

One of the fine rewards for being a parent is to observe your children as they reach the late teens, and to see their growth in character, in their writing, in their painting, in their work, in their conversation. You may think that a little boy or girl is now almost a man or woman in expression, as well as in physical stature.

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Approval Given To Gas Petition

Approval of a petition to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, asking that natural gas be considered for distribution in this section of Michigan's dairy fields, was given by the City Commission Monday night. The petition was presented by a group of meetings of officials from Pontiac, Birmingham, Royal Oak, and Ferndale during the last year.

LENIENCY HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIME BY G-MAN

Details of the work of members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States police force headed by J. Edgar Hoover, were revealed in part Monday night when J. C. Newman, of Detroit, in charge of that department's Detroit office, told 150 Masons in the Birmingham Masonic Temple. Mr. Newman, himself a graduate of the department for the past 13 years, was introduced by George R. Averitt, the morning editor of the Birmingham Post-Herald, by Ernest Morrow, Worshipful Master of the local Masonic lodge.

The speaker stripped some of the romance and glamour from the activities of the G-man when he said that the FBI handles 15 different federal offenses, kidnaping and extortion being only a small portion of their activities. Mr. Newman, who once served as assistant to Martin Purvis, the manager of John Dillinger, was the northern Wisconsin woods several years ago; during that time Mr. Newman was shot in the head, spending several weeks later recovering in a hospital.

Local Girl Will Dance In Ballet

Marion Kirk, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nevill Kirk of 616 West Lincoln avenue, and a student in the tenth grade of Baldwin high school, will appear in the Detroit Ballet and dance group on Saturday night, Feb. 26. The performance will be given at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the direction of conductor Victor Kolar.

Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Rebert, 1150 Puritan Avenue, Detroit, are moving to Birmingham from New Rochelle, N. Y. Mr. Rebert is employed with the S. S. White Co. in Birmingham, and will take an active part in the program to be presented later in the year.

Board Discusses Modern Definition Of Failure from Social Viewpoint

The question as to what constitutes a failure in the Birmingham public schools was discussed formally by members of the Board of Education at their meeting Monday night. The superintendent, George P. Potter, president of the Board, has brought up when Superintendent of Schools Howard D. Crull presented his report to the Board, containing a summary as to the disposition of pupils.

BOARDS NAMES TO VACANCY

Resolution Expresses High Regard for Member Taken by Death

Members of the Board of Education paid tribute to the memory of John S. Black, secretary and his death Friday, at their meeting Monday evening, then obeyed their legal obligation by naming his successor.

John S. Black Expires After Brief Illness

Death came Friday afternoon to John S. Black, secretary of the Birmingham Board of Education, a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, and one of the city's foremost citizens. Mr. Black died in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, where he was taken ten days ago, following a heart attack. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Black, who resided at 491 Oak street, came to Birmingham 18 years ago. He was born in Philadelphia, but came to Detroit, where he spent most of his life. For 43 years he was associated with the Nelson Baker Company, manufacturing pharmacists, of which he was secretary.

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When you put a 16-year-old boy in a room with 11-year-old girls, you may be creating a social problem, the board pointed out in such a case it would be more advisable to let the boy go on, even though he did not meet the minimum standard of the advanced grade. Schools are sometimes faced with the problem of how to handle two problems, social and educational. For this reason, every effort is being made to find out where it is all possible.

High School Fraternities, A Problem In Democracy?

By Rebecca S. Platt

"Mother, look me over. I've been asked to join." Fifteen-year-old daughter, bounding in from school, is speaking to her mother.

Local Writer Tells Parents the 'Why About Frats'

How do Birmingham parents feel about high school fraternities? The high school fraternity is prohibited by law, parents wish to recognize the fact as well as school authorities, but what they sometimes fail to understand are the reasons why, why such a law exists.

Parents pay inordinate sums for the services of specialists who cater to the needs of children who are same parents rarely seek the advice (to be had for the asking) of a high school principal, or if they do seek it, ignore it. Specialists in secondary education as a general rule, are strong in favor of fraternities and fraternities in public high schools, which are usually not considered in this discussion.

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PETITIONS ARE OUT FOR MARTZ, PACKARD

Petitions to nominate Mayor John E. Martz and City Commissioner Frank L. Packard, to be nominated in the Birmingham election April 4, were taken out yesterday afternoon at the Board of Education.

Consultant To Aid In Change of Boilers

The Board of Education Monday night authorized Louis M. Randall, business manager, to engage the services of Lowell Price as consulting engineers in changing the boilers at Baldwin High School.

Egbert Outlines Plan For Surfacing

Plans to combine the use of road oil to eliminate dust in summer and the making of a permanent semi-hard surface were presented to the City Commission Monday night by Donald C. Egbert, City Manager. He suggested that the City undertake to experiment on five miles of Birmingham's gravel streets during 1938.

Commission Paves Way For Financing New Sewage Disposal Plant

To provide for the orderly retirement of \$172,000 of sewer revenue bonds which the City Commission will issue in the near future, to pay for the construction of an adequate sewage disposal plant for Birmingham, a special Ordinance authorizing the City Ordinance, combining the water and sewer departments, and setting the rate of sewerage charges at the rate of \$2.16, will be found on page twelve of this issue of The Eccentric. A careful study of its content is suggested.

COMMISSION OFFERS TRIBUTE IN MEMORIALS

Memorials to the memory of David H. Ladd and John S. Black, local residents, who have passed on during the past week, were read at the City Commission meeting Monday night. City Clerk Irene Hanley read them.

CONDITION OF GIRL CAUSES CONTROVERSY

The mental condition of Gladys Necker, 18-year-old Detroit girl, recovering from an illness, is the subject of controversy. Her father, Mr. J. H. Necker, performed Feb. 13, in the servants' quarters of the H. A. Stormfjord, Jr., 21 years old, was arrested on a charge of performing an abortion.

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HOWELL ASSUMES CHARGE OF DRIVE

Rice A. Howell has been appointed chairman of the Commission on the death of the late David H. Ladd. The committee is preparing a list of members who will be called upon in the drive.

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