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Export Mich. Apples

U. S. export of fresh apples is benefited by trade agreements with 21 countries. The total U. S. ex-

port of apples and apple products in 1938 was approximately \$17 million. Apples are an important cash crop of Michigan farmers, and exports support the domestic price when there is a surplus.

Bits of Birmingham

The Friday opening hour at the Bloomfield Theatre has been advanced one hour. Now, instead of opening at the usual 8:45, the doors will be swung wide at 5:45. This change is for Fridays only and will allow a fella to see a movie while the missus shops and still be out by the time the business district closes at 9 p. m.

Tickets are passed out for overparking and for parking in restricted zones, but this Wanderer saw something Friday morning which called for a ticket—and

perhaps something more forceful. Someone, driving a car licensed EC-44-09, parked in front of the Krege store in such a manner that the vehicle next to it was unable to move from the curb, and the young lady was forced to call a garage and have the rear of her car hoisted and swung around, in order that she might leave that parking place and continue on her way.

A Woodward avenue community has accomplished the impossible, for it has successfully turned

back the clock. Workers, hurrying to their desks Monday morning, glanced at the huge over-head clock; more from habit than anything else, and suddenly stopped to stare. There, sure enough, the hands of the clock were nervously circling their way "round and round, but for a change, were going in a backward direction.

During the chill, cold blasts of Thursday, this Wanderer saw a sight that portrayed the real dog lover. A lad of about ten was going down the street with his small dog. Every few steps the dog would lift one paw and travel on three legs for a short distance, then change off and raise another paw from the icy walk. The boy watched awhile, and then, pulling off his heavy mittens, picked up the chilled paw and held it in his hands to warm it. That's real friendship—a boy and his dog.

The Birmingham Lions Club has given a good check to Miss Jeanne Lloyd, Baldwin Public Library librarian, to be spent on additional books to be used with the two selling projectors. It was announced this week by Don Cummings, club secretary. The projectors are used by bedridden persons who are not able to read a book in the normal manner.

A. R. Musson, executive secretary of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association, remained this week: "While the 1947 Christmas Seal Sale officially closed December 25, it is not too late for those persons who overlooked acknowledging their Christmas Seal letters to make returns." Musson also expressed his gratitude to those who sent in contributions in this campaign.

The Birmingham School Board and the City of Birmingham have agreed to sign a minimum 15-year contract for the maintenance of a railroad siding at the city DPW yards on Elton road. Both parties have agreed that this will facilitate the handling of the bulk city and school supplies. The railroad has not indicated yet when the siding will be built. It will cost the city and school board an estimated \$2,200 each.

From time to time, as the survey of the various city departments proceeds, The Eccentric will present articles summarizing the proposed changes.

Birmingham adults who, because of their activities with various youth recreation programs, would like to receive Red Cross life saving instruction, can do so by calling Cadillac 5900, Ext. 242. The standard course starts the first of next week, as does the advanced course.

This Wanderer has talked with quite a number of local residents who have expressed their gratification for the establishment of a local Secretary of State's office. "It certainly is a pleasure to drop down to 772 S. Woodward and get your new auto tags. We don't have to make a long trip to another locality to accomplish this, now that a local office is in operation," was the consensus.

City officials look for between 500 and 600 houses to be built in Birmingham during 1948. Two hundred sixty-five new homes were constructed here in 1947, according to the annual city building report. City Manager Donald C. Egbert estimates that this figure will be doubled this new year.

Birmingham residents who happen to enter the WWJ program "Music for Michigan" Tuesday evening, were pleased to hear Charles Turner, Birmingham violinist, featured on it. Mr. Turner is sharing honors with Stanley Lock, Detroit pianist, on the benefit program which the Birmingham Musicale is sponsoring next Mon-

Noted Artist's Work Shown at Cranbrook

On view until Jan. 28 at the Museum of the Cranbrook Academy of Art is an exhibition of 25 water colors by John Marin, one of the foremost water colorists in America. The collection is lent by the Columbus Museum of Fine Arts in Columbus, Ohio.

Never having identified himself with any school of painting, either foreign or domestic, Marin stands as an isolated figure in contemporary art. The coast of Maine, more than any other single locale, was the nursery and testing ground of Marin's art, with boats and buildings as much his province as lakes, seas, islands and mountains.

Born in Rutherford, N. J., in 1870, Marin was raised in Westchester and became a free lance architect. He studied painting at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art and the Art Students League in New York City. In 1906 he went abroad and divided his time between America and Europe until 1911 when he returned to America.

The exhibition at Cranbrook is an excellent cross-section of Marin's work, fine in color and decorative quality, easily recognizable and less abstract than his latest works. Included in this show is the Museum's recent Marin acquisition, "Long Manhattan."

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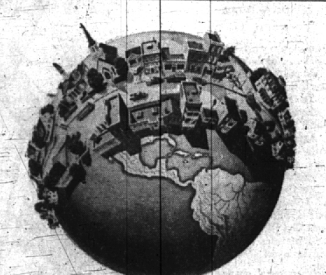
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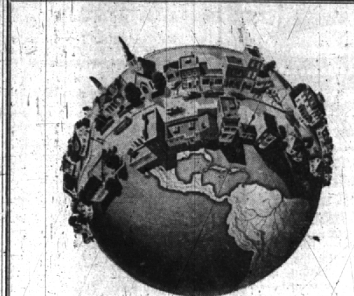
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