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Birmingham sportsmen have been notified that the National Wildlife Week sponsored annually by the National Wildlife Federation, will begin March 18 this year. The underlying theme for speakers, the press, and radio during Wildlife Week will be the relation between soil, water, and plant control, and wildlife conservation. Street will be placed on posters projects to meet increased demands for hunting and fishing after millions of service men and women return to civilian life. As in previous years, wildlife stamps will be issued. This year's sheet will contain 56 stamps of animals, fish, flowers, trees and other subjects of interest to sportsmen and wildlife lovers. Many of these stamps are bought annually in Birmingham and this area.

Lt. Earle Wilson, Jr., a member of the United States Army, in a recent letter to his parents, the Earle Wilsons of Shirley drive, tells of a German broadcast in English telling of the Dodge truck in Detroit. "The Germans delight in relaying this kind of information to our troops," writes Wilson.

Various groups and committees doing public service usually get plenty of kicks about the service they render... free of charge... but not often do they get such a fine "thank you" as the following which came to Mrs. Dorothy Kemp Roosevelt, head of the Birmingham committee for Russian War Relief, which recently made a fine collection of used clothing for shipment to Russia: "May we express to you and the members of your Birmingham committee the genuine appreciation and heartfelt thanks of both the clothing for Russia committee and our board of directors for the very fine contribution you made during our recent clothing drive for the people of the Soviet Union. The letter from Francis B. Cramer, chairman of the board.

"This story is just ripe," exclaimed the society editor the other day, as she edited a bit of news. Then she went on to explain it was probably written on a tripe-riper.

When you go into a "greasy spoon" nowadays and ask for a hamburger, remember that you'll get it on a bun. Don't complain, "cause it's a foregone conclusion, according to a popular song: "You get no bread with one meat ball."

This Wanderer ran smack bang into two paragraphs about a U. S. Mails the other day. The first was from a post office clerk who suggests that business places which send out a lot of mail at the same time should tie it in bundles to simplify handling at the post office. It seems needless to mention those who mail quantities of statements or post card notices at the same time just throw them in the street mail boxes loose. The mail clerk has to handle all this mail at the same time, and the confusion through the stamp-cancelling machine and all this extra work could be avoided.

The second paragraph has a tinge of complaint in the neighborhood of Barnum School likes to lay "mail man" If you leave your mail out an hour or so after the postman deposits it in your box, this means that the mail carrier delivers it in the most incorrect places so when you finally bring your mail in the house you find you have letters that belong a block down the street.

"How would you like to be in the army and have to sleep in one of those dog houses?" asked a friend of his dad the other day. You mean "Pop Tent," the dad replied. "Well, he was in the dog house and I thought he meant tent," said the lad.

Want to rescue a fireman? Here's your chance. The piano in the fireman's recreation room at the Municipal Building has been doing service beyond the line of duty. It was donated by a friend 18 years ago and is expected to give out with its swan song any day now. The idea is this: A new piano would be nice, but there are no funds with which to buy one. If anyone has one that he is tired of, he could phone the Birmingham Fire Department (1725) and they would be glad to remove it from the premises.

Mrs. Harry G. Hamilton, Conservation Chairman of the Birmingham Branch of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

Four From This City Take Correspondence Courses from U. of M.

Four citizens of Birmingham, three men and one woman, are taking University of Michigan courses right here at home. Enrolled in the correspondence study division of the University, they are studying English, biology, Spanish, Spanish, social-science, and psychology.

Designed for Michigan residents who cannot go to Ann Arbor or who want to take only one or two subjects, the work is taught by University staff members and the credit courses carry equal credit with those given on the campus. Civilians fall into several groups: There are high school students whose education has been interrupted; older persons taking work leading to a high school diploma; adults—housewives, office workers, industrial employees—who want to study special fields; those incapacitated by illness, invalids, convalescents.

Since the war started, civilian enrollment has gone up and service figures have skyrocketed. More than 25,000 soldiers and sailors in other countries now study University courses. In addition, this year 1,164 service men still in this country have enrolled for the first time. Unlike most schools, the University makes a flat charge for each course. A recent national survey showed Michigan's \$12.00 fee was the lowest rate asked by any first rate institution.

Receives Flying Cross

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5/Sgt. J. A. Edmunds, former member of the staff of the Birmingham National Bank, has recently been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is with the 14th Air Force in China.

PROMOTED TO CORPORAL HAMILTON FIELD, Calif.—The promotion of Harold M. Kalbfleisch, of 32336 Beaconsfield road, Birmingham, Mich., from private first class to corporal, has been announced by the Hamilton Field Base Unit of the Air Transport Command's West Coast Wing. Corporal Kalbfleisch, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Kalbfleisch of Birmingham, entered the army on Feb. 19, 1943.

In 1943-44, one-half of all accidents on the school playground occurred during unorganized play, the National Safety Council reports.

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Pointing out that the present straitened fuel situation will continue through 1945, C. J. Potter, Deputy Solid Fuels administrator, has informed state fuel conservation committees that "any community that burns its coal in reckless disregard of the future is likely to suffer much more than it took every possible step to burn its fuel more carefully."

Even the economy of the war in Europe will not alleviate the coal shortage, Potter said, as "talk of increased output in the United States during the 12 months following V-E day has gone by the wayside."

"Everything points to the fact that, in respect to coal production, 1945 is going to be a very tough year," Potter stated. "The manpower situation will unquestionably get worse. New machinery in mines will be harder than ever to get. The truck and tire situation will further detract from the coal situation."

"While we must expect a substantial drop in coal production, we can look for no decrease in our over-all requirements. According to present estimates, minimum coal requirements for 1945 will be approximately 620 million tons, but the maximum production that we can hope for is 580 million tons."

Potter warned that for the coal year 1945-46 it may be necessary to cut coal allotments for home heating down to 80 per cent as compared to 90 per cent for 1944-45.

"The wise consumer will take heed of the warning by Solid Fuels Administration and thereby avert the possibility of experiencing actual suffering because of lack of fuel," said J. M. Hardin of the local committee.

Capt. Donald S. Leonard reported that the Certificate of Necessity plan established by the Michigan Office of Civilian Defense, which is also in director, is still in operation in many communities in the state to enable consumers to obtain coal, but the number of applications for this aid is not as great as during the peak of the fuel emergency. Many coal dealers, however, are still reporting a serious shortage in supply and efforts are being made by MOCD to obtain relief for them.

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