Any program intended to help youth ought to include the responsibility of its enforcement, in part, by youth itself. Human beings generally take more interest in direct challenges to them; youth, on the average, seeks responsibility, and wise adults take this into consideration when dealing with them.

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Owners of fruit trees in and near Birmingham are cautioned against shooting cherry-eating robins or any other migratory birds that may feed on fruit crops. If the damage is great and can be proved, permits to kill the birds can be obtained from both the Federal Government and the State.

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The days of ivy and sumac poisoning are here again and Birmingham woods hikers are likely to brush against these plants at almost any place in Southern Michigan. If arms or legs should come in contact with the foliage of the plants rubbing the exposed parts of the skin with alcohol or scrubbing with laundry soap, as soon after exposure as possible may assist in counteracting the effects of the poison.

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Glamorous Gladys Swarthout, American mezzo-soprano, has chosen to sing two operatic arias and a group of three by American composers when she appears as the first guest artist in the twilight concerts with Karl Krueger and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the stadium of the University of Detroit June 17. These eight concerts, sponsored by the Grinnell Music Foundation will take place on Wednesday and Saturday evenings through July 12.

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On these hot days please have a little sympathy for the Birmingham policeman who, beneath the heavy breeches and blue shirt, is really uncomfortable. All of which, Monday, prompted a local citizen to say "Why can't our policemen have a summer uniform, lighter, in keeping with the apparel changes that others on the city payroll enjoy? Why doesn't Chief Haskett develop a summer garb for his men that will make them physically comfortable—or maybe the girls in the City Hall could do it for him?"

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Walter Nickell, of Faculty Row, Cranbrook, was elected first vice-president of the Michigan Audubon Society at the three-day annual camp-out in Waldenwoods which ended Sunday. Clarence Messner, of Grosse Pointe, was re-elected to a second term as president.

Birmingham Exchangers learned a lot of new things about the Exchange Club and its program at their Tuesday noon meeting when Henry J. Clemens, Detroit, gave the main address. The speaker is the president of the Metropolitan Council of Exchange clubs and his topic was "Exchange Clubs Down Through the Years." Another speaker was Philip J. Watson, Detroit, state vice president of Exchange clubs. The program chairman was Fred J. Douglass. There was a fine crowd on hand.

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A number of Birmingham families will drive over to Ann Arbor Saturday, June 24, to attend the one hundredth annual commencement exercises, an event of outstanding importance in the history of the University of Michigan. The program will be held as usual in Hill auditorium at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, June 24, but without special emphasis. Were it not for the war, and the resulting shortage of gasoline and transportation facilities, to say nothing of housing, the hundredth commencement would call for a week-long celebration with alumni in attendance from all over the world. But as a wartime measure University officials ordered the festivities cut to a minimum, despite the importance of the occasion.

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And of all things! a gopher hole right here in Birmingham, and a big one too! One hears of those gophers of western song fame but few persons knew Mr. Gopher had migrated this far east. But right here the colony settled down and this week a big hole was undermined in the back lawn of the home at 1361 Holland. A young woman there discovered the colony—she stepped into a gopher hole and fell and sprained an ankle.

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Things just happen sometimes; just as one would want them to and everyone is happier. That's what happened to the Norths when they went to Petoskey on a very busy week end. They arrived at 4 p. m. Thursday for the graduation of their youngest daughter, Jayne E. North, from Petoskey high school. At 5 p. m. in drove their son, Pharmacist Kenneth E. North, U. S. Navy, from Oakland, Calif. His coming was a complete surprise. The navy man was en-route to Norfolk, Va., for assignment to sea duty again and drove five long days in order to reach Petoskey in time to spend a day with his sister and parents. His wife and two children will remain in Petoskey for the summer and then either locate on the Atlantic coast or return to their home in Niles, Calif. The Norths and their daughter arrived back in Birmingham early Monday morning.

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Despite unseasonably low temperatures here last week, weather conditions generally over lower Michigan areas where pheasants are found have been mainly favorable for young broods this spring. More young pheasants should survive than was the case in this area during the 1943 spring season which was marked by a period of heavy and continued rains.

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This Wanderer understands that Tom Clark and Bill Howe, who managed the Baldwin high school track team, are in line for a bit of congratulation. Both boys are sporting new letters too.

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Collecting of wildflowers, peeling of bark, carving or chopping of trees, cutting branches, driving nails in trees, digging ground from roots, or the removal of trees, shrubs, or plants is unlawful in Michigan state parks.

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A narrow escape over Germany in an American plane was experienced recently by Robert Cromie, Chicago Tribune war correspondent, and son of Mrs. Robert Cromie, of Oakland avenue. "Bob," a graduate of the Birmingham public schools, was flying in a Marauder bomber when it was hit by German flak; the tail gunner received serious wounds; the flak threw the ship violently off the course, and it had to drop out of the formation. After getting it under partial control, the pilot managed to put it down in friendly territory, with but a few gallons of gasoline in its tanks. Mr. Cromie, now in Europe, also spent 18 months for The Tribune in the Southwest Pacific.

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Birmingham pickerel fishermen are laying plans to attend Algonac's sixth annual "Family Pickerel Fishing Tournament" to be held July 1-4 on the St. Clair River from Robert's Landing down as far as Decker's Landing, near Anchor Bay. Entries may be made beginning with the first day of fishing and prizes of $25, $15 and $10 will be given nightly at 10 o'clock for the three largest pickerel caught. Among other prizes a $25 bond will be given away. J. R. Pocklington, of the Lions' Club, explains his town's family fishing tournament: "We have a lively program of entertaining for children, including free pony rides, while their mothers and fathers are fishing. There are games and contests for all ages. This year we will have a large Indian exhibit set up by the Indians of Walpole Island Reservation, and we are giving prizes to the Indians who have the best exhibits. Our headquarters are the Lions' Club." —o—

Who is that certain ungrateful Birminghamer who, after being given a lift on the way home from work, proceeded to drop and break a bottle of rather adhesive syrup in the driveway of her kind benefactor?

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Echoes from the Glenhurst avenue fire on Sunday night: The late hour brought out an array of pajama and robe-clad neighbors that could hardly be equaled by the college midnight pajama parade of any time. That new extension ladder of the fire department had its first real try-out and it sure shows that Chief Griffith means to get on the top of things in a hurry. Understand the boys in the Birmingham fire department built this added equipment and installed it on their home built truck, that created nation-wide publicity when put in service. Wonder if the taxpayers in Birmingham really have acquainted themselves with the savings that the fire department is constantly accomplishing. They would if they had seen those boys and equipment whip a bad fire in a hurry. Overheard a conversation that the coffee brought out in milk bottles by a good Samaritan was bought at the back door of a closed local eatery. It is really a thrill to see how quick the volunteers respond when that siren blows and at 1:30 in the morning, and put their fire training to work so quick and efficiently under real fire. Maybe we taxpayers are overlooking orchids for those boys who have made our fire insurance rates so attractive. Were you out there or are we wrong in our impression?

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Recruiting of 17-year-old youths for the Army Air Corps has been resumed at the United States Armed Forces Recruiting Information Center in the lobby of the Peoples State Building, Pontiac. Major Harry C. Olson will be out on Wednesday, June 28, at 12:30 p. m. to give the mental aptitude test for the Air Corps. All youths 17 years of age and who have not reached their 18th birthday may take this test. Candidates who pass will be furnished free transportation to Detroit to take the physical examination. Taking these tests does not obligate the candidate in any way to go further. Accepted candidates will be sworn into the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve and called to active duty shortly after their 18th birthday. High school graduates also may qualify for College training in the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program if they are not more than 17 years, 9 months old, when accepted, Major Olson said.

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The Wanderer and many other Birmingham residents saw the little mud turtle that was wandering around on the sidewalk near Wilson's Drug Store Wednesday. Wise heads say that he might have found his way up from the lowlands along the Rouge River and then there were those who speculated with the idea that some bad boy might have helped him into the business district from most anywhere.

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Elaine Jones has taken a position as clerical assistant at the offices of the Birmingham selective service board in the Municipal Building. She commenced her new duties there on Monday.

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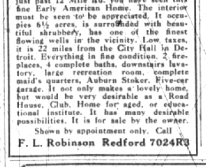

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