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## Bits of Birmingham

Word has it that you don't have to go out of town to see a Minstrel Show, because right over at Adams on May the 26th, Miss Davoy's sixth grade will present a Minstrel Show at 8 o'clock in the evening.

These two Great Dane dogs, of the black Harlian breed, so well known around the corner of Pierce and Merrill, are back home again after about a week spent in the wilds along the Grand Trunk railroad tracks between Birmingham and Royal Oak. The pair chased a rabbit out toward the tracks about two weeks ago and somehow failed to find their way back home. They ended up inside the fences along the railroad right-of-way south of town. A family living near the tracks in the north section of Royal Oak noticed the dogs and finally decided where the dogs could be found. Leo Flynn, owner of the dogs, says they have never before wandered far away from home.

It's blossom time all through this part of the state and in the northern counties of the Lower Peninsula certain fruits are bursting into bloom and others are soon to follow. Birmingham folk, out on the highway Sunday—Mother's day—report the dogwood in full bloom, peaches, pears and some smaller fruit in bloom. Apples were expected to bloom for several days, but frost and orchards were reported as being "just beautiful."

A tag day in Birmingham for the benefit of the work carried on by the St. Joseph's Mercy hospital auxiliary is now being arranged and on Monday evening the City Commission granted permission to the organization to have the tag sale on Saturday, July 1.

Draft prospects of men in various age groups have been outlined by national selective service headquarters in a recent statement of policy, subject to adjustment as needs of the armed forces change. Men 18 through 25—likely to see service unless irreplaceable in essential activity; men 26 through 29—likely to remain in civil life for the time being if found to be "necessary to and regularly engaged in the production or support of national health, safety and interest; men 30 through 37—likely to remain in civil life for an indefinite period, if "regularly engaged in" war production or in support of national health, safety and interest; men 38 through 45—currently acceptable for induction by the armed forces.

Sunday, May 21, has been designated as I Am An American Day, the day on which the United States will honor the 2,470,000 men and women who reached voting age and the 400,000 citizens of foreign origin who were naturalized in 1943. It was reported by the Office of War Information that of the 400,000 newly naturalized citizens, 65,000 are in the armed forces and approximately 114,000 came from enemy or former enemy nations—75,000 Italians, 37,000 Germans and 1,000 Bulgarians. In 1943 and up to April 15, this year, 4,635 foreign born members of the armed forces on overseas duty were naturalized.

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During the Oakland county annual delinquent lands tax sale in progress for ten days, approximately 4,000 parcels of land were offered for sale on which taxes were delinquent for 1941 and prior years. County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks announced that 496 parcels were sold and returned \$10,199.75 in tax. The remaining descriptions were turned over to the state and eventually these lands will be sold by the state at a scavenger land sale.

Out at the Big Beaver Methodist church on Monday afternoon, May 29, from 2 to 6 o'clock, there will be held a special "pressure cooker clinic" as a part of the work of Mrs. Louise Carpenter, newly appointed emergency war food assistant for Oakland county. Mrs. Carpenter will test on various pressure cookers brought to the clinic. This is the meeting nearest to Birmingham and selected women from this city are expected to attend. Care and use of pressure cookers will be discussed by Mrs. Carpenter during her lecture.

Sunday, Mother's Day, brought the annual annual travel of the year to Birmingham and this part of Michigan. Travelers report that the day in the evening period, as about the heaviest of the day with Hunter boulevard almost crowded. There were long lines of cars, many times three and four abreast, traveling both north and south through the city, while the street carried its heavy load of motorists both going from and coming into the city. The day was pitifully rainy and very trying to those who had gasoline enough to take the family out to see Mother's Day. Thousands of mothers were taken for car rides and thousands of other mothers had their children home for the day.

Chief Clerk, Mrs. Arthur L. Genung, of the local ration board, announces that Consumers' Ceiling Price Lists are now available at the ration board.

Two more large trees along the streets of Birmingham are reported to have passed the "tree beyond" and their shells are to be removed to make way for living trees. It was decided at the City Commission Monday night, a large soft maple on Brown street and a black Walnut on Chester street are dead and City Manager Corson, to whom the matter was referred, will advise the city as to whether they should be removed or not.

Monday evening Elliott S. Kinney, Birmingham realtor, wandered over to the session of the regular public hearing on the annual Birmingham city tax budget. The realtor said he just came in to observe the Commission in action but he found himself the only representative of the taxpayers of the city. Not another person was present at the hearing. But Mr. Kinney discovered the Commission had carefully planned the budget, studying each item and considering it in relation to the entire needs of the city. Both Mayor Ray Palmer and Commission members discussed the budget with Mr. Kinney.

Last year the Birmingham community had 150 boys and girls assisting the farm operators of the area in planting and harvesting their crops. The work of enrolling youth for similar vacation effort is under way for this season, with Lloyd Chapman, 547 Henrietta, as placement chairman. His work was started this week and he anticipates as many if not more boys and girls to register again this year. They may sign up for full or part time. Mr. Chapman is being assisted by Karl D. Bailey, Oakland agricultural agent.

The city now has one less nursery home for children, that was conducted for some time by Mrs. R. D. Waterland, at 744 South Adams, having been discontinued due to the illness of Mrs. Waterland. She plans to reopen the school as soon as her health will permit. Applications for licenses are being received by the city clerk, Irene Hanley, Mrs. H. F. Merrick, 227 Franklin, reports that she has completed plans and improvements at her nursery to allow for caring for more children and the securing of a city license for the increased capacity.

Rural letter carriers from all over Oakland county are to meet on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anderson, 1439 Villa Road. The men are to be accompanied by their wives. On the list of business items is the outlining of plans for the state convention to be held in Holland in July and selection of the delegates from Oakland county for both the Association and Auxiliary. The potluck dinner is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening, followed by the business session, while concluding the evening will come a social hour.

A number of Birmingham residents attended the unveiling of the memorial shaft at Kenzo Hiroko Sunday when the West Bloomfield Patriotic League paid honor to the more than 400 men and women from West Bloomfield township now serving in the armed forces of the United States. Names of the service men and women were inscribed on the obelisk, which is located on Oakland county for Lake road and Orchard Lake avenue.

Eighteen students of Great Lakes College, Detroit, will receive their letters to President Clayton J. Kittinger at the graduation exercises May 27. Former congressman Clarence McLeod, will give the commencement speech. The exercises, marking the seventh annual commencement of the college, will be held at the Trinity Methodist church, Highland Park.

Humor is, indeed, a God-given leaven for human trial and struggle. In a recent letter to his sons, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martin, Oakland avenue, Ensign, Bob Martin, from somewhere in the South Pacific, said: "We had quite an experience crossing the international date line here. It was Friday, the day before we crossed it, when over the ship's loud speakers came the word: 'Men, due to the shortage in food, we shall not issue any rations at all on Saturday.' And, folks, with our appetites, that news sounded terrible—24 hours without any food! Then came dawn of the next day, and again the loud speakers roared: 'All right, men, chow will be served as usual today.' It started us all up until, like magic, the thought came to everybody that by crossing the international date the we were a day ahead of today instead of being Saturday, was Sunday just a little fun found in the Navy, you see. Incidentally, one of my buddies lost his birthday, which was to have occurred on Saturday."

Dr. T. T. Brumbaugh, executive secretary of the Detroit Council of Churches, will be the guest preacher next Sunday morning at the First Methodist church. Dr. Brumbaugh is a Methodist minister and has served as a missionary in Japan. Out of his wide experience he will speak on "The World Mission of Christianity." This is his first appearance in Birmingham.

Some of Birmingham's young golfers will be the guests of the First Annual Oakland County Junior Golf Championship tournament to be held on June 3 at the Pontiac Country Club course at Elizabeth Lake. Any Oakland County boy under 18 years of age may try for the coveted and possession of the fine perpetual trophy offered to the champion. The tournament is to be conducted by Frank Syron, pro at the club, who announces the event will be an 18-hole medal play affair. All entry fees will go into a fund to provide war savings stamps as prizes to the various winners. Many of the boys entered are expected to be members of various high school golf teams.

From the police department comes news that some of the personal papers and a \$50 war savings bond, stolen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. McDonald during the late night of May 6, have been found in the pocket of a stolen car which was found abandoned at the Palmer Woods in Detroit. The Detroit police, in reporting the find, said the stolen articles were in the glove compartment of the car. The money, about \$18, and the purse, were not found.

Next week Friday and Saturday are to be Poppy Days in Birmingham with both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion Poppy Day sale all over the city. Funds realized are divided among the poppy makers—wounded veterans of World War I, and the various welfare activities of these organizations of service men.

A number of Boy Scout troops of the city had \$5 one of their Troop Good Turns this week the distribution of flowers to members of former members of their Scout troops who are now in the armed forces of our country. The boys received these beautiful flowers Mother's Day.

Sixty members were attracted to the weekly dinner of the Birmingham High Twelve club this Monday at the Community House, where Durward Barnes of this city, who is manager of the C. J. Fenney company, at Highland Park, was the speaker. He told of the start and growth and development of the C. J. Fenney company.

Music filled the air at the Community House again Monday noon when Rotarians of the city enjoyed their annual Music Week program. Member Lou Hassall was program chairman and presented such Rotarian talent as Matt Grogan and Victor Ulrich, in a special group of vocal solos; William Howard in a brief talk on "Music in Voice Culture"; and the club's artist for the day, Mrs. J. W. Hampton. And the accompanist came in for their share of applause, also. They included Mr. Joseph Ulrich, who played for Member Cammeyer, Mrs. D. E. Ballentine, accompanist for Mrs. Bampton, and Mary Jane Stephens, at the piano for Mr. Ulrich. Mrs. Bampton sang "I Heard a Forest Praying," "Sing Again," and "Let My Song Praise Your Heart." Vic Pecker led the Rotarians in their weekly "sing" with Vic Ulrich at the piano.

Boarding homes, day care hotspots, night care groups and similar organizations find a lot of Birmingham residents interested in their work. Now comes the Bracker announcing a boarding home for children. Her new place is located out in Bloomfield township about four miles west of Birmingham.

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Abam! Personnel Director: "Bones, that's a very old-fashioned hat you went around the office." Clerk B Jones: "Yes, I know it is old-fashioned. I bought it when I was a kid."

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