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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1940 \$1.50 PER YEAR (In Oakland County)—SINGLE COPIES, 5c

THIS IS THAT

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A Princeton University professor, after tests, announced that men understand women better on the job than women understand men. Now all we need is the development of educational technique so that both men and women understand University professors.

These Costs Much!

We have heard a lot about the taxing cost of Michigan's government; the sad part of it all is that this bill is the bill—and both Republican and Democratic parties have created it. In 1933 the payroll cost of State employees was \$14,566,848.00; since 1933 the total has jumped \$11,000,000 to \$25,566,848.00. The late Governor Fitzgerald, in his campaign, in 1933 promised reductions that annually of over eight millions, but his successor, Governor Dickinson, who is to carry out Mr. Fitzgerald's Republican promises. Excessive payrolls in many departments is the only one that really has cut expenses, looking to the Governor who really knows how to carry out an election program, and not until then.

Then Rejoice!

Over in a little village of Meigs, near Lapeer, on the shore of Lake Michigan, a chap named Swift lives and edits perhaps the world's smallest newspaper. For years he has been doing it—often to the consternation of the town's other newspapers. He is now celebrating his eighth birthday a few weeks ago.

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Interest Rising In Post Office Dedication

Tell Parade Route; Limit Luncheon at 12:30 to 300 People

Interest was rising this week in Birmingham for the dedication of a new post office, which is rapidly nearing completion. The luncheon preceding the ceremony, at which Gov. Lure D. Dickinson and other notables will be present, has been limited to 300 persons, may be procured at leading drug stores and other places of business.

Parade Route

Following the luncheon, there will be a short parade, and it will be held on Wednesday by Parade Chairman J. Mark Hardin and Police Chief John P. Hadden. It will form on Townsend street, west of Bates, and also on Chester at the Hill School property. The parade is to leave the Community House at 2:45 p. m., going east on Townsend to Pierce street, south on Pierce to Brown, east on Brown to Woodward, north on Woodward to Willis street, west on Willis to Chester, south on Chester to Martin, and east on Martin to the front of the new post office.

Post Office Representative

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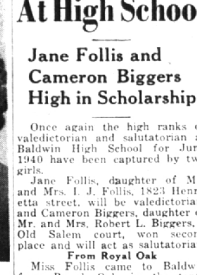
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Board of Review Meets This Week

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Softball Leaders to Meet Friday

Managers and captains of prospective teams for the City Recreation softball league are to hold their first organization meeting at the Community House at 4 o'clock, Friday, May 11, at 8 p. m.

Plan Three Playgrounds

Announcement of the three playgrounds to be located this year at Pierce School, Torrey Field and Harnum School, each with a full-time supervisor and assistants. Because of spotty attendance last year, playgrounds may not be set up until after the grant is eligible for Adams and Quanton Schools and Poppleton Field, it was said. The plans are being discussed by Chairman and Recreation Commission, which Wilmer E. Moody is chairman.

Swimming

The swimming program in the Barnum pool will be continued this year, with Franklyn Whitney the instructor. Whitney has recently completed a course in Red Cross first aid and is qualified to teach it. The pool will be open five afternoons a week for youngsters and four nights a week for adults. Every Friday morning there will be a lifesaving class.

Music

The music program will be directed again by Arnold W. Berndt, also of the high school faculty. He will give lessons and band instruction every two weeks a concert.

Financial Note

William Cole, secretary-treasurer of the Birmingham Community Council, issued this statement yesterday: "An effort has been made to contact all community organizations regarding contributions to be used for the summer recreation program. Contributions from any source not contacted will be doubly welcomed and should be forwarded to the treasurer, at 512 Martin street, Birmingham 7.

New Antique Shop

An initial merchant's license costing \$25 was granted by the City Commission Monday night to Ethel G. Rohrbach, of Grosse Pointe Shore and Mary-Lynn Nelson, of Ring Lake. They will operate the Re-Sale Shop at 205 Pierce street, having a store at 1500 Grand, and other articles on a consignment basis.

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