

If there ever is another year, it will be felt as certainly by bombs that will drop all over the United States. Doesn't that suggest, possibly, that we who live on this island, present safe continent one it to ourselves, and our children, to do whatever we can, ourselves, to prevent the coming of War III?

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The Wanderer wonders who does it. Every year, just before the ice freezes on Carlton Lake, some squad, or more than one, intentionally or unintentionally, throws about every kind of bottle and tin can there into the lake in large numbers. Then, when the ice freezes the backs of the bottles and parts of the tin cans freeze into the surface making the lake look like a lovely garden of blooming junk. It may look good to some folks, but it's a pitiful sight to ice skaters. It's dangerous, too, to blast their black souls.

The Rains might have paid a visit to China in that movie bit of a few years back, but in Birmingham on Monday morning—"The Snow Game," and everybody who left their automobiles standing out doors had the fun of driving them down the street and making the people believe they had new models. We mean new model chocolate cakes with heavy white frosting.

The Birmingham Rifle and Pistol club has made application for membership in the Southeastern Michigan association which is to hold its annual meeting Dec. 18 at the Hook Cadillac hotel in Detroit. The Walled Lake club also has applied for membership. The association, formed a year ago, already has a membership of more than 50 senior and junior clubs, according to President Ernest P. Eronstey. The association hopes to form several leagues for competition at indoor ranges during the present winter season.

One more regrettable thing happened in connection with the party, and that was the running out of candy cans before each little boy and girl had his or hers. That was sorry as heck about the whole thing, but he was told that there wouldn't be any more. The youngsters at the Birmingham party, this year and so he only provided for the party. The youngsters can help another year, because Santa surely doesn't want it to happen this year. If you have children in your household whom you will send or bring to the party, you had better get a ticket which will be given free at all the schools. If you have preschool children or visitors at your house have a child who is going to school obtain them for you, or else call for them yourself. If you do this Santa will know for sure how many gifts he will be making to start from North Pole. He's the kindest man in the whole world and it nearly broke him up in business when he noticed he didn't have enough gifts.

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We dropped in at Hillwood Recreation Sunday afternoon where the Lions Club of the area was staging a bowling tournament. Off in one corner of the gallery sat a lad of high school age intently studying Latin, even as the ball was cradling and banging against the hardwood pins, and the bowlers were kivi-yipping in a manner that would pulverize the walls of Jericho. Now, we're used to running into characters in this business, but here, for sure, was a fifteen-year-old one and that is out of the ordinary. We're sure any student who could or would study Latin in a bowling alley would be placed in the character class, and his dad was howling in the tourney, so he accompanied him for the ride and brought a bit of home in his pocket. He could brush up a bit. He confided that he usually gets an "A" for his efforts, so perhaps there are cases where one is right and the world is wrong.

St. Henry Timm was directing traffic in front of the Birmingham theatre last Saturday morning while the kiddies were filing in and out of the Retail Merchants Association. The Wanderer noticed he was quite busy and probably could have used a little extra help. He was usually in force, or even members of the Retail Merchants Association, who stayed away in large numbers.

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Those red corduroy hats the local Lions Club members are wearing are not only all right, they're official as far as the club is concerned. It was an idea the club members got to distinguish themselves from other clubs and organizations during events which they serve or take part cooperatively. The hats are scarlet and have an official Lions emblem on the right side. If you haven't noticed them up to this time we promise you will. So, if you are at a parade, a children's ball, lower party, or any similar event and you want to ask someone a question, ask the man in the red hat; he'll know what's going on and will gladly tell you.

That old bicycle tire that has been kicked around in the housing district for the past week or ten days can sure turn up in the dingiest places imaginable. The Wanderer was just beginning to wonder how they would ever get it off the last stand telephone pole near the Cunningham drug store when he noticed someone had accomplished that feat without the aid of a hand and made a ringer around the stop-and-go signal across the street in front of Green's. At that, its about the only exterior decoration the city's got this Christmas season.

What is life without those lovable practical jokers and wisecrackers? Bill Spence, Birmingham's best song leader, saw a chance to rib the press the other day and promptly did so. "Mr. Wanderer," he asked, "what part of a hat is in her pet?" Not knowing we didn't beat around the bush we admitted it. "Well," he offered, "I was just reading in the paper about a lady hunter who it said was shot while hunting and the bullet is in her pet." If you don't get it right away, move on to the next item. It isn't worth figuring out.

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day matinee on Dec. 23. Besides this great hit, *Rosetta* will be shown as the second feature of the double bill. There will be a full hour of cartoons, *Headline News*, and *Laugh* but not least, there will be a *ready treat* for every boy and girl in the house.

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Dear Folks:
You probably know the war news as well as I do and you must know of the recent drive begun a couple of days ago. All hell broke loose at "H-Hour" and the continuous artillery duel hasn't let up yet. The whole place is shaking like a violent earthquake from the guns going off. Fortunately for us we are right in the middle of it and both the German and our own artillery is going right over our heads and we haven't had but a trifling bit of stuff coming near us! You get so used to it, anyway, that unless there is a direct hit very close you sort of ignore the shelling. I can't tell you how many artillery battalions there are right around us for I don't know, but I do know that I've never seen so many guns or heard such a terrific continuous racket as they make. It is rather exciting, though, and we have a ringside seat for all the activity. There are more tanks than I ever knew existed right around us. Looks like there must be millions of them! Every place you look, every building, every field, is just filled with tanks, half-tracks, assault self-propelled guns, tank-destroyers, motorized and mechanized infantry, guns, guns, and more artillery guns. We are still in the same place I last wrote from, but on the main street and there is a never-ending stream of stuff going by all day and all night long. Road-scrapers, bulldozers, bridgebuilders, cranes, wreckers, pontoons, barges, ambulances, supply trucks, ammunition trains, radio trucks, gas trucks, and millions of jeep. I've never before seen such concentration of equipment anywhere except possibly at Southampton before crossing, but this is over such a wide spread area! YOU REALLY OUGHT TO SEE WHAT YOUR BONDS ARE BUYING AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING. Everybody seems quite excited over the apparent big push that is being made now and I hope their enthusiasm will carry everyone through to the real objective. It is a wonderful morale-booster just to see so much activity and equipment and know that it is all on your side.
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