

Citizenship in a self-governing system, such as we boast of in the United States requires that people have an understanding of their duties and responsibilities; also that these same people have sufficient personal convictions on the side of demanding honesty in government to cause them to fight wrong in government.

SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR—NO. 3

The Birmingham Free Press

PART TWO

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1945

\$2.00 PER YEAR (In Oakland County)—SINGLE COPIES, 5c

SPRINGTIME is a CHALLENGE

To consider a home where a garden and maximum enjoyment of natural beauty is possible.

Birmingham and the Hills offer such homes and sites.

We have a wide selection to suit your needs.

Our many years of service in this Community assure rewarding information.

THERE ARE REAL OPPORTUNITIES NOW. CALL TODAY—

Walsh, James & Wasey Co.

REYNOLDS BUILDING, BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN
NORTH MICHIGAN LABOR BLDG., BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
431 S. Woodward Ave. Birmingham 1250

OWN your home!

We'll help you do it with rent-money.

Rent-money pays for a home, when you use our monthly payment loan plan.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR SHARE? FIGHT! PRODUCE! SAVE!

BIRMINGHAM FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSN.

Member of Federal Home Loan Bank System and Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation



Bits of Birmingham

Mrs. F. W. DuBuis, chairman of the Red Cross Surgical Dressing program, has been informed that the May quota, which was scheduled to be completed June 1, must be done by May 1. In order to get these dressings completed by the first of May, the surgical dressing room in the Community House will be open Monday and Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30, as well as Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

"What you fellows going to do about the 7th War Loan?" asked Frank E. Quisenberry of the merchants division of the Birmingham City 7th War Loan committee at last week's general meeting of Birmingham retail merchants. Chairman Quisenberry told the retailers he planned a daily check on retailers throughout the loan drive, when the big campaign opens May 14. He hopes, he said, that every retailer will insist every member of his sales force will become a champion bond seller and that the drive will go over the top in splendid fashion.

The session of the Birmingham City Commission of last Monday evening drew just about its largest attendance of the public for almost a year, or maybe even longer. The Wanderer noted men there from all corners of the City. The occasion was the return visit of the High-Twelve club, which had just returned to the Commission members and other city officials at a dinner at the Community House. Speaker at the dinner was Louis Schimmel, of Pontiac.

Police have had several complaints lately about boys crawling over the tops of buildings, down in the business part of the city. This reminds the Wanderer of his kid days and how Moon had to get the police or fire department ladders to get him down off the roof of the house or barn. But now the Wanderer just can't figure how he

In commenting on the fire of last week in which a city fireman, Lester Collins, was painfully burned, John Martz told the City Commission Monday night that "all the good soldiers are not at the battle front." Commissioner Martz went on to say that, in usual practice of fighting fires Captain Stanley J. Pepperell would have been on the end of the fire line fighting the fire at 285 Park street. But because Captain Pepperell had been ill, Fireman Collins insisted on manning the line. Collins' training as a fireman led him to instantly close his eyes and hold his breath the second the blast struck. He kept his eyes shut from his eyes and out of his lungs. He is expected to recover. The Wanderer believes there are many other instances of heroism not only among the firemen but among the citizens. Surely "not all the good soldiers are at the battle front."

EMERGENCY ADVANCE of all Deadlines!

Due to wartime manpower problems of producing this newspaper, we are compelled to make the following changes in "deadlines for all copy," as follows:

CLASSIFIED ADS must be in by 5 o'clock each Tuesday of the week of insertion.

DISPLAY ADS must be in by six o'clock each Tuesday evening.

SOCIAL NEWS must be in our office by 5 o'clock each Tuesday afternoon. **CLUB NEWS** must be in by Monday noon, as usual.

STRAIGHT NEWS COPY must be in our office by 9 o'clock each Wednesday morning.

This advanced schedule will go into operation beginning the issue of April 19, which means that all copy for that issue begins April 12, simultaneous with the issue of the already then produced edition of April 12.

The Birmingham Free Press

ever did crawl up the corner of buildings like a fly and out onto the roof. Boys are generally so full of energy that the daily routine of activities, school, good turns and sports does not use it all up and they just naturally seek ways of expending this abundance of energy. Those civic and recreational programs are said to provide games in which boys may participate quite readily. They are needed, too, every day the year around.

Harvey Croze, resident photographer at Cranbrook, won fourth prize in the San Francisco International Color Slide Salon for the photo entitled "Portrait of Mary." The judges awarded the prize for the unusual use of the camera as a creative medium. Here multiple exposure and colored light beams were used to create a design based on a portrait study.

Tiny Carol Rohrer, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rohrer, 887 North street, isn't going to get caught out in the rain. The other day while she was with mother, visiting aunt Mrs. Violet Mattice, 216 South Woodward, she overheard a remark that the weather looked like a rain storm might hit the town any minute. But Carol did not want to miss her outdoor play and asked mother to "call all me mother when it starts raining."

Bobby Thomas, seven year old, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thompson, of 264 Ferndale. He knows what to do when he has a flat tire. His insurance may not include road service, but when he needs it he does just like old So. The other day he pranced into Meke's Service Station and told the mechanic that he had a flat and fix a flat. Then he went back home to wait, but he made one mistake. He had another which he had done. Said Mother, "you get on that phone right now and call the man at the station that the flat tire is on your bicycle, because if he comes over here and finds it out he'll spank both of us."

Birmingham is going to have a "Civic Parade" day for early May. At least a start has been made for such a day when Mayor Wilner recently recommended the plan to the City Commission Monday night. He suggested it be combined with the annual Clean-Up day of week and asked City Manager H. H. Corson to begin work now on plans. Mayor Moody said he had in mind a busy city-wide organization to make much of the day. Let's make this city really clean and very attractive this year, he said. And the Wanderer suggests that the cleanup work start right now.

Property owners adjacent to the "Civic Parade" alley cannot agree among themselves as to the kind of an alley improvement they want, and the Birmingham Planning Commission cannot agree with early plans drafted by the manager's office. This lot of new lots was conveyed to the city Commission Monday night by City Manager Corson. It seems some owners want one thing while others want something different. And the manager's office is doing the all. The engineering department wants something good enough to handle traffic increases for years to come. So maybe there will be no improvement at all.

Better get your car brakes tested. It might prevent an accident and also prevent you from getting into the police for Birmingham is again joining in the nationwide brake-check program April 15 through June 1. The program here is being sponsored by and conducted by the police department and the entire program is sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police both as a safety measure and to help conserve the fast disappearing supply of passenger cars, according to Chief of Police John J. Hackett. Birmingham police invite you to cooperate by having your car parked in top mechanical condition immediately. Chief Hackett said "a quick check, now may save a big check later."

Folks do pay their personal property taxes in Birmingham. As evidence of the truth of this statement the Wanderer quotes from the report of City Treasurer Russell T. Berger, who in his annual statement to the City Commission, included a statement that he had received as of the end of one item of \$197.10 on the personal property tax roll. "And I expect to collect that tax," he concluded. Other tax collections have been almost as high, he told the Commission, collecting 95.58 per cent of the city taxes and 93.88 per cent of the county and school taxes. The Wanderer considers this a good tax collecting in anyone's language.

Better begin saving your pennies for the Birmingham Girl Scouts will hold their Penny Day on Saturday, June 2. Large groups of uniformed Girl Scouts and their leaders will be building those lines of pennies on the streets that day, if it does not rain. Of course in case of rain they will ask that you save your pennies, and add to

the pile, for the next Saturday. The Girl Scouts take this means of raising funds for their various activities. Mrs. Robert F. Kohr, leader, secured permission to hold the money raising event from the City Commission Monday evening. The girls that you "save those pennies for June 2."

Which of the Birmingham male service clubs stages the best "barbershop harmony"? After listening to all of them for years, this Wanderer wonders if that aggregation of Masons who comprise the Hi-Twelve Club are not the best. He had to see them on the other night and, boy, did they mingle their tenors with the lower ranges of concert of sweet sound.

Have you noticed the activities of local folks as the weather warms house-cleaning in their yards and gardens? It's wonderful how a few hours of effort in this direction change the appearance of homesites, Birmingham and vicinity. The Wanderer has seen many other instances of heroism not only among the firemen but among the citizens. Surely "not all the good soldiers are at the battle front."

As the Wanderer sat by his fire on the midnight hour Monday, sort of dreamily thinking of his sons in far distant parts of the telephone bill broke in on his dreaming. The Wanderer learned one son, Eugene Kenneth North of Niles, California, graduated from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and was calling to make sure dad was in the house when he reached Birmingham Tuesday night. The Wanderer suspects this "son" was not acted in hundreds of Birmingham homes and how welcome that word of the return home of some lad really is.

The fine evenings that we have been experiencing in Birmingham this spring have been punctuated by a bevy of stars in the heavens each evening. For a week these will be augmented by a horde of 62 Hollywood stars, who will be making their appearance at the Bloomfield Theatre in "Hollywood Canteen." Virtually every star who is about will be on the line of fun at the Bloomfield this week. Besides the individuals, ranging in talent from the late E. Brown to Roy Roger's horse, "Trigger," there will be name bands including the Andrews Sisters and the Golden Gate Quartette, not to mention the Sons of the Pioneers, who load of the kind of entertainment servicemen get if they get to Hollywood.

Maybe you feel Birmingham is not the safest place in the world as far as automobile and traffic is concerned, but the National Safety Council has other views. The national opinion poll reveals Birmingham with a high rating. The city has been placed in the honorable mention class for cities of the 10,000-25,000 class of cities. Detroit won top place in its population group 500,000 population or more. Flint and Grand Rapids won the 100,000 to 250,000 class. Lansing won the grand prize among cities and communities with grand prize among states.

Early arrival of spring-like weather in Michigan is bringing not only a premature end to the damage to crops caused by deer. Farmers of downstate Livington county and of the Blue River county "deer country" join in complaints that deer herds are running in fields of winter wheat and alfalfa. Deer have been seen near Birmingham but no reports of damage have been received here.

Mrs. Robert H. Peck and Mrs. R. H. Soule have given five hundred hours of volunteer work to the "War Relief Aid" program, the Wanderer is told, for a lot more women to do such work in Birmingham and Oakland county.

The public hearing on the recommendation to close a part of Floyd street and an alley in that part of the city so that a large group of lots can be converted into a public park, is to be held April 30 before the City Commission. The city is in the midst of a deal to purchase a number of lots just south of Lincoln on Floyd and plans to improve the property as a park or playground as soon as war conditions will permit.

Brick Cape Cod

HERE'S a listing for the young marrieds or their parents who want comfortable, compact and well located suburban housing. This property is in Beverly Hills in the section West of Southfield.

On the 1st floor: living room, dining and den or bedroom with lavatory adjacent. Upstairs, 2 bedrooms and bath. Oil heat, refrigerator and stove, included. 2 car garage.

Possession is subject to tenant rights.

Redecorating would be desirable.

Financing on a new F.H.A. basis will require \$3,500 down and monthly payments including taxes of \$59.50.

Appointments are necessary for inspection. We are, of course, anxious to serve you.

SNYDER BUCK & BENNETT INC.
THEATRE BUILDING BIRMINGHAM 1400

Register Now for accommodations for WAR WORKERS

You can help a lot to maintain the health and morale of those employed in war industries by listing available facilities in your vicinity. If you know of any

RESORTS • ROOMS • TOURISTS HOMES COTTAGES • HOUSES • CAMP SITES

send a post card with your name on it and we will send you absolutely FREE

A REGISTRATION BLANK

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN TOURIST AND PUBLICITY ASSN.
1007 Strah Bldg. • Detroit 26, Michigan

(USE ECCENTRIC WANT ADS FOR BEST RESULTS)

CARSON BINGHAM

INSURANCE

BINGHAM & BINGHAM
INSURANCE
PHONE 2000
110 WABEEK BLDG.
Service Built Our Business... since 1921

Superlatively Lovely

And the views from the broad picture windows of the entire site are breath taking.

There are now many rooms in this house—but each is so sensibly planned as to its usefulness and so attractively finished that you will—in recollection—swear there are more rooms than you have seen. From the living room and dining bay are presented simply gorgeous views of the entire valley, stream and two miniature waterfalls. For that matter you have the same views from the ultra modern kitchen and the master bedroom. There are three bedrooms in all and three baths.

Your gayer moods should be appeased with the recreation room and bar panelled in wormy chestnut and gaily colored leathers. The carpeting, drapes, electric stove, two electric refrigerators, the Bendix washer and the power lawn mower are included in the purchase price.

The very best of mechanical equipment has been incorporated throughout—Bertossi air conditioned heat, copper plumbing, automatic Permutit water softener and filter, turbine pump for well and the like.

FOR GOOD VALUES AND CHOICE HOME SITES CONSULT:
JOHN W. KNECHT, Realtor
1892 S. Woodward
Phone 4870
(20 Years Licensed in Real Estate)

RALPH A. MAIN CIVIL ENGINEER and SURVEYOR
Subdivision Design and Layout Certified Lot Surveys
Wabek Bldg. Birmingham
Phone B'ham 721

INSURANCE - BONDS THE BIRMINGHAM AGENCY
CHAS B RANDALL OSCAR P PETERSON
Insurance for Every Need
PHONE 840
1065 WOODWARD-BIRMINGHAM

FARM BARGAIN
80 Acres, Close to Oxford, Good Land slightly rolling. Fences fair, 7 Room Farm House (lends itself nicely to modernization). 2 Barns, Nice surrounding Properties. For quick sale \$75.00 per Acre.

Enjoy the Fun of a Hayride Party
For Reservations Phone B'ham 3405-34
SADDLE HORSES BOARDED - SOLD
WOOD FARMS
5500 N. Adams Rd.

HEATING & OIL BURNER Service & Repair Work
BIRMINGHAM 4359
E. A. CHAMBERLAIN Licensed Plumber PROMPT SERVICE

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU INSPECT IT NOW
MAX BROOCK INC. REALTORS
ESTABLISHED 1903
112 S. Woodward Birmingham 1212

E. S. JACKSON & CO.
Phones 687 or 2561 692 So. Woodward