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Bits of Birmingham

Railroad passengers who find it harassing to tip conductors, Pullman porters, dining car waiters and other railroad service personnel are going to get a little break, at least from the Pure Marquette Railway. Effective last Monday, this Wanderer learns, the PMRR asked the traveling public to refrain from tipping dining car personnel. Certain railroad officials have been seeing the air lines policy in this respect. The receipt of a flight ticket includes such services for which railroad passengers find themselves having to pay. This is a plan generally found throughout Europe where the price of a dinner, hotel accommodations and other services includes a percentage for services performed.

Birmingham World War II vets desiring to reinstate their government service insurance now can do so by paying two months' premiums, without interest, and accompanying the reinstatement request with a statement that his health is as good as when the lapse occurred, according to the latest announcement from the Detroit office of the Veterans Administration. This liberalized policy will be in effect until Jan. 1, 1947.

What with cream, butter, cheese and liver more difficult to obtain at the grocery store today, Birmingham housewives are going to have to look to some other means of putting the necessary vitamins A into their diets. Checking over our vitamin charts, this Wanderer discovers that a victory garden is one of the ways to obtain this vitamin. Certain green and yellow are abundant in vitamin A: beets, mustard and turnip greens, Swiss chard, collards, endive, kale, spinach, watercress, green beans, broccoli, green asparagus and lettuce, peppers, peas and parsley, sweet potatoes, carrots, yellow corn, yellow-fleshed squash and pumpkins, tomatoes and cantaloupe. And, if you please, the lowly dandelion—in case you're not on a garden and just want monotony.

Get any idea of the number of squirrels a farmer would have to get from a cow to fill a milk bottle? Well, our "Department of Useless Facts and Figures" came across one farmer's estimate contained in a bit of information that continually comes across an editor's desk. So, for the benefit of those Birminghamians who have never milked a cow, (and there's probably a great many who haven't), here's the answer: between 340 and 350 squirrels.

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15 years I have been hand milking 10 to 17 cows, and I've counted squirrels per gallon many a time," the item quotes this Illinois farmer. In those 15 years I've milked 109,500 gallons, or 37,777,500 squirrels. And that, according to the 72-year-old farmer, "is a lot of squirrels."

Those Rotarians who have never been to California and would like to go, or those who have been there and would like to visit that state again, probably have already started to think of a good excuse to tell the family why they should attend next year's International Rotary convention. It's to be held in San Francisco in June of next year.

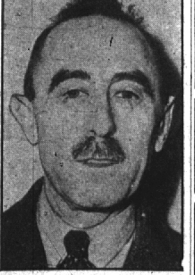
When it comes to chasing after fires, Birmingham has its own version of New York's "Little Flower." It is Paul N. Averill, business manager of The Eccentric. When this Wanderer met him at the fire on Saturday afternoon, he asked Paul, "How did you develop such an interest in fire and what?" He replied, "Well, you see, I'm just trying to see who's making it a hot time in the Old Town Today."

A fine bit of praise for the Birmingham Fire Department came from Mrs. York R. F. Giddey Friday afternoon when the attic of her home was destroyed by fire. "I'd like you to give my sincerest thanks to the department for the quick manner in which they responded to the call," she told this Wanderer. "I hadn't any more than hung up the phone when it seemed they were right outside the house."

Birmingham residents, who in their desire to rid their neighborhood of rats, might make it a point to see the poison they use will be of such a nature that it will kill rats but only sicken human beings and animals if the latter two should get ahold of the poison. This Wanderer was informed last week-end that a dog belonging to a family in the southeast part of Birmingham was inhumanely killed by accidentally eating some meat upon which a deadly poison had been put. The dog, a little female terrier, literally had her insides burned out by the action of the poison.

Several Birmingham women have requested of the Redford High School information concerning summer courses being offered there. This Wanderer has received notice from RHHS stating that jewelry and leathercraft class will be offered for the benefit of any adult interested in making and creating articles of sterling silver and leather. The course begins June 24.

World Fund Chief



Camille Gutb, former Belgian War Minister, heads the \$8,800,000 International Monetary Fund set up to stabilize world money. Each participating nation deposits its share—U. S. share is \$2,750,000,000—and may withdraw in monetary units of any other participating nation. The dollar is the key unit.

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Oakland Hospital Staff Elects Dr. Crane, President

Dr. Langdon T. Crane, 1395 Willow Lane, Birmingham, was elected president of the South Oakland Hospital Authority at a meeting held in Royal Oak June 6. The meeting was called by the authority's medical advisory committee, which included Dr. O. O. Beck of Birmingham.

Appointment of a committee of staff members will be announced by Dr. Crane for the preparation of a constitution and by-laws governing the operation of the staff and the admission of new members of the staff.

Upon instructions from the board of the authority, the medical committee invited to the meeting all doctors who reside in or practice medicine in the area covered by the authority, and who were members of the staff of any accredited hospital in the Greater Detroit Metropolitan area.

Birmingham physicians who attended and were enrolled as charter members of the staff were: Dr. Crane, Dr. Beck, Dr. Henry O. Cooke, Dr. Harold W. Gehring, Dr. John Gordon, Dr. Everett E. Hammonds, Dr. J. B. Hasenburger, Dr. Lloyd Kemp, Dr. Frank A. Lamberson, Dr. P. L. Ledwidge, Dr. J. A. Maloney, Dr. George P. Raynal, Dr. Harold D. Boehm, Dr. A. K. Stolman, Dr. Howard C. Walzer, Dr. Thomas Watson, Dr. Fred Wisterson and Dr. A. P. Wilkinson.

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Rotarian D. Millman, 1250 Yorkhire, claims he has made three holes-in-one on golf courses during his playing experience. So, Monday noon at the Rotary Club, he rose up and exclaimed that fellow Rotarian Webster Scheifele, 176 Linden, had recently achieved the feat of making a hole-in-one; Millman proudly pinned a pink carnation to Scheifele's lapel. Whereupon presiding officer Ray Cook required that each pay a small fine for advertising their golfing prowess.

If any Birminghamites wish to know some of the rich history about the metropolis with which their suburb is intimately connected, they can look for the State-post of June 22. In it will be an article about Detroit's food and famine, gold-rush town . . . raw and brassy . . . City of industrial miracles.

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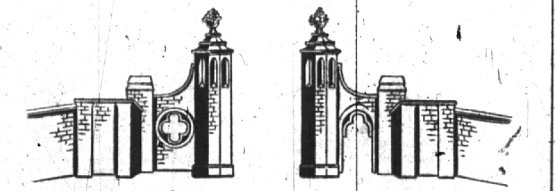
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