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As long as one is alive, the possibility of dispute with another is inevitable. Dispute is a manifestation of competitive thoughts; uncontrolled, competitive thoughts lead to harsh words; when harsh words are a-flying, reason goes out the window, and mutual trust and affection goes with it. Control is the brain.

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## Bits of Birmingham

This Wanderer noticed a poison ivy victim here the other day and was told there is considerable of this poison in the woods and fields about the Birmingham area. If this is true the following information may not come amiss—these protection against poison ivy discomfort is soap and water. Persons who have been tampered through the woods are advised by the conservation department to wash thoroughly afterwards, whether or not they think they have rubbed against poisonous plants. The skin should be washed with a thick lather of yellow kitchen soap, rinsed afterward with rubbing alcohol, and scrubbed with cold water. There is no sure cure for a bad case of ivy poisoning. Some suggestions: Don't scratch, as scratching can spread the infection; dressings soaked in a solution of mentholated salve will afford relief. Boils or other covering for the ankles will help to prevent infection.

Some people in this area appear deeply interested in an express motor road from Chicago to Detroit, while others see the immediate need for a similar highway from Detroit, just east of Birmingham and up into the Pontiac region and on north to the Straits. But some folks who use Telegraph Road extensively tell this Wanderer that they would settle for a four lane highway on that section of Telegraph road, from Lone Pine road south through the two-lane area. Sometimes the traffic really gets heavy on the section in question and some party or parties out to see the signs and not caring to maintain any degree of speed really do slow up the works. So here's one for Highway Commissioner Charles N. Ziegler to put down on his list of roads for early action.

Yellow paint, used to mark the lanes on various highways, continues to be very scarce and impossible to procure but the state has found a white paint that works very well and has been marking the highway north and south of Birmingham. Local motorists approve the effort, especially on those new black-top sections.

where there have been no lane markings at all. And out on the roads farther away—two lane roads—fresh markings right down the middle would help out, autoists tells the Wanderer. "It helps a lot, especially at night," one autoist said.

A young lady from Birmingham was shopping in Detroit the other day and wanted to get from Hudson's to the Detroit News building. Not being quite sure just where the News Building was she halted a taxi and told the driver where she wanted to go. Imagine her consternation when the driver turned around and said, "I'm new here, you'll have to tell me how to get there."

A certain man, employed in one of the local offices was trying to get an electrical fan fixed the other day. We rather think she meant to oscillate.

These warm soles for days may be a bad time to remind people they may need blankets next winter. The Wanderer was attracted to an advertisement in last week's issue of The Eccentric. The heading read: "Mid-Summer Night Comfort . . . Blankets." Sure, we read the advertisement. We just had to go with such introduction.

Harvey E. Whaley, who came back to Birmingham last week from his present home in Pasadena, Calif., has a considerable experience. Harvey was unlucky enough to draw reservations in a sweepstakes which the repair crew had no time to make repairs. The car was swept out and cleaned a bit and Harvey and Harvey found the temperature ranging around a 100 white the car was passing through the desert country. This would not have been so bad, he says, but the dining room was hot. The air conditioning was certainly working there. The contract was almost too much and Harvey did another bit of a solid making those temperature changes. He says he hopes he has better luck going back west.

A Bloomfield woman told the Wanderer the other day that she was having trouble remembering just where she was when she made a trip to the new located postoffice there. The postoffice has been moved from a room in the Kincaid Inn to the new building at one time by the first department in the garage building just to the west. "I don't know whether I am in the garage for my car or in the post office to mail my letters," she remarked as she was walking away from the door into the garage and not back into the postoffice occupied in the Inn is to be rearranged and will become a part of the Inn.

A number of Birmingham residents by own and operate farms have said they will drive to East Lansing on September 4 for the Michigan State Fair. They will attend the Michigan State Fair on the campus of Michigan State College. And this Wanderer, who is a member of the local farm operators will take some of their city neighbors with him to the Lansing fair. The progress of the fair is being reported of interest to both farm and city dwellers. And those going, especially those who do not like the demonstration of DDT for controlling flies.

Mark Bellaire, who runs the Town Crier column daily in the Free Press and also dabbles a bit in sports and in radio, was the guest speaker at Monday's Rotary luncheon at Embury Methodist church. The program was a sort of question and answer affair and for half an hour questions were coming from all corners of the dining room. Harold Boerger, of the Lion's club was a guest, and asked for information as to "how many Rotarians are going to play in that Rotary-Loons-Exchange club golf tournament at Glen Oaks next week Wednesday afternoon?" Nine names were listed but a dozen or more are expected to enter. Golf will be followed by a dinner that night at the club.

In these days of air travel for just about everything—even race horses—this Wanderer was not surprised to find a package of grapes the other day with the slogan: "Fresh as Fresh Air." The fruit was from California, brought to Birmingham via the Magic Carpet air-borne foods system. And of course as is the case with a lot of California fruits and vegetables, the box was marked "main office Salinas, Calif."

A Birmingham baseball fan predicts that the Detroit Tigers continue their fast pace the rest of the week on the road that old ball park in Detroit is going to be packed to the roof for the double header on August 12. Several hundred Birmingham fans are planning on being there to see the turf that day.

This food situation takes some unusual turns, usually going from one extreme to the other. Just within the past month the potato shortage was severely felt in

Birmingham. It was almost as difficult to get potatoes as it was cigarettes. But during the past week nearly every store had potatoes and in some there was no line to the pounds one could buy. Now comes word that home grown potatoes are coming in so rapidly there appears likely to be an over supply. The Wanderer is told that the Bay City area alone is expected to yield a million bushels. That worry is over and if one could just get rid of the worry of the red food point supply, life at meal time would seem rather normal again.

Yes, the meat situation eased a bit in Birmingham the past week end. There was more meat in most every store, with a variety, too. Not much pork but most other kinds of the much wanted meats. No, this Wanderer did not find any bacon, although there might have been a few pounds here and there. The point situation of course was very, very much eased, for the new points all came into use the past week. So many folks had points and most stores had meat and most people agreed, it really was a nice setup.

A Birmingham church circle recently undertook to write a letter and send it to each of the sons of members in the service of their country. The circle just received a "Thank You" letter from one of the boys now more than twenty thousand miles from home. "We didn't get any help, although I do to keep up in good spirits," he wrote. "The Wanderer suggests you write over to your sons or friends in war service. The boys never get too many letters from home or friends."

Bloomfield Hills police complain that some auto drivers apparently need two or three traffic laws for their driving. This is bad enough police report, but when they have to drive up and over the curb and then back into traffic the matter really needs attention. Sometimes, too, the road is not wide enough and someone drives off the highway, or backs off into the trees. Neither item makes for safe driving for others, they contend. Anyway this time the police found some interesting facts on the police records which disclosed that George Arvan had a fine and costs on a reckless driving charge and Henry Balsler, of Clawson paid \$20 when police found his car off the road and against a tree.

The other day this Wanderer was at the police station when a resident called the department with the information that his wife was leaving on a two weeks' vacation and that the house and grounds would be closed during their absence. This seems a good practice for in driving past police can easily keep a watch for intruders. The same plan is being worked up in Bloomfield Hills.

Last week Mark Dance, of the DTW reported he would endeavor to send a man with a power mowing machine to cut the grass and weeds in Booth Poppleton Park and that he hoped the task could be completed by the end of last week. And sure enough his Wanderer paid a visit to the park and found a really good job of grass

## Guides Britain



Maj. Clement Attlee, leader of the British Labor Party, holds the reins of Britain's government as Prime Minister, after Labor's landslide to a two-to-one majority in the House of Commons. The Labor Party in Britain is not strictly a union members' organization, but includes intellectuals and professional people. Its adherents correspond roughly to New Dealers in the U. S.

and weed cutting had to stop. Thanks, Mark, and the boys look 100% great. Now some of the gardeners will have to cut the weeds close up to their crops and pull rags from their corn rows. There are still some places about the city that could stand more cleaning up. Most of them, however, are private property.

**MANY MINOR FIRES**  
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