

Among the two billion people on this earth there is much trouble; but not all are in trouble. There is much sickness, but not all are sick. There is much poverty, but not all are poor. There is much evil, but not all are evil. To a great extent, each of us can be on either side of these conditions; we are what we think, accept.

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Bits of Birmingham

If you haven't got one, you better get one right away," said George C. McGowan, of Lathrup Townsite, deputy collector of the state revenue, out of the Pontiac offices. He referred to those car stamps the revenue department sells through the post office for \$5 each, and good for a year. The time limit was July 1, for the 1944-45 year; but if you get before your car is tagged you can still get it at any post office. But if you wait and the revenue agent tags your car you will have to report at the treasury department office in Pontiac and buy your stamp there, and also settle any penalty with the department. About fifty Birmingham car owners were rounded Monday night that they had failed to get the necessary stamp and yesterday about as many more awoke to the same fact. That explained why more than the usual number of Birmingham cars were driving to Pontiac. "Better get yours today," said Deputy McGowan, but the Wanderer had beaten the gun and had his safely pasted on his car windshield.

Way back in 1942 the city had estimates on the cost of a portable Diesel engine power motor generator for the water pumping division of the city. Then came harder war times and such an outfit was not bought. Now it has been reported they are back on the market or soon will be and the Wanderer is told the city likely will go ahead with plans. Such an outfit is needed for emergencies. One member of the city government declared, "I guess only God's goodness has gotten us through this far without having to seek auxiliary power for pumping water." "Such a machine would be very good insurance against trouble in connection with the water pumps," said Commissioner Ray A. Falson. City Manager Harold H. Corson is going ahead with his efforts to secure such an outfit.

Those "take your car along" boat trips are proving popular this summer and lately a number of Birmingham cars have been seen coming off the boat at Harbor Springs or Charlevoix, the breaker heart of Michigan's tourist country. This Wanderer was wandering about up there the other day and discovered several other Birmingham families there for vacations. At the same time lunch he ran into Judge Forbes Hascall, up north on a part of his summer vacation. At that time he had several guests of Detroit friends and were located at Goodhart, up near Cross Village. Also there were Mr. and Mrs. Vance Day, while the former was organizing some of the counties for a more rigorous campaign for scrap tin, fats and paper. The Days had a cottage on Lake Michigan.

There is quite a bit of talk going around town that the service clubs of the city, the Rotary, Lions and Exchange, might resume their annual golf tournament this summer. Members of all clubs who used to play in this event are hoping such talks doesn't turn out to be just so much yadda, yadda, yadda. Returning veterans, home for their 30-day furloughs after completing the job in Europe, may want to relax around the house in their blue denim jeans and flaid shirts, but chances are if they have a young sister, she'll be wearing their favorite loafing outfit.

Mayor of Berlin



Maj.-Gen. Floyd L. Parks commands the U. S. First Airborne Army of the occupation in the south and southwestern "American zone" of Berlin.

couple of real cold July mornings, Monday and Tuesday mornings were just about the coldest Birmingham has ever experienced for July 16 and 17. And some of us Birminghamites who had a few days vacation up in the north country, found it was just as cold or colder up there than in Birmingham.

If this is any comfort to you we might relate that food crop conditions appear about the same all over the Lower Peninsula. Right around Birmingham fruit is going to be about a 25 per cent crop; grains fair, with potatoes indicating a fair crop. Riding down on the bus the other day this Wanderer noted some fine grain crops around Vassar and that there were some of the best looking potato fields he had ever seen in Michigan. And many of us around Birmingham look about as good.

With meat so hard to get, it isn't likely that many persons holding venison and permits from the conservation department still have it in cold storage. Such fortunate folk, however, must dispose of their remaining supplies by July 29, final date of such permits. So, if any of you Birmingham folks have any of this fine meat better eat it up at once. Hunters are allowed to keep venison for 60 days after the close of the deer season without permits; may hold it another six months on second permits. Thousands of such permits are issued annually by the department.

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Movie goes, who patronize the Birmingham Theatre, will notice that the familiar figure of Howard Holah is absent due to vacation, and in his place is another manager who hasn't been gone long enough to be forgotten by frequenters of the Bloomfield House. Bill Ahrens is on the job for Holah week and next and if you didn't know what happened to Mr. Ahrens when he left Birmingham was probably the Wanderer's fault. He was made manager of the Annex Theatre on Grand River and that is still his steady job, but he welcomed the chance to return to Birmingham as substitute manager so he could renew old acquaintances.

A certain Birmingham fellow was talking to the Wanderer the other day and the conversation got around to attendance at church. The good man has a wife and two kiddies. A couple of Sundays ago he decided to accompany them to church of the first time in a room's age. When they got to the church door the children started in first and their mommy grabbed them and warned, "let daddy go in first and if it doesn't fall down we'll follow him."

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In the current issue of The Centric since June 1942 and editions there is a feature story about a local girl, Miss Marion Tate, 1472 Bird, who at the age of twenty-one became Detroit's pioneer industrial dietitian, responsible for the scientific feeding of 100,000 workers each week. Miss Tate has been at the Ford Motor Company as a dietitian since June 1942 and in connection to the article, has done a bang-up job.

Not often in Birmingham does the City Commission receive a request for removing of a shade tree from along the street, but Monday night the Wanderer heard read a request from Miss Margaret McCarrall, 421 Park, that the city remove a large elm tree from in front of her property. Miss McCarrall related in her letter that the tree was slowing the growth of other trees along the street; that the tree was damaging the sewer and drainage system; and had grown so tall that it no longer provided shade desired in the yard. City Manager H. H. Corson, inspected the location and recommended a hearing be called for the evening of July 30 in the request. It appears very much as though the Elm workers have to give way to the beautiful maple trees.

Hold everything! Wait a minute! We certainly do want those Birmingham warriors, who so gallantly defeated the Southfield Township baseball team 29 to 19, to get full credit for their feat. The Wanderer got his wires crossed in reporting this athletic event and revealed the score. Under verbal assault of players and parents, Coach Brotzman pleaded to have us recede our error. Now that we have given credit where credit is due we can face the Southend Midgists again. The game was played by the 12-year-old teams of the two communities, Birmingham's south end and Southfield township.

On instruction from Washington the hours for Mondays at the Birmingham War Price and Ration Board have been changed to 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The former hours were 12 noon to 8:30 p.m. The change is ordered because of changing status of civil service employees.

Now the Wanderer is being accused of being in cahoots with the weather man in creating some adverse and unusual weather. But, honest, now we disclaim all knowledge of the weather, how and where it is made and why. But we do know there have been in

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