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WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS ...

If there are 50 million people in the United States today who think about the welfare of the land, there are, without a doubt, 50 million answers to the question: "What does this country need most?" Here's one answer:

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Local Election
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Annual Election 6, is Birmingham's
Annual Election Day,
Polls will be open
rom seven o'clock in the morning until eight
o'clock in the evening. It is your American
exercise of pollitical freedom and if Bir
ningham is convinced that this World War is for the purpose of preserving such freedom, it ought to roll up a large number of votes next Monday.

The ballot presents your opportunity to The ballot presents your opportunity to elect three Gity Commissioners and two mem-hers of the Baldwin Public Library, Board, For further information about the Commis-sioner candidates, read their respective state-ments in another part of this week's Eccen-tric.

College Preparation
Above the Average
made the charge that our school system was failing in its job of properly preparing students for college participation. Now, we have the facts on the situation, released by the University of Wieitjam as part of a flovear study our thousand the college standing of students from Michigan's high schools.

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In 10 years, Birmingham has sent 153 students to the University, and 75 per cent of them have had a "C" average or better, and their marks have averaged 2.4 ("B" is 3.0). Grosse Pointe has sent 155 students to Ann Arbar, and 73 per cent of them placed "C" or hetter and their marks averaged 2.3. Birmingham's edge is slight, but it is significant in light of the fact that Grosse Pointe schools have pleaty of money and rate high in the scholastic world.

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have plenty of money and rate high in the scholastic world.

Birmingham likewise stands ahead of Am Arbor, Battle Creek, two Detroit schools, two Flint schools, Dearborn, Fordson, and many others. On the other hand, Highland Park, two Detroit schools, East Grand Rapids, and a verx few others exceed Birmingham. We are alwayd of the average.

That study, of course, is not a conclusive estimate of our school or any school's total value. For example, most schools do much too little for the majority of students who do not go to collège, although it is noteworthy that Birmingham is attacking that problem, with a new business education program, start-ing next fall.

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In addition, scholastic standing does not always reveal the quality of character training, which might include habits of work, social attitudes, and general reliability. It is possible that some students, blessed with better-than-average intelligence, may not be employing their full capabilities in college, In other words, it would be interesting to see a coefficient table based on the relationship of scholarship to the students I. Q.

Birmingham's high school is NOT, failing in its college preparatory program, we are glad to see. That fact presents a challenge to the community to skeep its school system improving still more, although in these tremous times, we will be fortunate if we on prevent deterioration.

The Family
Airplane

Hefore the present conflict, there was much talk of the time whon every American plane. Many people believed that the airplane era would come and replace the automobile, just as the Automobile made the horse and bugy obsplete.

The aircraft era Juse not come yet, mainly, because no concern has put on the market an aircraft that will usefully serve the needs of the average family.

The ideal plane for the family would be one with a cruising speed of at least 150 niles an hour, capable of seating four or five passengers, and one that can be operated cheaply. Aircraft factories were unable to offer these three qualities before the war started.

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The great war demand for aircraft has put aircraft manufacturing on a mass-production basis. And when the war gets over, and the greatly expanded aircraft plants are no longer needed to produce war planes, the aircraft indistry will focus its attention on the American people. The American family airplane will be put into mass production.

Aircraft will become a real competitor of the automobiles. There will be an airport close to the business district of most cities. Real estate mear the airport will jump up in value. Communities will grow up around the most described airports; the people in these communities will be clamoring for the airplane tourist trade.

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The aircraft era is in the future. It will not arrive until after the war is over. But there is little doubt that the fast tempo of this war will make the airplane era a reality long before it could have come otherwise.

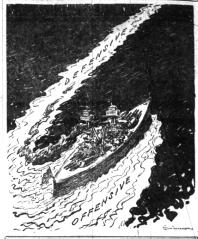
WITHOUT INTERREPTION, we hear this phrase: "the job ahead." It is used to stimulate us to greater defense efforts. We suggest that it be changed to: "the job at hand." Then we won't have to wait to do what we should be doine.

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Cordially yours, MRS. WARD RANDOL, Chairman

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Interest Album '... Presenting young people of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Franklin ... Business and social stars of the future



P CENTER: June, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kuykendall, Howard J. Stock, 18721 San Diego. RIGHT, top to bottom: Gregg, Hollywood. BOTTOM CENTER: Dick and Don (twins), sons Billy and Walter, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Schwartz, 28272 Sun-and Mrs. C. W. Robertson, 27262 East California, LEFT, top set. Lathrup Townsite children pictured this week. This feature tom: Mary, Patricia and Harold, children of Mr. and Mrs. arranged by the Beatriee Studio, Birmingham.

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