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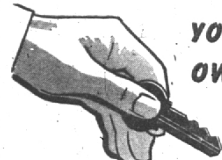
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The state and national departments of agriculture and the War Production Board have information that there are going to be plenty of Christmas trees this year. The War Production Board reported that last Christmas time there were plenty of trees left and that on Christmas eve trees sold for most any price the buyer wished to pay. The reason for this was that early in December people showed some anxiety over their Christmas tree and the heavy buying apparently prompted dealers to stock up heavy late in the season. So if the word of the government agencies can be taken there probably will be plenty of trees to go round.

Lengthening of the game fall seasons on most inland lakes is being recommended by the conservation department's fish division, according to word to local fishermen. Closed seasons would be limited to spawning periods of walleyed pike, northern pike, and muskellunge, with somewhat longer closed season protection during spawning periods of black bass, bluegills, and sunfish. The division also recommends removal of size limits on bluegills, sunfish, rock bass, perch, and crappies which are found in local lakes.

The Michigan Corporation and Security Commission has just reported that among the firms filing articles of incorporation is the Staple Engineering Co. of Birmingham. The incorporators are listed as Charles E. Staples and Kenneth Kuhl of Birmingham, and Albert F. Hasty of Detroit. The firm will conduct a commercial and industrial business and stock is listed at \$75,000 common.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur G. Campbell, of 785 4th street, whose son, Second Lieut. William Campbell, was reported lost in action over France early in September, are still hopeful that he will be found alive. Word from the War Department is that there is no further news from the young pilot. Lieutenant Campbell's plane was shot down over and just off the coast of France. The officer had been awarded the air medal and several Oak Leaf clusters. He received his training at Freeman Army Air Field, Seymour, Ind.

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Detroit 31 Mich.

Birmingham with its hundreds of men and women on the worldwide battlefield is interested in the announcement this week that battle casualties for the armed forces in all theatres since the start of the war total 528,739. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said Army casualties reported through Nov. 7 amounted to 454,180 of which 88,245 were killed. This was an increase of 16,724 since a previous report covering casualties reported through October 28. The latest Navy report numbers casualties at 74,615, an increase of 2,776 since a report two weeks ago.

Speeders, reckless drivers and other violations of traffic regulation are paying visits to the Birmingham violation bureau and city court these days and some of them are paying quite heavy fines. The bureau was told the other day that the usual rule for violations of the speed regulations is a fine of a dollar a mile for their excessive speed. Several persons ticketed at 60 while driving in 35 mile zones have paid fines of \$25. Several reckless drivers have been assessed fines of \$50. Three Detroiters listed in those paying quite large fines include Herman Cooper, Charles Darro and Lawrence Finley.

Birmingham boys overseas, in training camps in the country, are asking that we "keep them coming." You can help by keeping us informed of all changes of address. But do not telephone the changes, write them plainly and either bring them or mail them to the circulation department of The Enquirer. It's very difficult to get names, numbers and town names over the phone. In order to avoid making any mistake and to make sure your boy gets his paper regularly list care of these changes in address carefully.

Birmingham stores are being filled with Christmas merchandise and it seems there are thousands of gift possibilities in every store. Some stores have been displaying their Christmas things for some time. Earlier buying appears the rule this year, they tell the Wanderer and in some lines the supply is about all exhausted.

A Birmingham woman who lost her bill found on South Woodward avenue the other day, and who has no replies to her "Lost" advertisement, has asked the Wanderer for help. The bill fold contained "A" and "B" game coupons, some money and personal papers from which identification of the owner could have been made. She says the papers are of no value to the finder and asks that they be mailed to the owner.

Almost every week someone calls after 4 p. m. on Wednesday to ask: "Can't you just squeeze this one classified ad in? I know it's late, but there are only a few words in the Ad." And it's hard to turn down one's friends but the deadline for Classified Ads is 4 p. m. on Wednesday. Sorry, folks, but we just can't take them after that hour.

Just how much the servicemen appreciate and value the advice and helpfulness of the army chaplain, even when away from camp, was demonstrated here the other day when a young serviceman, home by plane on a three-day pass, found the plane for his return trip grounded by stormy weather. A phone call to the chaplain sent that good man on a mission of helpfulness to the post commander to explain just why the soldier was going to be several hours late getting back to camp. And the serviceman received no black mark for overstaying his leave.

Today marks the close of the 1944 deer hunting season and by the end of this week it is expected that the Birmingham hunters will have returned from their camps in the upper part of the state. The Wanderer has been informed that the hunting has been quite good but that the shooting has not quite kept pace. Most camps are on a safe side and have had venison with at least a small supply of wild game for each hunter. There have been no reports come through of any Birmingham hunters getting such a deer as a bear this season.

At least two persons were named to public office in Oakland county at the November 7 election. They were not candidates and whose names did not appear on the ballots. Dr. Sam M. Lewis, Farmville, received 43 votes for coroner and Elmer Barr, Royal Oak, received 18 votes for surveyor. Both were certified to office by the county board of canvassers.

Appointment of E. C. Brode, former Birmingham resident, as manager of the distribution of the manufacturing division of The Crosey Corporation was announced in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Brode has been in the radio and major appliance industry for the past 22 years and has been regional manager for Crosey in the north-central part of the country.

Now is the time to invite the birds who remain in Birmingham during winter months to help you. They can feed themselves except when silent storms seal off their food supplies.

Feeding stations do attract birds, however, and chickadees, nuthatches, downy and hairy woodpeckers, tufted titmice, cardinals and juncos in turn entertain their hosts.

Feeding shelves should have protection from snow, sleet and rain. They may be constructed on ledges, posts, or trees with easy view of windows. Even in wartime, it is not difficult to find seed, cracked corn, wheat, millet, and sunflower seeds that birds like. A lot of seed is wasted, too, in late guests and neglect them. Late birds are forming winter feeding habits now. Food should be placed on feeding shelves throughout the winter, if birds accept one's early season invitation.

The football pep meeting last week Wednesday at the Birmingham theatre proved quite a lively affair for the thirteenth annual session, according to Theatre Manager Howard Holah. There was a lively program, well handled, with a large crowd of young people on hand, and all keen to express their appreciation of a fine athletic season, and their confidence that the Birmingham football team would give its best in the Royal Oak game. Manager Holah considered the pep meeting the most successful affair of its kind in his 15 years residence in Birmingham.

Birmingham Autoists are greatly interested in the announcement made Tuesday in Lansing that the motorists' financial responsibility

law, passed by the 1943 legislature, is now in effect. The law practically requires a motorist to carry accident insurance. Every driver and car owner involved in an accident bringing injury or death to some person must report in writing to the State Department, within ten days. If the involved motorist shows that he is covered by insurance the case ends. If he wasn't covered he must settle all claims within 30 days or satisfy the State Department that he can do so by making either a cash deposit up to \$10,000 or filing a bond.

At a local party gathering a few evenings ago, the little girl of the household rendered a bit of piano music; when she finished, and after the applause had ceased, she exclaimed: "Did I do all right, Mommy?" whereupon her mother, with an understanding smile of humor, replied: "Yes, dear—especially when you struck the keys that were out of tune."

This year Birmingham's business section will not be decorated on the exteriors, although most of the stores will, as usual, see themselves and holly within their establishments to give a Christmas atmosphere. The merchants' association plan to have a Santa Claus parade the streets prior to Christmas Day—subject to what meets with the approval of youngsters.

Judge H. Russell Hildand, chairman of the Oakland county chapter, American Red Cross, C. O. Rudderham, chairman of War Fund for Oakland county, and E. M. Boreford, chairman of Red Cross public information committee will go to Chicago Dec. 1 to attend a meeting in preparation for the Red Cross War Fund drive which will be nationwide in March, 1945.

The Southfield Kiwanis club is getting actively behind the salvage campaign out in their section of Oakland township. The campaign has been told, with Harry G. Anderson and C. E. Stephens on the committee. They will be the task of boosting the salvage drives in the club's territory. At last week's club meeting Mr. Stephens showed sample of articles made from Salvage paper.

William Buck, a lover of fine dogs, and also of fast horses, has just secured a young Maltese dog which he hopes to train into a prize winner at some of the 1945 dog shows. Mr. Buck, known to his many friends, told the Wanderer that he will place the dog on a healthy estate where there are a number of fine horses and that he will spend some time training the dog for the shows.



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