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City Manager Harold H. Corson is charged with "rushing the season" on swimming. Most folk wait at least until Spring but not the city manager. Last Sunday he tried the swimming out at his cottage on one of the string of lakes in the north part of the county. "The water wasn't bad," he declared. But neighbor cottagers declare the early swimmer was covered with goose pimples and was shaking a bit before he could get to the cottage and change into dry, warm clothing.

Some people say it just doesn't pay to be good. They claim they helped boost receipts at the Birmingham post office to a new high record for last year only to learn that their box rent was now going to be upped about 25 per cent. When the Wanderer went to the post office to pay his box rent Tuesday (he figured to pay when due) he took along his 75 cents. Was he surprised to learn that because Birmingham had such a good year the box rent would be 25 per cent more. He borrowed a quarter from one of the clerks and completed the payment, not wanting to lose that look.

And that reminds the Wanderer that there's a new letter carrier on the job down in the southwest section of the city. He's Richard E. Brown, Bates street, who bears three wounds as evidence of his battle experiences up on the Italian front. He is the first returning serviceman of this war to be added to the force at the post office. He replaces Alton Haack, who has reported for army duty at Fort Sheridan, and his territory is west of Woodward and south of Lincoln.

Here's an interesting idea, taken from a newspaper clipping a Birmingham soldier sent home to his wife. "An idea to save the time lost in flight by lazy carrier pigeons came to Capt. John Senseney, of St. Louis, Mo. So he invented a curved metal tube, one side of which is to be fastened to the pigeon's beak, the other end coming out beneath the tail feathers. "As he flies along," Captain Senseney explains, "the cool wind whips through the tube gets his tail cold and he steps on the tube to warm up. But the faster he flies the colder his tail gets—and the colder his tail gets the faster he flies."

The Wanderer notes that wild geese are flying north and open water in Michigan lakes soon will provide landing stages for northward migrations of wild ducks. Honkers have been coasting down onto open straits near Birmingham. Biologists, clocking the arrival of wild ducks over a period of years, are convinced that "lucks move northward as soon as ice leaves lakes and rivers. The divers—canvassacks, scaps, redheads, buffheads, and golden-eyes—usually are in the vanguard, closely followed by the surface feeders, mainly black ducks during the first days of the northward flights. There is none of the leisurely drifting to the south that characterizes fall flights when the call of spring is in the air. Geese and ducks are obviously impatient and press on northward as rapidly as they are possible."

Another sign spring... the city crew at Bloomfield Hills was busy last Friday taking the snowplow and snow scraper blades off the city trucks and getting the road preparers ready for the spring snow melt of the gravel and brick streets around the Hills.

More than the usual number of voters is expected out for the coming elections in both Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. There seems to be a bit of a contest on the part of the residents of the two places will take their spring election this year. One Hills resident guessed 150 votes as somewhere near the number who would turn out this year. Birmingham is likely to have more than that but thus far no one has guessed a thousand as the probable number.

Somebody called the Wanderer Tuesday and suggested that perhaps church members should be warned not to confuse their "Amens" with their "April Fools" on Easter Sunday, which also is April Fools' Day.

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ELECTION NOTICE
CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Biennial Spring and City Election
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1945

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Bloomfield Hills:

Notice is hereby given that the Biennial Spring and City Election will be held in the Municipal Building, East Long Lake Road, City of Bloomfield Hills, County of Oakland and State of Michigan, on **MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1945** for the purpose of voting for the following officers:

STATE:
Two Justices of the Supreme Court.
Two Regents of the University of Michigan.
Superintendent of Public Instruction.
Member of the State Board of Education.
Two Members of the State Board of Agriculture.
State Highway Commissioner.

CITY:
Three City Commissioners.
One Justice of the Peace.
One Constable.

Two proposed amendments to the State Constitution will also be voted on at this election.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M. CENTRAL WAR TIME, (8:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M. CITY TIME.)

NORVIL B. FARRELL
City Clerk

People everywhere are again infatuated that Good Friday comes on March 30 this year and that in most cities, towns and villages all business places will be closed during the hours of 12 noon to 3 p. m. Birmingham is to follow this plan. It is stated.

The rain of Monday night and Tuesday sort of put a damper on the epidemic of grass fires about Birmingham. There had been a sort of "grass fire week" just previous with from one to ten half dozen such fires reported to the Birmingham fire department. Some nearby places reported even more. The local fire department urged that persons wanting to burn grass and rubbish first obtain permission from the department if sort of burns the department when one starts such fires without permission.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Anderson, 1140 Lake Park, received a clever Easter card from their daughter, says staff assistant American Red Cross, who is stationed in New Guinea. This week she can't liberate for the war parade, to roll the eggs and demonstrate, to strut my stuff in a dress so neat among new brooms on my feet, so—Happy Easter from across the blue, and a bit of cheer from me to you.

A new supply of surgical dressings has arrived and the Red Cross Surgical Dressing group will begin work again. Work will get under way on Monday, March 26, and continue each Monday, and Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 10:30 and on Tuesdays from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Mrs. F. W. DuBois, chairman, said today she hoped a large number of Birmingham women would give their time on these days to this big war service undertaking. This is the first quota of supplies the Wanderer is told since November, 1944. There is room for a hundred women to work.

Some times we wonder how it is that we find ourselves so near at hand when a friend or a relative is in need of our help. The other day while Clarence Kraft was driving south on Woodward near 15 Mile road he noticed ahead a car which had crashed into a telephone or light pole and off to one side the driver on the ground, apparently badly hurt. Stopping to render what assistance he could he was surprised to recognize Joseph Wagner of Berchester, suffering from shock and serious cuts about the head and one leg. The injured man was hurried to St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, where he has been in serious condition from shock and from loss of blood.

"If any of us can dig up the gas at least a car load of Birmingham beekeepers are making plans to attend the Southeast Michigan Northern Ohio Beekeepers' meeting at the courthouse in Adrian on March 28," said a Birmingham beekeeper. Beekeepers from 11 southern Michigan counties and a number of Ohio counties are expected to attend. "Nobody will get stung on the program, either, for a fine day's study of beekeeping is promised," said a member today.

Come next Tuesday you are going to see a lot of strange young people about the city and especially out at and about Cranbrook school. And they will be a rather lively and smart group, too, for they will be the 4-H club members from the south part of Oakland county, here for their spring Greenery Day. Groups will represent clothing, handicraft, vic-

tory gardening and conservation clubs. There will probably be from 200 to 300 young people here under the leadership of Lyn Lewis, district club agent; Mary Woodworth, home extension agent; and Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent. On March 26 a similar group will hold a similar program at Clarkston High School for the clubs in the north end of the county.

The Wanderer watched the eight o'clock line at Wilson's the other day... it was too long for him to wait in line... and then tried to think up some way to beat the gang and get a supply of the weed elsewhere. He remembered he had friends in Toronto and decided to write them for a carton, so, inquiring as to price and procedure he found out thusly—The original cost there, he learned, is \$3.30 a carton. Postage is about 10 cents. United States import duty, valorem duty, 38 cents; United States import duty, \$1.50, and the special United States excise tax 70 cents. The total cost, he figured out, would be \$6.23 a carton or about 25 cents a pack.

Weather in Birmingham has its changes and varieties. It's not all hot tropics... all good weather Friday was about the warmest March 16 in Birmingham's history since the United States was born, 72, and then came Saturday with its March wind... about the other trees if you really want to have had, too. And that wind... it helped a lot of people clean up their yards, blowing leaves, the winter accumulation of papers and this and that out onto the street or over into the neighbor's yard. But when many people took a look at their back yards they found that what they really had brought in from their neighbors' to clean up was just about seven "ghosts" all around. Now the Wanderer has decided to wait a day or two before raking his yard.

"No, junior, you can't sit out under the apple tree. But you can clean up the lawn around that and the other trees if you really want to be out-of-doors; and when you get that finished clean off those corn stalks and other debris from the garden. Yes, we are going to have a garden again this year. What? No, we can't plant that stuff under. It should be cleared off and burned so the bugs and other stuff will be killed. The conversation being made at a number of Birmingham homes. The Mother wants to get at the garden soon. Maybe you should clean off your grass, says a young man can do a good job of makedead.

The Wanderer has been asked by the U. S. Navy to urge Birmingham residents to use a great deal of care when writing to their loved ones serving on Uncle Sam's ships or naval stations. When you write to a sailor overseas be sure you use his complete address, ship or navy number, full name, rate, and proper fleet post office. Don't send the navy postal service on a wild goose chase.

Anyone wishing to have their salvage paper, rags, clothing, miscellaneous items of furniture, etc., etc., picked up by Goodwill Industries may call either of two telephone numbers: if you are within the Birmingham city limits, please call 1230—the salvage desk in the municipal building; if you are outside the city limits, please call Mrs. H. G. Gassaway, Jr., Birmingham 403, salvage chairman for the Bloomfield area.

What's an hour, or a day or two to friends. This time of year has caused a lot of arguments and is expected to cause a lot more; some inconvenience, some loss of sleep and many headaches. But what the Wanderer was asked this week was on what day did the spring season actually arrive in Birmingham for its 1945 visit. And the Wanderer had to confess he didn't know. The astronomical calculations, as given in the 1945 edition of the almanac say that the Vernal Equinox (Spring) arrived at 6:38 p. m. March 20 (Eastern Standard Time). The questioner said he had already read that but wanted to know how that state time change affected things. Birmingham is on Eastern Standard War Time. Most other parts of the state are on Central Standard War Time. So where are we?

Bloomfield Village Homes

Always command much attention and for those who like this section we suggest you see:

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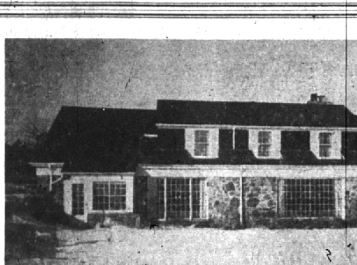
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Utilization of an old barn-site was brilliantly thought out in the construction of this unique property. The resulting room arrangement and the interior treatment is distinctly individual.

There is really no front or rear because both elevations are equally attractive; however, as you view the property from the driveway, the living room, facing South, is at ground level at the bottom of the hill. So are the dining room, breakfast bay, kitchen and library—all of these rooms are four steps down from the entry. The bedrooms are four steps up from that entry.

The living room, 20' x 30', features unique pine panelling, an enormous fireplace and a great picture window overlooking the rolling country side. The dining room and hall are finished in pecky cypress. There are three finished bedrooms and two tiled baths and another enormous room ready for plastering; the maid's room and bath are off the kitchen wing.

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The grounds comprise 3 1/2 acres. A number of fruit and native shade trees make the hilly site most attractive. Lots of room for gardening and a garden tool house provides storage for implements.

Sounds interesting, doesn't it? Let us exhibit it to you.

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