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## Bits of Birmingham

Inability of parents to obtain shoes for their small children is not only a problem in Birmingham; it is nation-wide. This column learns that the OPA has set such low profit ceilings on children's shoes that manufacturers devote their materials and labor to shoes for adults, where the profit is greater. This is just an example of what people must suffer, even in war, when bureaucracy is in control. Perhaps, believe local folks, what is needed is more people running OPA who have little children.

Birmingham and South Oakland county have had quite some variety of weather the past week. One recalls that warm day of Thursday of a week ago and the nice weather of Friday and Saturday. Then Saturday evening came a bit of a change, with more change on Sunday and quite a bit more on Monday. In fact Monday was quite like mid-autumn. There was just a little rain and the sky of threatening weather. You know last Thursday when the sky was so blue the temperature read around 80 degrees. Monday it was not near so warm.

Cigaret smokers of Birmingham were having almost as hard a time getting a smoke the past week as were some of the boys overseas. There just weren't any of the favorite brands of smokes on sale. Several smokers were noted going from one store to another on Saturday and again on Monday but most signs read "No Gum, No Cigarettes." Guess there was a lot less smoking over the last week unless more fellows rolled their own or got out the old pipe again. And not much relief is in sight. The shortage likely will continue through the fall and winter, the U. S. Department of Agriculture predicted this week.

They were having a sale on a certain item in a local five and ten cent store and the sign over the display told customers that the article could be had for 5c each and that it formally sold for 10c.

It happened one evening last week in front of the Birmingham bus station, when an assorted group of citizens were waiting for a south-bound bus. Among those in the gathering was a middle aged colored lady, a drunk who occupied a seat on the curb, and a trim young business gal who knew what the score was, and one of the Wanderer's "bird dogs." The bus was expected any minute and had been for the past twenty when the colored lady looked at her watch and muttered that it had stopped. She looked around the front of the station and then on the inside to find a clock, but none came into view. Then she asked, "Does any of you folks know what time it is?" The drunk, half asleep at his post on the curb, pulled out his watch and announced that it was fifteen minutes to three o'clock. The whole gathering knew it was getting late in the evening and told the chap that his watch must have stopped. He offered much argument, but his uncertainty as to which one could offer anything but sympathy. By now everyone was wondering what time it was and no one had an accurate watch or could find a clock except for the little red hand girl, who, at the height of the bewilderment, calmly pointed across the street to a neon framed clock in the window of a gas station. Everyone took a relieved look at the clock to discover it was a quarter past nine and then out onto the south-bound bus which could have prevented all the consternation had it been on time.

Mrs. Lydia Bratz Kothe, 1128 Emmons, is among the authors whose verse appears in "Of America we sing," a volume of over 500 pages of poems and lyrics, recently published by The Exposition Press of New York City. This anthology represents poems and lyrics of people from nearly every state in the Union and Canada. Many of the contributors to this volume are authors whose works have been published in other well known publications.

United States-Senator Homer Ferguson will be principal speaker at the biennial Young Republican state convention Oct. 21 Hotel Olds, Lansing. The state convention program will start with a business session at 1:30 p. m. (EW) during which officers for the following two years will be chosen. Senator Ferguson will speak at the convention banquet which starts at 6:30 p. m.

William J. McCauley, manager of the Oakland County Field Office of the Social Security Board, bureau of Social Age and Survivors Insurance at Pontiac, announced today that there will be a change in the day of the week that Royal Oak and vicinity will be serviced by his office. The day will be Tuesdays instead of Wednesdays.

In a talk made by the deputy director of the Salvage Division, Tom Hoyt of Washington we were told this about the need for tin: Until we have completed a final victory over the Japs, and for as many months after that as it takes to rehabilitate the tin mines now in their possession, we must depend on tin can salvage for that precious material. Second only to the critical need for waste paper is the need for tin, and collections, unfortunately, are dropping off. Now is the time to revive tin can collections in your home town—if you have to get squads of workers door to door to do the job. And don't forget, that much of that tin right now is going into syrettes that are saving the lives of men fighting for us.

While the first weeks of the waterfowl season are not true, in a very heavy kill of ducks, local hunters say they saw enough pheasants to make them anticipate the opening of the upland game bird period, according to reports. Practically all duck hunters reported seeing an unusually large number of pheasants and in one area they saw more than five pheasants than hens. In a few favorite spots, particularly Lake Erie, many ducks hunters got their limits of birds the first week. However, in most places, because a summer drouge will have dried up the water where "local" ducks were usually found in the past, but few ducks were taken. The upland game bird season opens for the southern peninsula Oct. 15.

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## Eccentric Cited For War Effort

The Birmingham Eclectic has been presented a certificate of citation by Kiwanis International and the Royal Oak Kiwanis club during National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 3.

The presentation was a part of the international observance of the week in keeping with Kiwanis International's custom since inception of the occasion.

A total of 1,500 daily and weekly newspapers in the United States and Canada were honored. Ben Dean, Grand Rapids, president of the service organization, said that this year's program was designed to pay "sincere tribute to the Fourth Estate inasmuch as publishers and editors since Pearl Harbor have faced the greatest demand in history upon their space and services."

The citation reads: "Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis club of Royal Oak, Michigan, present this Testimonial of Appreciation to Birmingham Eclectic in recognition of the service which this newspaper and the other newspapers of the United States and Canada have rendered our two nations during these critical years. For accurate and comprehensive reporting of the war news, for generous and unremitting support of wartime activities on the home front, for fostering sound morale, for fearless and independent editorial opinion, and for unrelaxed vigilance in safeguarding the basic liberties of free speech and a free press, we tender our sincere gratitude on the occasion of National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 3, 1944."

The citation is signed by Ben Dean, president, and O. E. Peterson, secretary, Kiwanis International, and by Stewart P. Wilson, president, and John B. Osgood, secretary, of the Royal Oak club.

BUY NEWS MAPS  
The social studies classes of Baldwin have purchased a weekly news map to enable the students to gain a greater knowledge of the fast moving events of the world. The news map contains a map of the world and a brief summary of the important happenings of the past week.

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J. B. Minton, who retired some time ago after nearly 30 years service with the Grand Trunk Western Railway, has purchased a dining room and cocktail lounge at 1731 West McNichols road (Six Mile road) formerly owned by "Nate" Manzo. Mr. Minton

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## TO BIRMINGHAM MERCHANTS

For several years the business men of Birmingham have decorated their places of business with Christmas wreaths and garlands. I have always done the job of putting them up, and this statement is to say that the business has been greatly appreciated by me. Aside from the profit derived, it has always been a pleasure and satisfaction to me.

But this is also to notify these merchants and others that I cannot undertake the job again this year. I find that the years do take their toll, and I do not feel that I have the strength to undertake the job again.

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To the Qualified Electors of the City of Birmingham, State of Michigan, County of Oakland.

To vote at this election all persons must be registered in the City by Wednesday, October 18, 1944, at 8 p. m. Eastern Standard War Time.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham twenty days at the time of voting are eligible.

TO REGISTER, call at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building on or before Wednesday, October 18th, 1944 during business hours. The City Clerk's office will be open on Tuesday, October 17th, and on Wednesday, October 18th, from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Eastern Standard War Time.

Any registered elector who has moved from one address in Birmingham to another address in Birmingham, since he last voted, may cause his registration to be transferred to his new address by sending to the clerk a signed request, stating his present address, the date he moved thereto, and the address from which he was last registered, or by applying in person for a transfer at any time before Wednesday, October 18th. Any person who has not voted within a two year period, and who has not re-instated his registration, must re-register by October 18th.

IRENE E. HANLEY  
City Clerk

October 5, 1944

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