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From where I sit... *by Joe Marsh*
Might Say The Birds Got "Nettled"

—Had ~~them~~ with Tik Bradley the other day, and over a frosty bottle of beer I found out about his job with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Now just exactly what do you do?" I asked him. "Shoot birds with a cannon" he calmly replies.

Seems they actually do use a cannon—to shoot out a net over a flock of birds feeding on the ground. The birds start to take off at the sound of the shot, but the netting net brings them back to earth. Then they're banded around the leg so more can be

learned about their migratory habits. Afterwards, they're let loose—and everyone's happy.

From where I sit, it was a good example of how when you learn the real facts they're often not as bad as they may sound at first. Like with people. Get to really know your neighbor and chances are you'll be more tolerant of his preferences—even though they're not your own. Take a good look, before you jump to conclusions.

Joe Marsh

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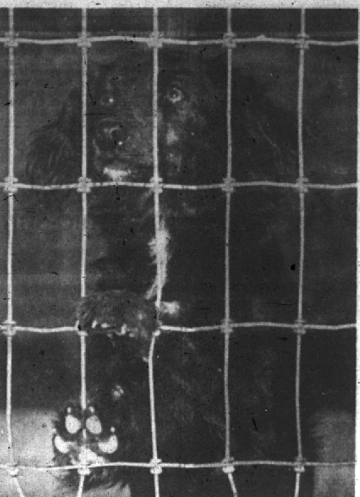
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"HAS ANYONE COME TO TAKE ME HOME?" Dog pound guest wants to know (Joe Wheeler Photo)

To Spend \$7,900 More to Fix Curb On Two Streets

In Oakland County, manufacturing employment grew from 22,145 in 1940 to 50,874 in 1950, a gain of 132% against the all-over regional gain of 71%. Number of plants increased during the decade from 183 to 373.

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A bill averaging \$32.50 per lot will be sent Kennesaw and Mohegan residents as the additional cost of replacing some 2,000 extra feet of curbing.

On the instruction of the city commission, City Manager D. C. Egbert this week will notify residents by mail of the additional charges.

Assessments already have been levied for resurfacing of these two streets between Oxford and Adams. The original plans called for replacement of only 500 feet of curbing.

RECENT investigations by the city engineering department, however, show an additional 2,000 feet of curbing has deteriorated in the three years since the project was started and should be replaced.

The city estimated the additional curbing will cost about \$7,900.

The contractor is expected to start operations the week of July 16 on Kennesaw and Mohegan. Egbert informed the commission.

Rover Just Wants Someone to Love

By ALICE E. MORGAN

When a dog needs a home and a home needs a dog, Birmingham, like nearly every other city in the country, has a mutual meeting ground.

Every year throughout the country thousands of dogs meet untimely and unwarranted deaths because they have no homes. Some are valuable dogs, others are just "lovable." Given a chance, nearly all would be faithful, affectionate pets. But because they have no homes they end up in dog pounds and gas chambers.

Birmingham contributes its share every year to this pathetic and lonely story.

Stray dogs, dogs which have been abandoned by careless owners or dogs left to shift for themselves end up this way. Pets left homeless by the death of an owner or dogs which flee from "cruel homes meet the same fate.

THERE ARE many persons, especially those with large families, who do not feel they can afford to buy a dog who would provide an excellent home for one. There are some who do not have the time and in some cases are not physically able to tackle the job of training a puppy. These often go to the dog pound.

These are the prospective owners for dog pound inmates.

Too often the dog warden is pictured as a heartless ogre when he's really a soft-hearted guy. He puts no thrill out of picking up every dog he sees on the street and destroying a good share of them.

HE'D MUCH rather see these valuable dogs go to homes which would appreciate their beauty and breeding. He'd certainly get more of a bang out of watching some youngster's eyes when he picks up a soft, cuddly pup than he is very often.

Much as he'd like these things, he cannot arrange them. He simply doesn't have enough hours in the day to do it. So, he does his unpleasant duty and goes through life feeling like a first class heel!

At Sandell, Birmingham's new dog warden, would be more than happy to turn the animals which come his way over to new owners. He's a guy who likes dogs and, has some of his own.

HE INVITES anyone who doesn't want a dog to visit the

pound and see if they cannot find a mutual love there.

If, on your first trip over to Ely road you do not find the dog you want—or any dog at all—go back again. There is always another day.

In Birmingham impounded dogs are kept three days, and if not claimed in this time, are destroyed. The owner may reclaim his dog by meeting city licensing and rabies requirements. The new owner may get his pet through the same process.

Charles Mortensen, Chamber of Commerce secretary, said, "Maybe if we got people better acquainted with the dog pound we can make it a little easier. Maybe more owners will go there looking for their lost dogs and maybe more people who want dogs will get in the habit of dropping by for a visit now and then."

"If I know Al, he'd a whole lot rather see someone lead them away than have to put them away."

Bass Fishing Contest Led by 1/4 Pound Catch

C. P. Kalocay, 1991 Birmingham boulevard, is still leading in the Bob Craig, Inc. bass fishing contest, with a four and one-quarter pound catch.

A total of 104 entries have been received for the contest, which closes Sept. 25. Prizes will go for the three largest catches, and a photograph must be turned in with the results, according to Leo Renault, contest chairman.

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