

When men and women, cease to trust those they know rather well, how can they be expected to trust others? Maybe that is why many lenders today fail to make money, for democracy can only work best when there is a dominance of mutual trust within that type of governmental unit.

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So much license has been taken with Early American architecture that we "bubble over" a little in our enthusiasm for something authentic.

White painted brick, fieldstone and clapboard are blended most attractively. Broad cornices, wide returns, contrasting shutters and the covered entryway are truly typical.

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Four dandy bedrooms, and three baths comprise the second floor accommodations; that they are bright and cheery goes without saying.

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Valentine cards of course should have gone into the mails long ago, but if the sender anticipated they would reach the girl by Valentine's Day, it's the general principle we're talking about. The Birmingham post office warns that cards and letters of particular date should go into the mails far in advance if the sender expects them to be delivered to the Birmingham area, now located perhaps halfway around the world from here. Just remember "mail those cards and letters in plenty of time."

After Groundhog Day comes the maple sugar season. Old Doc Grouting has predicted the snow will not all leave in a hurry and indicates the sugar bushes of this area should yield some delicious maple syrup and sugar again this year. And now comes word out of East Lansing that the U. S. Weather Bureau, located there, feels it's time to begin tapping sugar maple trees. "Hang those buckets immediately," is the warning. Sugar makers say the February flow is sweeter and more valuable than the regular March flow. The sap is expected to start flowing right away, according to the weather men. It sounds a bit early to the Wanderer who spent many years in the far north part of the state. But if it's time to start, let's start.

It seemed a bit unusual to the Wanderer the other day when a group of Birmingham hunting enthusiasts were talking about the coming bird season. Outside the snow was falling and along the highway snow was piled up two or three feet high. Still these hunters seemed to be in a good mood, talking of the coming season. The Put Huron-Madine race date has been set for July while the Port-In-Bay regatta will be August 4-8.

Thoughtless hunters are passing up an opportunity to build good will among farmers on whose lands they hunt, according to the conservation department. Complaints are received from farmers who say that they are feeding corn to pheasants because of the relative severity of the weather this winter but that no sportsmen are coming forward with offers to share the expense. The Wanderer suggests that Birmingham hunters contact farmers in their favorite hunting areas at once with offers to share in the feeding expense in those areas.

Oakland county is represented by 287 students at Michigan State college this quarter. Registrar Robert S. Linton has announced. He said 55 men and 232 women from here are among the 3,662 civilian students registered at MSC for the winter term. Students from 78 Michigan counties, 37 other states, the District of Columbia, two U. S. territories, and 11 foreign countries are enrolled. Wayne leads all Michigan counties with 720 of the 3,169 state students.

A class in home nursing sponsored by the Oakland County chapter of the American Red Cross, was held last night by Mrs. Earl Gasow, R. N., at Birmingham Community House beginning this evening at 7 o'clock. Those wishing to enroll may do so at this meeting.

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"Or would you rather be an owl?" But owls, especially those Acadian or saw-whet owls are not such bad birds as some persons might think. Ranch residents around Birmingham are being told by Oscar McKinley Bryson, farmer-ornithologist, that these owls are about the best mousers one can get for around his barn or other buildings. The saw-whet owl, as most folk around here know these birds, is the smallest of Michigan's owls. It is less than eight inches in length and its brown and gray feathers blend perfectly with weathered barn or ranch building timbers. Where these owls make their home is the least likely place to find them.

Rep. Howard R. Estes of Birmingham was an interested listener at a meeting held recently in Lansing by State Treasurer Hale Burke, at which cities of Michigan were presenting their financial pictures for review. In talking to the Wanderer Mr. Estes expressed his high satisfaction with the method used by City Manager Harold H. Corson presented the case of the City of Birmingham. "I certainly felt proud of the way in which Mr. Corson was able to give all the facts. He showed what a capable city manager he is by his ability to give all the necessary data concerning the cost of operation of our city government."

"During these war days it seems very easy to have some one go out of their way to give prompt, courteous service," declared Mrs. Ralph H. K. today in telling of the fine assistance she had received on train service, following a call to the Grand Trunk Birmingham passenger station. "Numerous persons have told me the same story," she said. "I am sure that all seem to agree that train service information from the local station is being handled with a smile. It makes one want to use the trains more when we receive such courteous assistance."

Coming to Birmingham on Feb. 23, 24, 25, and 26 will be George C. McGowan, deputy collector of internal revenue, who will be out of the Port-In-Bay office. He will be at the commission room in the Municipal Building to assist Birmingham taxpayers who wish aid in preparing their income tax returns for 1944. These returns must be filed by March 15.

From "Way Down Under" there came to Birmingham this week a letter of keen interest to the Wanderer and his family, for it brought the news that the North had stopped at Hobart, the southernmost city of Tasmania, for a short stay while enroute southward in service of his country. The letter was just one of those friendly letters that come from Tasmania to a home in United States, relating how the American and some of his business associates were happy after a trip of 12,000 miles from Birmingham to no one knew just where the writer, Brenda J. Welch, an Australian WAAAF member, related how she had spent two years in Australia as a volunteer for the Air Force and how, during those months away, she had appreciated someone taking her to her home. She and her mother, motoring to the ocean beach, overlooked a group of American servicemen and took them the remaining distance. After a visit there she took the men back to the Welch home for "tea."

"At the beach the boys enjoyed walking on the sand and watching the petting and swimming. Later we went home to tea or rather supper at 7 p. m. Australia usually have afternoon tea at 4; then some have tea at 6:30 again but the later meal is more like 'high tea' or supper; usually a hot dish or cold meat and salad, bread and butter and jam; tea to drink and sweet stewed fruit or fresh fruit. The alternative is dinner at 6:30 and supper at 10 or 10:30. The boys enjoyed raspberries and cream; they picked the berries themselves and we had been lucky enough to have some scalded cream off the milk. Later we sat and talked and all tried to improve our geography and history, which is perhaps the only good thing which a war does. Then Bob played the piano for us. Bob looked well and happy; sent his love to you all and said they were enjoying themselves," and the letter will be answered. Perhaps Americans might take a leaf from this Tasmanian girl's notebook and send a friendly greeting to the homes of whom they happen to meet in this country.

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More Clothing On Way For Spring

For many months many Birmingham mothers have been complaining of the scarcity of children's clothing, many items of men's clothing and occasionally complaining that they were unable to find some items of women's clothing.

To them the announcement this week that there is to be more cotton clothing ordered made up will be of much interest. And of still additional interest will be the word that more clothing from rayon and woolen fabrics and suit fabrics is to be added to the list.

The War Production Board revealed that beginning March 1 production of low cost clothing will be allotted as much as 90 per cent of all stocks of most popular cotton fabrics not needed for military purposes.

The current action applied only to cotton textiles. "Setaside" for rayon and woolen fabrics will be announced later. Items to be produced from the allocated fabric include dresses for infants, girls and women; blouses and nightgowns; men's and boys' shirts, shorts and pajamas; children's rompers and nightgowns; girls' slips, blouses and panties and boys' wash suits.

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

15TH AAF in Italy—Bruce Robertson, 29, who makes his home with his sister, Mrs. John T. Feehan, 28279 Atholme, Birmingham, Mich., a radio operator and gunner on a 15th AAF B-24 Liberator bomber in a heavy bombardment group based in Southern Italy, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. He wears the Distinguished Unit Badge with one Bronze Cluster as a member of a veteran bomb group which has been twice cited for "outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

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CHARLES M. ZIEGLER
State Highway Commissioner
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Real Estate Board Votes Approval Of City Planning Idea

The Birmingham Real Estate Board held its regular luncheon meeting at the Community House last Tuesday. Lloyd S. Linton, the newly elected president, gave his inaugural address and laid special emphasis on the Code of Ethics under which the members of the Birmingham Board operate.

Article No. 34 was particularly emphasized and it reads as follows: "A Realtor should not at any time be instrumental in introducing into a neighborhood a character of property or occupancy, members of any race or nationality, or any individuals whose presence will clearly be detrimental to property values in that neighborhood."

A report was given by Clyde C. Bennett regarding a Citizens' Committee which is endeavoring to promote an over-all plan for the cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, the Birmingham school district and Bloomfield Township. This plan proposes that professional city planners be employed to survey the district and draw up a dynamic plan which can be used as a guide for future growth in this area, which would eliminate costly mistakes which too often occur during a period of rapid expansion. Saarinen and Swenson were recommended to undertake this job.

Board members said they understood that the City of Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and the Birmingham School District have agreed to co-operate in this plan and that it now remains for the City Commissioners of Birmingham to make a decision as to whether or not the City of Birmingham will join in.

The board went on record as a whole heartily recommending this plan.

LEGION PLANS MEETING
On Friday night of this week Charles Edwards Post, No. 14, American Legion, will institute eight new members and welcome six others who are transferring from other posts. Members of David Clark Post, of Clawson, will be guests at this session. On the entertainment program a number of features. A buffet lunch is to be served.

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