

As the years slip along, and one gets older, they seem to pass more and more quickly. To many, it is hard to realize that summer is almost gone, and that soon "the frost will be on the pumpkin." In it because, as one grows older, so many added things must be contended with that each hour goes by unrecogized!

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WINS PUPPY MATCH
At the puppy match and picnic of the Midwest Schipperke club Sunday, at the Robert H. Dudley home at 4510 Charing Cross road, first place in the show went to Penny Girl, entered by Caldon P.

Ge. of Wyandotte. Penny Girl won the title of being the Schipperke puppy in this part of the country. She is 10 months old. The judge was Marshall M. Berlingame of Birmingham.

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Bits of Birmingham

Having missed a win in both the Michigan Open golf tournament last week and at Scarborough, Ontario, and walked off with first money prize of \$3,000. He had a record of 280 for the 72 holes, beating Fred Wood, Vancouver, B. C., expert by three strokes and Bob Gray, Toronto, Ontario, by five. Wood and Gray shared the remaining \$2,000 of the \$5,000 prize money posted for the tourney.

Over in the Poppleton garden area a number of gardeners have already cleared away the vines from their first two crops of peas and their first crops of lettuce, greens of various kinds and early yielding green beans. Some have wondered that to plant in this space. The Wanderer has suggested that he plant bush or snap beans for a fall crop. It is said there is still time to plant some varieties. Bountiful, a six-week bean, should produce without any trouble. For speedy germination in dry weather the seed may be soaked overnight in water, and water may be poured in the drills before the seed is placed in the soil. Remember to sow the beans a bit deeper than you planted them in the spring. Shading is unnecessary for this crop as the roots grow practically as quickly as the tops and will soon establish themselves in the soil. We are just passing the information along.

The Birmingham Drug Store on South Woodward is closed while Leonard Kravacki, and his wife and children enjoy a vacation at Bay Point, up near Suginaw. They will return in time to reopen the store on Aug. 22.

Local gardeners wonder how some of the residents of Sixteen Mile road and Ryan road area get more rain than does Birmingham. We just let it say but for some little time now that section has had some nice, refreshing rains while Birmingham remains in the "dried land" tuesday morning farms in the area mentioned were refreshed by good downpours while this section, although cooled off a bit, was still praying for rain.

Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon were treated to the contents of several letters touching on war and civilian conditions in Egypt by the Near East road by Rotarian O. E. Bender. The letters were written by Major Russell L. Putnam, connected with Army public relations in that area.

Robert Cromie, of Birmingham, who has been in the Chicago Tribune foreign service department for some months, had a rather startling short news story across the top of Tuesday's Detroit Free Press. The Birmingham man declared in the story that the "confused and fleeing Nazis wish they had never heard of the blitzkrieg." "Bob," as he is known in his associates, is the son of Mrs. Gertrude Cromie and the late Robert Cromie, Sr., of 887 Oakland.

Today there came to the Wanderer's desk one of that new kind of puzzle and paper "Who Will Win The War?" puzzles in which some persons with time to figure and a mind given to such things has figured out that the war will end September 7 at 2 a. m. Here's how it is figured: The year of the birth of Churchill, Hitler, Roosevelt, Mussolini, Stalin and Tojo (Tojo's out now, so maybe the figure will have to be changed) along with the age of each and the year they took office and the number of years in office, in each case showed that the total was \$888. Then they divided this by one-half and the result was 1944. Then they divided again and the total was 972—ninth month, seventh day, second hour. But where they figured the "one-half" from one no one seems to know. Nor have we figured where they received the inspiration to divide the 972 into months, days and hours. But anyway it's a good story.

An offer to drop a 2,000-pound bridge-buster inscribed with the name of Michigan's best bond salesman, in a spot where it will do the most good" has been made by Lieut. John E. Alquist, of Iron Mountain, serving in the 432d Bombing Squadron of the 17th Bombardment group, and has been accepted by Gov. Kelly.

Warning that the use of half-year automobile license plates will be illegal after Aug. 31 was issued today by Secretary of State Herman H. Dignan. There are 335,000 Michigan automobile owners who must change to full license plates by that time. The State Department's 190 branch offices are prepared to issue the plates now, Dignan said.

"Calico, a little girl kitten owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Cook, of Beck Cleaners, is "getting religion." Recently, while the Cooks were on vacation, the kitten disappeared from their store. Mrs. Cook called E. Manley Bailey, local funeral director, and inquired if he had seen it. Nope, he hadn't—yet. But he next Sunday (the Cooks not being present for services that day) while Manley and other users were standing before Rev. W. Glen Harris, as he blessed the collection in the First Presbyterian Church, here, the soft tread of something was heard coming down the aisle; suddenly a striped kitten leaped up next to the dominican, then over his plush-covered chair, then over the rail into the choir loft. Yes, it was Calico. "So, after our novelty was in part represented in church that Sunday—maybe nine times, too, if we accept the proverbial story of a cat's nine lives," laughed Mrs. Cook in telling about it later.

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A resident of the area around Fourteen Mile road and Cranbrook road writes to ask if something can be done to alleviate the "vile odor" noted about that section very now and then. The resident says: "This is one for your 'Wanderer'. Have him come over to Fourteen Mile road and Cranbrook about 10 o'clock at night and find out what that vile burnt odor is that hangs around this section. It nauseates one member of my family so badly she has had to go elsewhere to live. I hate to think it is from that disposal plant in this neighborhood and that I've got my last dollar invested out here with that thing a stone's throw away from my front porch. I would thank your Wanderer to enlighten me through his column in your paper." So the Wanderer asked Mark Dance about the problem. Mr. Dance, who heads the Department of Public Works, says he does not believe there is any objectionable odor from the disposal plant. However, he says there have been numerous complaints from residents in the section for a number of summers. He wonders if perhaps some farm a bit farther to the south where many cattle and hogs may be pastured.

The Wanderer got out his potato hook, polished the tines up nice and bright and then remembered he had not planted any potatoes in his Victory Garden this season. But anyway, Charles Kurt, of the Victory Garden Committee says that it's time to dig those early potatoes right now. Early potatoes, he explains, had best be dug as soon as they mature (stems will die down, indicating maturity). They keep much better in storage than they do in the ground. The leaves produce food, the larger the tubers underneath the ground will grow, as this food is stored in the tubers. The leaves will die a spray or dust of any good copper fungicide to prevent this blight.

The Editorial Office of the Birmingham Eccentric will celebrate an anniversary tomorrow, as this day will mark one year since the establishment of the editorial offices and the display advertising office in the building North of the main office at 234 N. Woodward.

A change in the gas ration set-up, especially for persons receiving gasoline for driving to and from work, has recently been made by the OPA and affects Birmingham residents. Under new orders cars with gas rationing for home work routes must carry other passengers in a sedan and two in a coupe and no regular ration of gas will be issued until

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