

BITS OF B'HAM

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east. The froxy, bewhiskered...
...before him, heaped high with a delicious turkey dinner that was probably the first decent meal he had had in months. As the chaplain finished his blessing we heard the man mutter, "And thank God for a stomach that'll stretch!"

Here's the brief story of one of the most Birmingham fisherman...
...Duncan, 1148 Holland avenue, last Saturday afternoon cast an artificial mouse from the bank of a private lake near Clanton; nothing happened. On his third cast he knew he had tangled with something much alive. It proved to be a big black bass. "I took it into a store where the scales read six and three-quarters pounds," explained angler Duncan to this Wanderer. "Then I took it to two other scales and each read one pound less; so I'll set my record for the latter weight—which was big enough, I can assure you, for a black bass." So the Wanderer had fresh fish for Sunday dinner—and Roy has proved himself an honest fisherman!

Several present in Birmingham will verify the police report that the department is really bearing down on traffic violations. Many paid fines during the past week for violation of stop signs and traffic signals. Police will continue their drive against these and other traffic violations in their effort to promote safety in Birmingham.

This Wanderer has received many inquiries, with the notice carried in this column after election, concerning the value of the Nov. 3 issue of the Free Press. It seems to us that just about everyone has a copy of it, and more than willing to exchange for that \$2.50, and all are asking us where the deal can be made. Frankly, we don't know, but if we did—we'll have a copy of that Free Press, too.

Michigan Forest Fire Losses Can Still Be Reduced

Washington, D. C. (Special)—Michigan forest fires during 1947 averaged slightly less than 16 million acres, according to a survey just released by American Forest Products Industries. The state has maintained a five year record of 20.6 acres per fire. In 1947 the average forest fire in the United States burned over 110 acres.

Commenting on the state's forest fire record, Chief Forester Charles A. Gillett of the Michigan Department of Conservation...
...Need Full Public Support
...The Keep America Green program, active in 24 of our timber producing states, is becoming an ever more potent factor in industrial drive to awaken public interest in forest fire prevention. Gillett declared:
...By pointing out how woods fires mean in terms of wages, raw materials, profits, taxes and recreational facilities local Keep Green committees are putting an effective pocketbook punch into the forest fire prevention campaign.
...The AFPI forester stressed the need for public support of federal and state fire control agencies. In 1947 forest fires, 90 per cent of them preventable, burned over 25,225,932 acres of wooded land in continental United States, an area larger than Maine and nearly as large as Indiana.

Civic Light Opera Tickets on Sale Starting Monday

Tickets for all ten shows of the Detroit Civic Light Opera, sixth annual season will go on sale Monday, Nov. 29. Barrie O'Daniels, managing director has announced.

The Civic Light Opera's series opens Christmas night with the Detroit premiere of "Song of Norway." O'Daniels plans to bring in most of the original New York cast of the show which played for two years on Broadway. Ira Petina, one of last year's top favorites here, has the lead opposite reverend Brooker, currently starring in "My Romance."

Among the stars Detroiters will see in Civic Light Opera productions are Kenny Baker in "The Great Waltz," Allan Jones in "The Firefly," Susanna Foster in "Rosaland," and Victor Jory in "Agony of King." Other Civic favorites coming for the season are Wilbur Evans, Dorothy Sandlin, Annie Kuzak, and Joseph Macauley.
...The season is as follows: Song of Norway, Dec. 28-Jan. 1; Agony of King, Jan. 3-Jan. 8; Bloomer Girl, Jan. 10-16; Vagabond King, Jan. 17-23; Connecticut Yankee, Jan. 25-30; Great Waltz, Jan. 31-Feb. 6; Rosaland, Feb. 7-13; Firefly, Feb. 14-20; New Moon, Feb. 21-27; and Carmen Jones, with the original all Negro cast, Feb. 28-March 6.

Have You Met...
...Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cliff Roberts who are now living at 1075 North Woodward? They have two sons, John and Richard. Mr. Roberts is an account executive for the J. Walter Thompson Company.

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