

HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Every so often the mind, like a clothes dryer, refrigerator or ought to have a housecleaning. All those accumulated bits of doubt or information should be taken out, examined and thrown away. In doing so to my mind (?) an entire whole flock of things which certainly had no bearing on the case. Any case, that is, there's one question which has gone unanswered for a long time. Whatever became of that good five cent cigar that was needed in this country for so long?

"I know, that may be one of the things that's wrong with the country today. That good five cent cigar never materialized and because of this we have a national frustration. Who knows, as the Spanish say,

ANOTHER QUESTION that's been knocking around for some time concerns greeting cards. It really doesn't matter what kind of course. Manufacturers print millions of them every year, expending thousands of different thoughts.

Yard's it would be no trick at all to get "just the one." Somehow, though, you never do find it. You'd think you'd be able to find it, but you don't really like it in the receiver's hands.

It's the same with clothes. In the middle of the summer you set your mind on a certain pair of winter coat. You think you have months yet in which to shop, so you just keep putting it off from day to day.

FINALLY, a shopping cold day comes along and you wind your neck, shivering way into the nearest clothing shop. You buy a coat, nothing at all like the one you dreamt of. The next week every window you pass displays the exact model of what you wanted. You find remnants of a lot of radio commercials and recipes in the papers too.

They certainly must think they are dealing with the original pattern of the most modern of the little meron jeans. Radio commercials sound as if they were aimed at infants. Maybe they are. They, the originators, are assured they are not of what you want, but they are. As for recipes—a favorite is to tell you to add more water if you get the winter water, and less if you like it thicker. One would suppose the opposite would be true. The writer has had a terrific time figuring the thing out and thought everyone else would, too.

OF COURSE there's always the historic one about rabbit stew which advised that you first get a rabbit.

And, speaking of rabbits—what becomes of all the Easter bunnies? The number that are sold through America's pet shops each year would have rabbits hopping around every yard.

Yards are also on the list of oddities held for questioning. They sometimes seem so useless in the summer, when you can sit in them the weather is nice enough so that you can go places. In winter you stay home and it's too cold to use the yard. See what I mean? Then, there's too, to get back to the original thought, cleaning the odd scraps out of the mind is just like cleaning a house.

Barnum PTA to Have Open House Session

As a part of its American education week program the Barnum Junior high school PTA will hold open house Wednesday evening, Nov. 2.

Mrs. Berrien Ketchum, PTA president, will preside at the business meeting when brief talks will be given by Mrs. Donald Bell, Suzanne M. Jones, Mrs. Marie Brusie, and Malcolm Tindall.

Parents will visit homerooms where informal discussions with the teachers are planned.

Homeroom fathers and mothers will be hosts.

The lightest wood in the world is believed to be bany. It is found in Siam and the Malayan Peninsula.

Requirements Ease On Eligibility for Social Security

Local residents over 65, who have been ineligible to receive social security benefits because they have been earning more than \$15 a month, will benefit from a more liberal set recently announced by the Social Security administration. The new law provides that a person can be classed as "retired" if his earnings don't exceed \$50 a month. The same rules apply to widows and children. Social security officials announced that mothers who have children eligible to receive benefits should determine if this change in work limitation affects them.

BEFORE THE RECENT act was passed, the law provided that after the wage earner proved he was 65 years of age and had sufficient wage credits, he had to prove he was retired. The term "retired" meant that his monthly earnings were less than \$14.99. In addition, his wife and children had to receive benefits only if their earnings were less than \$15.

Wage earners, 75 or over, who have six or more work quarters to their credit, are not affected by the earnings limit. The new law provides that no matter what their earnings, the minimum retirement payment is \$20 and the maximum for an individual, \$68.50. After June 1952, it will be \$80. The family benefit payment varies from \$40 to \$150 a month.

Thanksgiving Day Football Tickets Now Available

Tickets for the Thanksgiving football game between Birmingham and Royal Oak at Pierce field, will be on sale Wednesday at the athletic office in Hill school, according to Franklyn Whitney, director of athletics.

Reserved seats on the sides are \$2 and in the end zones \$1.50. General admission tickets are \$1. Whitney said there are 1,100 reserved seats in the Birmingham section.

He emphasized that no tickets will be "held back" and by purchasing tickets early, the best seats will be available.

Pierce field will now seat a capacity crowd of 3,100, and with the extra seats to be moved in for the game will seat about 4,400 persons.

Architect's Bid For Fire Hall Accepted By Southfield Board

A bid for architectural services for the proposed construction of an additional fire hall for Southfield township was accepted by the township board last week.

The bid submitted by Walter Kolsky of Detroit was accepted subject to a written proposal from him. He had informed the board he will furnish plans for the hall for 5 percent fee.

Township residents approved the construction of two fire halls in the township at the Sept. 12 election.

Canada has about 37,000 square miles of peat deposits.

BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS

Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

Men who served as warrant officers in the Army during World War II may now be appointed warrant officers in the Organized Reserve Corps, it is announced by an Army spokesman in Detroit.

This marks the first time the Army has been authorized to appoint warrant officers in its reserve forces.

OAKLAND COUNTY RED CROSS NEWS

Through Mrs. George Pence, 929 Commercial, is a new Red Cross Oakland County Chapter is asking for Motor Corps drivers. If you have a car and are willing to take Gray Ladies from Birmingham to Selridge Field on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m., returning about 5:30 p.m., contact Mrs. Pence. Drivers are also needed for charity work in the county and emergency trips on call.

Camera Club Plans Duo-Program Nov. 2

A twin program is scheduled for the Nov. 2 meeting of the Bloomfield Hills Camera club, both sections open to the public.

Meeting at the Cranbrook Institute, the members will be given a choice of an instruction period in elementary darkroom work at the Harvey Greer studio or a session of picture taking at the institute.

Members who have lights of any type are asked to bring them to the latter session.

Honorable Mention

Mrs. William McVey, a potter, was awarded an honorable mention at the national ceramic exhibition sponsored annually by the Syracuse (N. Y.) Museum of Fine Arts. Her work, familiar to all visitors at the Michigan Craftsmen's shows, has been widely shown throughout the country.

She is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art and has recently worked with Majia Grottel at Craubrook.

Happiness consists, not in possessing much, but in being content with what we possess. He who wishes little always has enough. —Zimmerman

Few persons have sufficient wisdom to prefer censure, which is useful, to praise which deceives them. —Rochefoucauld

Study of Birmingham Police, Fire Departments Released By Egbert

With the purpose of comparing the Birmingham police and fire departments with cities of similar size throughout the country, City Manager Donald C. Egbert has made a study of the local departments.

The International City Managers Association recently released statistics regarding departments throughout the country.

The personnel of the police force was found to be about average for cities of this size. Average Birmingham traffic problems in connection with a community located in a metropolitan area, the number of employees in the department should be approximately 1.7 per 1,000 population.

THE PER CAPITA expenditures of \$5.98 for the local police department activities are above the national average of \$5.19. Egbert pointed out that this is as expected, as Birmingham is located in an area of relatively high wages.

Salary expenditures for the police force comparable with other cities are about the national average. Birmingham's average is \$3.25 and the national average is \$3.24. Also approximately the national average, is the percentage of the total budget represented by police force expenditures. The local figure is 12.4% and the national 12%.

With allowances made for personnel involved in operation of the city's wells, the local fire department's employees per 1,000 population are approximately the national average.

The fire department's per capita expenditures of \$4.40 are nearly equal to the national average of \$4.35, however, as the local fire equipment is purchased out of capital funds, the expenditures are actually above the national average.

THE PERCENTAGE of fire department salaries to total department expenses is high. The national average is 81.6% and Birmingham is 93.8%. Egbert pointed out that this total reflects the lack of charging original equipment costs to the department.

The annual per capita fire loss is only about 50% of the average of the lower quarter throughout the country. The local figure is \$4.7 cents and the national is \$1.90.

The loss per fire is very low as compared with the national average. Birmingham's figure is \$85.42 and the national \$279.

There were only 1.87 fires per 1,000 population in Birmingham and the figure throughout the nation was 3.4.

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Dearborn Motors Distributors Tour New Office Here

Distributors for Dearborn Motors were taken on a tour of the company's new East Maple road office Friday. The visit was part of a two-day conference of the firm's distributors and executives at the Port Shelby hotel.

Progress of the company this year and the management plans for 1951 were discussed at the meeting.

He said that this is shown in the fire loss per capita, per building fire and the number of fires per 1,000 population in the local fire department report.

The happiest conversation is that of which nothing is distinctly remembered, but a general effect of pleasing impression. —Johnson

Want ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

ADDING CHARM TO Your Home

By Bill Wieland



ARMS AND THE MAN

There is no stock answer to that often repeated question: "What kind of chair would be best?"

The kind of chair will depend on what you expect of it both in a decorative and a functional capacity. Background colors in your room—rug, walls, draperies, will dictate color. You may want to inject a dramatic splash of color contrast into a monochromatic scheme, or play down an existing amount of certain hue.

The style of the room and where the chair will be placed in relation to other furnishings will determine its weight and scale. And function... the amount of use it must bear will dictate fabric and texture.

In many homes it is taken for granted that certain chairs are reserved for particular members.

At Great Lakes For Boot Training

GREAT LAKES, Ill.—William F. Wilson, Lames recruit, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Wilson of 26745 Santa Barbara Dr.,

Russell Manney Joins Advertising Agency

A new member of MacManus, John & Adams advertising agency is Russell F. Manney, 17833 Dunblaine, Beverly Hills, according to James R. Adams, president of the firm.

Manney, who has served with Detroit and New York advertising agencies, has been assigned to the Briggs Manufacturing Co. Beauty-ware division account.

Southfield township is undergoing recruit training at the world's largest Naval Training Center here.

Upon completion of his training, Wilson will be assigned either to assist at the fleet or to a service school for specialized training.



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