Ray H. Bechtold, High School Principal, Submits Resignation

PATIENCE allows one, if practiced, to be a lady or a gentleman without affection; its worth is greater to peace of mind and soul than all the knowledge available in a college course; some day an educator will arise whose emphasis of teaching will focus on qualities of PATIENCE, UNSELFISHNESS, LOVE, CHARITY, ETC.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

. . . in Which I Object to the Sharp Harpoon Barb of Elton R. Eaton

Because I decided to support Democratic Senator Prentiss M. Brown for re-election several months before Republican Elton R. Eaton, Plymouth publisher announced his own candidacy; because, since Eaton has entered this contest, I have refused to forsake Senator Brown for Eaton . . . well, Brothers and Sisters, already Elton has begun to sharpen his harpoon and send it in practice shots my way.

It's so extremely un-American, you see, for a chap who most of his life has supported Republicans, to cast his support for a certain high office to a man like Senator Brown; yep, it's downright heresy, utterly traitorous; "why, Mister Averill," is the gist of a few out-State editorial comments last week," what right have you, who served on the Republican National Committee editorial board for Herbert Hoover in 1932 . . . what right have you to leave our Republican ranks and help to elect a Democrat like Prentiss M. Brown?"

And, oh ye gods and various kinds of fishes; only last week my old friend and buddy, Eaton, himself, in a lengthy tirade against me in his newspaper, said: "In his (Averill's new role as spokesman for the Democratic party's effort to re-elect a Senator from Michigan so the Democratic party can make this a permanent one-party government similar to those in Germany, Italy, Japan, Editor Averill made reference to a discussion he had with me pertaining to the Senatorship."

Oh, Elton, where dost thy typewriter lead thy fingers as they flit over its keyboard? Hast thou forgotten, Sir, that my personal and editorial reputation and integrity for maintaining the American processes of self-government are widely known in the State of Michigan? Whence, then, Elton, didst thou get the lousy notion that I'm for an alien form of dictatorship?

Shame on thyself, Ole Friend, for so accusing me, and in public, too.

Hast though, also, forgotten, that for many, many years thine own fair State of Michigan was run by a one-party system? For, up to the Roosevelt landslide in 1932, did not the Grand Old Party practically own the political destiny of Michigan, and didst not thou, thyself, serve two terms as former Governor Groesbeck's executive secretary?

In thy recent tirade against me, Elton, thou didst get several items quite wrong up as to facts; later on, perhaps, if it becomes necessary I'll explain them to you, publicly.

In the meantime, Ole Friend, keep thy feet on the ground, thy head on thy shoulders, and treat me with decency; you see, Elton, our close relations over the years entitle us to such consideration, and even if they did not, then just plain, downright, American tolerance and and Christian charity ought to impel you to such action.

In the meantime, retain thou thy shirt on and refrain from any unwise action that might cause thee the loss of thy pants—thus will thou aid thyself in the preservation of thy habiliments and thy friends!

All Are Not Votes That Are Signed to a Disgruntled Petition

George W. Mullin, who was a candidate for the Board of Education against Ernest W. Seaholm here two weeks ago, by this time knows more about "practical politics" than he did before the election; he received only 128 votes, while Mr. Seaholm received 468.

The opposition to Mr. Seaholm, you may recall, came about as the result of the Board of Education's plan to centralize all junior high school activities in the Barnum building; this plan caused a petition to be circulated, signed by 468 persons, said petition requesting that the Board rescind its plan and restore junior high classes to the several schools already having them.

Mr. Mullin, it then developed, was the candidate of those opposed to the new junior high policy—to be pitted against Seaholm, the only Board member up for re-election. By defeating Seaholm, naturally, opponents to the junior high change would be making progress.

Mr. Mullin, of course, has a right to be disappointed; he certainly had a right to expect that at least a majority of the 468 petition signers would get out and vote, and vote for him, too.

Moral: people are funny in many ways, especially in politics. Many of those who signed the petition did so merely as a favor to the circulators, some perhaps didn't know what they were signing for, anyway; and lots of them failed to vote on election day.

Mr. Mullin, no doubt, next time will be more hesitant about allowing his name to go on a ballot when the issue is comparable to the one just passed.

Trial Blackout Set Next Week For This Area

24-Hour Notice Will Be Given By Press, Radio

Birmingham will join Detroit and other communities in a third test blackout some time next week, beginning June 20.

The date has not yet been revealed, but there will be 24-hours advance notice on the radio and in the Detroit newspapers, and The Eccentric learned that the test will probably take place before the Thursday, June 25 issue of The Eccentric is on the streets.

This time it will be a 20-minute blackout from 10:15 p. m. to 10:35 p. m. on a week night, according to Glenn C. Richards director of the Detroit Office of Civilian Defense.

The signal in Birmingham will be continuous rising and falling siren notes (ordinary fire signals are interrupted into series of six). 'Everyone must be prepared, as during the May 3 and May 24 blackouts, to keep lights from showing, to stop driving and to obey other regulations already familiar to most residents.

It is the hope of civilian defense officials that this will be the last "partial" blackout. Small merchants, beauty operators, barber shop owners and other business places are being warned that after the next week's test they must be prepared to extinguish

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Remedial Reading And New Music Teachers are Hired

Addition of a teacher to give instruction in the elementary schools in instrumental music, and also, arrangement for a teacher to give special help to slow readers, was decided by the Board of Education Tuesday night. Other teachers were hired, completing the elementary school roster; and also, a new school nurse was named.

The new music teacher will be Mrs. Enid Harris, wife of Dale Harris, Pontiac bandsman, and she will give instruction three days a week to children below the seventh grade who wish to study instrumental music, developing them for band and orchestra.

To Help Berndt

"Mr. Berndt is so busy now with junior and senior high school that the half day a week he spends in the elementary schools is money wasted," Supt. Shibler declared. "We are now deficient in this training," he added.

Mrs. Harris, who holds a Master of Music degree from the University of Michigan, directed the Pontiac High band during the past year when her husband was on a year's leave of absence directing the band at Michigan State College. She will receive $1,080.

The second change was that of Miss Helen Miller, now at Adams School. Miss Miller is a specialist in remedial reading and will add to her Master's degree with work at Columbia University this summer, Dr. Shibler said.

To Aid Poor Readers

"Reading is the foundation subject," the superintendent told the board. "A student who gets a poor start in reading will have difficulty in all the rest of his studies—a youngster who can't read well can't get anywhere."

Miss Miller will give special help in all elementary schools.

Her place at Adams will be

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DOG SHOW COMING

Oakland County Kennel Club will hold an all-breed show in Birmingham, Sept. 6. Judges, some of them outstanding in their lines, have already been announced.

CLOSED SATURDAY

The employment office at the Community House will be closed Saturday only, for repairs, Mrs. Julia B. Lally announced today.

Trial Siren Test Friday, Saturday

Friday and Saturday mornings at 10 a. m., Birmingham will have air raid siren trials, and outlying residents are asked to telephone the City Hall, 1230, describing the reception. "However, turn off your radios," Fire Chief V. W. Griffith asked. "During a real raid, radio transmitters will shut down."

The sirens, two of which were recently moved to new locations for better reception, will sound six swells at a time. A blackout practice consists of continuous swells—the next one is next week.

Defense Service Center

Inspecting the new sign for the Defense Service Center, at 131 Pierce street, near Maple, where Open House will be held June 19 and 20, are Police Chief J. P. HACKETT, representing the Civilian Defense Council, MRS. LEE POPE HILL, a State leader in the A. W. V. S., MRS. JOHN J. MAY and BOBBIE USTICK.

Plan Open House Friday, Saturday

Open House will be held Friday and Saturday at the Defense Service Center, 131 Pierce street, near Maple.

The center is headquarters for the Birmingham unit of the American Women's Voluntary Services, whose 200 members contribute their time and efforts in clerical and stenographic work, and operate the Center as a central bureau of information.

The Detroit Edison Company generously loaned the building at 131 Pierce Street, which, after a facelifting and general grooming by the women in charge, has been converted into a very business-like office.

The rapid growth of the Defense Service Center from an idea to a reality is testimony of its importance. Hundreds of questions have already been satisfactorily answered; many organizations including the O.C.D., the U.S.O., Victory Garden Committee, Salvage Committee, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Red Cross, have willingly been given assistance with their particular defense projects. An Air Force Recruiting Service has been set up by the AWVS and has been functioning with success in the Wabeek Building and the Bloomfield

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Retailers of City To Join 'White Out'

Birmingham merchants are making plans for the "White Out" which will take place in all stores on Wednesday, July 1. At that time, retailers, nationally, will take 15 minutes off at noon to sell nothing but war bonds and stamps.

Walter L. Moreland, of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan, has been appointed chairman of a merchants' committee composed of Paul Kurth, William Torrence, Jr., Mrs. Grace Glassford, Miss Catherine Hunt, Sam Frani and M. Ray Cook. They will attend a meeting at Pontiac's First Presbyterian Church Friday evening at 6:30 to hear Oscar Webber, of Detroit, State chairman.

When asked for cooperation of Birmingham merchants, Walter R. Raychel, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association, wired Washington that retailers here would lend 100 per cent cooperation.

Send Five Youths To Boys' State

Five Birmingham boys have been selected to represent the City at the Wolverine Boys' State at East Lansing, which started today and will continue through next Thursday. The American has sent three representatives, Ralph Everal, Charles Martz, and Clinton West. Roy Olson is being sent by the Lions Club, while the Rotary Club sent Don McLaughlin. Over a thousand boys are expected to attend this year and they will be quartered in two dormitories.

Set Up Recruiting Desk in Theatre

A branch recruiting office for aviation cadets will be set up in the Bloomfield Theatre starting Friday night, it was announced this week. A desk in the Wabeek Building has attracted 15 applicants so far, Mrs. Charles D. McCall, chairman said, but there have been few callers there at night. The Wabeek station will be continued in the afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 p. m. The two desks can supply information to young men interested in becoming Air Force officers, either flying or ground.

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Playgrounds And Pool to Open Monday

Next Monday morning, at a quarter of nine sharp, Mother will give one last look behind Petey's ears, tie the red ribbons on Susie's pigtails and wave both children briskly up the street with a sigh of relief. They are off to the summer play center for a whole morning of supervised fun.

For a whole week now, with no help at all from the weather, Mother has been trying gamely since school closed to keep two jumps ahead of that plaintive wail, "Mother, what shall we do next?" Mother thanks her lucky stars she lives in a city where that question is answered for eight whole weeks every summer. From now on she can zip through the morning's chores with the help of 13-year-old Mary and be ready to work and play with Petey and Susie in the afternoon, while Mary is off for a well-earned splash in Barnum Pool, where both Mother and Dad often like to go too for an evening's fun and relaxation.

8-Week Program

Supported by contributions from Birmingham's civic organizations, and administered by the Recreation Commission, the Birmingham summer recreation program opens Monday, June 22, at 9 a. m., under the direction of Malcolm A. Tindall. The eight weeks' program consists of a variety of planned and supervised activities for children and young people at the six play centers; an afternoon swimming schedule for children at Barnum Pool, together with an evening adults' swimming schedule; instrumental music classes at Hill School (which opened June 9); and Friday night street dances at Baldwin High School. Throughout the entire program emphasis is placed on maintaining an exacting supervi-

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War Insurance Goes on Sale

War damage insurance is now being sold by Birmingham insurance agents, as announced in an advertisement on an inside page.

War damage is physical loss of real or personal property which may result from enemy attack or action of our own forces in resisting enemy attack. Blackout and sabotage losses are not covered.

The rates are uniform throughout the country but vary according to the type of risk. The rate on farm buildings and all dwellings is $1 a thousand per year, cheaper than fire insurance. The Government issues the policies, acting through the regular companies and agents.

Biggest Rubber Drive Obstacle

During this week and next, a concerted effort is being made throughout the country to salvage every scrap of old rubber so that rationing of gasoline can be avoided. The project, ordered by President Roosevelt, will be successful IF one obstacle can be overcome.

That obstacle is simple. It is the attitude taken by many householders and business people that, "I don't have enough rubber in my place to bother with. What good are the few odds and ends I may have?"

There lies the crux of the whole problem! Few people have much rubber, but many people, adding their bits together, will bring in millions of pounds.

Mayor John E. Martz and Jesse McNeal, rubber salvage chairman, joined this week in urging that every individual search his property and gather up every bit of rubber, even if it is an old scrap of garden hose or the rubber heels off old shoes.

In a special message to children, Mayor Martz said:

"Children can help—then can really do an important job by gathering up rubber in their homes and neighborhoods."

Almost every gasoline station in Birmingham is accepting rubber; the rate is one cent a pound.

Gasoline rationing will be a burden to suburbanites. Are you doing your part to avoid it?

New Church Of Lutherans Opens Sunday

Attractive Colonial Style Structure To Be Dedicated

After 17 years of worshipping in their small chapel on Lincoln Avenue, members of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will dedicate their new Colonial-style edifice this Sunday.

Three services will mark the dedication. At 10 a. m. a brief valedictory service will be conducted in the chapel on Lincoln avenue. At 10:30 the doors of the new church will be opened. The dedication ceremony at the entrance will be in charge of the pastor of the congregation, assisted by the members of the building committee, the architect, and the builder. The dedication sermon will be given by the Rev. Theodore Waggazer, Sr. father of the local minister and pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Fraser. The latter's brother, the Rev. Martin Waggazer, of Center Line, will also assist in this service. The Childrens' Choir will furnish the choral music under the direction of Mrs. Robert Copp, organist of the church.

Afternoon Service

The afternoon service will begin at 3 o'clock. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. A. H. A. Loeber, pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church, Detroit. The Girls' Choir of St. John's Lutheran Church, Fraser, will sing, and Armin Zapf, of Detroit, will be at the organ.

In the evening service, which begins at 8 o'clock, the Rev. E. T. Bernthal, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Detroit, will preach. The Lutheran Ensemble, under the direction of Victor Hildner, will furnish the choral

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Draft Board Seeks Whereabouts of 3

The Birmingham - Bloomfield-Troy selective Service board, with headquarters in the Municipal Building, revealed this week the names of three men whose whereabouts are unknown. They may not be willful draft dodgers, but at least, they have failed to notify the draft board of changes of address, as required by law, it was said. Their names have been turned over to the F.B.I.

One of them, Nicholas Thomas Kronlein, formerly lived at 1324 Webster, and is said to have gone to Chicago. He was ordered to report March 9 but failed to appear.

Eugene Dale Mitchell, formerly of 505 West Brown, moved after registration in October 1940 and the board has been unable to find him.

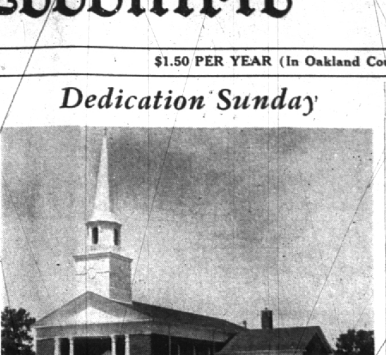
Robert Lee Sims, a negro who formerly worked for a family on Orchard Ridge road, can not be reached at his last Detroit address.

Persons knowing the whereabouts of these men should send this information to the draft board here.

Religious Meetings Started in Tent

Religious tent meetings are now being held at a site on South Woodward avenue, with the Rev. LeRoy Lindsley, the leader. Monday night, the City Commission authorized a 90-day temporary permit for the tent. City Manager Egbert explained that the group held an option on the former United Presbyterian Church at South Woodward and Forest, and planned to purchase it when the funds were raised. Mr. Lindsley has been conducting services in Pontiac.

Dedication Sunday



Modeled after early Colonial churches, this new home of Birmingham's Lutheran Congregation will be dedicated Sunday in three services. (Eccentric Photo.)

School Board Asked Reason for Cut In Donation to Recreation Fund

Mrs. Earle H. Cunningham, president of the Community Council, attended the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night to discover why the board had reduced the summer recreation appropriation from $500 to $100.

Acting Chairman H. Ross Mack replied that originally, the board felt it could afford nothing other than loan of buildings and other property, but later stretched this to $100.

"We must take care of things which are strictly a school function first," he said, "people don't realize how much things have been curtailed."

Treasurer John Harvey Rosso reminded the group that the current year would end with a $5,000 deficit. He added, "It is a shame that the Recreation Commission has to beg for money every year. I feel this ought to be a part of the regular City budget like it is in many cities."

Others on the board agreed with Rosso.

Sugar-for-Canning Attracts Throng to New Office Here

A steady stream of patrons has visited the new sugar rationing office in Baldwin High School since it opened a week ago today. Mrs. Roy B. McCutcheon, in charge, estimates that there have been 200 callers, keeping her and two volunteer aides busy.

"A great many people in Birmingham can 200 or more jars of fruit and vegetables every summer," Mrs. McCutcheon said.

Permits are issued allowing one pound of sugar for every four

OPEN MONDAY NIGHT

Starting next week, the office in the basement of the school will be open Monday evenings but not Wednesday afternoons. Regular hours are 9 to 12, 1 to 4; 9 to 12 on Saturday.

quarts of fruit, with a maximum of 10 pounds per member of the family, she said. People should bring with them an inventory of the fruit they canned last year, an estimate of their plans for this year, and also, their family's sugar ration books.

The office was opened under the sponsorship of the Birmingham Consumers Committe. The office has a consumer display, and also stocks application blanks for tire retreading.

Maximum Rent Forms Available

Birmingham landlords may not like the new maximum rent regulations but they are already getting the necessary blanks which must be mailed by July 1 to the Detroit office.

They may be obtained at either of the two banks, the Municipal Building or at the Federal Savings and Loan office.

To many landlords, the restrictions may seem unfair, but the maximum penalty for willful violation—a $5,000 fine or a year in jail—causes them to think twice before ignoring the rules. Full instructions on how to fill out the blanks are on the back of the form. One form must be made out for every flat, apartment or flat; if a tenant sublets his space, he, too, must fill out the form. By use of carbon paper, the form is filed in triplicate, one going to the landlord, one going to the tenant and one staying in Detroit. In brief, the rent ceiling puts the maximum rent as that charged on April 1, 1941.

Group Is Granted Citizenship Papers

A group from the Birmingham area was granted citizenship in a final hearing last week in Circuit Court, Pontiac.

Two local D.A.R. Chapters, Piety Hill of Birmingham, and Three Flags of Lathrup Townsite, took part in the ceremony.

New citizens from this area are Joseph Elton Young, William Arthur Stewart, Walter Henry Taylor, Patrick Murray Moore, Gladys Harpur, Thomas Andrew Reaney, Alfred John Brennen, Arthur Edward Bell, Alice Grace House, Harold Frederick Meyrick, Leon Ruth White.

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

USO Campaign Doubles Last Year

Latest tabulation of gifts to the 1942 USO campaign of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Franklin and Bloomfield Hills, total now exactly double the 1941 total according to Young C. Smith, 460 Pierce street, assistant general chairman of the organization. More than $7,000 is now in.

While Bloomfield Hills was first to pass its budget under the leadership of Mrs. Neil C. McMath and Gustavus D. Pope, other districts are now also making their goals. Bloomfield Village, led by Thomas Cummings of Woodlake Road and Father D. J. Duncan, of Holy Name parish, has turned in reports which while not yet complete indicate overwhelming support in that area.

Quarton Lake area west to Chesterfield, under Alan Joslyn, 392 Suffield, and its neighbor across Quarton Lake, led by William Shaver of Warren Court, are neck and neck for a high rating, and districts under J. H. Savage, Henry Foley, Elmer Huston, Burt Smith, Harry Collins, Jr., Henry Dahlquist, Fred McCullough, Frank Newell, Charles G. Kinnison, A. V. Dennis, Sylvester Wilkinson and Mrs. A. J. LaBelle have all far surpassed their 1941 efforts. Mrs. Ewald Schaffer and Mrs. R. S. Plexico organized the coverage of Beverly Hills in a very efficient manner.

In Franklin, John Graham has completed the work of his organization, nearly tripling last year's total.

Charles J. Shain, general chairman, announces that all workers should finish their work at once and make their reports to the YMCA office in the Birmingham Community House.

University Honors Dr. Hugo Erichsen At Kingston, Canada

Dr. Hugo Erichsen, of 415 Harmon avenue, retired physician, has been conferred two degrees by Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, it was announced recently by The Queen's Review, a university publication.

"An interesting feature of the recent Medical Convocation was the conferring in absentia of the M.D., C.M. degrees upon Dr. Hugo Erichsen, of Birmingham, Mich., who received his licentiate from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, in affiliation with Queen's University, in 1883. The degrees were conferred by special regulation of the University Senate.

"Dr. Erichsen, who at present is tenth on the seniority list of Queen's alumni, graduated with his M.D. degree from Detroit Medical College, now the medical department of Wayne University, in

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Ray Bechtold Resigns Job As Principal

Came to B'ham From Flint School Five Years Ago

Ray H. Bechtold, principal of Baldwin High School since 1937, submitted his resignation Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Bechtold told The Eccentric that he wished to broaden his experience by a change to a new post.

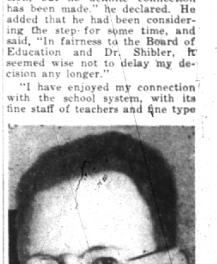
"Several interesting possibilities

ROBINSON SELECTED

Miles W. Robinson, principal of the Barnum elementary and junior high school, has been selected as principal of the new central junior high which will start in the Barnum Building Sept. 14 when classes reconvene, it was announced Wednesday by Supt. Shibler.

are being considered both inside and outside the teaching profession, but no definite connection has been made." he declared. He added that he had been considering the step for some time, and said, "In fairness to the Board of Education and Dr. Shibler, it seemed wise not to delay my decision any longer."

"I have enjoyed my connection with the school system, with its fine staff of teachers and fine type



Mr. Bechtold

of students. This is an alert community," he declared.

Mr. and Mrs. Bechtold and their infant son live at 270 Pleasant avenue, and they do not plan to move at the present time.

Supt. Herman L. Shibler said: "Mr. Bechtold is a real gentleman and a splendid fellow. I wish him every success in the future."

Mr. Bechtold came here in 1937 from the Longfellow School of Flint, replacing Melvin C. Hart, who had served for 16 years. He holds a Master's degree from Columbia University, and is a past department president of the Michigan Education Association. He has also served on committees of the National Education Association.

Resident, 91, An Avid Listener

"You're never too old to learn," is the philosophy of Miss Anna Adams, who celebrated her 91st birthday yesterday, in the home of her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. Parkin, 275 Smith street.

She is an interested and consistent listener of war and news broadcasts, as well as an intelligent conversationalist on current events.

Miss Adams was born in Indiana when it was considered far western territory, and taught school in Atlantic City, N. J., for a great number of years. She came to live with her nephew two years ago.

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