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Red and blue ration points no longer have an expiration date. Therefore the ration tokens can be put into circulation, said a worker in the local ration board today. It seems that people are holding onto them because they were good indefinitely; now that won't be necessary. A request has been made by the local board that these tokens be put into circulation or the government will have to issue an additional supply of them which will be an expense for the taxpayer.

Mrs. Sybil Spence, of Detroit, was a car accident victim in Birmingham last Friday evening when the car in which she was riding crashed into the rear of a car driven by Robert B. Bruce, Quanton road, on Woodward avenue at Davis street. Mr. Bruce in reporting the accident said he slowed down to avoid hitting a dog and that the car driven by William E. Ruska, of Detroit, in which Mrs. Spence was riding, crashed into his machine. Mrs. Spence was taken to St. Joseph hospital in Pontiac for treatment.

Oakland County Red Cross Home Nursing institute will be held at Pontiac General Hospital, Room 225, all day Thursday, March 30, from 10:15 to 4 p. m. Home nursing teachers and committee members from the county will attend. Miss Lillian Upham, R. N., nursing consultant from Red Cross mid-western area office, will be the principal speaker and will conduct a round table discussion regarding teaching problems. The teachers are asked to attend with their questions prepared. Mrs. Howard Robinson, Home Nursing committee member from Southern Oakland county, will preside at the morning meeting. Miss Ruth Kimball, Oakland county chapter executive secretary, will speak on "Your Local Chapter."

ently has been "borrowed" by someone who has forgotten or neglected to return it. These books are for use exclusively in the library and are never loaned out, according to Miss Adele Cooke, librarian. She suggests the book find its way back to the library so the A.W.O.L. record may be cancelled.

Birmingham users of bituminous coal now for next fall and winter. Demand governs coal production, this said, and when demand is low production slackens off almost alarmingly. "Place your order now and see to it that you have your coal," is one message contained in the latest plea out of Washington.

The Eccentric has been called all kinds of eccentric names, but this week a new one showed up in the mail. A package arrived for the "Birmingham Independent." Perhaps they were referring to attitude rather than title.

The Birmingham police department reported on Tuesday a suitcase containing valuable business papers, stolen from the home of A. J. Phelan, of Ferby, some time last week, has been recovered by Detroit police. The suitcase, which the papers apparently unharmed, was found in a junk cart. Also stolen from the home was a valuable watch. The owner was ransacked with bureau pulled out, clothing thrown about the room and first floor furniture overturned. Nothing else of value was reported missing.

Automobile accidents are common some place every day but not right on Woodward or Hunter here in Birmingham. But Tuesday there were two such car accidents, with one person hurt, one driver escaping unhurt but with both cars more or less banged up. Fred C. Cole, Lake Orion, was driving on Hunter Tuesday morning when the steering gear of his car went wrong and he crashed into the curb and hit car overhauled. He was treated at St. Joseph hospital in Pontiac. Then at the intersection of Woodward and Lincoln, Walter Forbes, East Frank street, forced to make a sudden swing to avoid hitting another car, found his own machine upset and considerably demolished. He escaped injury.

It isn't often, even in these war days when airplanes fill the skies, that Birmingham young men just hop into their plane and soon are setting the machine down in or not very far from Dad's back yard, but that happened Monday night. Lieut. Robert E. Allen flew an AT18 Lockheed Hudson outfit from Ellington Field in Houston, Texas, to the Wayne county airport on a 72-hour ID mission. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen, 459 Townsend, until Wednesday. Down at Ellington Field he does a lot of piloting for navigation students before they receive their wings. Wednesday evening at sunset he happened into the cockpit of his plane, the propellers whirled and he sailed away toward the seven seas.

Murray D. Van Wagoner, former governor of Michigan, is to be the principal speaker at the Democratic county convention Friday evening at 8 at the County Building annex in Pontiac.

Soldier's Trophy Is Stolen From Theatre

A soldier's trophy was stolen Sunday evening from the lobby of the Birmingham theatre. A helmet worn by a Birmingham youth during his service on Guadalcanal was displayed along with other war equipment at the U. S. War Bond booth in the theatre on Sunday days and on Sunday evening between 5:40 and 6:45 o'clock the helmet disappeared.
Manager Howard Holah had borrowed the equipment from the soldier to increase the interest in the U. S. War Bond booth. He urged whoever took the helmet to please return it so that the wounded soldier may not lose his treasure equipment.
The soldier is still in the hospital. Manager Holah stated, "and it's going to be a real shock and blow to him when he learns that someone has stolen his trophy."

LAKE FRONTAGE
Michigan has frontage on four of the five Great Lakes—Michigan, Superior, Huron and Erie.

Hone C. Schadt, American Red Cross hospital recreation worker, whose safe arrival in New Caledonia was announced today, is the daughter of E. K. Schadt, 1829 Devonshire road, Birmingham. Before her Red Cross appointment, Miss Schadt was a supervisor at the Fisher Body Plant 22, Detroit, and earlier was a psychologist at Caro, Mich. State Hospital and taught school at Ada. She holds an A. B. degree from Albion College.

Last October this column reported that Hazen H. Stephens, who works at the Huston Hardware, was hunting and had returned home from the hunt with a beautiful red fox. Now we discover that the fox has just returned from the tannery and is now being worn by Mrs. Stephens as a lovely necktie.

Two young ladies from Barnum Junior High School, the Misses Ann Rickenbaugh and Betty Valle, dropped in at the Eccentric office Monday to deliver a letter. The girls were impressed with Bitsy and Bitsy was impressed with the girls.

The Charles Edwards Post No. 14, American Legion, held an executive meeting at the City of Home last Wednesday evening. Among routine matters of business, the post elected a committee appointed for a party late in April. Also tentative plans were discussed for Memorial Day observances.

A Mr. Bolanger, of Lapeer, who has something to do with trying to interest Michigan people in buying Michigan crops whenever they can, delivered a sack of Michigan potatoes to this department last week. They proved to be good eating. But the manager called the attention of readers—suggesting, too, that Michigan grows lots of other good things to eat. Buying Michigan produce also cuts down on the unnecessary use of rail freight space in these days.

Already many local folks have been sowing their seeds for the advent of warm weather. Shrubby is being trimmed; lawns sprinkled with fertilizer and grass seed—but it really gran to live in a section of the country where one can, like the flora of earth, receive a sort of rebirth himself!

An immediate and urgent need for technical and clerical civilian workers at Selfridge Field has been announced by Col. William L. Boyd, base commander. The offer offers an opportunity to persons residing within a 25 mile radius of the reservation to find desirable employment for the duration of the war. Applications may be made at the Civilian Personnel Office on the field.

Tomorrow is the last day for registering for spring plowing with the Victory Garden Committee. After March 31st the Victory Garden Desk at the Municipal building will not be able to include any requests on its list of plowings. Gardeners requesting such service after that date will be furnished with the names of several local plowmen, stated Mrs. C. W. Moyer, head of the Desk. In such instances it will be up to the gardener to make his own arrangements with the plowman. Mrs. Moyer pointed out that the Desk will continue to find garden plots for persons who have not as yet reserved their own plots, but will land after March 31st.

It isn't always the soldiers or sailors who are A.W.O.L. Right here in Birmingham a valuable reference volume from Baldwin public library is thusly tagged. The book, Volume Three from the new set of Americana's "Encyclopedia," appar-

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Mrs. E. G. Kiser and baby son, Gary Carl, left this week by plane and train, via Washington, D. C., for Savannah, Ga., where they will make their home while Mrs. Kiser's husband, Lieut. Kiser, is stationed at Camp Stewart, Ga. Here they were at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Strang, North Adams street. Mr. Strang accompanied them as far as Washington.

The suspected theft of 684 gallons of gasoline from the Shell service station, Hunter and East Maple, reported to police last week, is thought now to have been an error in bookkeeping. The station was sold recently and N. Jensen, manager reported a check disclosed either a theft or a bookkeeping error. After a careful study of the case it has been indicated the latter likely is the case.

Mrs. Harold H. Corson, whose car was stolen from a Detroit parking lot last week, had word Saturday that Detroit police had recovered the auto.

The LaBelle Book and Gift shop at 137 West Maple reports the theft of a silver fruit bowl and spoons set from the store on Friday of last week.

It is time to clean out and repair old bird houses and to put up new ones so they'll be in readiness several weeks before birds return from the south. Bird fanciers who enjoy the pleasure and educational benefits of having birds nesting in their yards will get busy now. The easiest species to attract is the wren which will nest in almost any wooden box or container in which the opening is no larger than a quarter, or about one inch in diameter.

The spring spearing season on carp, speckers, redear, mullet, dogfish and garpike will be open from May 15 to May 31 in the lower peninsula and during May in the northern peninsula in non-trout rivers and streams not otherwise closed to spearing. Jack or artificial light will not be used. The season is now open and will close May 15 on dip netting, suckers, mullet, smelt, carp, dogfish, and garpike in non-trout streams except in certain streams closed to dip netting.

About a hundred items from the so-called "bugging" list have been placed on the new luxury tax lists. It was announced this week. Birmingham folk purchasing these will find, after April 1, a 20 per cent tax added. Some of the items were already taxed 10 per cent and now the tax is boosted to 20 per cent. The treasury department ruling on specific taxable items has an alphabetical range from "aprons for service men" to "yucca bags."

Handbags and wallets of all types are taxable, but money belts are not. Luggage cases carry the tax penalty, but not laundry bags for home use. Even cases for carrying ration books, defense stamps and war bonds, come into the new tax brackets.

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To the Qualified Electors of the CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL CITY ELECTION will be held in the City Office Building, East Long Lake Road, City of Bloomfield Hills, County of Oakland and State of Michigan on MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1944, for the purpose of electing the following City officers:

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