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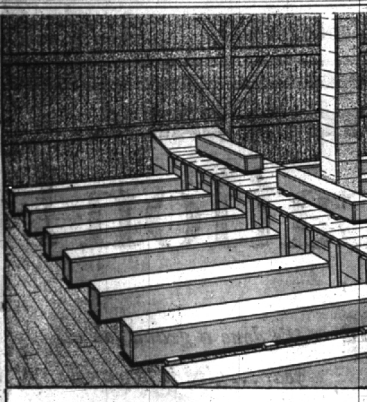
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### Church Women Ask For Reinstatement Of Food Rationing

At a meeting of the executive board of the Michigan Council of Church Women, held in Detroit recently, the responsibility of church women towards the starving people of the world was emphasized.

"It was the opinion of the Board that voluntary reduction of consumption of scarce food items would be totally inadequate and that since the food shortage would last for at least another year, steps should be taken at once to set up rationing of needed food. It is better to be prepared than to late," said Mrs. John K. Ormond, 1189 N. Woodward, one of the Council's vice-presidents.

"The following resolution was passed and copies were authorized to be sent to President Truman, Sec. Agriculture Clinton B. Anderson, and to the presidents of the 60 local Councils in Michigan:

"For the sake of the millions who face starvation, for the sake of the peace of the world, for the sake of our integrity and self respect as a people, be it resolved that the executive board of the Michigan Council of Church Women ask their government to immediately set up the machinery to ration those foods which are needed in famine areas."

### York R. F. Giddey Praises Work of Fire Department

"Birmingham's Fire Department is the cleanest little department in the United States," said the consensus of many Birmingham residents. This has been said before and will be said again, especially when people gather at a local fire and watch the efficiency with which the firemen go after the blaze, large or small.

The Eccentric this week received a letter from York R. F. Giddey, of 524 Southfield, whose home was damaged June 7 by a \$2,000 fire. Mr. Giddey enclosed a copy of a letter he wrote to the City Commission lauding the abilities of the Birmingham department.

The text of the two letters follows:

Mr. George Averill, Publisher, Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Averill:

Attached is copy of letter sent to our City Commission. We sincerely feel that our Birmingham Fire Department is entitled to this expression of appreciation, and their efficient efforts should receive public recognition.

Our recent experience convinced us that if anyone is going to have a fire, Birmingham is the place for it.

The solicited concern and help of our many firemen during this emergency was also of great comfort.

Very truly yours,  
York R. F. Giddey.

Letter to Commission  
City Commissioners, Birmingham, Michigan.  
Gentlemen:

On Friday, June 7, we had a rather bad fire in our home at 524 Southfield.

The promptness with which our local fire department responded to our call, and the organized manner in which they fought the flames, confined the fire damage to our roof and attic.

In spite of this character, damage from water in the balance of the dwelling and to household effects is usually as great as the fire damage itself. But not so in our case.

The Birmingham Volunteer Salvage Corps performed a miracle in every first and second floor room by piling all furniture and personal effects in the center of each room and covering each pile with large tarpaulins.

The extreme efficiency of both the fire fighting and salvage crews saved us, and our insurance company, a very considerable sum of money and just important in these days of extreme house shortages, enabled us to continue to occupy this dwelling.

In addition to the above performance of the firemen, they worked for some time after the fire was quiet in mopping up and generally policing the whole house. Several visits were made to our home by the fire by either Chief Griffith or his assistant, Mr. Smith, to check the situation. Their solicitous consideration was a source of great comfort and help to us—especially York R. F. Giddey.

We are taking this means of expressing to the department our sincere appreciation of the maximum protection afforded us during this emergency.

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### 95 Years Young 'Aunt Annie' Of Smith Street

Monday was 'Aunt Annie's Day' as far as residents on Smith Street were concerned.

For on that day Miss Anna Adams was 95 years old. A few days ago, neighbors dropped by the house at 1275 Smith Street to tender their regards to 'Aunt Annie.'

Born in Lafayette, Ind., on June 17, 1851, 'Annie' was the elder of two girls raised by her grandmother after her mother had died about a year after 'Annie's' sister was born.

When she was 18 years old, 'Annie' became a school teacher in Pleasantville, N. J. Starting out as a primary grade instructor, she eventually became principal in Pleasantville and probably would have stayed there if my grandmother hadn't needed taking care of," she said.

"So I left Pleasantville to teach in Atlantic City where I could live with my sister and help care for grandmother."

### Stop Delivery Of Milk, Police Ask Of Vacationists

A full mail box, a porch scattered with rolled newspapers, or an accumulation of milk at the side door is a dead give-away to house looters that the residents are on a vacation. Police Chief John P. Hackett warns prospective vacationists.

"What with house burglaries in the nation on the increase, it is a good idea to arrange with one of the looters any indication that you may be on your vacation," he said.

"While Birmingham has not experienced any unusual amount of home burglaries, it might be expected that burglars would be diverting through residential communities such as Birmingham during warm summer days and nights to see what homes would be easy marks for entering."

Before going on vacation, it is best to arrange with one of the neighbors to regularly pick up mail and newspapers that may be on the front porch. Chief Hackett suggested.

Stop Milk Deliveries

"Inform the dairy how long you will be gone so they will not leave milk bottles outside the door."

Drawn shades are another giveaway to the burglar. Hackett pointed out. "It is best to pull up the corner of the rug and move the furniture so the sun won't hit them while you are gone."

If the house does not look like it usually would, it will attract attention, he said, and added, "If you are going to be gone an unusual long time, maybe you can arrange with the neighbor to cut your grass in exchange for your cutting his lawn when he vacations."

The Birmingham Police Department used to check regularly the homes of residents who were on vacation but this policy was abandoned as a general practice several years ago when the personal department was not as adequate enough to check up on as many as 200 homes every two weeks.

Chief Hackett explained. So the department has suggested that the neighbors keep an eye on the homes of people on vacation and report to the police department anything that appears unusual.

### City Raises Price Of Cemetery Lots

Since the price of cemetery lots generally has gone up, the City of Birmingham is going to raise the price of lots in city-owned Greenwood Cemetery.

At the present time, lots in Greenwood approximate \$30 to \$25 per grave space. City Manager Donald C. Egbert told the Commission there was no reason why the City should not raise their price to the prevailing scale: a minimum of \$40 with a maximum of \$75 for the better sites.

The commissioners, by making no comment, agreed.

### Additional Lighting Sought For Hazel St.

Residents on Hazel street between Adams and Elm need more adequate street lighting, the City Commission was told Monday night by Harden W. DeVivie, 1033 Hazel. In requesting the City to provide these new facilities, Mr. DeVivie pointed out that there have been recent attempts by persons unknown to break into several homes in that area, including the DeVivie residence.

The request was referred to the City Manager for appropriate investigation.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF GREENWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION AND TO LOAN OWNERS AND OWNERS OF RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN GREENWOOD CEMETERY, BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN.

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You hereby are further notified (pursuant to Article 11 of the By-Laws of the Michigan 1937, as amended, that a meeting of the board of Trustees and the action of your Trustees and the acceptance of the necessary instruments of conveyance and assignment of the burial ground, Birmingham, Michigan, Building, Birmingham, Michigan, at 118 N. Woodward, A. D. 1944, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, and you are notified that A. D. 1944, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to terminate the charter and dissolve the said Greenwood Cemetery Association.

Dated at Birmingham, Michigan, this 21st day of May, 1946.

By Order of the Board of Trustees Greenwood Cemetery Association, I-16

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### Preliminary Steps Being Taken To Set Up Local Co-op

Rules and by-laws, a preliminary step in the incorporation of a Birmingham cooperative were submitted to a group of residents of Birmingham and vicinity, who held a dinner meeting at the Birmingham Community House last night.

The cooperative, according to plans set up by the planning committee, would call for a modern cooperative shopping center somewhere in Birmingham. It would include several units which would be established as soon as the opportunities present themselves.

Mr. Richard Leekley, of Chicago, Ill., a representative from the National Council for Cooperative Development, spoke on the "National Scope of Cooperatives Today."

"An exhibit of 'co-op' products has been planned by Mrs. Lawrence Van Camp of Manor Road. Literature will be available for those desiring to know more about cooperatives, as well as those who are already share-holding members.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Horseplay

The penny-pinching resort landlady had placed in her dining room a notice which read:

"In these hard times we should put a little on our appetites." To this a vacationing wag had added:

"A bit in the mouth is better."

### Retired in 1902

Retiring from school teaching in 1902, 'Annie' and her sister came to Hillside, Mich., where they lived until her sister's death in September, 1940. Her niece by marriage, Mrs. Harriet Parzyn, then brought 'Aunt Annie' to Birmingham to live.

"Nobody can see the difference in education in my day and that of today," 'Aunt Annie' pointed out. "School children now certainly should be smarter than they were years ago—they have more facilities, anyway."

Since January 1 she has been confined to bed because of a back ailment.

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