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Postmaster Joseph A. Byrns announces the receipt of information that effective July 1, 1945, newspapers and magazines directed to the personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard overseas may only be accepted when mailed by the publisher and only in fulfillment of written requests initiated by the addressee. Relatives and friends may pay for subscriptions or renewals of subscriptions providing the addressee has made requests therefor.

One of the latest reports of persons being bitten by dogs appears on the local police department records, where the Wanderer learned that Robert H. Hough, 383 Bloomfield Court, had reported to police that he had been bitten by a dog owned by Thomas J. Oster III, of 559 Vinewood.

"Wendy," the dog that's been roaming around the yard at the home of the Harlan P. Rowes, of Southfield road weekly is going to get a train ride to Washington, D. C., one of these days. . . that if there is space on those crowded trains the Rowes are said to have a suitcase all fitted up for Wendy's comfort on the trip. Reason for Wendy's going is that the Rowes are moving to Detroit and will live in an apartment there. The apartment manager says the "no dogs" sign means just that.

Arrangements are being completed for the annual Burns Memorial parade and program to be held in Detroit on July 22. The Wanderer was notified this week.

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Several hands will participate in the parade, and a program is being prepared: John M. Ward is general chairman. All admirals of the great Scotch poet, Robert Burns, are invited to attend and participate in the parade and program.

Birmingham Boy Scouts are all excited today with preparations for their District One camp-out to be held Saturday and Sunday at Royal Oak. Just about every Boy Scout in the city is planning to attend. One Scoutmaster told the Wanderer today, "Boys will likely be scarce than hen's teeth on Saturday and Sunday around Royal Oak camp, but down at Royal Oak the camp site will resemble an army camp. We look for more than a thousand boys there for the two days. Registration starts Saturday afternoon and right away the boys will start putting the camp in condition for inspection. There will be a camp fire program Saturday night and after the boys are tucked in for the night the Scoutmasters will hold a round table discussion. During Sunday forenoon there will be church services followed by games and a big dinner at noon. The parade will be at 2:30 and the awarding of the Gen. Eisenhower awards will be at 3 o'clock. Camp will break up at 4:30 and the boys will leave for home."

"How are you going to tell those house numbers when you can't see 'em?" asked a policeman of the Wanderer today, upon returning from a call to the central part of the city. "Some places," he declared, "we have to get out of the car and walk almost right up to the door. With home owners would use some of the fancy numbers they can set out on the lawn, or else clear away the branches and bushes. Sure would help us a lot."

The police docket at the police station contains what seems to be an ever increasing number of complaints about dogs. The complaints are headed "stray dogs," "dogs destroying plants," "missing dogs," "dogs to be disposed of," "dogs destroying gardens," "bit by dog" and a number of other categories.

The 1945 Birmingham and Oakland County War Chest campaign, held annually in connection with the Metropolitan-Detroit War Chest campaign, is expected to be held during the week of Oct. 2 to 13. This is the date just set for the Metropolitan-Detroit campaign, according to Edwin J. Anderson, general chairman of that campaign. Mr. Anderson, whose home is on Orchard Ridge road in Bloomfield Hills, has for his chief assistants James E. Webster, Jr., head of the commercial and professional unit; Henry Ford II, of the industrial unit; and Joseph P. Glaser, of the Metropolitan unit.

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day afternoon during the Junior Olympics at Fierco Field when Joe O'Connor, a lovable, freckled faced sixth grader from Holy Name pole vaulted seven feet, six inches. Joe certainly was pulling at the heart strings of the crowd. He was doing his stuff in his stocking feet, with the stockings slipped down over his feet as he lifted his body over the bar. He had a small pole which soon became too short as the bar was hiked up three inches at a time. He tried the regulation high pole-pole for the seven foot, nine inch height but the pole was too heavy for him and he failed at that point. Given a junior size pole, Joe was back in the air and he was vaulting yet.

A list of Birmingham residents and those from Walnut Lake were at the Detroit city airport Saturday and Sunday to see the War Bond sale, showed airborne troops in action, both men and provisions being dropped from the swift moving planes to show how such activities are carried on in the various war zones. Another part of the show was a thrilling demonstration of gliders and glider towing planes in operation. A number of Birmingham youths have been serving with the glider troops in Germany. A lot of parents of these Birmingham youths have been watching with keen interest.

The Wanderer was out around the garden areas of the city over the past week and noticed many local residents putting out setting peppers and other plants being convinced that Birmingham had already had its last frost for this growing season. One gardener, however, said he was going to start his garden in the next few weeks, but was going to protect his tender plants for he was not just an Old Man. Jack was out on a north on his summer visit.

Lloyd O. McIntosh, 1692 Henrietta, has been having a lot of trouble with pigeons and been granted permission to shoot the trouble makers. In some sections of the city the birds are said to be doing a lot of damage to gardens. The Wanderer checked the list of day while a cock pheasant made off with a crop full of garden peas, pulled from the Wanderer's garden. The big bird had a keen eye for the row of seeds and scratched them out in slick fashion.

"It's a small, small world. The other Saturday night in Paris, France, a civilian approached an American soldier and asked the location of a certain street. Recalling the information and thanking the soldier, the civilian asked, "And where are you from, soldier?" When told the youth's name and that he was from Detroit and his parents resided in Birmingham, the man declared, "I am from Grand Rapids. I know your father and will certainly tell him of our meeting and your kindness when I arrive back in the states."

The Wanderer was told this week that if you want to get rid of a family of kittens the proper procedure is to build a circus parade exhibition wagon and exhibit the kittens in the Pet Parade, sponsored annually by St. James church. Last week Susan Spicer, with a half dozen kittens at her place on Wabek road, and Jimmie and Stevie May, of Fernside street, conspired to rid the Spicer homestead of at least five of the little cats. The boys built the wagon and sure enough Susan had a hard time keeping even one kitten for herself. Of course there was the announcement over the

loud speaker that the kittens were to be given away after the parade. And, best of the kitten entry, listed as "Lion Cubs" received a parade prize.

The United States Navy Department has requested that the mailing of advertising and circular matter soliciting the purchase of items of merchandise at the third class rate of postage to Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps personnel in the continental United States as well as overseas be discontinued. Soliciting the purchase of items not adapted to military use is inopportune and the man-power hours required for the handling of such mail in the Navy Postal Service far outweigh the benefits to be derived therefrom from the Navy side.

Out at Sherwood School the children came a-runnin' to the news about a new tooth stark pushing through because every shiny new biter is worth a nickel to the owner. The Wanderer was told today that Jimmy McKernan, champion tooth puller with 150 to his credit; Lew Koylan, junior potential record breaker, with five holes (and they're all in front); Lee holds another record too; he hasn't been in isolation (Sherwoodsee for infirmary) all year.

Pleasant surprises are always nice, declared a Birmingham resident the other day. So here in five that sounds real pleasant and nice. Master Sergeant Cecilia Merrill, daughter of the William O. Merrill, of West Long Lake road, came home from Hollywood, Calif. the other day, using plane, ship, bus, and then walked the last mile or two, in order to surprise her parents. She is here on her fourth and will head back to the west coast at the close of her visit. The Wanderer was told that her coming really did surprise her family and pleasantly, too.



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