

# The Birmingham Centric

When you are introduced to a person, do you like to receive a firm and friendly handshake? I have found, in my short and stormy career on this earth, that a firm and friendly handshake is very essential in bridging the gap that exists from meeting a stranger and finding a good friend. Teach your children this, too.

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If the city felt like further helping out the occupants of the 15 quonset huts, it might investigate the possibility of placing a number of "five-in-one" apple trees in strategic spots when it landscapes the area this spring. These trees, this Wanderer recalls, are grown and trained until there are five scaffold branches, into each which is budded a different variety of apple. Wouldn't it be nice to start the season off with Yellow Transparent, pink Anoko, Jonathan and Wealthy in turn, and wind up with Red Delicious?

In eliminating air traffic jams, one major American airline is now flight testing an automatic block signal system of air traffic control, patterned after the block traffic system used on American railroads, this Wanderer has learned. There will be 80 "tracks"—five lanes wide and 18 altitudes high. Here's how it'll work—when a pilot wants to change the plane's altitude, an operation now involving

verbal request and wait of two to eight minutes while human controllers study hand-posted data, the pilot can accomplish the same thing automatically under the new system by push buttons. In from one to three seconds he gets automatic permission or denial from an instrument on the panel before him. The dispatcher on the ground, on the other hand, can indicate to a pilot to ascend or descend or move to right or left to another "track" by making a signal light up on the instrument panel. Another step forward in air safety is this new device.

Woodward General Hospital's campaign fund was boosted by \$10,130 recently by the "Hospital Hop," a dance given by the 9A class at Angel School, Berkeley, this Wanderer has been notified. This is another example of the civic interest which is displayed by elementary and secondary school students when a community project is being developed. Their penicillin outfits mean more to them than ten dollars do to an adult.

At Mendota's writing do man winter almost seems to be on the way out, at least temporarily, and so it seems a good time to mention these robins that people have been seeing for the past few months. A lady out of Bloomfield Hills some weeks ago, saw six of them in her apple orchard during the first part of February. More recently, Sunday to be exact, Mrs. James Anderson and son John of Southfield road, heard a familiar chirping and upon investigation, came upon two nice fat, healthy looking robin red breasts. They couldn't be year-around

residents in that condition, is this Wanderer's opinion, 'cause most of our fine feathered friends we've seen this winter look like they're pretty badly in need of some feed.

Dinner reservations from former and present members of Baldwin High School's bands and orchestras must be in the hands of Frank Peabody, 439 Park street, by tomorrow night, this Wanderer was informed this week. According to reports, a large number of these former and present pupils of Arnold Earnst, the high school's instrumental music instructor, will gather together the evening of March 21 to mark Bernard's 20th anniversary with the Birmingham school system.

Many Birmingham youngsters will not be pleased to hear this news, although this Wanderer will bet Popeye is perhaps their favorite comic character. The current winter crop of spinach just received, 100,000 bushes, or nearly a million more than last year. Or is the crop increase due to a larger demand of the consumers, more and more who have come to like the "muscle-builder"?

Managers of public golf courses in the Detroit metropolitan area in the Detroit council to put the city on daylight saving time from May 1 to October 1. This Wanderer was told Monday afternoon. Thirty members of the metropolitan area golfers met at Lancaster Hills Sunday to plan the campaign. About 10,000 people are expected to get out for a morning to Detroit councilmen, the report stated. Should Detroit adopt daylight saving time for the summer, it is felt suburban communities would follow suit.

How many localities recognized Birmingham's own Quentin Bresford, former Baldwin High School track star, in the recent news reels of the AAU mile run held at Madison Square Garden recently? Bresford's runners for the first time on banked boards, with the added disadvantage of competing on strange ground against eighteen of the country's best milers, placed third, coming in behind Gil Doidge and galloping preacher, and Mack of Drake, to turn in the best indoor mile of his outstanding career. Bresford finished first on the four-mile cinder path at E. Lansing last November in a field of 147 cross-country runners to win the annual National Collegiate Athletic Association trophy. He was member of the best All-Ohio trackster in the mile run, after winning the E. Lansing team. He was member of the Ohio Wesleyan team in 1942, then went to the army. Last year he was on the army track team in Europe and ran in meets in Sicily, Italy and France.

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town. But the effect of the years of privation and lack of food in England—perhaps tucked away in the subconscious during the day—displays itself at night and the grof would seem to be her dream. She dreamt she received a package from her mother in England. Full of curiosity, she opened it to find a beautiful pure made of soft, fine blue velvet. Delighted with this gift, she opened it to examine the inside, vaguely expecting it to be filled with still new delights. But it was filled to the brim with stew, rich and brown and steaming and full of good meat and vegetables. That's all she can remember of the dream but it's all that's needed to bear out the truth of the old quotation: "What's past is past and gone—except in dreams."

This Wanderer chanced to stop in at the Beatrice Zwaan studio up over LaBelle's the other afternoon, and spot an enjoyable time looking over a small collection of pictures by Cornelis Zwaan, Dutch painter and portrait artist and father of Beatrice Zwaan. Born in Amsterdam, he was 14 when one of his pictures first won the recognition of Queen Wilhelmina at a public school exhibition. She bought the picture and encouraged him to study art. His life is reported to have been typical of a struggling young artist until he was befriended again by Queen Wilhelmina who gave him a five-year scholarship to Bykes Academy. Zwaan does not exhibit in museums because he says that most of them show only moderns, with whom he does not care to exhibit.

Two new members have been added to the Retail Merchants Association board of directors, representing two new aspects in community affairs. New meeting with the RMA board are Elliott S. Kinney, of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, and Lerry Nelson, president of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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