Aristotle said: "Give me seven years to find the TRUTH, then 14 more years to devise a method of presenting it to others." In this he revealed his knowledge of human nature: it requires great understanding and tact to be able to convince other people that your own opinions are right.

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Bits of Birmingham

Betty Stoll, 691 Bloomfield court, isn't particulary fond of wolves or coyotes but the other day she helped officially open the Detroit zoological park by posing for her picture holding a baby coyote and a small kitten. Betty says the kittens, three of them, decided some days ago to make their home in the den with the baby coyotes and two baby foxes. She wonders how long the kittens will like the rather rough play and sharp teeth of the other animals.

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Last week's long shower caused water to back up and flood Charring Cross road, near Canterbury road, to a depth of a foot or so. The difficulty, the Wanderer was told, appeared at its worst on Friday.

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Bloomfield Hills traffic police found a car parked along side of a road there, the other night, and in it was Roy Deaton of Rochester. Police report the man was under the influence of intoxicating liquor, had no automobile operator's license and besides his car, when tested, showed defective brakes. Taken before Justice A. J. Richardson, the man was fined $5 and a similar sum for costs, or an alternative of spending three days in the county jail. He chose the latter.

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Birmingham youth are having trouble lately with their bicycles. Every week from one to three or four bicycles are reported missing. The past week two more youngsters report to police that their bicycles have been stolen. Eugene Wilkins reported his bicycle taken last Friday while Jimmie Phillips' report carried the information his bicycle was stolen from the garage at the home of his parents on Hazel street.

Saturday, May 26, is Safety Patrol free show day at the Birmingham Theatre where members of Birmingham School Safety Patrols will be guests of the Michigan Auto Club. Tickets for the show, it is reported, are being sent to the schools to the local schools to be given to patrol members. The Saturday show is the big V-E Day program planned for Birmingham little folk.

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Friday evening and Saturday are to be Poppy Days in Birmingham, with the sale of poppies to be under the direction of the Veterans Memorial Committee, and with sales being made by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary and American Legion and Auxiliary. Each group will sell its own type of poppy, and each group will have large numbers of members on the streets from 6 p. m. Friday until midnight Saturday. Funds from the poppy sale go into the welfare and rehabilitation departments of the groups and are used to aid veterans of both World War I and World War II. Those in charge say there is a greater need now than ever before for funds to carry on this work.

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"Home with bells on," is the way the Wanderer heard mentioned the fact that Harold Randolph, son of Mrs. Irene Randolph, 390 East Maple, was home on leave from the Navy, while his ship, a destroyer, is in port for re-outfitting. The Birmingham youth wears a seaman's bell in one ear, while to his captured German soldier's belt he dangles his keys. Harold says that during the engagement, while he was serving aboard an American mine sweeper the enemy played a dirty trick and blew him right off his ship, a hundred feet or so into the air and far out to sea. The blast, caused by an enemy mine, just about cleared the seaman of his clothing. "I was just about as clean as a plucked chicken," he says. A bit of life belt was about all he had on when rescued. The ship was treated worse, however, for the entire forward section was blown away. The forward gun, over which Harold was bending when the unexpected blast came, was blown even higher and farther away than was the seaman. It was not rescued. Harold's service record discloses his outfit was in action in Africa, Italy, France and up and down the Atlantic. He is just closing the fourth year of his six-year enlistment period as a regular naval man and is wondering today whether or not he will see Pacific duty before his enlistment time ends. He has to report back for duty by May 27. He hopes to pay another visit to Boston before his ship puts to sea and to visit a lady tattoo artist who gave him a bit of tattooing on his arms. He says lots of girls in Boston now think it's just the thing to wear tattooing for the boys in the Navy.

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Fishermen are to get a break at the public fishing site on Orchard lake, with the opening of the bass and bluegill season June 25. The conservation department has promised to provide a caretaker to maintain order and its commission has ruled that persons using the site must possess fishing licenses. Children under 17 must be accompanied by adults. The eight-acre site, acquired by the state in 1940, has been overrun by picnickers, and others in previous seasons, parking facilities have been overtaxed, and fishermen have sometimes found it impossible to launch boats. The commission has ruled also that it is illegal to build open fires on the tract.

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It's been quite some time since Howard Holah, of the Birmingham Theater, has given one of his famous Saturday afternoon Kids' Parties. He announced another of them for Saturday, May 26, with an entire hour of novelties to interest kids from "0 to 60," as Howard puts it. This Wanderer might be tempted to go himself but has already promised his garden a bit of attention—if weather permits. The big feature of the Kids' Party will be "Talk in the Saddle," a Western.

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Birmingham has been experiencing a lot of water this spring and the other day City Commissioner Milton T. Mallender was heard to inquire about where he might secure a water buffalo for use in operating his rice paddy. "My garden seems about right for that kind of crop," he declared.

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The Wanderer was told yesterday that among the Birmingham residents who had just completed the Red Cross water safety course and who will receive certificates are Helen L. Allison, Bradford S. Kempton and Prentiss M. Smith. The Red Cross said they were qualified to teach water safety courses in any future programs the Red Cross might undertake.

That rainy weather of last week caused some people to wonder if perhaps the days might not have become mixed up a bit; maybe the month of May really was the month of April. Well, next year Easter is really coming late. The school calendar makers it listed for April 21. The Wanderer has been told there is some talk of restoring the "spring vacation plan" to the school calendar as soon as the war is over. Until then the only spring vacation will be the time off for Easter.

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Among the resolutions passed by the Board of Education last week was one authorizing purchase of a lot of school supplies, books and athletic goods. With the general shortage in all such items this early ordering is drawing favorable comment from school patrons, the Wanderer learns.

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Imagine the distress of the woman who ran an ad in last week's Eccentric to sell her dog, when she looked out the window Thursday morning the dog was battling with a skunk. The dog definitely wasn't at its best for showing.

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Sixty miles per hour, right through Birmingham is considered by the local police as "just a bit too fast." The Wanderer is told that the rate of fine for such fast traveling is a dollar a mile in excess of legal speed. So each of two speeders the past week paid fines of $25 each. Another speeder was clocked at 55 miles and paid $20. Bernard Stafford and John Jemmse, Detroit, were listed on the 60 mile tickets and John Hollinger, Wayne, on the 55 mile ticket.

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Here's a new one for the general story of the shortage of repair parts for various and sundry machines. P. F. Robb, 542 Pilgrim, phone the Birmingham police station the other day, reporting that a man, presenting himself as a washing machine repairman sent for by the family, took off numerous parts, and departed with them, saying he would return with replacements. He did not return and so the notification to the police. Come to figure it all out, Mr. Robb reported, none in the family had called for a repairman.

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Too much speed on streets of Bloomfield Hills is causing some motorists to appear in Justice A. J. Richardson's court. Lately Arthur Kitchen, Howell, paid $40 for speed up around 55 miles an hour and Robert Reardon, Pontiac, paid $25 for speed somewhere near 50 miles an hour. Both were in 35 mile zones. "We like to have motorists keep somewhere near the speed limit," a Bloomfield Hills traffic officer told the Wanderer.

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Maybe you did not know it, but a final check up of the Infantile Paralysis campaign in Birmingham discloses a total of $6,006 contributed here. Of this sum the Wanderer has been told $4,893 came from the city-wide campaign gifts and $1,112 from the theater collections. The total for the entire county was $26,515.18.

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The sun really is hot and bright when it shines on Okinawa and other islands in the Pacific where U. S. servicemen are battling the Japs. Pl. Sgt. Robert Freeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Cammarere, 312 South Adams road, writes asking for sun glasses or caps with visors. "The sun is very bright and on watch our eyes are hard put to stand the glare," he writes. Bob has been in the army five years and in the Pacific since last November.

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"This world is full of surprises," says Mrs. A. W. Greenawalt, 412 Greenwood. The other day her phone rang and a voice said: "Mrs. Greenawalt, I guess you don't go through your husbands pockets very thoroughly. I just found $20 in a pocket of those trousers you sent in to be cleaned. When you come down I will give it to you." The voice was that of the proprietor of a Birmingham cleaning establishment and the Wanderer was told Mrs. Greenawalt was not displeased at the news conveyed.

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On one of these recent fairly warm days the Wanderer noticed a lot of golfers out on the fairways at the Birmingham Country club participating in a club medal play tournament. Low scores posted on the club records showed Ralph Ellstrom 70-79 for 149; Perry Byard 76-78 for a 154 total; Bill Neville 83-80 for 163 and Elmer Ellstrom 84-79 for 163. On the low net list were C. E. Paulsen, 205-60, 145; G. E. Bentley, 179-34, 145; H. E. Martin, 172-24, 148.

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A Birmingham boy, writing from the interior of China, asks his parents to send him fruit juices and other foods he is unable to find and as a special request asks that he be sent some tea. The Wanderer has long been led to believe there is usually plenty of tea grown in China, but apparently this Birmingham lad has been unable to find any. So a package went forward to him this week. Hope he gets it.

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