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Bits of Birmingham

The sidewalk was bare in front of the Birmingham National Bank and as the Wanderer walked along his foot scuffed up a jingling bit of a tin something that aroused his curiosity and that of Mark Hardin, who has one of our fair city's most ardent and argumentative Roosevelt backers during the past presidential campaign and probably as far back as was necessary. Mark was standing in front of the money machine and heard the tiny tin tinkle as it tinkled toward the curb. One side of the tinker was brass and had a union label stamped on it with black ink, but the other side was painted red, white and blue and although it was much the worse for wear, the letters spelling Dewey and Bricker were still visible upon the white strip of the campaign pin. It had been better days and probably had served better purposes, but its belated moment of glory was only now at hand. Mark Hardin, Democrat, was holding a Dewey button in his hand.

Ingenuity is undoubtedly the next in line to inventiveness, an example of someone's ingenuity abilities is demonstrated on one of the trucks belonging to Milt Bez. Keeping the glass in the rear of the cab of a truck has long been a problem to operators of such vehicles. Heavy wire is often used to do the trick, but even this is inadequate. The problem was solved by Milt's truck by bolting the decorative grating of a warm air furnace duct over the glass, using the very bolt holes that had held it to someone's door.

What will they think of next? Operators of soda fountains, restaurateurs and others who serve food to the girls and boys of Birmingham are cursing the inventor and the day he invented the trick of making bracelets of their spoons. The process involves the theft of a spoon from some unfortunate establishment and then is bent in such a way as to fit the thumb of the fair damsel and laughing Lethargy who engage in such foolery. It is going quite well for the fountain and restaurant operators inasmuch as these spoons are hard to replace. The spoons are beyond our solving abilities so we will leave the solution up to the long arm of the law. It will probably put a spoon bracelet on its wrist before they give up.

Mike Doyle, chief administrator of several jobs at the Wakefield Pharmacy, is a horseman and horse owner. About a year ago Mike received a severe fall from his horse's hoof, severely in the face. Mike was injured badly and it was enough to make a horseman made of lesser stuff give up and retire from his hobby. Not Mike; he'll tell you these days, "I keep a horse because I get a kick out of it."

The Birmingham Business Women, that fine organization of ladies who work in the various businesses of Birmingham, knocked off early last night and went to Detroit to see Oklahoma. These girls had foresight. They have had their tickets for several weeks.

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The Wanderer overheard someone mention the word cigarette, and then LaBelle's store was mentioned in the same breath. We didn't catch the extent of the conversation, which is not unusual, for we seldom do when we're eavesdropping. Anyway, we thought it was worth an investigation and sneaked the back door of LaBelle's and asked a few under-the-breath questions of Betty Chapman and Marge Shepherd. What we discovered was that they had just received some sterling cigarette holders. What, let-down. What a situation, holders more plentiful than cigarettes, but what do we care, we don't smoke.

Said a lady in waiting the other day (waiting for someone to bring a book she had loaned them): "All those most of my friends; are poor mathematicians. I mean, all are good bookkeepers." Reminds us of the fellow who remarked on the high price of rice, saying: "No matter how prices fluctuate, paper is always stationary."

One of the best examples of fanatical action, which to the Japanese represents heroism, is portrayed in the story of a veteran GI Joe from the South Pacific told us a week ago. It seems that he and a couple of his buddies cornered a half-pint Jap soldier in a jungle clearing. Instead of instantly shooting him one of them yelled at him. He looked up, saw he was trapped, laid down his gun, reached into his equipment and pulled out a grenade. Then he put the grenade in his pants, put it back on his head, sat down, crossed his legs and folded his arms. He looked up, flashed a toothy grin and soon he was on his way to join his honorable ancestors.

The Lions club is an organization of grown men and their conduct is always in the true adult manner. Therefore many of them linked and looked again when they saw their club secretary, Don Cummings, drag out a big chair with red and blue stars on which to record attendance during a contest, which has just gotten under way. The big boys get a red star if they are present, a blue star if they make up an absence. The rub comes in when they have to go without any star at all if they miss a meeting.

The Wanderer stood in on a discussion in the street the other morning about three a. m. and heard a group of men who have owned about that amount of time of the night condemn Birmingham restaurant owners for not keeping at least one place open all night. They were of the opinion that there was a crying need for such a place. They thought if the owners would get together and make arrangements for one to keep open at least one month and another the next. They thought by cooperating in such a manner they could be of service to night workers. Then one of them spoke up and reminded the others that there is a war on.

There has been no mention of cats in this column for quite a while. Osborne Feed and Salt Company have a beautiful new kitty that sleeps in the middle of the office floor. The office workers don't bother her because they say she's a good cat. She works nights, they explain. Someone else told the Wanderer about their cat and he decided to take because he had never given it any publicity. He has forgotten the owner now but if that cat's present agent will remind us again, we'll try and get it into the column before we let it run out of our minds.

Switching from the subject of cats, it's time to go to the dogs, and that's what we'll do. C. M. Haywood was in the other day with one of his beautiful German Shepherds. He told us that several months ago he gave one of his dogs over to the T. E. E. Foundation at Rochester to be trained to lead a blind person. The dog has been given the training, but it is so gentle that they are unable to make her firm enough to do the job, he informed us. He is trying to find a good home for that dog and may still be trying. If you are interested you may phone him at 2106. The dog isn't available free, of course, but can be had under the right conditions, for far less than she is worth.

Tom Hawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hawley, of 1377 Lynhurst, came in Saturday morning and announced that he was gathering material on the early history of Birmingham for a Cub Scout project, and could we help him out? We could a little, but why didn't he go over and talk to Dr. George P. Raynolds or Al Bodine down at the news stand? They knew a lot about the history of Birmingham. They had lived here all their lives. Tom shook his head and sadly said, "That wouldn't help; so I have to live here all my life." Tom is eleven.

The Sideline Quarterbacks of Birmingham are going to score another smash hit this Saturday night, when they play host to members of all Baldwin High's basketball squads at the MSC. U. of D. basketball encounter at the Lincoln high school gym in Ferndale. They have purchased the tickets and have made transportation arrangements for the boys. All the boys have to do is be at Baldwin high at 7 p. m. Saturday.

It was plenty frigid in Birmingham last Saturday night, the Wanderer knows, 'cause just as he was about to retire for the night the telephone rang a n d a harassing voice rang out "hey, you left a light on in your office when you went home."

So, there was nothing to do but rub the sleep that had already accumulated, from the peepers and get down there and douse the joggling thing.

We debated whether to get the wreck out of the garage or walk down and get a bit of fresh air in the bargain.

We walked and it was then that we noticed how nippy the atmosphere had become since that beautiful Saturday sun that shone so brightly all day went down.

Today the sun rose at 6:46 a. m. and set at 5:42 p. m., according to a calendar which was bequeathed us by Shain's drug store.

That may be true, but the effects of the sun didn't show in Birmingham that early and it is not broad daylight until nearly 8 a. m. in these cold days.

Seems to us the state legislature just passed a law to set pie clocks back an hour after a number of people had complained that Michigan's time setup was two hours astray. It seems that the counts for the discrepancy in the sun schedule on the calendar and in our observations.

The recent thaws have given Birmingham dais an opportunity to go out into the yard with their offspring and build a snow man. Being an old hand at snow man making, we'll pass along a tip to some of the more inexperienced architects: When you come to the part where you have to stick in chunks of coal for his eyes, nose and mouth, and can't make them

Find a piece of black cardboard, tear paper or a reasonable facsimile and counterink it into the snowball, which resembles the individual's head.

Be careful to get it up near the front so you won't have to dig too far to reach it.

We who have him all ready for face making, take your finger or any handy instrument (what your finger is) and remove snow where the eyes, nose and mouth should be. You can make them just the shape you want them to be and you won't have to be afraid of their falling out.

With a warm sun and mild wind, snow can become another species of vanishing Americans.

The snow builds up in driveways in Birmingham because people don't like to shovel snow. It's easier, during snow and cold weather, to run over the top of it and pack it down until it becomes hard as pavement. Sometimes, when there is enough snow and it piles up between buildings, it packs 10 to 12 inches thick. Comes the Spring, the hard surface loses face

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R. T. BERGER
Acting City Treasurer

February 20, 1945

Bronze Star Medal is Awarded To Cpl. Robert F. Falberg

WITH THE 45th INFANTRY DIVISION, Germany — Corporal Robert F. Falberg, of 983 Chester Street, Birmingham, Mich., has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic achievements during the 95th Division's historic drive on Metz. He is a member of the 320th Engineer Battalion.

During river crossing operations over the flooded Moselle above Metz, German prisoners were being assembled in the small area of the bridgehead in such numbers that the congestion impeded the entire operation.

Corporal Falberg volunteered to man a storm boat and help evacuate the prisoners. Although on other storm boat on the same mission capsize and the passengers presumably drowned in the treacherous currents, Falberg continued to make the hazardous crossing until all the prisoners had been evacuated.

A graduate of Birmingham High School, Falberg attended Michigan College of Mining and Technology for two years.

and the wheels of automobiles cut tracks into the melting surface and the wrecker has to come and haul the automobile out of the driveway. Now, there are three alternatives. You can get busy and shovel the snow that you let lay all winter, but it is wet and heavy now. You can leave your car out at the curb until the snow melts out of the driveway, or you can get a good start and run through the heavy slush when you come home and then get stuck again tomorrow morning and have the wrecker pull you out again. This can go on for several days.

Walking down West Maple, past the Wakefield Building, we noticed two elderly ladies doing over a small child that was obviously a grandchild of one of them. They were both smiling down at the tyke, who was looking up into their faces quite willing to be exploited by grandma. His grandma was explaining to the other lady: "No, he's a boy."

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