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Every week the Eclectic has several calls concerning items which are run in the Service Column. People wish to know where we get our information. Unless the information is called in to us by the parents or friends, it is sent to us through the public relations offices of the various branches of services. Often these items are accompanied by photographs. If we can run them, do, or if not they are put on our service bulletin board.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Wray, donors, who have been located for some time at the Spigh Arms Hotel in Indianapolis, have moved to 321 Blue Ridge Drive, Indianapolis.

Zolpan Segashy, head of the painting department at Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, was appointed one of the judges in the annual Weisberg show held on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2 at the Art Institute, Milwaukee.

The mail must go through. Yes, Birmingham mailmen are doing their bit through the uncertain spring weather and mostly they are delivering letters, papers, packages and other mail right on time. They're a faithful lot, those mailmen.

The fresh spring winds have tempted a lot of boys to try out their new kites.

A year ago gum was very, very scarce. Now it's even more scarce. Gum is a much prized gift—seven one stick.

Mrs. J. L. Germaine, 29850 Franklin road, recently visited Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Students and employees of the institute, not long ago, donated 270 pints of blood to the Red Cross blood bank, which makes a total of 1,720 pints given in the last 20 months.

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Mrs. Lloyd S. Linton, well known retired writer on food, and an active member of the Birmingham Garden Club, will be the guest speaker on Monday, April 10, at the 19th C. W. Curran Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. Her subject will be "Food of Birds."

It's the season of lost dogs—that is, the season when the eggs that come to the police office. Almost every day someone phones that their reliable dog has disappeared. And, too, it's the "spring" dog season for as many as nine complaints come in that strays dogs are mauling a nuisance of themselves in somebody's yard or flower garden. Annoyed complainant told police that stray dogs had been killing her chickens.

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Many residents of the city and community appear to be interested in Bits and Bytes; the following inquiry came by mail regarding both Bits and Bytes and the educated duck: We think Bits must be wondrous nice, and we can understand your pride in knowing really it getting a very practical education down there at the Eclectic, but couldn't we hear what happened to Jake—the educated duck—that someone in Birmingham donated to the Zoo? He first appeared in print—picture and all—on February 7, in the Detroit News and has been wandering ever since if he was accepted socially by the other ducks. He may have felt it beneath his dignity to even associate with them. We really hope that by now everything is well—just duck.

The Red Cross Surgical Dressing room at the Community Hall on Friday night, April 14 for the annual election of officers.

At the Detroit county convention in Pontiac last week delegates to the coming state convention were named and included in the list of those from Birmingham and Bloomfield township were Miss Helen A. Thompson and Mrs. Lenore Quinn. Alternates named were Mrs. Helen VanWagoner and Mrs. June Collier.

One of the services rendered by the Birmingham Community House on Friday night, April 14, was the Loaning Chest from which many items needed by sick, aged, widows, etc., were secured at their homes of this city. The service of little publicity just within the week a Birmingham mother inquired where she might borrow crutches for a son who had injured an arm. When she learned she could have her wants supplied right at the Community House and without any cost to the family she was both surprised and relieved. Such items as wheel chairs, crutches, a portable bed, collecting boxes, rings, sheets, gowns and other items make up the Loaning Chest.

A number of Birmingham table tennis players are practicing this week and next with the expectation of entering the Oakland County tournament to be held at the Pontiac Y.M.C.A. building on April 13 and 14. Five divisions will settle their championships and play is open in all of them for an Oakland county player. Entries may be filed now and will close April 13. The tournament is under the auspices of the Pontiac Table Tennis Association and prizes are offered, with the veterans' division dropped for the first time. The classes men's and women's singles; men's doubles and mixed doubles. Age limit for the junior class has been fixed at 15 years or younger.

Two very good reasons are being offered why one should attend the benefit concert sponsored by the MOMS Club of America on the evenings of April 13 and 14 at Royal Oak high school auditorium. First, the concert "100 Years of Music Comes to Life" is to be given by 100 or more trained voices, and the years are to be presented by living pictures. Second, the funds raised go into the treasury to make possible the fine work the MOMS clubs are doing. Co-operating are the MOMS clubs of Berkley, Clawson, Hazel Park, Ferndale and Royal Oak.

The tin can collection made in Bloomfield Village Saturday was another successful campaign with 1,250 pounds of cans collected as part of the salvage drive. The cans were hauled into Birmingham to be added to the quantity of cans being collected here. This is the second successful pickup of cans, the 1,500 pounds of cans and old clothing was made yesterday, with indications of another good response.

Emily Mutter Adams, of Birmingham, accompanied by Margaret Mammuch, of Detroit, gave a violin recital Saturday afternoon in the Rapphan building, Ann Arbor. Both are members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Miss Adams is also head of the violin department at the Michigan State Normal College Conservatory of Music at Ypsilanti. The recital was sponsored by the Ypsilanti members of the American Association of University Women.

On Good Friday the Community House will close at 12 o'clock, noon, and remain closed during the remainder of the day.

A former Detroit, now living in Birmingham, drops us a note, in great little city, clean, wholesome, without real slums, no night clubs or liquor joints; peopled by a fine group of intelligent people, and, on the whole, fine place to live. (Real estate agents, please copy.)

Everybody knows what a "hope chest" is. Now come another name upon the lips of certain ladies who, apparently, have almost given up matrimony as a

venture; this column learns that it is "despair barrel." Into it go numerous articles of handiwork which a lady would rather place in the "hope chest." (Apparently, in many cases, Cupid, too, has gone to sea.)

Maurice Cole, of Ferndale, district governor of Exchange Clubs for this area, was the speaker at the Tuesday luncheon of the Birmingham club at the Community House, speaking on the part Exchange clubs should play in the war effort. Mr. Cole, circuit court commissioner of Oakland county, has been giving a lot of time speaking at war bond rallies and other meetings connected with the war effort.

Coming to Birmingham Monday evening is the speaker at the High Twelve club was Fred E. Searies, head master of the Henry Ford Trade Schools for many years. He spoke to the 82 club members, representing 35 Masonic lodges, on the war effort. Mr. Searies has been giving a lot of time speaking at war bond rallies and other meetings connected with the war effort.

People should be more careful where they park their cars, according to the police department, for numerous complaints come in every week and then run some officer to move a car which is blocking our driveway." Or, perhaps, it's this way: someone has parked their car right in our drive and we cannot get our own car out. Can you suggest an officer?

A Monday's guest speaker at the Rotary club luncheon at the Community House was Richard Norton, of the Detroit Rotary club, who spoke interestingly and informatively on "Young Places and Things in Mexico." Mr. Norton told of a recent trip to Mexico City. He has traveled extensively and has attended Rotary in 40 states of this nation. He invited the Birmingham club to be largely represented at a district Rotary conference in Detroit April 24.

"No Love, No Nothing" goes the song one hears so much on the radio and in the theatre just now. But a new song recalls there should be no dishes to wash, Most everybody dislikes washing dishes and to them a maid in a Birmingham home points out that one can get dishes washed in a Birmingham home almost without any dishes at all. "Just make them in your hand and put them in a Birmingham home and eliminate that dish washing job altogether."

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