

To make a mistake is human; to try not to make it again is divine. Mistakes, of themselves, are not bad, unless repeated. Each of us is groping for something finer, better, every day of our lives; only when the groping depends upon materialism alone do we err—the final answer to all human aspirations is spiritual growth.

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Bits of Birmingham

In the July issue of The Rotarian Magazine is an article entitled: "Plan Your Town for 50 Years to Come." It was written by two Birmingham men, Rotarian J. Robert F. Swanson and Ellet Sarrinen, who are architectural offices are in the Wabash Building. These men are doing some pioneering work in that field—even though Birmingham, in need of such a survey, as yet has not decided to engage such expert advice.

Three families on Apple road stand to lose, for this year, their efforts to be patriotic via Victory Gardens. They are H. H. Gardner, Syver K. Thingstad, and William E. Essery. Long hours each has toiled to assist Mother Nature in beating the food shortage—today the crops are coming up in good fashion, but just around the corner, looms disaster. Seems as though the owner of the lot on which the above trio are gardening is going to build a nice home right soon; where part of the gardens are now, soon will be a basement; building activities on the lot will now down the remainder of the proffered. Mr. Essery (to our Victory Garden editor is informed), this year really put his heart into the job; now he is momentarily discouraged—for progress is against a 1945 crop yield. One of the other of the trio, who for some years has toiled

terribly on his garden, is not too unhappy about being relieved of his duties. Because this Wanderer doesn't want to identify this man as Mr. Gardner too openly, no definite statement will be made as to whether it is he or Mr. Thingstad.

Opened in June of 1933, following a national banking holiday with deposits approximately a half million dollars, the Birmingham National Bank has climbed steadily upward since July 3 its combined assets have been over ten millions of dollars—a better-than-average amount for a community this size.

Several local people were dining out one evening last week, at one of those places where, now and then, one can get a steak. The orders were given: two rare, one medium well done, and one well done. When the steaks were served, and one of the diners discovered that his steak was not exactly as desired, he laughed. "Well, guess I'll take it anyway—remember when we could send a steak back at any time and demand that it be supplanted with one exactly as we ordered?"

Herbert H. Gardner, Jr., 172 Aspen road, who recently donned civilian clothes after four and a half years in the U. S. Army, most of which was sent in the southwest Pacific, when asked what his first reaction to the new habit was, replied "My first reaction was to find me unconsciously, on the alert to duck any MP that I might encounter on the street. A local man wearing one of those clothing for four and a half years, and undergo the discipline of military companies such attire, without carrying some of his habits over into post-army life, I guess."

Joe Phister, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Phister, 783 Suffolk road, was injured Thursday forenoon of last week when he was run over by a car driven by Samuel Gates, Detroit, as Joe stepped from between two parked cars on Woodward avenue, near Maple. Gates reported to police that he was driving slowly and he stopped almost in front of his car so close he did not have time to stop the machine. The injured lad was hurried to St. Joseph Mercy hospital for a check-up.

Birmingham's city pension plan is being studied along with other plans as possible legislation by Oakland county for county employes. A committee from the Oakland county board of supervisors has started work of considering several plans, working on instructions of the board. Maintenance employes of the county petitioned for some pension plan for their department. The Wanderer has been told that the Birmingham plan is being slightly considered by several cities now making a study of such plans.

This Wanderer thought he was landing a big one way up north the other day, but he had to take a back seat for ten-year-old Jack Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willis, 1204 Edgewood, who landed a three and three-quarter pound blue while fishing last week of Pontiac. Jack was doing a bit of casting among the lily pads when he hooked the beauty.

A friend (or somebody) in Lansing has a remote connection with our newspaper and, his memory being bad, he sometimes has difficulty trying to remember the name of our publication. The Eccentric. On these occasions he does the best he can with his nipping memory and the other day referred to our business as the "Birmingham Off Center."

Families of returning servicemen are asked to make certain that the new address of the Birmingham Eccentric as soon as the change is made. Many men are now leaving their former locations along the fighting fronts, some moving back to the United States and others to the Pacific theater of war operations. The Birmingham Eccentric can only be mailed where the correct and immediate address is given. So look after this bit of mail business at office for your service man.

Real, honest-to-goodness vine ripeness tomatoes right from the Victory Garden of the Hoyt Metzgers, 743 Harmon, made their appearance Monday and were the first such garden produce reported for this season to this Wanderer. "They are coming along in this shape, as are the other vegetables in our garden," said Mr. Metzger in answer to the Wanderer's question about the tomatoes.

This Wanderer never made a hole-in-one, but from what he has been told it's quite some thrill and one sought for by every golfer. Over at Twin Lakes course, Helmut K. Ammer scored a hole-in-one, using a No. 4 iron. He got away a nice drive and straight into the ball roll slowly and watched into the cup. With him were Bill and Onetta Smith. Ammer's award for the nine hole round lasted 39.

Victory Garden enthusiasts declare that little rain of Saturday night really did a good deal for Birmingham gardens. It put new life into most of the garden crops after the few warm days had dried out and hardened the ground. Monday found quite a few garden crews out cultivating and giving the vegetables that added lift. Most Birmingham gardens are now in full bloom and are producing some of the fruits of their labor.

There are limitations to most everything on earth—including the OPA branch in Birmingham. Not long ago a man came to the counter in the OPA office here; and a new clerk politely asked: "What can I do for you?" "I came

after my B rations," declared the man. "O.K.," replied the clerk, "but you," answered the man, and continued: "Now tell me how many live you have, please. A lot of tonnage and tonnage covered the man's countenance. "Lady, ain't got no live. I don't raise honey. . . all I want is my B ration." To the man's surprise the clerk, through the light of understanding, be got his B rations. (But you can't say that the OPA, through its n.e., wasn't inclined to be completely obliging.)

Last year this Wanderer was asked to help the Michigan Agricultural experimental station secure information regarding any new Anjou variety suitable for Michigan. Now comes a new request for such information. V. R. Gardner, director, has asked that such information be sent in at once. He asks the Wanderer to convey this information. "The Station has been attempting to breed an apricot that bears fruit of good quality and large size and that will do well under Michigan conditions. The tree should be a fairly late bloomer and have the ability to withstand frosts and freezes. Anyone who has an apricot tree, please let me hear from you." (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

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The residence is a model of authentic French architecture. Construction is of hollow tile reinforced with steel beams; exterior is smooth finished cement. The steep sloping roof of heavy blue slate is strikingly handsome. Note the large awning porch which overlooks the lawn and lake.

The first floor consists of a living room, sun parlor with tiled floor, dining room, main hall with beautiful stairway, breakfast room, butler's pantry, tiled kitchen, lavatory, huge porch and terrace. There are four delightful family bedrooms and three lovely tiled baths and a pleasant studio den. Ample servants' quarters are provided on the third floor.

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