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Outside my window, the other day, a bright red cardinal's notes sang from a high tree; spring was in the air, birds were bursting on tree and bush, the grass had acquired a welcome green color; but, in these tumultuous times, I wish that I could feel as joyful and as glad as that cardinal seemed to be so well.

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Bits of Birmingham

Birmingham's Rotary Club (as do others) has a "sherbet" chap who weekly assesses fines for various unimportant reasons, then generally provokes much humor in collecting them. Harry E. Bissett occupies that job with Rotary here and displays with pride the big tin star he fastens to his lapel at luncheons. "Harry represents the personality of the tax collector, but is successful in his way because he always wears a big smile," said one Rotarian this week. "Why doesn't Morgenthau take lessons from Harry?"

High winds and deep snows allowed the winter program of lake bottom mapping conducted by the conservation department's institute for fisheries research. Reporting results, Dr. A. S. Hazard, institute director, says that mapping lakes in Oakland county was completed. Crews of men made soundings of lake depths through holes bored in the ice, enabling them to map bottom. Samples of lake bottom soils were taken also.

Mother was cleaning house and when father arrived home in the late afternoon he remarked to Mr. Four-Year-Old, "I guess you and I will have to stay at the hotel tonight. Mother has the bedroom all torn up." The word "hotel" was new to the young man as it is evidenced by his remark later in the evening. After dinner the small son dozed, his overcoat and hat and, when asked "Where are you going?" answered, "I'm going to hell, too!"

A number of Birmingham residents have reported, during the last few days, an epidemic of lost purses. One businessman reported having lost his purse in a theater the other day, only to have it returned to him the next day, with none of the money or papers missing. But one young woman was not so lucky. She lost her purse and thus far it has not shown up. The Wanderer might suggest that people exercise care in regard to their purses.

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Birmingham hunters who plan deer hunting expeditions to Northern Michigan next fall will be interested to learn that unless there are severe snow storms and sub-normal temperatures in northern

EMERGENCY ADVANCE of all Deadlines!

Due to war-time 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 4 1/2 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 12, 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 Eccentric Michigan this spring, loss of deer from starvation during the cold months will not be large, according to conservation department game men. Some losses may be expected in over-browsed yarding areas, especially in the upper peninsula, but deer have been able to move about freely below the Straits in their search for food.

The Wanderer was sitting at a local drug store counter enjoying a cup of coffee. A young woman and her small son, of perhaps four years, came and sat on the next stool. "Have you any ice cream?" the mother asked the clerk. "No, only sherbet," answered the clerk.

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swered the clerk. "Would you prefer peach or strawberry flavor?" "One dish of strawberry," ordered the young mother. Then to Junior, "Darling, there is no ice cream, only sherbet. Do you think you would like sherbet?" Before he could answer she said, "Take your hand off the counter." Junior dropped his hand to his lap and glanced at his mother who sat at ease leaning on her elbow. Just then the clerk placed the sherbet onto his knees and grabbed the spoon. "He was frankly drooling and didn't care what the stuff was called. It looked good. His mother leaned over and said to him, 'You know, darling, that isn't ice cream. That's only sherbet. Are you sure you like it?'" Junior, with a mouth full of the delicious stuff, didn't answer. In fact, Junior had said nothing since climbing onto the stool. But if environment means anything, well, Junior will soon be saying plenty.

With only about one-sixth of the delegates voting participating, the cities of Flint and Pontiac voted a preference for Central War Time in an advisory election in connection with the regular city and state elections in those two cities Monday. In each city the City Council had asked the advisory election be held.

Just what Cleveland Collins is going to do with that used make-up kit, once the property of the late Jean Harlow, is something his friends would like to know. News comes from the Detroit Variety Club, which secured a lot of such things for their 6th War Loan Drive, that this make-up kit was turned over to the Birmingham man. The campaign was a part drive of the Motion Picture Industry division of the War Activities Committee.

Sure enough, spring is here. Anyway, the Wanderer noticed a Birmingham resident running his lawn sprinkler one evening last week. And then there are those flowers in bloom here and there about the city. "Sure looks good," declared an old timer who admitted he was a bit tired of the long winter with its steady diet of snow.

"How does your garden grow?" Yes, that's a rather familiar question this time of year among folks who believe in planting their gardens early. Mrs. Chester E. McCormick, 1280 Cranbrook, is one of those believing in early planting and reports her garden peas were up on March 26. She planted them March 12 and thinks the seed made rapid progress. "Looks like a nice stand, too," she continued.

John E. Martin, 815 Oakland, recently spent a few days in New York City, one evening attending a banquet where squash was served. The next day he walked several blocks with another chap, passing a building noted for its pigeons thereabouts. "We both remarked that there seemed to be a real scarcity of pigeons that day follow-

ing the banquet—and really agreed it might have been part of the tough menu of the evening before," reports Mr. Martin. Mrs. James (Sue) Oliver, of Washington, has been spending several days here with the Norman Lyle family, Yorkshire road, with her were two sons, Bill, 10, and Dick, 6. At a little "open house" gathering at the Lyle's Saturday night Sue was argued into singing several songs (which she does very nicely). She went through "Bless This House," accompanying herself on the piano. When the applause died off young Dick, who is proud of his mother's talents, chirped up: "Go on, Mother, sing one you know your good." She did two more—the last one being something about a meat ball.

Once in a while the Wanderer has been told, those little boys, always under foot and otherwise in the way, really come by handy. One day while some folks were glad they are around. The other day a lass, of say around 17 years, appeared in an automobile, wearing a license burban, took the test and secured her permit. But when she went to pay for the clerk, she was without funds. Mother was coming for her so she waited. But when mother arrived she was out of funds. But little brother has along an old piped up, "I've got a nickel in my pocket. I'll bring to light enough silver money to pay the bill. And the Wanderer, he had it returned to him the minute the group arrived back. He really deserved an ice cream cone, too.

Residents of Birmingham have been asked to contribute 500 pounds of clothing for destitute civilians of Allied countries during the nation-wide Clothing for the Countries drive, which opened Sunday all over the country. In Birmingham April 18 has been set as the day the collection will be made. City Trucks will call in all parts of town on that day for bundles and boxes of clothing set out in the curb for this purpose. The Wanderer has been asked again to remind everyone in the city of the drive and the people who are asked to "give something to help clothe the needy in Allied countries."

The early season spring house cleaning time has brought from Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith a plea for extreme care in cleaning clothing and other things about the house and other matters of safety, such as careful use of step ladders, in connection with this plea about gasoline a reader of the Eccentric recalled an interesting bit which he passed on to the Wanderer: There was once a man named Mac, who was cleaning his slacks in a shack; he used gasoline and that's the last that was seen of Mac, his slacks, or his shack.

Ferty runs by the Birmingham fire department in March... that's quite some record, but nevertheless it's true. The record had not yet been catalogued but it totals that figure. Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith said the first fires were mainly grass fires and roof fires on homes with wood shingles. The fire chief seemed happy over the Monday morning rain. "It's going to slow up those grass fires," he declared. "The rain and the green growth in the woods and the grass are going to make the fire situation less acute."

Britain went on "double summer time" Monday, according to a news dispatch from London. This is six hours ahead of Birmingham time.

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