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Two thousand Michigan hunting and fishing license dealers have now been supplied with 620,000 1944 small game hunting licenses. Fall shooting opened with the waterfowl hunting season September 20.

The epidemic of thefts of articles from cars in Birmingham and Oakland county may be over for a while. Detroit police report arrest of four Oakland county youths on warrants signed by Recorder's Judge Scallen. Detectives Glenn Dunn and Chris Rumkey of Highland Park police department, said the youths had admitted stealing from more than 250 cars and that a large number of stolen tires and radios had been recovered from their homes. The boys were arrested on speeding charge and a lot of stolen loot found in their car. Recently Bloomfield Hills police all but captured a car thief out on Trowbridge road. The man, and a woman who accompanied him, escaped their foot and police approached. In their car was found a bunch of keys, tools and a woman's purse. Police officers expressed the belief that the pair would steal a car, driving it a short distance into the country and there strip it of everything of value.

A little too much speed here. Charles Langs Grosse Pointe Woods, was arrested recently for driving 55 miles an hour in a zone marked 35 miles. Julia Smith, Pontiac, received a ticket which charged she was driving 60 miles in a 35 mile zone.

John Brennan, age 11, son of A. J. Brennan, 988 Floyd, was reported bitten by a dog last Friday. The dog was reported owned at 391 Merrill street.

Those beekeepers had a great time last Friday night out at Bloomfield township hall on Telegraph road. They studied ways and means of making their busy bees dig out more and better honey and also ways of selling this product at a better price. The speaker was Don Barrett, chief apilary inspector of the state, who came over from East Lansing for the session. The beekeepers voted to hold a special winter institute with probably four lectures. While it's cold and the bees are idle the beekeepers will get busy. Friday night's session drew a large attendance.

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Orrin A. DeMass, Detroit Rotary's businessman poet, was the entertainer at Monday's Rotary luncheon at the Community House. The vice-president of the Monroe Paper company and Monroe Steel Casting company is well known as a public speaker. He has spoken all over the country, usually bringing his message in verse. He has had a number of books of verse published and is classed as "one of those fellows always willing to do something for the other fellow." He read a selected list of his poems which the men enjoyed unusually well. He was introduced by his old friend, Rex Humphrey.

After the way the Rotary eminary to the Lions club was treated when he presented the Rotary challenge for a bowling match, Rotarians say it's no wonder their team spilled the pins in every direction to test challenge match at the Birmingham Bowling Alleys. Any way, Rotarians Lou Hascall, Stewart Baker, Charles Randall, Matt Cammarere and Harry Bissett upset Lions Roland Webber, William Curran and Ed. Eversole and Mark Bears in terrible fashion. They won by 215 pins. And to top it all the Lions then took the Rotarians out to the Birmingham Country Club for a fine dinner.

The frost of late September did not touch all of the Birmingham Victory Gardens, but many gardens were nipped and nipped hard. Up in the north section most gardens were frozen down, potatoes, corn, tomatoes, late peppers and other vegetables were left black and gone. Many vegetables are not injured much by frost and are living on for the fall summer and early fall use. Down in the center of town many gardens have escaped thus far and tomato and other vines are as bright and green as ever. Flowers also are blooming nicely. But this is the frosty time of year and one can't expect real killing any day now and in all parts of town.

Russ McBride and Joe Moory are perhaps as ardent in their pursuit of the Michigan white-tailed deer as any nimrods can be—so recently they went up into Alcona county near Curran, and purchased 320 acres of wild land, just for hunting. As they were inspecting the area they observed two bucks about to leave their newly acquired property—so Joe is reported to have made an Olympic run to outflank the white-tails. "Boy, why should I let 'em leave our hunting territory, anyway," exclaimed Joe later.

Democratic candidates for state offices are to visit Oakland county today with a meeting and banquet at the First Presbyterian church in Pontiac this evening. Plans call for the party to visit Ferndale, Hazel Park, Berkley, Royal Oak and Birmingham. A part of the group will visit towns in the north part of the county. Edward J. Fry, candidate for governor, will be with the southern tour party while James H. Lee, lieutenant governor candidate, heads the party in the north end. The main speaker this evening will be Murray D. Van Wagner, former governor.

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Gardiner, 607 Hawthorn, was burglarized last Friday night and a valuable dinner ring and an automatic revolver were stolen, along with a quantity of silver coins. Thieves broke a glass in a rear door and apparently escaped through the same door. Police report no finger prints obtainable.

A well known creator of wisecracks and slogans (he refuses to allow us to use his name, on account of the fact that he doesn't want to turn down offers for million dollar salaries), says he read Col. McCormick's new slogan: "Back on relief with the Command-in-Chief," the local chap, who is a sort of hybrid disciple of several political ideologies, then came through with this one: "Hoey & Dewey." Have you, folks, slogans touching the current political scene that you'd like to have us print? Send 'em in—at once.

Don't throw away that white glass. The white glass is still a part of the salvage pickup program and the city hopes to get a lot of glass to aid the war effort. But colored glass is out and can no longer be used. So throw that broken colored glass into the rubbish bin and save the broken white glass for the salvage pickup.

Mrs. Gardner M. Cobb, 1009 Suffolk road, has an added suggestion of what to put in the Christmas box going overseas. Her son, Lieut. Bill Cobb, writes that the Vite-Sert tinoplate bars that she has been sending have been invaluable, especially when for missions and when meals are missed.

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Announcement of the opening of a Birmingham-Bloomfield Hill office of the Houseman-Spitzley Corp., for many years Detroit realtors, was made this week by Francis H. Phelps, president. It will be located at Southfield and 14-Mile roads, and Ed. Clark will be local manager.

This company, according to Mr. Phelps, has acquired over 500 building sites in this vicinity, which it will offer to the public. It will also engage in the general real estate business.

"Our company has been operating in Detroit for many years, and its familiarity with Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area very well," said Mr. Phelps. "We visualize a great home-building expansion program in this community after the war—for it is well known that the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area is one of Detroit's most attractive home-site areas in the middle west."

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