

As adults gaze upon much of five-crazy youth today, it is, I think, an error to assume that this youth will always remain fitful-hungry, give the average young boy and girl those responsibilities that marriage and family bring, and who can say that most of them will not measure up to their obligations?

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## Bits of Birmingham

In keeping with the custom of Birmingham's Goodfellows, again this Thanksgiving orders on local food stores are being sent to needy families by W. Rice Howell, secretary-treasurer. The same idea will be used at Christmas. "We still have sufficient funds in the Goodfellows' treasury to handle the situation this year," stated Mr. Howell yesterday. "Our committee recently met and agreed not to put on the newspaper fund-raising campaign this fall; the reasons were two: first, we have sufficient funds on hand for 1945; second, there have been so many other fund campaigns going on, including the Victory Loan campaign, that we felt the public would welcome one campaign less this year. For many years the local Goodfellows organization has filled a needed place in this area; the public has been generally aware of the need, too. Next fall we no doubt shall put on the newspaper fund-raising 'a campaign'."

ferent size to that boy or girl of yours overseas. The new information reaching Birmingham says that parcels not exceeding 42 inches in length, or 72 inches in length and girth combined, containing articles requested by the addressee, may now be accepted for mailing to Army personnel overseas.

The weather of early this week certainly has reminded one of the Thanksgiving season. The temperatures dropped down around the freezing mark and every now and then there were snow flakes filling the air. But other times the weather was clear and snappy. So Birmingham folks who wanted a bit of winter could be thankful for that and those loving sunshine could also thank it. At every one could be thankful the weather has been as pleasant as it has been this fall.

Apparently poisonous in the extreme to fish life, DDT will not be used to fight flies and insects around state fish hatcheries until more is known about it. The conservation department's institute for fisheries research is conducting experiments to learn whether the chemical will be as effective as that will not imperil fish in hatcheries. Similar experiments are being conducted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Meanwhile the department's institute for persons living in the vicinity of lakes and streams that careless use of the new insecticide has resulted in destruction of fish if the chemical compound finds its way into such bodies of water.

Heaviest forest fire loss since last May is reported for the week ending Nov. 4-5-4, in 12 fires. Total loss to date this season is 18,759 acres in 852 fires.

Before leaving for Lost Lake woods hunting came last week Lou Hascall was overheard telling friends that he remembered way back in 1909 when three deer could be taken on one license in Michigan. Lou declared that now he usually has all kinds of trouble filling his license, which allows only one deer. Back in those old days licenses cost 75 cents, while non-resident hunters paid \$25. Then the season opened Nov. 8 and continued through Nov. 20. Not so many hunters made their way north, though, and as a result sometimes it was much easier to down three deer than it is now to get only one. Lou told friends he had hopes that if he failed to get a deer that his wife would come to the rescue. "She's a real good shot," Lou concluded.

Maybe you have not heard it, but a lot of folks have been commenting favorably on the work of the Birmingham fire and police departments at last week's bus crash on North Woodward avenue. The call to the fire department was one of the first sent out after the crash and Chief Vernon W.

Griffith had two of his big trucks, fully manned, at the scene within a very few minutes. The police showed up in a hurry, too, with Chief John P. Hackett assisting in handling the situation. Both firemen and police assisted in moving injured from the buses, rendering first aid, giving oxygen to those needing it, placing injured in ambulances and in other ways doing a most acceptable job. From all the comments the Wanderer has heard the people appreciated their efforts.

Police report that the Family Mart and Fisher's Market, both on South Adams street, were broken open Tuesday night. From the Family Mart about \$25 and a fountain pen were stolen. Nothing was reported missing from Fisher's. Police also report numerous stores doors found unlocked as the officers have been making their rounds.

The Rotary club enjoyed its annual Thanksgiving week feather party, Monday, at the Community House. Jimmas was general chairman of the event. Last week the speaker was Roland Clapp, who gave an interesting account of the development of the horse race industry in the vicinity of Rosecommon. But after Clapp finished his talk a lot of Rotarians declared they certainly were not going to do any more betting on the ponies. They said they preferred to take a chance on a turkey at the annual Thanksgiving party.

Birmingham deer hunters returning from the north report that many Christmas trees are cut and stacked along highways in northern Michigan, especially in the vicinity of Rosecommon. Near approach of the holiday season brings the reminder that no Christmas trees or evergreen boughs can be transported legally unless possessors are able to show bills of sale. State law provides that no person shall cut, remove, or transport any Christmas trees or evergreen boughs without the written consent of the owner of the land upon which the same are grown, whether such land be publicly or privately owned.

Great snow owls from the barren lands of northern Canada, starved out of their usual haunts, Michigan, reports tell of the owl's presence in counties as far south as Oakland in a recent 30-day period. The owl's invasions of Michigan follow a regular pattern, occurring about every four years. Last previous invasion was the winter of 1941-42; biggest recorded flight of the owls southward occurred during the winter of 1926-27. None are known to have remained later than the following April. Owls that have been shot in recent weeks have been extremely thin, proof that lack of food in the north—principally mice, lemmings, and rabbits—has driven them southward.

It has never been the policy of The Birmingham Eccentric to accept unsolicited communications for publication. Sometimes signed letters are printed without the signatures being used, but none are accepted unless they come to The Eccentric signed. This week one such communication was received concerning traffic safety matters. Sorry, this cannot appear. The Wanderer was asked to give attention of the public to this requirement.

People told this Wanderer, when he first came to Birmingham, that the city was always full of sur-

## War Veteran Is Back In Business With Local Firm

Jack Andrews of 1651 Croft road, Birmingham, has resumed his duties with Snyder, Buck & Bennett, local Birmingham Realtor.



organization, after having been in the United States Navy as a pharmacist's mate since November, 1942. His service involved him in the Pacific Theatre for the most part where he saw much of the result of the campaign staged in Tarawa, Kwajalein and Guam. Mr. Andrews said he was extremely glad to return to the Real Estate field and renew associations with many of his clients whom he served before entering the Service.

prizes, Friday night he found a new one. He was bending over trying to read a bit of inscription lettered on the sidewalk at Woodward and Maple when out blatted a loudspeaker, with the information he was seeking. The big blast of words told of the special show the Pierce P.T.A. is giving tomorrow night at Baldwin high school as a benefit project, and stressed the fact that the funds go toward buying more playground and equipment for the school. Anyway, it was an unusual way to advertise the play and drew considerable attention.

Art Valpey, the University of Michigan successful scout and assistant coach, might well be claimed as a Birmingham product. He took his first year of high school in this city, one of 17 different schools he attended during (Continued on Page 2, Part 2)

## Troop B-1 To Have Fall Court Of Honor At Church Nov. 28th

Boy Scout Troop B-1, sponsored by the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church, will present their fall court of honor at 7:30 p. m. next Wednesday, November 28. This meeting will be held at the church. Every one interested in Scouting is invited to attend. Awards will be made to 15 Scouts, for such achievements as attainment of Tenderfoot, second class, and first class rank, earning of merit badges, and participation in the troop's summer camp. Included in the program will be musical selections by three of the Scouts, and a presentation by the troop of a condensed version of how a regular troop meeting is conducted.

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Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne, down at the post office, has just received word that you can send a heavier package, or one of diff-

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