Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the boys' whereabouts and activities. Service men, scattered about the country, are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-placed inducted man is of interest.

Classifications, Jan. 10, 1942

Below are listed the names of registrants together with their classifications as made or changed at this local board on the above date:

1-A

James J. Lawler, Howard Miller, Willard R. Hetrick, William J. Wibel, Francis F. Hornacek, Leslie G. French, Arthur D. Foley, Harold A. Roper, Robert P. Wilhelm, Ernest Winborn, James F. Moore, Sherwin Davidson and Robert Blair.

Classifications, Jan. 13, 1942

Below are listed the names of registrants together with their classifications as made or changed at this local board on the above date.

1-A

Barnard, Norman Robert; Barber, Robert William Henry; McDonald, Alick Orral; Bishop, Hassell; Lockhart, Sidney Francis; Gillingham, Wallace Rose; Dodge, Jr., Stewart Harrison; Morrison, Howard Allen.

1-B

Dold, William Haring; Pickering, Harold Beryl; Yee, Or; Miller, Jr., Frank Loren.

WHAT CODE MEANS

The classification code is as follows: 1-A, ready for duty; 1-B, available for limited service; 1-C, already in service.

2-A, necessary men in training or in industry; 2-B, defense workers; 3-A, those with dependents; 4-A, those who have completed service; 4-B, taking advanced military training in school; 4-C, aliens; 4-D, divinity students and clergymen; 4-F, unfit.

2-B

Quay, Thomas Russell; Henkel, Frederick Hansen.

3-A

Moran, Harry Joseph; Diemer, Burton Edward; Maitrott, Stanley Alton; Pollock, Phillip Montieth.

Wragby, Arthur Roy; Suerth, Walter Conrad.

Enlistment Notices

Enlistment notices have been received by Local Board No. 7 regarding the following men: John Sterling Sanders, Bloomfield Hills, Air Corps; Juergen E. Luders, Cranbrook, Ensign in Navy; John W. Kennedy, 256 Daines, U. S. Army; Richard Coover Allman, Hupp Cross road, now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; James M. Peabody, 3850 Quarton road, same as Allman; Everett Hemmerly, route 3, Pontiac, Air Corps.

In Marines

The Marine Recruiting Officer in Detroit announces that John F. Dorr, 29 years old, of Birmingham, had enlisted.

Reopen 1-B and 4-F Classes

Local Board continues to reopen 1-B and 4-F cases, following new regulations. Under the new procedure, borderline cases of disability will be decided by Army doctors in Detroit, and not locally, and already, several men have been changed to 1-A, ready for call.

At Camp Lee

Arthur Gibson, of Wattles road, who was drafted in November, is now at Camp Lee, Va., Company C, 7th Quartermasters 1307 Service Unit. On Dec. 26, he was promoted to corporal, he having had two years' ROTC experience at Michigan State College. A younger brother, Fred, is captain of cadets at Michigan State College, and captain of State's polo team. Their mother, with Fred, and another brother, Richard, recently visited Arthur at Camp Lee.

Going to Officers School

A Birmingham soldier, Pfc. John M. Allman, 615 Hupp Cross road, is one of the soldiers from the Sixth Corps Area to be selected to attend Officers' Candidate School, Major General J. M. Cummins, commanding the Sixth Corps Area, with headquarters in Chicago announced today. A total of 104 men, from the various posts, camps and stations in the area qualified for the training schools, the general said.

Await Instructions

Soldiers of the various Reserve Units of the U. S. Army expecting recall to active duty were requested today by Major General J. M. Cummins, commanding the Sixth Corps Area with headquarters in Chicago, to await definite instructions before attempting to report for service.

General Cummins explained that while every attempt would be made to have the inactive soldiers placed with their former units they will first be required to report to Fort Sheridan and Fort Custer reception centers for processing and further assignment.

Orange Growers Pick a Peach

Caroline Goode has been selected by the Florida Citrus Commission as Citrus Queen for 1942. "A glass of orange juice a day keeps the doc away," is her slogan. Looks prove it.

Advice Is Given On Storing Tires

Best methods of preserving the precious tires for their automobiles were outlined today by Army officers.

The suggestions for rubber preservation were taken from an Army manual issued by the Office of the Quartermaster General, it was announced by Major General J. M. Cummins, commanding the Sixth Corps Area with headquarters in Chicago.

The information will be of special interest to those auto owners planning to store their machines for the winter or for the duration of the rubber shortage, the general pointed out.

"Vehicles in storage should be placed on blocks so that the weight does not rest on the tires," the manual warns, "and the air pressure should be reduced to a few pounds. If the vehicle cannot be blocked up, the air pressure recommended for the vehicle in storage should be maintained.

"Heat and air have a very destructive effect on casings. Seventy or eighty degrees Fahrenheit should be the ideal storage temperature. Draft and moving air replenish the supply of oxygen, causing the casings to deteriorate more rapidly," the manual stressed.

Particular attention is given tire tubes by the Army. Tubes not in casings should be deflated and folded then covered to protect them from air, moisture, grease, and oil according to the Quartermaster Corps. Tubes in storage should not be inflated since inflation weakens or stretches them.

Income Tax Facts

(Prepared by the Treasury Department)

Who must file a return? Every single person having a gross income of $750 or more; every married person, not living with husband or wife, having a gross income of $750 or more; and married persons living with husband or wife, who have an aggregate gross income of $1,400 or more.

When must returns be filed? For the calendar year 1941, on or before March 16, 1942. For the fiscal year, on or before the 15th day of the 3rd month following the close of the fiscal year.

Where and with whom must income tax returns be filed? In the internal revenue district in which the person lives or has his chief place of business, and with the collector of internal revenue, Detroit.

How does one make out his income tax return? By following the detailed instructions given on the income tax blanks, Form 1040 and Form 1040A (optional simplified form.)

What is the tax rate? A normal tax of 4 percent on the amount of the net income in excess of the allowable credits against net income (personal exemption, credits for dependents, interest on obligations of the United States and its instrumentalities and earned income credit) in the computation of the normal tax net income; and a graduated surtax on the amount of net income in excess of the allowable credits (personal exemption and credit for dependents) against net income in the computation of the surtax net income.

Signals

Wife—It's nearly six weeks now since Bobby was born. Have you told the registrar yet?

Husband—If he lives anywhere within a few miles radius of this house, he won't need to be told.

Sure Cure

Scotchman—Doctor, what can I do to prevent seasickness?

Doctor—Have you a dime?

Scotchman—Yes, Sir.

Doctor—Well, hold it between your teeth.

ORDINANCE No. 227
AMENDMENT TO DOG ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 26, known as the "Dog Ordinance," by amending section 8 thereof.

The City of Birmingham Ordains:

That Section 8, of Ordinance Number 26, be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. No person shall harbor or keep any dog which by loud or frequent or habitual barking, yelping or howling shall cause a serious annoyance to the neighborhood or to people passing to and fro upon the streets. No person shall own or harbor a fierce or vicious dog, or a dog that has been bitten by any animal known to have been afflicted with the rabies. Any person who shall have in his or her possession a dog which has contracted rabies or which has been subjected to the same or which is suspected of having rabies or which has bitten any person, shall upon demand of the Police Department or of the Health Officer of Birmingham, produce and tender up such dog to the said Police Department or Health Department of Birmingham, to be held in the City Dog Pound for treatment and observation for a period of fifteen days. In lieu of delivering up such dog as aforesaid, such person shall have the option of delivering such dog to an approved kennel, there to be held for treatment and observation for such fifteen day period, and shall furnish to the Police or Health Department, written evidence that said dog has been so delivered, provided, however, that in the event such dog be confined in a private kennel, such confinement shall be at the sole expense of the owner of said dog, and without expense or risk on the part of the City. It shall be the duty of any person owning or harboring a dog which has been attacked or bitten by another dog or other animal showing the symptoms of rabies to immediately notify the Police Department or the Health Department that such person has such a dog in his possession. Whenever a dog is brought to the pound or having bitten a person the Police Department may, if deemed necessary and advisable and after holding such dog a sufficient length of time to meet the requirements of the Health Department or investigation, cause such dog to be destroyed as a vicious dog.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after the passage and upon publication thereof.

Made and passed by the Commission of the City of Birmingham this 12th day of January, A. D. 1942.

JOHN E. MARTIN
Mayor

IRENE E. HANLEY,
Clerk.

Hofmann the Pianist Also An Inventor

Josef Hofmann, world famous pianist, will be presented at the Masonic Auditorium in Detroit on Monday evening, Jan. 26.

His hands are unusually small hands for a pianist, the fingers short, thick, and spatulate. Those million-dollar hands, when not drawing incomparable music from the keys to delight his vast and appreciative audiences, are manipulating whirling drills, saws and tools that could ruin them in a flash. This is a side of the Hofmann personality, unknown to those who pay tribute to the musical artist. He is an expert mechanic and an inventor. He holds patents on an electric clock, an oil burning furnace, a piano tone amplifier, a high-speed piano key for concert work. He has patented some sixty inventions. Even the folding, and easily transportable piano chair which accompanies him on all his concert tours is of his own make, permitting him to lower or raise the separate legs to conform with any unevenness which may happen to be in the stage floor.

Adventure Series Programs Revealed

Natural color motion pictures of "Mysterious India," a pack trip through an unexplored region of Utah, and an expedition through Central American jungles will be next week's World Adventure Series public lecture offerings at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Lawrence Copley Thaw, wealthy sportsman who built a 10-foot air-conditioned "land yacht" and in it motored 22,000 miles through "Mysterious India," will show his natural color motion pictures at 3:30 next Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18.

At 8:30 Sunday evening, Bob Hewitt, ex-cowboy and Wyoming deputy sheriff, will take the audience on a pack trip into a hitherto unexplored region of Utah.

Sullivan C. Richardson, leader of the overland expedition from Detroit to Cape Horn, will show natural color motion pictures of "Our Central American Adventure" at 8:30 next Tuesday evening, Jan. 20.

Explains Features Of Compensation

Two important differences in state legislation governing employers' liability for unemployment compensation contributions were revealed here today by Wendell Lund, Executive Director of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission.

"Under Michigan's law, a concern employing no more than five persons on any one single day still might be liable for contributions because during the week they might have employed a total of eight or more different workers."

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. All communications must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 300 words, and must be in the office by Tuesday noon for publication the following Thursday.

Letter Received From Radio Club

Editor, The Eccentric:

There are a great many people interested in radio broadcasting from the standpoints of dramatics, announcing, writing, etc., who would welcome an opportunity to get some practical experience in this field.

I represent a radio club which has, for the past few years, worked along this line on a small scale giving help and experience to radio aspirants. Previously, we have been limited to one small section of the city and to people who are not always the most interested. Now, we would like to bring in the more interested people from all over Detroit and the suburbs. Therefore, we would like to let our organization be known over a wider area and to publicize our club as much as possible.

Because yours is one of the outstanding publications among sectional newspapers we would like to have you help us in a small way during our campaign for new members.

Anyone interested may write me.

DON WHITMAN
WER Radio Club
12741 Birwood,
Detroit.

Suggests Hunters Form Defense Unit

Editor, The Eccentric:

An open letter to all sportsmen:

Our country is at war. Anything we can do to win this war is our sacred obligation. The sportsmen of the field and the woods (and this refers to the men beyond the draft age limit)—men who understand the handling of firearms, experienced in the deer camps and capable of taking care of themselves, should unite in one body to constitute a unit which might be valuable in the event this country is ever invaded.

As Minute-men or guerilla fighters, I am sure they would prove valuable. We are equipped with firearms, we do not need uniforms, therefore we would not be of any expense to our country at this time when every dollar is needed for the boys who are actually on the fighting line.

There is no question but what an organization of hunters might prove valuable to our country, therefore I am attempting to organize the sportsmen of Michigan and if I receive sufficient response, a meeting will be held at some place which will be designated later, where we can all get together and complete the plans for organizing.

So all of you who are eligible, meaning American citizens beyond the draft age limit, equipped with the old trusty deer rifle, drop me a line addressing same to Box 317, Plymouth, Michigan.

HARRY SWADNER LEE

Man's View of God Has Changed

Editor, The Eccentric:

I read with interest Mr. Whalen's letter in last week's Eccentric.

At some length, he quotes Old Testament scripture to prove that God definitely is not pacifistic, but that He is militant. I think Mr. Whalen misses the whole point of Christianity, namely, that Jesus came to give new vitality and a new interpretation to the old laws of the prophets. Jesus' view toward the Father is most assuredly not the same as that of the early Hebrews; nor did the Jews of Jesus' time regard God in the same light as their ancestors 5,000 years before. God has not changed but man's interpretation of Him has, as the Bible shows.

Jesus told of a God of Love, of forgiveness of one's enemies, of non-retribution. Some people interpret this in such a way that their conscience will not permit them to kill even in self-defense, and we call them "conscientious objectors." The governments of the United States and Britain recognize the feelings of this small group and put them to work in other useful ways. The Methodist Church, too, which Mr. Whalen attacks, recognizes the right of conscience. Dr. Harrison, of Adrian College, was discussing that point in his speech which has received such wide publicity. Unfortunately, his remarks were not reported in context; the entire speech does not leave the same impression as the excerpts do.

Most Christians, most Methodists are NOT conscientious objectors. When attacked, they are willing to fight for their rights.

Although I cannot see any practicality in the pacifist position, nor do I believe that this group will ever grow to any size, I realize that it takes just as much courage to hold these views in the face of public scorn as it does to shoulder a gun. Furthermore, I am proud that our democracy can find room for this divergent position. That is the sign of a great democracy.

L. T. B. L.

Says Our Churches Back the President

Editor, The Eccentric:

It seems that Mr. Whalen stirred up further "tempest in the teapot," writing in The People's Column last week anent the criticism of Pres. Harrison, of Adrian College, whom he quoted as being opposed to using the buildings and facilities of the church and of Adrian College for the promotion of war.

Mr. Whalen says Dr. Harrison represents one sector of thought clashing with the majority over the duty of American manhood in this hour of our nation's greatest peril. He quotes Rev. John F. Marvin, who is the editor of a Michigan Methodist weekly publication, as vindicating the position of Dr. Harrison and, according to Mr. Whalen, Rev. Marvin speaks with the "thundering and infallible voice of the Methodist Church."

It is regrettable that Mr. Whalen has taken the quoted remarks of Rev. Marvin to prove his accusation that most of the people opposed to wholehearted military support are represented largely by "churches, theological schools, majority of orthodox ministers and thousands of church-goers." The Methodist Church, which he further singles out, through its Council of Bishops, will loyally support our President and our nation. None of the other churches, neither Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish, have left any doubt about their stand and interest in backing our President.

Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, who is to lecture in Birmingham on the 21st of this month, is from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He edits "Christianity and Crisis"—profitably as profound and militant a publication as is printed in our country today. For the entire period of its publication, writers of unquestioned ability and deep intellectual foresight have stressed the necessity of the Christian's active participation in this war and in the making of the peace which is to follow. The implications of responsibility on the people of the churches have been staggering, long before our own country was attacked.

What Church Stands For

The Church is the one institution which has stood through all the ravages of war and destruction for the dignity of personality, and the rights, before God, of every human individual the principals for which we are now ready to sacrifice all we have.

The Church needs our constructive cooperation in such a day as this in which we find all other institutions—even the homes of our people—crumbling, financially, in weakness and mistaken position of the Methodist Church or any other on this war issue, seem to me as pathetic as the spreading of unfounded rumors against our government.

JOSEPHINE WASEY
549 Harrison,
Birmingham

Job Bureau Uses Clearance System

The "clearance system" operated by the Michigan State Employment Service is placing an average of 150 skilled workers every month throughout this state and in other areas employing for defense, it was announced today.

Through the "clearance system" an unemployed worker registered in one area may be shifted to employment in another locality where there may be a shortage of the skills he possesses.

Not Missed

"Did your girls miss their father on their recent trip?"

"No, they took plenty of money along with them."

National Bank Re-elects Officers

The annual stockholders' meeting and election of directors and officers of the Birmingham National Bank was held in the bank's quarters Tuesday night, when a report of the institution's activities during 1941 was given by the President, Charles E. James.

Each of the seven directors was re-elected; they are H. E. Edwards, John E. Martin, E. W. Seaholm, George E. Averill, Charles E. James, Chancey Nixon, and A. C. Wersuth. Following the stockholders' meeting the directors held their organization meeting. Mr. Edwards was re-elected chairman of the board; Mr. James, president; Mr. Seaholm, vice-president; F. G. Burnett, cashier; A. Shirley Rosso, assistant cashier; Miss G. Eleanor Ward, assistant cashier and secretary of the board.

President James told the stockholders that the bank made steady progress during the year and, despite the emergency of the current times, expects to maintain its growth, due largely, he said, to the stabilized type of residents who live here and constitute the bank's family of depositors.

What Your City Commission Is Doing..

January 12, 1942

Bills and payroll approval totalling $4,158.68.

Matter of sewage disposal charges discussed and referred back to city manager for further investigation.

Communication from Max Broock, Inc., relative to smoke nuisance referred to city manager.

Communication received from the city manager relative to insurance on employees in military service. Policy adopted whereby existing insurance on employee will be carried 30 days, and employee reimbursed for cost of obtaining $1,000 government insurance for one year.

Recommendation received from manager relative to salaries approved, increasing salaries of all employees now receiving less than $2,000 per year, $5 per month, and increasing salaries of regular hourly employees 5 cents per hour.

Dog ordinance amended to provide for confining dog which has bitten any person, either in the city dog pound or an approved kennel for fifteen days.

IRENE E. HANLEY
City Clerk

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to Holders of City of Birmingham, Michigan, 1935 Refunding Bonds—Series A

Sealed tenders of Series A Refunding Bonds dated October 1, 1935, are requested. They will be publicly opened and read after 10:00 A. M. EST on Saturday, January 31, 1942.

The City reserves the right to reject any tenders and to waive irregularities in tenders.

H. H. CORSON,
Treasurer,
City of Birmingham, Michigan

January 13, 1942.

CAN YOU DO IT ??
IF NOT THERE'S TROUBLE AHEAD!
Winter is a dangerous time to risk riding with ineffective brakes. Brakes that don't hold or are out of adjustment, so that they throw your car sideways when you apply them, need attention. Don't wait until you can't stop—let us check and repair them for you so you can. In this day of National Emergency, when it is impossible for you to buy another car, it will pay you to take the very best of care of the one you have. Accidents are expensive, so keep your brakes in the best of working condition. Don't take chances.

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