

As long as I can remember, I've been convinced that, in spite of mankind's ups and downs, he is destined by his Maker to become better and better, as the years roll on. So, in spite of today's apparent troubles, these "flop" "pops," and upon the soil of our mistakes and successes men will grow finer.

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In Bloomfield Village

A Farmhouse type that is so warm and homelike that you will love it on sight.

- The exterior is warm and rich looking—red brick, fieldstone and clapboard. Regrettably, from the photographer's viewpoint, "Old Man Winter" has stilled the many crocuses, tulips and other gay colored flowering plants and shrubs.
- The family bedrooms—four in all—have particular appeal. Each will comfortably accommodate full twin beds of furniture. The master bedroom is augmented by a good sized dressing room. There are two colored tiled baths with fixtures to match and complete maid's quarters.
- Remarkably good judgment was displayed in the over all plan. There is no waste hall space and each of the rooms on the first floor is so placed that no view may be had from one to the other. All are good sized; the pine paneled library for example, accommodates a "dayen," port and three comfortable chairs—the library is to the right of the picture, and the living room, with fireplace, is to the left.
- The kitchen is modern and truly Early American in its appointments—pine paneled cupboards with attractive linoleum counter tops. A breakfast bay adjoins. Of course there is a first floor lavatory with colored fixtures.
- The stairway and entryway as well as the recreation room, bar and hobby room are pine paneled. Heating is furnished by a Capitol-Aire air conditioning plant. Its efficiency is augmented by adequate insulation and storm sash for all windows. The garage, accommodating two cars, is an integral part of the residence and is conveniently reached from the main hall.
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NOTICE

That a call be issued for holding the Annual Republican, Bloomfield Township Caucus for the nomination of candidates for Bloomfield Township offices at the Biennial spring election (to be held April 2, 1945). Said caucus to be held at the Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Road, just south of Long Lake Road, on Saturday, the 10th day of March, 1945, at 3:00 P. M.

Signed:

WALTER J. BEHN, Chairman

Bits of Birmingham

You may consider the mad rush to cigarette lines a threat to life and limb, but consider for a moment the plight of the Japs isolated on Tinian Island. Three Seabees, all living near the base, tell the story. "The Japs hiding in the hills of Tinian have a craze for American cigarettes," they say. "They come down each night foraging for our food and cigarettes. It's a game of cat and mouse. The Seabees," they continue, "have formed 'dark patrols' which scatter out near the base and spot the pilfering enemy troops sneaking down toward the camp. Then it's like a Michigan rabbit hunt. You can hit your bottom dollar no Jap is going to have a smoke on us."

Among those from Birmingham who are enrolled in courses at the Rackham Educational Memorial, Detroit, in the spring term of the University of Michigan Extension Service are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hattenhouse, Public Street, who are interested in "Descriptive Astronomy and Interior Decoration" respectively; Miss Inez Ruth McCoy of Henrietta street, who is a member of Professor Wesley H. Mansur's discussion course on "Books on Current Economic, Political, and Social Affairs" and Merwin, Jr. of Hillcrest drive, who is playing in the orchestra designed for adults who want to play for fun.

Maybe you did not know it but Col. Edwin S. George, West Long Lake road, has recently given the University of Michigan Fresh Air Camp on Paterson Lake 100 acres of land. The property, valued at 1,300-acre Edwin S. George reserve operated by the University as a natural history laboratory. News of the latest gift from Col. George was given out by the University.

"Sort of a sloppy week end" commented a Birmingham businessman Monday as he stopped to brush the mud spots off his clothes. . . they came from mud splashed by a passing automobile. So the Wanderer asks, most kindly that you motorists make an effort during these muddy days to avoid splashing pedestrians.

All of the fellows on Birmingham's basketball squad were looking for Harold J. Gasser, president of the Sideline Quarterbacks after the Michigan State-Detroit basketball game at Ferndale last Saturday night. The Quarterbacks had treated them to the game and they were looking for him to thank him. Most of them didn't find him in the crowd, so on behalf of Lloyd Cooner and Hal Helmer, coaches, and their brood of bucket-tossers, the Wanderer is hereby thanking Mr. Gasser, and the rest of his organization, for the trip and the tickets.

News from a Red Cross worker reports that the St. Ann's Club, a group of high school boys has just voted to give \$25 to the Red Cross War Fund. The boys are said to have earned the money through parties and similar events during the winter season.

Frequently from one source or another, we hear about ladies riding their children in the top berth of those handy super-market buggies. They usually put the kids in the top basket and their groceries in the bottom one. A lady was looking at the warning sign on the wall of the North Woodward Kroger store and noticed that it said something to the effect that accidents will happen and the store

A lot of Birmingham residents have hobbies and most of them are an interesting. They range all the way from hunting and fishing for the men to gathering this and that by the women. One can notice these hobby folks at work all over the city. The other day out on Holland the Wanderer noticed a big built-in book case devoted to a woman's hobby of gathering salt and pepper shakers, 150 pieces of them, from all over the world. The housewife, Mrs. C. D. Padgett, 1647 Holland, already has gifts from friends in 24 states, Alaska, Canada, Mexico and Germany. And these salt and pepper shakers are taking unusual shapes and representing unusual things. Noted were a pair of hot dogs, watermelons, bottles, jugs and almost everything one could think of. Mrs. Padgett says her hobby is a lot of fun.

The Wanderer took a long bus ride the other night and actually saw drivers refuse to take on more passengers than the capacity of the buses. The trip was about 300 miles in length so the Wanderer could study conditions nicely. At two places passengers waited until later buses or the lines had to stage extra runs.

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will not be liable. She tried to decipher the message by reasoning that the store's management might mean that children might fall out and be hurt, or they might not fall out at all, and still an accident could happen. Most people wouldn't want their groceries damaged either.

Another vote for the meanness in town. Could be a woman, too, by the way. Someone keeps taking newspapers away from the fronts of stores quite regularly in Birmingham. They've been doing it for years and anyone sneaky enough to attempt it will probably get on doing it. Nearly every merchant in town who has a paper delivered in the morning, has told the Wanderer that his paper is stolen frequently.

Mrs. John Wickman, of Madison road, was one of a class of twelve ladies, who completed the Red Cross Home Nursing Course at the Oakland County Health Center, Royal Oak, last Thursday evening. John Hyatt, of Royal Oak, was the instructor.

Many Birmingham housewives, beset with the burdens of doing all of their own work at home and the care of domestic help, will undoubtedly grasp at this lead which might be the source of their hiring a capable cook. The Wanderer has heard that such a helper is available. The lady's name is Della. We don't know the lady or where she lives, but she must be some kind of a foreigner, her last name is Catessey.

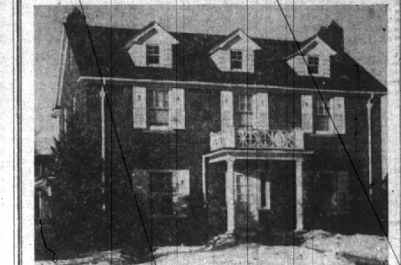
Who is the seeker of help. Mrs. L. E. Hoon asked for an office girl badly in her real estate office. Naturally she inserted an ad in the Eccentric. She knows the answer. Among the answers she received was one that wanted to know what the Wanderer would be "if I pay you as much as you are worth," was the answer to that one. "Well, I'd be glad to work for that," the applicant admitted.

New dog troubles have started. License applications have been mailed to all dog owners in Birmingham but the dogs to doghouses not every owner will jog right down to the municipal building and pay the license fee for his dog or dogs. So the police department will keep right on getting in unlicensed dogs, taking them to the dog pound, and freeing those for which the owners can't be located. Today is the day and dogs without licenses tomorrow will be in a dog-gone lot of trouble.

Last Thursday and Friday were considered the "slippiest" days of winter. Boys and girls, men and women were slippin' and slidin' all over town. And a lot more found the going rather tough but managed to stay "right side up with care." Some of the streets were without a bit of sand or gravel on the ice and even the cars were slipping. So, anyway the drivers were. One consolation is that those happy spring days will soon be here again.

Shating days are about over for Birmingham boys and girls. The promise is being held out for better days next season. The boys have been asking for some better rings . . . one for younger skaters and one for the older boys. The Recreation Commission and the City Commission have virtually promised that this summer and early enough to assure good hockey early next winter. A group of high school boys has raised a bit of cash toward the project and report they have their eyes on some lumber which can be used in building a permanent rink. Many winter sports enthusiasts suggest permanent rinks near enough for use by the schools, probably with school daytime supervision and instruction. It's the right now's the time to get busy. The Wanderer has heard it suggested that action start the minute the snow is off and a survey of possible sites can be made by the various groups interested and also that all groups

In The Village



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