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# Bits of Birmingham

The Eccentric has been asked by the office of the War Manpower Commission to remind local employers who have received copies of Form WM-2-C-2-B that they must complete the same and return them to the Pontiac office at once in order that records may be brought up to date. All employers must fill this form no matter how many persons are employed. According to J. Christiansen, utilization consultant, of Pontiac office.

The Wanderer noticed among the list of disturbances from the public school board of education meeting the other day an item for \$1,190.25 representing the cost of the new concrete curb around the running track at Pierce Field. Wanderer how many fans noticed this improvement while attending the football games this fall? Like it a lot, coaches and athletic directors declare.

During Friday morning's chill the Wanderer noticed a well bundled-up, year-old trudging along Frank street, pulling her little hand sled over the bare sidewalk. She apparently had set out full of confidence that soon she would have sufficient snow for a bit of coasting. The Wanderer hopes there will be at least a little snow for these tiny lovers of the great outdoors and that a safe place will be provided for their recreation.

The Wanderer noticed a Birmingham resident out, repairing and painting his fish shanty the other day and this reminds one of the near approach of the fine winter sport of fishing through the ice. If friend husband or brother has or is planning to have a fish shanty this season, just remind him of the regulations of the state regulations. The most important is that requiring that all fish shanties and shelters placed on the ice shall be identified with the name and address of the owner, placed on the outside in letters not less than two inches high. Fish shanties must be removed when the ice conditions become unsafe. Usually most of the lakes about Birmingham are quite heavily iced in winter.

Erik Bergishagen, who operates the Jagadeis Kennels, North Adams, was getting some gasoline last Friday, and the rear seat of said car contained two Great Dane dogs. As this Wanderer stopped to chat with Erik, the dogs started to growl and what appeared like a little excitement began—but was soon quelled by the self-sufficient Erik, who smiled. "We're just three Danes together—I'm taking two of 'em to my owner, General Knudsen. Erik, you see, was born in Denmark.

Appearing among the contributions to the Oakland County War Chest Fund last month was an item for \$458.50 listed as coming from the teachers of the Birmingham schools. Another item in the same list showed \$36.50 from the pupils of Barnum Junior high school.

Birmingham duck hunters get their last chance at this fine sport tomorrow, Dec. 8, when the season closes for two weeks and the cold, stormy weather of the closing days of November and the opening days of December did not help the sport, apparently causing quite a drop in the usual duck colony on the lakes and in the open fields of Birmingham. The peak of the duck flights for this area apparently occurred last week ago. While figures on shooters' success, as far as Birmingham is concerned, are hard to come by, there is reason to think that the season has not been up to average. There was unfavorable weather over most of the open season and then there was that lack of ammunition that held down the number of hunters.

A lot of local residents, who enjoy the great out of doors appear considerably pleased over the recent purchase by the state of 428 miles north of Utica and only 15 miles north of Birmingham. Some have told the Wanderer that this close, located on Clinton river, should prove an ideal recreation spot. Already the state has acquired 12,366 acres for the southern Michigan recreation project. It is believed the Spring Hill Farm area will be opened next season for picnics and other sports.

Even if Birmingham's first days of December did not bring much snow, there was enough evidence presented to make certain Old Man Winter is knocking at our door. The Wanderer was out West Maple Friday and noticed a couple of cars parked near Shain's drug store, each car having a covering of about six inches of snow. The visitors had been an Gaylord way from the north and the cars said winter had certainly arrived in the snow belt region of the top half of the lower peninsula.

Chief of Police John P. Hackett reports that Birmingham has been maintaining a very high traffic record through the present year, and that up to today the city has had no fatal accidents this year. If the record is maintained through December-31 the city will be one of not more than three cities in the 10,000 to 20,000 population class to gain such a splendid record for the year. The city has had a number of accidents, according to the year's traffic record in the police department, but none of them has developed a fatality, and few persons have been seriously injured.

Most certainly Birmingham's "Home Town" newspaper are getting well around this earth, these days. Not long ago Bud Laugel, who is the U. S. Army in England, was in a Red Cross canteen in London, when he came upon a stray copy of The Eccentric. Bud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Laughlin, of Bird avenue, Birmingham, was in the newspaper's contents—and then learned that his old pal, Chuck Forester, son of Mrs. and Mrs. George W. Forester, 560 W. Brown, was stationed in Italy. Chuck is a first lieutenant. So, folks, you have any "Men In The Service" items, don't hesitate to send 'em along.

The Wanderer dropped in at Serib's Candy Store in the Theatre Building last Friday and took a look around the goings on, which, everyone knows at this time of the year is preparing for the Christmas rush. Serib and his crew of candy makers were in full production, making yards and yards of candy. Serib and his crew of candy makers were in full production, making yards and yards of candy. Serib and his crew of candy makers were in full production, making yards and yards of candy.

Two Birmingham women missed the \$50 war bond question in Tuesday morning's quiz. One could not find the answer and the other did not have her radio on for the program. The correct answer was made by a Detroit housewife who was so excited she called her husband from his work to convey the good news.

A woman... dropped her change purse in the post office while mailing packages and buying stamps, some of which later located it in about the same spot but say \$20 bill was missing. A small bit of change and some most ratings were still in the purse.

Expression of gratitude is always a commendable trait. Weeks ago H. P. Doying, 1975 Pierce, for many years a local artist, ran a paid advertisement in this newspaper; in it he said that this year he will not be able to describe the fronts of Birmingham store. For the Christmas season, since "I find that the years go like a flash and a paid advertisement that I have the strength to undertake the job again." He thanked the merchants who have done his business in past years. Well, if this Wanderer knows anything about human nature, he is willing to say that all Birmingham hopes Mr. Doying will remain on earth for quite a long time and enjoy the years in happy recollection that he has lived in Birmingham, where he raised his family, and won't the respect of all.

Another warning has come to Birmingham residents who have been in the habit of going out to state owned or other lands to cut their Christmas trees or Christmas greenery. Some local residents may have forgotten that there is a certificate requiring anyone who has cut Christmas trees or decorative branches on the highway to be ready for a check-up of credentials showing a bill of sale where the trees were purchased. If they are cut on private property, they should carry some legal document denoting ownership of the property. And any written bill of sale should contain the legal description of the land where such Christmas trees, bought, shrubs, vines or native plants were cut as well as the name of the legal owner, and must be signed by two witnesses.

# Hammond Property in Bloomfield Is Now Being Subdivided

Announcement is made by Snyder, Buck & Bennett that they are now in the midst of subdividing the "Hillwood Estates." It is located late E. P. Hammond, known for many years by the social and "hunters" group as "Hillwood." Ownership of the property was taken over by Messrs. John and Frederick Hammond, sons of the late E. P. Hammond. They will continue their respective residences on the estate.

According to the developers, the property will be divided into sites of one to three acres each, giving ample space for the sprawling ranch house type of architecture. Seven sites will have frontage on Vahy Lake.

The development will be known as "Hillwood Estates." It is located near the Rapid Transit station on East Long Lake road and just south of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

# Auto Plate Sale Will Start Tuesday, Jan. 2

Automobile owners in Birmingham may purchase their 1945 Michigan full-year license plates, starting Tuesday, Jan. 2. It has been announced. Local car owners will have to go to Pontiac or Royal Oak to get them on and after that date, but they will be there waiting to be secured. That's the date for the sale to start all over Michigan, according to Secretary of State Dignan.

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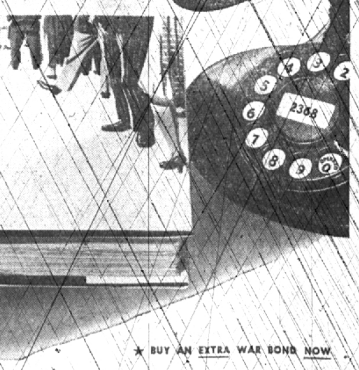
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