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Down in the southeast corner of the city the Wanderer passed a group of boys, each youth with his sled, and apparently all thinking about the same thought. One was heard to say, "Gee, I wish Santa would bring us kids a nice hill to slide down, but I guess God would have to remake this place. He didn't give Santa much chance to help us out."

Here's a special Christmas request from the city salvage committee: "Save your Christmas wrapping paper and old Christmas cards for the salvage paper campaign. And while you are about it, why not prepare those tin cans for the salvage and also why not boost up your quota of waste fuel? Birmingham is falling down on both of these items.

"Hiems" had always been frightened at policemen. Maybe his folks or other people had used them to frighten him into being good. Or maybe he had just heard that policemen arrested people. But the Wanderer was always taught to turn to the police whenever he was in need of help or in trouble of any kind. "The police are your friends," he was always told. So last week Jimmie went for a visit to himself just how nice the police were to little boys. He met them on the street, both during the day and at night, went to their quarters and shook hands with the officers there, asked about their equipment and uniforms. The Wanderer noticed him leaving with a happy smile on his face and asking for a chance to go back again some day soon for another visit.

The fella who goes around singing "Gonna Dance With the Dollie With a Hole in Her Stocking" sure has plenty of chances now that all the gals are wearing rayons.

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The regular "first aid" study of the volunteer members and the utility firemen is being continued this month by the station. Last week the Wanderer happened in at the fire station on an evening and found a couple of fireman "dead" on the floor. Anyway they looked as though they had drowned or been overcome by gas, so he did they play their parts as "victims," while the older firemen, directed by Chief Griffith, practiced their first aid or tested out the fire department equipment for use in such cases. This a side is going to prove worth while some day.

There was some talk in the office the other day about one of the gals' cultural friends who got her schooling at Liggett. The Wanderer figures at that rate he must be some "punkin" himself / cause he used to jerk it a half mile to school every day, too.

With the coming of the deep snow in the deer hunting country up north a lot of Birmingham hunters are wondering about the brownies in the deer herds. To them the Wanderer reports that Michigan's deer herd may have a difficult time getting through to eat during the approaching winter. Deeryard conditions have not improved there is no appreciable increase in available browse. If the approaching winter is a normal one, there will be more than enough food for deer. If the winter is severe, there is certain to be a loss from starvation. Several local hunters report fewer deer in their favorite hunting grounds this season. Hunters can help nature to supply more food for deer, but he cannot speed the growth rate of such property.

Members of the Theo Club have asked the Wanderer to go with them to a Birmingham woman who offered a penny daily at the sale she club had some months ago to raise funds for the TB hospital. The woman paid a deposit on the probable intending to buy a Christmas gift. The club, in winding up the sale, lost the sin containing the woman's name, this request. If the woman is still here she may arrange to secure the doily by telephoning 3095.

Several autoists have reported that the sanding of some of the street intersections has been greatly appreciated during these slippery days. However, they wonder why more slippery spots have not been given similar treatment. They especially asked about streets where, starting on the slippery pavement has been almost impossible.

At one of the big Detroit department stores Mrs. Supta Klaus made her appearance in the store's toy department for the first time this season. Apparently Santa is holding the manpower shortage by working daytimes in a war plant.

Why is it when people call in a birth announcement they always say, "born a little girl" or "born a baby girl?" Women seldom give birth to a big girl or an adult girl or boy.

The Wanderer talked to a woman the other day who said that her son hadn't been home for four Christmas. Just about the time the Wanderer was going to sympathize with the mother, she smiled and said, "but he's in the country this year."
It was an expensive watch, but still, it wasn't the value in dollars alone that made it a cherished possession of a soldier's mother. The watch was that it acquired when it was given to Mrs. Cecil Hatherly, of 988 Humphrey, by her son, Lt. Malden Hatherly, makes its loss genuinely hard to take. The gift was presented when Lt. Hatherly first entered service and since that time he has piloted a B-17 on 35 bombing missions and has returned to America where he is enrolled in instructor's school at Lockwood Field near Columbus, Ohio, as a divorcee's watch with a gold band, and Mrs. Hatherly thinks it must have slipped from her wrist somewhere in the sea between the Cunningham and Sham drug stores. Unquestionably, the best Christmas present anyone could give Mrs. Hatherly this Christmas would be a ring on her telephone and a voice with the information that her watch has been found. Wouldn't it make you happy to be able to furnish this gift? Someone should be able to do it.

Clinton A. Campbell, district food controller of the OPA for the Detroit area, says Birmingham housewives should be happy because the announcement that reductions in egg prices are in prospect during the next 30 days. The first reduction is one cent a dozen—effective today in the six counties in Campbell's district. The OPA estimates that a dozen will did they play their parts as "victims," while the older firemen, directed by Chief Griffith, practiced their first aid or tested out the fire department equipment for use in such cases. This a side is going to prove worth while some day.

The Wanderer was happy Monday Christmas when he first noticed the decorations on the front of the Wash building. The streamer of evergreens he found in place there is the longest of its kind in Birmingham. He ever seen a tree down at the main entrance. It had beautiful Christmas wreath which, to the Wanderer, looked about five feet high. The decorations add a lot to the attractiveness of West Maple street.

It has been announced at the office of Birmingham War Price and Rationing Board on Woodward avenue that there will be no meeting of the board on Dec. 25 nor on Jan. 1. The office will not be open on either of these evenings.

A group of automotive engineers once got into a heated argument over which part was the most important in an automobile, and finally they came to an agreement. The key to the ignition was, because 3,000 pounds of shiny new car could be rendered absolutely useless by the loss of the key. Some motorist probably found out these facts when he got the back of the Wash building recently, for Lou Haynes found a dandy key ring with a few fine decorations and everything to make it look attractive. Oh yes, and on the ring was an inscription to a General Motors-made automobile. Lou would be glad to give it back to its owner if the owner will come to the elevator at the Wash building and claim it.

Lou Haynes has seen the elevator operator at the Wash building for some time and one day he asked him how many miles he has ridden on the perpendicular track. He said he couldn't tell right off hand, but he'd doggone glad he doesn't have to walk it.

Alex McCurdy, of Pontiac, who is a piano tuner-technician, was in our office the other day and gave us an example of what is meant by the oft heard phrase "be specific." He told of a man who was helping a plumber and was given a rule and told to cut three inches off a length of pipe. Pretty soon the fellow returned with his task completed, but how? He had cut three inches off the rule.

We know that you agree with us when we say that our Classified Advertising is a most interesting and helpful part of each issue of The Eccentric. That is why it continues to increase—also why you will find some of these Ads on page seven of Part One. Up to within recent weeks, we have been able to carry all these Ads on page eight of Part One—so we remind you here to look on both pages for this type of "news" features, of course, the volume of these Ads decreases—which we hope will not happen.

Arthur E. Larned, Detroit prominent industrial and civic leader, has been reappointed as state chairman for the March of Dimes and will direct the Michigan fund-raising campaign for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Jan. 14 to 31. It was announced today by Hastin O'Connor, foundation president.

A pupil at Pierce school the other day remarked to his parents that sick or injured pupils really

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receive a lot of attention and punishment from the other pupils and the teachers. The fourth parent had urged that he remain at home for a day or two to recover from an illness, but the spotty did not take kindly to the idea and followed with the information about the kindness shown by Pierce pupils. He returned to school.

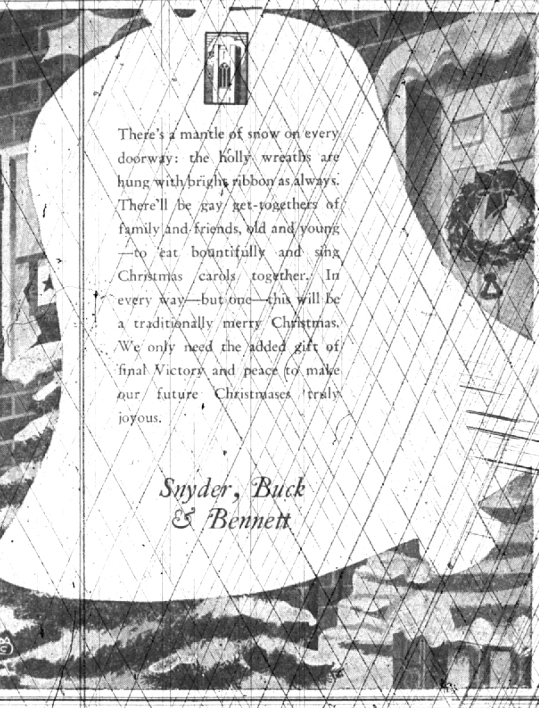
This boy did not live in Birmingham but his home is not far away, and the Wanderer heard of it. A sailor from the Naval Training Center, Miami, Fla., was visiting his home town in Navy Day. Since he had served many months at sea and held the Purple Heart, he was invited by the local American Legion post to participate in a talk by the mayor, a short speech by a Navy lieutenant, your talk, and then the thing's over."

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Thoughtless use of the exchange or return privilege can cause a great deal of unwarranted expense and waste. Therefore, as a matter of cooperation with local merchants, please note that:

NO CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGES CAN BE MADE AFTER JANUARY 2, 1945

Please note also, that, under present government rulings, merchandise must be returned in person. Further, no merchandise will be considered acceptable for return if purchased by "Special Order" or made to order; or if changed from the original condition in which bought; or if it shows evidence of wear, soil or use; or otherwise is not in the same condition as when purchased.

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