New Budget of Schools Shows Small Increase Over Last Year

One of the most precious of juvenile virtues is a grateful heart. It is equally a virtue for adults. But the virtue to grow and flourish, ought to be planted in the childish mind, if it is to play an important part in grownup life. Very few adults are grateful enough for everything good that they have, alas!

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THIS and THAT Talk With Assessor Over Valuation Cut

By G. R. A.

Your Country Is Drifting, Drifting . . . Toward What?

Upon so tremendously important a subject as: "Should the United States get into the European War to save democracy?" the average citizen of the United States perhaps has done little more than superficial and wishful thinking. He and she have listened to radio talks, have read news stories and maybe a magazine article or two on the situation; some casual exchange of thoughts has taken place, too, in ordinary phases of everyday life—but I hardly believe that the more profound significance of the question has been probed very deeply by the tens of millions of people who will, by the very nature of our society, pay the greatest price.

There is hardly a doubt but what 85 per cent of the people in our country are for peace; while they detest, even hate, the programs of Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin, they haven't done much more than express the same statement that one might make while preparing for a picnic: "I hope it doesn't rain today to spoil our picnic plans."

Whether it rains or not depends upon weather conditions, not upon mere human wishes. Whether or not a war starts, enveloping one or more additional nations as it goes on, is not any situation that can be handled by mere human wishes.

How Wars Start

Wars start, and continue, not because one man, or group of men, decide to start them; they come about as naturally as do the harvests of grain—for wars are but those brute force periods when mankind, unable to stamp out injustice through reason and discussion and willing compromise, resorts to the most primitive of activities; for war is but the use of deadly physical things to kill and to ruin human life and property—it is the same instrumentality that nature has built into a tiger's claws, in a snake's poison fangs, a shark's lightning bite, and similar jungle protective measures.

This war now going on is the result of centuries of maladjusted conditions between people within a nation, and also between nations, in the struggle for security upon the bosom of Mother Earth.

The first World War was fought because of past decades and generations and centuries of these wrongs; the Versailles Treaty, plus its execution by the League of Nations, also failed to correct enough of these wrongs—with the result that another World War has broken out upon the earth.

About the only essential difference between this war and the previous one is the type of leadership involved, together with the fact that the original belligerents operate under dictatorships.

Hope Hitler Is Beaten Personally

I hope, I pray, that United States aid to Britain and her allies, to the end that Hitlerism may go down to defeat. I do not favor, unless unimpeachable evidence is revealed by our national leaders, the United States involvement in the war on British or Continental European soil. I do believe that we must defend certain island outposts, like Iceland, the Azores, Cape Verde Islands, and similar spots on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. I believe, with most of our nation, that this is no ordinary war; I believe that it is not only an effort to grasp natural resources by Hitler and Mussolini, but also to inflict upon their enemies an ideology wholly incompatible with democratic self-government.

What Can You Do?

Just what can the average citizen do about it, anyway? What can you and I do, as taxpayers and parents, to maintain a voice in the drift of our government toward "getting into a fighting war, or keeping out?"

There is a way—the American way, if you please, if you will act within your rights and your citizen responsibilities.

That way is to keep informed, as best you can, of what is going on; then write or wire to your elected representatives in Congress, even to the President himself. Be very sure, if you so act, that your Congress and your President will be guided by what you have to say. Make no mistake about this.

In the absence of this personal citizen action, you must expect your country to drift exactly where its unelected and undirected leadership takes it—and right now it appears as though the end will be war.

Strange, isn't it, how apparently helpless even citizens in a democracy are. Strange how *so* many of us, even when poised on the brink of a war for which we are told "we must help to prevent" (*See THIS AND THAT, Page 2*)

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School Board Plans Over Valuation Cut

In an effort to "do something" about tax policies which vitally affect the schools—policies over which the Board of Education has no control—that body moved Tuesday night in two directions to secure relief.

First, it was decided to hold a conference with Elmer W. Haack, Birmingham City Assessor, to discover why the City lost $315,020 in assessed valuation last year when other cities gained. That cut will cost the schools about $4,500 in revenue.

Protest to State

Second, it was decided to send Supt. Howard D. Crull to Lansing, Wednesday, to confer with Melville B. McPherson, member of the State Tax Commission, in an attempt to prove that the State's arbitrary valuation of the district's property is unjust. That it is costing the district about $7,000 a year in state aid.

The board appeared concerned with the substantial cut made by the Assessor this year despite the fact that there had been much new building in the city.

"If they keep on cutting, I think I've got the answer to it," Treasurer John Harvey Rosso declared. "We can sponsor a vote on a 15-mill limitation to the charter and in order to keep up the city's revenues, they will have to keep up their valuations," he said.

"It's funny that we have nothing to say about valuations when we are so greatly concerned," was the comment of Ernest W. Seaholm.

(According to law, only the assessor and board of review have the power to set valuations locally. In the townships, the supervisor is the assessor. Valuations, set yearly, are used as the basis for what tax rate the city, school district or county may set. A high and low valuation will yield the same revenue as a low rate and high valuation.)

Can't Raise Rate

As the school district can not raise its rate because of the 15-mill limitation, the matter of valuation is vital. The present charter limitation on the city rate is 20 mills; 18.5 mills are levied. For operating, the schools can now levy no more than 7.7 mills; debt, set at 6.65 mills, is not restricted. The people recently rejected a proposal to raise the operating rate.

Wylie Groves suggested that Assessor Haack be invited to attend the next meeting to explain the basis for his recent cuts. The adjustments were made chiefly in vacant property and in business property.

Wednesday, Supt. Crull went to Lansing to seek an adjustment which will bring the state aid. The State Tax Equalization board has arbitrarily declared that property here is under-valued; that not enough money is raised locally for the schools. Valuation of the

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Rotarians Hear Talk on Books

Advice on summer reading was given to Rotarians in their meeting Monday night at the Community House. The speaker, Mrs. Anne Tracy, of Big Beaver, was introduced by Rotarian Stuart Baker.

In connection with current problems, Mrs. Tracy mentioned Charles Beard's "America in Mid-Passage"; Theodore Dreiser's, "Dawn"; S. L. A. Marshall's "Blitzkrieg"; and Mrs. Vera Dean's, "Europe in Retreat." (The latter spoke during the Community House lecture series last season.)

For fiction, she mentioned, "Susan Glasgow," "Oliver Wiswell"; and "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Starting next Monday, the club will have its meetings at Devon Gables, for the Community House is closed during August.

On Aug. 11, an outing will be held at George Baldwin's home. Harry E. Bissett will be in charge.

A district meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 7, at Windsor.

Post Office Sells $42,825 in Bonds

A report on the U. S. Defense savings stamps and bonds was made yesterday by Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne.

He declared that from May 1 to July 26, the post office has sold stamps valued at $3,156.60 and 470 bonds valued at $42,825.

Eccentric Has New Advertising Manager

Harold P. Buerge, of Mt. Pleasant, has been appointed advertising manager of The Eccentric, it was announced today by George R. Averill, publisher. He will succeed Bert L. Johnston, who is resigning Aug. 9 to take another job.

Buerge has been assistant advertising manager of the Isabella County Times-News, Mt. Pleasant, one of Michigan's largest and most progressive weekly newspapers. Prior to that, he was advertising manager of the Osceola County Herald, Reed City, of which he is a native.

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Arrest 6 Youths In Burglaries of Park Clubhouses

With the arrest of six Wayne County youths, police here and in Bloomfield Hills say they have apprehended those who twice broke into the clubhouse at Springdale Park and attempted to break into the Stonecroft golf course, in the Hills.

Those arrested are as follows, all from Highland Park except Eiseman:

Jacob Hamberg, 17 years old, 369 Richton.

Robert Eiseman, 18 years old, of 8083 Melvern, Detroit.

Frank Eller, 18 years old, 293 Richton.

David Guirlanger, 18 years old, 367 Monterrey.

Elbert Miller, 17 years old, 8922 Woodrow Wilson.

Chester Olson, 18 years old, 1539 Richton.

The "break" in the case came last Friday at 2:15 a.m. when the caretaker at Stoneycroft (the course on the MacManus Estate) reported that some one was trying to break in. A Bloomfield Hills scout car went to the scene and found the car driving out on the old railroad right-of-way. Eller and Hamberg were in the car; they said that Guirlanger and Eiseman had escaped on foot. Later, the latter two were arrested in Highland Park.

Meanwhile, information was secured which led to the arrest of Miller and Olson, charged with breaking into Springdale Park, along with Hamberg, on July 12, also a year ago Eiseman and Guirlanger, when arraigned Tuesday morning before Justice H. A. O'Dell, in Bloomfield Hills, waived examination and were bound over to Circuit Court for trial.

Eller and Hamberg demanded an examination, which was set for Friday, and then were subject to release on $150 bail. Hamberg's father posted the money, and then Hamberg was immediately arrested by Sgt. Delyle Service, of Birmingham, to answer to charges of breaking into Springdale Park clubhouse. Brought here and arraigned before Justice Forbes S. Hascall, Hamberg demanded an examination, which was set for Aug. 5, and was released on $500 bond.

Miller and Olson, when arraigned before Hascall, waived examination and were taken to the County Jail, Tuesday afternoon, to await arraignment in Circuit Court.

In all of the charges, the youths face a felony count, and the justice of the peace serves only as an examining magistrate to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to refer the case to Circuit Court. Justices of the peace have jurisdiction only in misdemeanor cases.

Crowd Enjoys "Hilarious Futility" of Donkey Games

More than one thousand satisfied customers turned out to enjoy the hilarious futility of the donkey ball games at Pierce Field, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week. Tuesday night's battle was put on by two all-star softball league teams, managed respectively by Bob Brown and Bill Dayner. When the shouting was all over, the score, if you want to call it that, was found to be 1-0 in favor of Dayner's.

Tuesday night's game was preceded by a really serious League All-Star softball game between the Brown and Dayner teams. Team members were chosen for outstanding ability by the league to make the teams as nearly balanced as possible. The game was organized by Jack Ryden. Final score 5 to 3 in favor of Dayner's outfit.

Wednesday's donkey ball game was played by two teams of girls captained by Shirley Smith and Betty Lou Hock.

The Band Played On

Both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, before the donkey ball games, the Recreation Band, under the direction of Arnold Berndt, played a concert of popular band music. The band's classes are part of the music division of the summer recreation program. The band's membership of young people and adults includes the following players: Clarinets, Ruth Dutes, James Coulter, Ed Horton, Ralph Peabody; clarinets, Francis Buckeridge, Don Erickson, Richard Lewis, Denis Murphy; flutes, Ruth Sage; saxophones, Harrison Cornell, Dick Kent; cornets, Steve Blasus, Bob Hart, Herbert Herzberg, John Martz, Phil Martz, Byron Wyatt; French horns, Lionel Berndt, Renew, Mary Jean Coley, Charles Martz, Elizabeth Moore, Carolyn Sproull; trombones, Dave Cole, Alvin Lassen, Alford Peabody, Norman Schwallie; baritone horns, Melvin Groves, Frank Peabody; tubas, Bob Peck, Lloyd Stanley; drums, Melvin Bender, Robert Traxler, Dave Wangberg.

In spite of the hot weather, or

(*See CROWD, Page Two*)

Two New Teachers Engaged by Board: A Third Is Sought

Three personnel changes were announced by Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools, at the July meeting of the Board of Education held Tuesday night.

Two new teachers were engaged, while a third is being sought. It was also revealed that Miss Phyllis Porter, secretary in the High School principal's office, had decided not to return to her post in September. Supt. Crull revealed that he was experiencing difficulty in securing a qualified home economics teacher, a woman recently offered a contract took another offer.

Mrs. Rachel Crume was hired by the Board of Education to act as an physical education instructor in the High School, and to teach one class in history. She is now living in Grosse Pointe while taking summer work at Wayne University. She is a native of Findlay, Ohio, where she attended high school and Findlay College. Later she took summer work at Ohio State. Her teaching experience included work at Arcadia, Ohio, and at Muskingum College, Concord, Ohio.

This candidate has had experience and enough poise so that I and Principal Beentold believe she will do a good job," Crull said. Her salary will be $1,620.

The superintendent also revealed that Miss Harriet Skidmore has asked for transfer to junior high school physical education where she can give full time to this work. She will replace Miss Jeannette Krekard, who went to Pontiac, while Mrs. Crume will take Miss Skidmore's place.

The second teacher engaged was Miss Lauretta Allison, of 18435 Lancashire street, Detroit, who has been teaching the past two years at Charlotte, Mich. She will teach an elementary class either at Quarton or Adams School.

Miss Allison attended Cooley High in Detroit, and then Albion College, whence she was graduated in 1939. She did graduate work at Merrill-Palmer School in Detroit and comes highly recommended. Her salary will be $1,330.

City Wells' Output Almost at Record

The City's wells yielded 2,708,200 gallons of water last Thursday, the highest for the year, and near to the all-time record of 2,900,000 gallons pumped in 1939.

Fortunately, the new Southfield well, as reported in last week's Eccentric, was completed just two days before the hottest dry period so far this year. However, even then, pressures felt from the new well dropped 10 pounds per square inch, to 34 pounds.

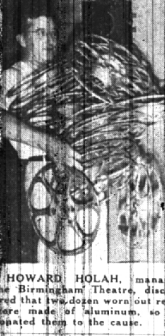
Monday night, City Manager D. C. Egbert, in a report to the Commission, declared that such a pressure fall will be eliminated when mains leading to the new well are completed; in other words, present pipes are too small and restrict the flow of the water. In addition, the new overhead tank to be started this fall near the Moulthrop lumber yard will serve during peak periods.

Monday night, the Commission voted to spend $292.50 for a new automatic recording device which will reveal at the control board in the fire engine house the height of water in the old tank. At present, a bell rings only when the tank is full or empty.

"This gauge will pay for itself in less than a year," Egbert said. "There are times when there is too much water in the tank, and that means our pumps are working against a heavier load. Extra five pounds of pressure cuts the pumps' efficiency by 10 per cent," he declared.

1,600 Pounds Collected

This is the scene in front of the Municipal Building Saturday morning as Boy Scouts arrived with load after load of aluminum, helping in the national defense drive. This bin was filled 2½ times for a total of about 1,600 pounds. Left to right are RALPH A. MAIN, representing the City; JOE DeGROOTE, 16-Mile road, Scout in Troop B-7; FRED SAMUELSON, representing the war veterans; and DEAN STEVENSON, of 17-Mile road, Scout in Troop B-7. The bin has been taken away, but if you still have aluminum, bring it to the Municipal Building. (Eccentric Photo.)



HOWARD HOLAH, manager of the Birmingham Theatre, discovered that two dozen cooking utensils were made of aluminum, so he donated them to the cause.

Citizen Helps Law Arrest Speeder

Harry S. Starr, 568 Oakland avenue, former village manager here and now city manager of Bloomfield Hills, believes it is a citizen's duty to help in law enforcement and the result was the arrest of Joseph G. Gulian, Jr., 21 years old, of 123½ Woodsboro street, Royal Oak, last week.

Gulian was driving south on Hunter boulevard at more than 70 miles an hour, cutting in and out of traffic, Starr said. He chased the youth for a time but gave up because of Gulian's speed; however, the youth turned back and Starr saw enough that Starr swung Gulian and turned him over to Birmingham police.

Arraigned before Justice Forbes S. Hascall, the youth pleaded guilty and paid a $25 fine.

Requests Action To Improve Safety

Action was requested Monday night by City Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody on the new parking regulations which will be put into effect at the Post Office corner, Lakes and Martin.

"This was brought up several weeks ago, and I noticed that nothing has been done," Moody declared.

By painting curbs yellow, parked cars will be kept back from the corners to permit better vision. It was at this corner that a 12-year-old boy was recently fatally injured.

Harmon Sewer To Be Started

A huge ditching machine is now completing work on the Yorkshire sewer, and after a few days digging at the site of the new water tank, it will begin work within 15 days on the Harmon sewer, according to City Manager D. C. Egbert. A Pontiac contractor is doing the job.

Watch for Army Trucks!

Watch for Army trucks going southbound from Pontiac on Woodward avenue and Telegraph road. Several people have asked The Eccentric to announce that Army convoys move without regard to stop lights, and that cross traffic should exercise caution. An editorial dealing with the State Police's action in regard to this hazard appears on Page 2 of Part II.

DPW Men Seek Overtime Rate

Overtime pay of time and one-half for hourly workers will be recommended by the City Manager Egbert to the City Commission "in the near future," it was learned this week.

Monday night, Anthony Tashnick, organizer of the union to which Birmingham's Public works employees now belong, appeared before the Commission and was told rather bluntly that the Commission did not like Tashnick's method of coming to the Commission before taking up personal matters with the City Manager.

At the start, Tashnick declared: "We have heard that certain members of the City Commission are unfavorable to the DPW's organization into a labor union. It has come to our attention from several of our citizens that the Commission is definitely antagonistic to the union."

Mayor Hartz replied: "What difference does it make?"

"Some of our men are troubled about it," Tashnick replied.

"Which of the men are?" the Mayor asked, pointing his remarks to a group of DPW workers who accompanied Tashnick.

There was no answer.

Tashnick then pointed out that the men had worked overtime without being paid at the extra rate.

"Have you taken up the matter of overtime pay with the Manager?" Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody asked. "He's the bargaining agent for the City."

"Mr. Egbert's in no position to determine the City's policy," Tashnick replied, and he declared that the cost of living was steadily rising.

"Until you take the matter up with the City Manager you are wasting your time," Commissioner Harry E. Bissett commented.

Egbert revealed that he was still studying the pay scales. He said that the new rates as recommended and adopted were thought to be adequate, but said that he planned the addition of 1½ time for overtime.

Asked by The Eccentric when he planned to make the recommendation to the Commission, Egbert replied: "In the near future—as soon as I can get to it."

Ray A. Palmer Weds Miss DeYoe

A complete surprise to friends was the marriage last Thursday of Ray A. Palmer, City Commissioner, to Miss Elizabeth M. DeYoe, of Muskegon, in a ceremony performed at Kalamazoo. Details will be found in an article on one of the society pages.

City Officials Discuss Validity of New Law Giving Firemen Extra Day Off

Possible testing of the constitutional validity of the new State law governing the working hours of firemen will be discussed by Mayor Hartz and City Manager Egbert and the officials of other cities in a conference to be held tomorrow at Lansing, called by the Michigan Municipal League.

The League, and Birmingham officials hold the view that working hours and pay rates of firemen and policemen are matters of home rule and should not be subject to a State law. In Birmingham, the Administration is not much concerned with the law covering policemen because salaries paid here now exceed the State minimum. Egbert told the Commission. However, he said that the new law ordering an extra day off for firemen will cut the efficiency here 20 per cent and will disrupt schedules.

The law requires an extra 24 hours off in every 16-day period. As firemen are now on 24 hours and off 24 hours, the new rule would give them three consecutive days off in every period. Firemen are on duty 84 hours a week; that time includes eating and sleeping at the engine house and letters. The men do not get a full night's sleep, however, because each man takes his turn at staying on watch at the water and control board. Also, in case of a fire, men may be called from their homes.

During the day, there is a regular program of work; in fact, the Birmingham department is known for its industry.

The department is divided into two regular companies, each with 12 officers and men, with duties highly routinized for fast action at fires. Egbert indicated that the new law would require shifting of men from one company to another, with a disrupting effect.

A man of first class rating is paid $[illegible] a month, the same as policemen.

Justice Forbes S. Hascall, who acts for the City in some of its legal work, will accompany Egbert.

Coroner's Jury Absolves Driver In Fatal Mishap

The Royal Oak driver whose car struck Billy Barnes, 12 years old, riding his bicycle June 16 at the Post Office corner, was exonerated of criminal negligence by a coroner's jury which heard testimony in an inquest concluded last Friday morning.

The driver, Stewart Scott, 16 years old, of 626 South Alexander, was accompanied by several young people when the fatal crash occurred. The coroner's jury held that the boy on the bicycle was partly at fault for failing to come to a complete stop for Bates, a through street.

The last witness in the case was Robert Watson, 648 Frank street, who had been playing during the night the Barnes boy, and was riding just behind him when the mishap occurred.

The Watson boy described how his bicycle had slowed up at the corner; then had stood up on his pedals, "pumping," to get across.

"Then a car was coming so fast, he didn't make it," he said. "It looked to me as if the car were coming pretty fast the way it skidded," he added.

Under Charles L. Wilson questioned the witnesses in behalf of Coroner B. M. Mitchell, who conducted the inquest.

In his closing words to the jury, Wilson said: "The police chief and myself have been subject to criticism in this case. It was my opinion at the start that Scott was not guilty of criminal negligence in this case, and I feel the same as before."

Several in the audience were heard to express surprise at this rather unusual manner of addressing the jury.

Pleads Not Guilty To Reckless Driving

Alan Warner, of 378 East Maple avenue, who is charged with reckless driving following a mishap in which his car struck a bicycle ridden by Tony Baldwin, 12 years old, 915 Forest avenue, pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Justice Forbes S. Hascall, Tuesday.

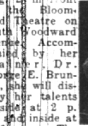
He was released on his own recognizance, and trial was set for Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Also given the authorization signed by Charles L. Wilson, prosecuting attorney, Warner made a left turn from Maple to Linden without properly ascertaining the safety of making such turn.

The boy received only minor injuries.

Trained 'Safety Dog' To Be Here Saturday

Kiki, the famous "safety dog," will make a personal appearance in Birmingham Saturday, Aug. 2, in front of the Sloombergs' field store on South Woodward avenue. Accompanied by her trainer, Dr. George E. Brunson, she will display her talents outside at 2 p. m. and inside at 2:30 p. m. The outside show, of course, will be free and the public is invited to see Kiki in action. She has appeared at most of Detroit's leading theatres in the past two weeks.



Travelling all alone from Newport News, Va., Mrs. E. J. Lindgren, a sprightly little lady of 85, is now visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. O. L. Bumpas, and Mr. Bumpas on West Lincoln avenue.

School Budget For Next Year Jumps $5,565

Cut Maintenance Fund to Pay More To the Teachers

A budget of $271,795.48 was tentatively approved Tuesday night by the school board for next year's operation. The total represents an increase of $5,565.45 over last year's total.

Raises given the teachers total $6,721, and in order to secure that money, a substantial cut was made in the maintenance and boiler-replacement fund.

Summary is as follows:

Item	1940-41	1941-42
General control (Board of Education, business manager's salary, part of supt.'s salary, census and election, clerk's salary)	$ 8,840	$ 9,219
Instructional service (Part of supt.'s salary, principals, teachers, textbooks, clerks)	150,160	156,830
(Teachers only)	143,270	153,000
School Plant Operation (Engineer, janitors, fuel, light, power, telephone, soap, paper towels, auto expense, misc.)	45,990	50,420
Fixed Charges (Insurance and interest on short term loans)	1,795	1,910
Maintenance (repairs)	22,100	15,025
Capital outlay (new furniture, new equipment, additional land)	1,500	1,825
Auxiliary & Coordinate (school library, health service, attendance clerk)	6,700	6,815
TOTAL	$266,350	$271,795

To secure money to equal that total, Business Manager Randall has estimated the following: local tax collections (92 per cent) $117,450; state primary, state extra aid, tuition, fees and fines, state library, all total $128,206; delinquent local taxes, $18,000; cash on hand, $8,138.97—grand total $271,795.45.

If all the revenue estimated comes in, and costs do not rise over estimate, next year's budget will thus balance. Unexpected cash enabled the district to end this year $8,138.97 in the black, Tuesday night, the Board expressed doubt as to whether the delinquent taxes would amount to $18,000. Regular taxes were 94 per cent collected last year, the highest in years.

In order to raise the local taxes, a rate of $6.65 will be necessary, the same as last year, and the highest the district expects to secure from the County Tax Allocation Board.

The superintendent and business manager got no salary increases.

'Be Calm,' Advice To 21-Year-Olds

"Don't get restless" was the word given Wednesday by Mrs. Augusta Merrill, chief clerk of draft board No. 7, for the benefit of the 21-year-olds who recently registered. Numerous inquiries have been received.

No instructions have been received regarding sending out questionnaires to these young men. After a questionnaire is sent, the whole process, before induction, usually takes about 45 days.

Another volunteer has come forward, Earl Bloomingham, of 668 Bates street. He has been a student.

The August group of selectees, seven in number, will leave here Aug. 8.

Cars Brakes Bad; Driver Is Arrested

A driver who rammed another was charged with reckless driving last Friday. The man, Berrie Strod, 30 years old, of 51 Lull street, Pontiac, committed the offense at Woodward avenue and Brown, hitting the machine of Frederick G. Smith, 20 years old, of 920 Balmoral, Detroit, who had stopped for a red light. Strod's brakes were defective.

Police Sgt. Earl L. Moody saw the mishap and charged Strod with reckless driving. He appeared Saturday before Associate Justice James W. Taylor and pleaded guilty. He was fined $25 and given time to [illegible] it.

Car in Crash; Driver Is Arrested

Two cars crashed Wednesday morning on Lincoln avenue, near Pierce, and one of the drivers was arrested on a charge of being intoxicated. He is James M. Evans, 65 years old, of 956 Chester. Clarke F. Andreae, 544 Fairfax drive, was the operator of the other car.

Evans is to appear today before Justice Forbes S. Hascall.

CAR STOLEN

Randall Barton, 544 Harmon avenue, reported to police Wednesday morning that a Chief had taken his 1941 model car from its parking place in front of his house.

Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 142 W. Maple. adv.—tf.