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Just to Top Off
City Visitor—You're quite wrong in considering the birds a nuisance; they devour insects and caterpillars.
Farmer—Thanks for telling me. It's a great consolation to know that they eat my fruit merely for dessert.

Russell K. Dostal, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dostal, 172 Overhill road, is attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and has been made advertising manager of The Tech Engineering News, the professional journal of the undergraduates of that Institute.

In the February issue of the magazine Mr. Dostal has published an article describing the planting and cultivation of Guayule, a shrub which yields rubber. In the story the writer pictures the latest methods of production.
(Use the Eccentric Want Ads)

Bits of Birmingham

The Oakland county Democrats will hold their county convention Friday, March 31, at 8 p. m. in the superior's room of the county building in Pontiac. At this time the delegates and alternates will be chosen to represent the county at the state convention. The Grand Ball Room at the Book Cadillac hotel will be the scene of the state convention Friday, April 14, at 12 noon.

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Realtors of Birmingham and adjoining areas are laying plans to show a more active interest in the growth and development of this city, it was reported, following a meeting recently held with the Birmingham Real Estate Board. The men are expected to take a more active part in civic affairs and to assist in such matters as city planning, beautification, street improvement.

The Birmingham War Price and Rationing Board needs a complete and accurate base period (March 1942) filing of service charges for the following establishments, that is, work done either at home or on business premises: Apparel repairs, dry cleaning, laundries, automotive repairs, shoe repairs. All those who have not already filed are asked to do so at once.

The Rotary club observed its 20th anniversary Monday at its luncheon at the Community House with Richard Hedke, of Detroit, as speaker. The club gave some thought to the Red Cross and a considerable sum was subscribed for this worthy cause. Webster Scheifele, secretary-treasurer of the Leinbach-Humphrey company has been received as a member. Mr. Hedke had for the topic of his interesting talk "Rotary on the March," in which he recalled activities of Rotary all over the world.

Friends soon learned why a guest at a recent wedding reception couldn't drink the toasts proposed in the toast program. He found the punch so good he just drank it all before the toasts were proposed. So his response was rather dry.

The James Blakeley orchard, on a quarter road near Lahser, is to be the scene of a demonstration of thinwood pruning of a mature orchard of apples, when P. A. Merrill, specialist in Michigan State College, comes to Birmingham tomorrow. The demonstration is scheduled for 1:30 p. m. and all fruit growers of the Birmingham area are invited.

Dr. Alexander Blain, Detroit surgeon and prominent in matters of research and conservation, has been elected a Fellow of the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills. Mich. Dr. Blain's biological collections are incorporated in those of the Institute.

Under the ration taken plan, three red (meat-fats) 10-point stamps become good every two weeks, and five blue (processed fruits-vegetables) 10-point stamps become good on the first day of each month. To reduce last minute rush buying just before stamps run out, the Office of Price Administration has increased the period for which stamps may be used. Thus, the 60 red points and 60 blue points which become good each month may be used at any time during a period of, from 10 to 12 weeks.

Beginning April 1, the five-gal. "B" gasoline coupon for non-highway users will be good for purchases at "authorized filling stations," as well as for gasoline purchased at bulk plants or delivered to private storage tanks, OPA announces. The "B" ration for motorists is now two gallons weekly in all parts of the country. On the Pacific coast, the "B" ration has been cut from 450 to 400 miles a month.

This Wanderer feels that mention ought to be made of one Mrs. J. P. Hunt, who since the beginning of rationing has made herself indispensable to the ration board. Good weather or bad, Mrs. Hunt has put an average of 35 hours of work at the board every week. The Chief Clerk, Mrs. A. L. Genung, says "We couldn't run the board without her." All of this may not sound too unusual but this Mrs. Hunt is a DOLITTLE. Good for you, Mrs. Hunt.

The Date of the next waste paper collection in Bloomfield Village has been changed from April 7 to April 5, because of the Good Friday services, and Bloomfield Village residents are asked to remember the new date and to have their bundles and boxes of paper all ready on that date. More old clothing also will be collected. On the present collection date, March 3, a total of five tons of paper and one ton of old clothing was received.

The Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, has placed on display in its foyer a group of astronomical instruments representing early technical developments that field of science. These include two types of telescopes, a Persian astrolabe, an ancient pocket planetarium and six sun dials. These represent gifts from William E. Scripps, Mrs. Hayward Murphy, George Booth and Dr. Robert R. McMath.

Three speeders have been fined in Judge Forbes' Birmingham city court the past few days. D. Carlisle Crowley was taken on a reckless driving charge March 20 and pleaded guilty. His fine of \$50 was paid. William Dorschuck, Detroit, was fined \$20 on a speeding charge. Robert W. Jones, Keego Harbor, also ticketed for speeding, was assessed a fine of \$40 which he has arranged to pay within two days. He was said to have been clocked at 75 miles an hour in a 35 mile zone on South Woodward avenue.

Sgt. John Phillip Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Moses, 490 Boryn, is serving in a western war area with the 78th Central Postal Squadron, and has written some very interesting letters home to his parents. In a recent one he discussed future possibilities for manufacturers' agents and the work of various government bureaus.

To meet the present crisis in railway transportation, a campaign is being started to recruit 100,000 needed railway workers, the Office of Defense Transportation has announced. Forecasts indicate that the railroads will have to carry in 1944 a passenger load 15 per cent greater than in 1943 and that the freight load also will grow heavier.

A sample of the kind of correspondence our Bits gets—Dear Bitzy: If you'd just quit so much of your chatter and get down to business, you might really make a name for yourself. Rumor has it that once upon a time in a certain corner of the Eccentric basement, there were some choice tidbits of unrationed mutton (running around on four legs). Surely in the interests of food conservation you could investigate the matter; at the same time making the premises safe for faint-hearted females. Let's hear that this high and mighty air of yours is justified. Until then, I continue—"faint-hearted but hopeful." To which Bitzy commented, "Such drivel."

Wendall Wilson, of Cranbrook school, Bloomfield Hills, was the guest speaker at the March meeting of the Men's Supper Club of the First Presbyterian church last Thursday evening. He gave a brief history of boys' and girls' summer camps and then showed colored movies of a camp he operates in the Jackson Hole country in Wyoming. Walter Smith was program chairman for the evening. A number of boys from Birmingham and this area attended Mr. Wilson's camp summer.

One Louis Hascall's hobbies is singing, which he used to do quite a bit of years ago. But the song and the singing isn't in him, which is evident each Monday when he leads the Birmingham Rotary Club in community singing. Not only does he put his vigorous voice into it, but his guitar is something to behold, as attested by the vocal offerings of the members.

Most men have a hobby that dominates their leisure time thoughts. So, if you want to see Harry E. Bissett, of Henrietta street, in lively conversation, just get on the subject of hunting. Deer hunting is his specialty.

A Birmingham couple decided to entertain a group of their friends at a strictly informal dinner one night last week and so they were greatly surprised when the guests arrived in formal attire. The host ran up stairs and donned his tux, leaving on his soft collared shirt and bright tie. About this time he discovered that he was sans charcoal which wouldn't do for broiling steaks in the fire place. One of the guests obliged by going after some charcoal. By the time the hostess, embarrassed over her husband's lack of efficiency, stretched out on the couch while the rest of the guests proceeded to play bridge. Finally the coals were just right for the host to prepare his specialty, charcoal-broiled steaks! A series of humorous interludes kept the party going until March 20, and the guests left they avowed it the most enjoyable evening they had spent in many a month. Amusing as well as confusing—no doubt?

William V. Garrison, 1520 Benaville, arrested March 11 on a drunk and disorderly charge, is today in the county jail at Pontiac because he could not pay a fine of \$90 and costs of \$10, assessed by Judge Forbes S. Hascall in Birmingham city court. In addition to Garrison's woes the Oakland county probate court has granted through a petition filed by Birmingham police department, taken custody of Garrison's two children. He has been informed that he will be expected to pay \$20 per week toward their keep. He has been before Judge Hascall four times on disorderly, breach of the peace or drunk charges since last August. For the last charge, it is said by police that neighbors complained the man was intoxicated and was making a scene carrying the two children along the street and that he was stumbling and falling into the mud and dirt. His wife had left home earlier in the evening.

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