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Bits of Birmingham

Dr. Hugh Erichsen, 415 Harmon, has the distinction of being the oldest living member of Palestine Lodge, No. 257, F. & A. M., the largest Masonic Blue Lodge in the world. His membership goes back 61 years, to 1883; he, himself, will be 84 in June.

Do you want to learn, Southern style, how to preserve green foods the dehydrated way? Then ask S. V. Hunley, 952 West Ruffner, who works for the City, in charge of salvage. He showed this Wanderer a string of dried green pods beans the other day, which he says need merely be placed in boiling water to restore their original taste. Does it with other garden stuff, too. "No need to take chances on having much garden produce spoil," he said.

Among the 79 young men from this area of Michigan who took the Army aviation mental test at Pontiac last week, 68 passed and were given physical examinations in Detroit Monday. Another test will be given for young men of the area on April 5. Reported as having passed the mental test were Ronald C. Johnson and Arthur L. Marcotte, both of Birmingham.

The Birmingham Police department is to have at least one new car, the City Commission having authorized the purchase of a new 1942 Chevrolet to replace a similar car already driven over 30,000 miles by the police department members. City Manager H. H. Corson reported the net cost of the car would be \$728.79, after allowances for the old car and battery and other replacements to be taken from the old car.

"Something new has been added," some churchgoer remarked Sunday when he witnessed a strange wrinkle in transportation right out on Hunter boulevard Sunday noon—a team of horses pulling an automobile. Someone else—an older pedestrian—ran a rickety "Maybe not so new after all; may be just harking back to those good old early days." The heavy black draft horses were all decked out with red plumes and were hauling the big automobile right up the street. The driver rode a fence while a passenger nonchalantly steered the car.

"We're going to be entertained by a group of musicians from Detroit and their program is going to be of a light, comedy musical nature that we hope folk will thoroughly enjoy," declared a committee member today while discussing the dinner meeting of the Birmingham Service Clubs, scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 28. The dinner is slated to start sharply at 7 o'clock.

As the planting season for seedling pines may come earlier this year because of the mild winter, the conservation department forestry division is urging schools, communities and semi-public agencies who have not yet placed orders for their spring forest projects, to do so at once. Usually the planting season is from April 15 to May 20 in the southern peninsula, but this year shipping may start earlier from the Higgins Lake nursery. The limit of 5,000 trees on free grants for such projects was lifted last year to utilize excess stock when tree planting in state forests was suspended for the duration.

From the local war and rationing board comes word to truck owners and users who are operating under an ODT order of war necessity for gasoline, that they must call in persons at the ration board headquarters during the last week in March for their allotments for the new quarter, which begins April 1. These allotments will not be mailed, according to word from the ODT.

Tragedy struck into two local households in the northeast area of town last week. One dog, with four little newly arrived puppies, was found dead, and investigation revealed that she had been poisoned with strychnine; two days later another canine was disposed of in the same way. Police are looking into the situation.

Now comes the season when the bicycle tracks of newshoys leave visible evidence on the soft earth of many local yards. With the manpower situation what it is, the newshoys have their troubles; but many a breakfast table will be without its morning journal unless the boys stick to the sidewalks. This Wanderer has heard it said of late.

The OPA food store checkup is under way in this city since Monday to secure data as to whether ceiling prices are being maintained here. According to OPA plans every store selling food is to be checked and a complete report made by the checkers on their findings in each store. Mrs. Helen Genung, chief clerk of the local ration board, indicates that while this survey is intended to aid in educating merchants in better handling of the various regulations, all evidences of violation of regulations are being reported. Store operators who fail to make adjustments suggested by the board may find themselves facing disciplinary action by the OPA.

The weather man brought Birmingham and Southern Michigan a bit of March weather late Tuesday and Wednesday in the form of rain and sleet. Streets and roads were made dangerous for travel and sidewalks were made very slippery for pedestrians.

J. A. Gere who has been manager of the Endicott Dairy Farms, Bloomfield Hills, for over eight years is resigning to assume the management of Cousens Estate, Wabek Farms, West Long Lake road. Mr. Gere who is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Agriculture and Dairy Science, says he hopes to make the Wabek Farms one of the best recognized pure bred stock farms and Guernsey milk dairies of the state.

"Practicing Democracy Here and Now" will be the theme of a conference, sponsored by the Inter-cultural Council of Southeastern Michigan, to be held in Detroit Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1.

Mrs. Mae Williams, chairman of the Royal Oak movie censorship committee, was the speaker at Monday's Rotary Club meeting, having for her topic, "We Go To The Movies." She presented in an interesting talk a brief history of the growth and development of the movie industry and analyzed the appeal of the movies in both entertainment and instruction. Allen Arnold was in charge of the program. During the business session nominations were received for the board of directors of the club and announcement was made that Dick Hedke, of Detroit, and a past district governor, would be the speaker for the meeting on March 20.

The Michigan Municipal League is being organized to make a municipal job classification for the city of Birmingham, it was decided at Monday evening, upon the recommendation of City Manager H. H. Corson. The Commission adopted a resolution authorizing the work to be done as soon as possible, at cost not to exceed \$700. The proposal has been up for study for some months by the group.

Bits of news about his recent trip to Mexico, related in an entertaining manner proved really interesting when Howard Estes spoke before the Exchange Club Tuesday noon at the Community House. City Commissioner Estes and family recently returned from a combined business and pleasure trip that took them into the Gulf of Mexico and the way places as well as the main points of interest and the centers of industry just south of the border. Ralph Wilson was program chairman for the day.

Sixty-seven members, representing 37 Masonic lodges, attended the Monday night session of the Birmingham High Twelve club at the Community House where Dean Vocum entertained with a special song program and President H. W. DuBois of the club gave an illustrated talk on "Income Tax Liabilities" and answered many questions. Herbert Wood spoke of "Objectives of a Service Club," outlining such work as job aid to the returning service men, Boy Scouts, loan foundation for education, social center for young folk of Birmingham, a Y. M. C. A. building and various other projects. Hugh McLeese was program chairman.

Police report recent arrest of another speaker in the person of Ronald T. Malady, Pontiac. Reports indicate he was driving 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile-an-hour zone.

Many families in Birmingham were without milk deliveries the past week end along with a lot of other folk in the Greater Detroit area, when dairy men went on strike and dairy deliverymen struck in sympathy. The strike was over the matter of action by the War Labor Board on a request for a 40-hour week by the dairy workers. Not all milk routes were affected, but all of those on which were working members of the United Dairy Workers' UDWU were without milk. Deliveries were resumed here Monday after the strike had been called off.

William B. Garrison, 1520 Benaville, was sentenced to a fine of \$100 or spend 90 days in the county jail when he appeared before Judge Forbes S. Hascall in court Monday. He was arrested Saturday night on Woodward avenue and police report he had two young children with him and that he was intoxicated. The children were reported as 16 months old and one 28 months old. Chief of Police John P. Hackett said Monday night that it was planned to petition the Oakland county probate court for charges of neglect to children. He said Garrison had been in court a number of times during the past nine months.

Folk in Birmingham are reminded by the War ration board that there is only 18 per cent of the normal heating season left to worry about. Fuel oil users are supposed to have enough coupons to carry them through the remainder of the season.

G. K. Crites, formerly of Fort Wayne, Indiana, is the new manager of the S. S. Hefage company store in Birmingham. He has already arrived here with Mrs. Crites to take the place of E. E. Hoflus, manager here for about 13 years, who has been promoted to be manager of a large store on East Jefferson and Lakewood in Detroit. Mr. Hoflus left here Wednesday to assume his new duties. Mrs. Hoflus will go as soon as a home can be located.

It seems that the housewives out West Maple way are trying to solve the problem of transportation by hitchhiking. This Wanderer thinks it a good plan, if you lack coupons, why not hitchhike?

Lincoln high school in Ferndale will play host tonight to basket-

ball fans of this area who will make the most of their last opportunity to witness high school court action for this season in this district. Two quarter-final state tournament games are slated for the Lincoln gym located at West Nine Mile road and Livorno in Ferndale.

Flint Technical high school, the team that last week eliminated Birmingham in the first round of the regional tournament, will meet Trenton in a class "B" game at 7:15 and at 8:30 Catholic Central high of Detroit will meet Grosse Pointe in a class "A" encounter.

Mrs. Julia Lally, director of the Community House, has been given a leave of absence because of illness and has entered Ford Hospital in Detroit for medical treatment. Mrs. Carol Plumstead has been appointed acting director at the Community House.

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