

Have you written that note or letter to some friend or relative that you have promised yourself you would do... "some day now"? It doesn't take long to write a few lines; but, oh, how difficult it is to get started. Friendly words, spoken or written, are large portions of the business of retaining friends; so... why not write right now!

SEVENTIETH YEAR—NO. 24

Gar Wood Plant Sold Thru WJ&W

The Gar Wood Boat Building plant at Marysville, Mich., a one-story steel, concrete and glass structure, with length of 500 feet along the St. Clair River, and located on twenty-five acres of

land, has been purchased by the Ainsworth Manufacturing Company of Detroit.
It will be used for the production of ventilator window assemblies, seat slides, windshield regulators, radiators and grilles.
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Bits of Birmingham

Midshipman Paul A. Peck is now taking up advanced training in bomber planes, the U. S. Navy announced this week. Paul, who is the son of Arthur C. Peck of 584 Hanna street, has just completed his flight training at the "Annapolis of the Air" and has been designated a Naval aviator. His wings were presented to him by his commanding officer, Capt. William Shiton, USN, who commands the Naval Air Training Base at Pensacola, Fla. Peck has been transferred to Advanced Training Unit 5 at Jacksonville, Fla.

Birmingham veterans did not disappoint local banking officials Tuesday morning when those terminal leave bonds became cashable. This Wanderer was told by Merrill Adams, Birmingham National vice-president, that several veterans were waiting for the bank to open up at nine o'clock that morning. "But there wasn't an unusually large number that came in," he explained. "We've had maybe 20 or 30 of them so far."

The weather this summer has been anything but predictable. Scorching heat waves, then torrential rains. Maybe this is an indication for a humdinger of a cold winter. And with fuel supplies as tight or tighter than last winter.

As far as this Wanderer knows, the traffic on the State's highways during Labor Day week did not exist. He stayed home except for an excursion to the shopping center for a quart of ice cream to top off Sunday's dinner. From newspaper and radio re-

ports, however, the nation really took advantage of the three-day week and to "get out and get going." Whenever the nation goes through a Labor Day week without a fatality, that news will scare all else off the front pages of the country's press. That will be a day worth waiting for.

When the youngsters petition "Mom" for some luncheon to sell at the curb in front of the house, she usually takes the time to squeeze the fruit, add the water, ice cubes and sugar, and provide the necessary pitcher and glasses for her enterprising youngsters. This Wanderer has seen many of these "stands" in the city's residential sections this summer, although he has noticed that more likely than not the entrepreneurs usually wind up by drinking the profits after a few neighborhood children have given their pennies in return for a glass of lemonade. They are beginning to find in this summer adventure, that pennies do not grow on trees. They will see this fact illustrated through out the rest of their lives.

In pondering the city's downtown section for news, this Wanderer has occasion to go in around and over various phases of the city's sidewalk reconstruction project. Yet we have not heard one word of objection from any of the other pedestrians similarly inconvenienced. Evidently they consider that the benefit of the new walks will greatly outweigh the pitfalls during the time the walks were temporarily patched. So they're willing to put up with the repairs.

Saturday night this Wanderer witnessed an atmospheric demonstration which he never had seen before. After the first heavy rainstorm that evening, he took a walk around the neighborhood and noticed the full moon that broke through the clouds. Then for many minutes, he saw yards and streets bathed in moonlight while to the southwest flashes of heat lightning turned the sky orange or crimson. And to top it all off, there were two strong searchlight beams that played on the clouds that seemed to hang below the moon. Quite a system of heavenly lighting effects, to say the least.

Figure that starlings only like to roost in trees during the night! Then you've got a surprise com-

Won't Be Steered



Tommy Clark, 4-H Club member of Lowell, Ind., has a hard time coaxing his grand champion Angus steer, Bomber, away from the ring at annual Lake County, Ind., Fair after it won over 97 entries.

ing, as this Wanderer had when Wayne Smith, of Bloomfield Court, told him that between 300 and 400 of the pesky birds spent the night in either one of the two chimneys that are atop the building at the southeast corner of Woodward and Maple avenues.

Here's how Wayne relates it: "Par the past several months I have observed—just before dark—that about 300 or 400 starlings begin to circle the top of the building. Every few minutes a dozen or so starlings disappear like dive bombers down the chimney. Pretty soon they have all gone down the shaft. And that is pretty much of a nightly occurrence, I have noticed." What a nice way to trap some of the birds! Covers the top of the chimney and start a fire in the boiler, or let some gas in to end the chimney. This Wanderer wonders how many more chimneys around town are nightly roosting grounds for starlings!

Seymour Blakley, 727 E. Lincoln, came into The Eccentric editorial office Tuesday afternoon and displayed a homegrown tomato which weighed a pound and a half. The diameter of the plant was 5 inches, and it was 13 inches thick. Declared Blakley, "I believe I've got two or three more coming on that will be about the same size. And I already have harvested several tomatoes that have weighed between a pound and a pound and a quarter." He claims he takes no pains with the vegetable—just lets it grow. "My tomato vines would have been seven feet tall by now if I hadn't cut them back twice," he explained. And his variety are not beefsteak tomatoes, either, he emphasizes. Are there any further claimants to the title of "Birmingham Tomato King?"

John Simonds, a GI graduate of Ypsilanti State Normal College this past June, will replace James Ray as an social studies teacher at Baldwin High School this fall. It was announced this week by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools. According to Ireland, Simonds also will assist with the

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