clerk that she was out of "A" tickets and would like to purchase more. This Wanderer thinks the gas shortage would be solved for some people if they could only purchase more "A" tickets.

Another story, not so funny, is the one about the woman who walked up to a local butcher and told him she had just bought 38 red stamps, so now she could get a roast. The butcher said the only thing she could get was 10 years.

The Wanderer, in calling for a news item the other day, was told that the person she wished to speak to was out helping the next door neighbors, whose house was on fire. Would we call back? ? ?

It came to the attention of the Wanderer, recently, that many people apparently do not know the meaning of "civic pride." Some of these offenders are the people who leave their trash cans out continually and therefore, dim the figure of the appearance of our streets.

Righteous indignation
If you have any doubts about who's holding back victory, ask any would-be bus rider who has been standing for half an hour watching strings of automobiles go by empty except for drivers with B and C "gas" cards.—Christian Science Monitor.

Not often, but often enough to call for this bit (for we don't like to have our readers disappointed), someone calls in after four o'clock Wednesday to have a Classified Ad inserted in the current week's issue; we have to set a four o'clock deadline. Folks, so that we can collate all the Ads, get them to the composing room, set on the Linotrons, proofread, correct if necessary, placed in the forms, locked up—then to press before midnight, so that you may receive your Eccentric Thursday. So please remember the deadline: Wednesday afternoon, at four o'clock, of course, don't wait until then, but try to get them in even a day or two or three ahead, if you can.

Jerre Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Maynard, 919 Motegan, won a cup for outstanding horseback riding at Camp Mahngogah-see this summer. The cup was presented to the youthful equestrian by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Comstock, who acted as national instructors at provided mounts from their own stables.

Robert Lynd, 367 Ferndale, led the return of the work done by the boys this summer, many of whom are from Birmingham. Each one of them contributed labor on the truck farm and a profitable harvest is expected to follow. The boys will take the job and the proceeds will go into the general camp fund.

Last week this column published a bit about the former golfing of Milton F. Mallender. This week comes a note from one Fraser E. Pomeroy apparently a Detroit friend of Mr. Mallender's; he wrote:

The Birmingham Fire Department has been attempting during each one of them, contributing a public nuisance in the city. They have now been ordered to stop permanently by spraying the trees for several nights.

Blaine Elyon, of 1713 Pine, won the club championship at Pine Lake Country Club over the Labor Day weekend.

Anyone who has not obtained their Ration Book III should hurry up immediately at the Ration Board as they will be in use beginning Sunday, September 12th. At that time, the brown stamps "A" will be valid for the purchase of meat, fat and oil.

Referring to the item regarding City Commissioner Milton F. Mallender, appearing in this week's issue of "The Eccentric," may I state that I count Mr. Mallender as one of my good friends and have heard him tell this story before. However, the "first round" score has shrunk considerably since I last heard the tale. I am very willing to accept the "320" score at face value but challenge the "78" and I do not believe that Mr. Mallender should take advantage of his position as City Commissioner to make such statements without offering satisfactory proof.

This Wanderer hid himself to Pierce Field Tuesday noon to obtain the facts for a football story from Coach Hal Helmer. Upon leaving the office a bit of copy paper was grabbed off the top of my desk and in order to have a writing base, a stiff poster was also taken on the news hunt. After arriving at the field and obtaining the story, the Wanderer noticed the poster he had used as a portable desk pertained to the "Waste Fat" drive. Inasmuch as the coach has been running it off of his proteges in pound lots we thought it might not be a bad idea to paste the poster on the wall of the dressing room. The sign reads: For Gun Powder, SAVE WASTE FAT'S—Rush them to your meat dealer.

The Kendare Farms, which have received so much publicity lately

Coach Helmer opined that the government could find all the waste fat they wanted, but according to his way of thinking his football team would explode much louder and with more force if they got rid of the fat.

Sticklers for living up to the requirements of Birmingham's City Charter, Commissioners W. von Allee and W. H. Moody frequently vote "NO" on certain bills payable at meetings, even though the other five Commissioners approve such items. The reason is that Mr. Allee owns stock in the Detroit Edison Co. and the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. while Mr. Moody owns stock in General Motors. The Charter forbids Commissioners to approve or participate in transactions between the City and sellers to it, where a profit is made; so these two Commissioners always vote "No" on the specific items being paid in which they are thus interested. Surely their consciences shouldn't bother them, should they?

A recent check shows that the Birmingham ration book issued nearly 6,000 ration books to motorists during the month of August, according to Mrs. Helen Gering, chief clerk. She stated on Tuesday that nearly all of the people who filed through her office had now been taken care of and that those Birmingham motorists who still held their invalid "No" ration books were exchanging them for new ones. "We're out of them now, and I want to thank the people who have been very patient while we were trying to clear the situation," said Mrs. Gering.

A communication was received the other day and we are passing it along for your reaction. The writer volunteers to collect and all objects which the residents of Birmingham may desire to give away. After that, he intends to hold an auction and all proceeds are to go toward putting the present War Bond drive over the top. He says that he will start the ball rolling by donating some ice skates, a few golf balls, and some golf clubs. There is just one little item omitted: the writer's name. He signs himself "The Brewmaster," so let us have your ideas on the subject and let us know your name, Mr. Brewmaster.

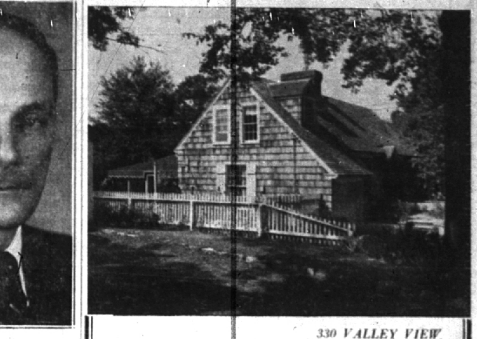
A very perturbed lady called the Wanderer last week and wanted to know whether it was true that the Eccentric intended to run the names of all donors to the Red Cross blood bank. She expressed a keen distaste for the plan, and said that because of it, she and seven of her friends had stayed away instead of going through with their plan to donate some blood. If our earnest desire to do whatever is best for the Red Cross, and we would appreciate hearing from you prospective and past donors on this subject.

Mrs. Norman James reports that she has seen the deer that were reported last week as having been seen near Lone Pine area. Mrs. James resides on Wimbledon.

This Wanderer wonders how many women saw a local housewife aiding a store clerk in the sale of butter recently?

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