

1st Candidate Enters Contest for City Office

By G. R. A.

Singing Foreign Words
Music appears to be very much especially good music to most people, however, I like to be vocalized in English—and often I myself said that. The melody of a musical is sung when foreign tongue? Of course, when I myself sing the melody, and what at least part of the song is about, one accepts it, even likes it. When I bloom in a song, I am not a singer (which I'm not), I'd fool some audiences by including in my repertoire a song or two in plain, old-fashioned pig-latin; I'll wager that most of my hearers would think me quite regular, or at least that part of 'em not educated in the complex diction of this mysterious tongue.

Washington, D. C., Must See Example of Conservation
Coming home from Washington, D. C., on the train last week, I encountered two University of Michigan professors in the car. I have known for several years, I won't give his name, for obvious reasons. He is a student of national affairs, especially as they relate to the conservation of our resources.

Naturally, we talked about current events, especially as they relate to our problems in Birmingham and the territory expected from that source in winning this war.

I commented upon the apparent extravagance of the New Deal portion of today's leadership in the City of Birmingham. Washington's job includes the necessity of showing, by personal example, the conservation of our resources, self-sacrifice, frugality, and conservation of self.

Heavy Fire Loss At Flintermann Home Last Friday
Biggest fire loss in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills area in several years occurred last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carl Flintermann, of Lowell, Col. In the hills, not far from the Birmingham limits.

The entire house was burned away and water damage was estimated at \$60,000. The house is valued at \$100,000.

The blaze appeared to start between walls near the central hallway and did not seem serious, and outside aid was not immediately sought. However, when the entire burst into flame, Birmingham and Bloomfield fire department pumps went to the aid of Bloomfield Hills, and six streams of water and a matter of minutes were thrown on the fire to save the house.

According to Donald R. Flintermann, who fell asleep in bed, some one turned on the electric fan apparently in the living room, and the result was disastrous.

The Chief Russell Moore told the Eccentric that "if the fan was turned on I didn't know anything about it."

Cause of the blaze has not yet been determined, according to Chief Moore. Insurance adjusters have not yet given their figures on the loss.

Physical Fitness Classes Start
A large group of women turned out Tuesday night for the opening of the new physical-fitness classes sponsored by the Birmingham Y. The men's class met Tuesday night, Feb. 10, to not so heavily attended class. It is hoped more will turn out Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Geraldine Sanborn Scherz, public school physical education instructor, started out the class of 40 women meeting at 7:00 with a session of light exercise ending with the Virginia Reel. The men's group will be guided by Harold Newcomb, assistant football coach. The cost of the eight-week course is \$2. Anyone may join by coming to Baldwin High gym.

Wonder Movies of Plant Life to Be Shown in Lecture Forum Tuesday
Arthur C. Pillsbury, California naturalist who planted tomatoes in vats of chemically treated water and produced vines 25 feet long with luscious fruit that had to be picked by step-ladder, will be the featured forum speaker at the Community House.

\$50 in Groceries Taken; Also Car
Friday the 13th was not the lucky day for Fred Gilman of Orchard Lake. His car, parked in front of the Kroger store on West Maple, was stolen by a party with \$50 in groceries, according to a police report. The car was recovered the same day at Detroit, police—minus the groceries.

SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LUCK
Others believe in insurance policies, safe banks, and the like. But one man, B. R. Howarth, a son of...

Too Many Draft Rumors

In an effort to clarify a certain amount of uncertainty and confusion which has been spreading elsewhere in the country, the Eccentric is attempting herewith to explain certain new phases of Selective Service regulations. That is, it is trying to tell you what the new regulations are, and it is apparent to all, and for that reason, selective service standards have been relaxed. Men who were formerly rejected for physical reasons are now being reconsidered, and many of them will be called for either full combat service or limited service. Also, the local draft board has been ordered to re-examine all cases of dependency.

Probably the greatest focal point of uncertainty has been a new policy regarding physical examinations. The local office has been sending out notices to most 4-F men (and) 1-B men (partially unfit), advising them that they are now in Class 1-A. Also, the clerks have started sending out notices to men with dependent dependents (3-A) notifying them to appear for physical examination.

All this does NOT mean that men in the categories just enumerated are definitely slated for selection. The local physical examination is now very cursory. Unless some major defect is apparent, the final determination is made by the Army doctors in Detroit.

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17-Year-Old Youth on Torpedoed Ship; 14 Schools to Send Musicians Here For Fete Saturday

Torpedoed, and then blasted by his ship by shore, that was the narrow experience of a 17-year-old youth who was on the Bloomfield Township youth who was on the ship. The ship was torpedoed by a German U-boat, and the ship lost sight of.

The seaman is Arthur Holmes, Jr., of the Bloomfield Township. He was on the ship when it was torpedoed. He was the only survivor of the ship.

He related that three days out from port the couldn't reveal the name of the ship. The ship was torpedoed by a German U-boat, and the ship lost sight of.

Merchandise valued at \$300 worth of Japanese goods will be placed in a special display and every cent of the proceeds will be turned in to the War Relocation Authority.

Draft Registration Goes Smoothly

Registration Monday for the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy district with utmost ease.

The number registered has not been revealed, but based on the general percentage predicted in the Birmingham-Bloomfield-Troy district will fall between 1,300 and 1,500 men in the 20-year-old 35-to-44 year brackets.

At Baldwin High, where classes were dismissed, the gymnasium was used, and about 30 teachers were on duty at all times at a double row of tables in the middle of the floor.

Most of the young people interviewed seem to think war marriages are an interesting experience. They have known one another for a goodly length of time, or have been planning to marry for some time. However, they seem to be from overnight marriages.

The registration cards will be kept on file and then numbered. Some time in March, the national lottery will be held to provide the order in which the cards will be filed.

Mr. Pillsbury

Queen Expect Enlarged Bus Service As 'rave' becomes problem

More men and women are needed for the air raid protection service which is being set up in Birmingham.

By Defense Coordinator Don... Women will start this class of students register immediately for the vital part of the entire local defense set-up.

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