Out of this war ought to come, on the part of our leaders in education, religion, labor, and government, a greater dedication of themselves and their movements to the cause of unselfish human service; this crusade can be successful only if projected essentially toward the young mind, to make youth by habit Good Samaritan-like.

The Birmingham Eccentric

MAKE EVERY PAY DAY WAR BOND DAY
STOP SPENDING—SAVE DOLLARS

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

. . . in which We See the Willow Run Bomber Plant—A Miracle in Engineering Skill

If this war is to be won by the nation that can produce the greatest quantity of weapons, plus the training of men and women, in the shortest period of time; and if the progress made by the Ford Motor Co. in the development of its famous Willow Run bomber plant is a measure of America's ability to produce . . . then what I saw Friday of last week at Willow Run suggests that it's only a matter of time until the Axis nations are going to be defeated.

Along with over 200 Michigan newspapermen, I had the privilege of going through most of the Willow Run bomber plant, said to be the largest airplane factory in the whole world. Here, on land that 13 months ago was average Michigan woodland, a few miles east of Ypsilanti, the Ford Motor Co., in conjunction with the United States War Dept., has created a miracle in engineering development; the genius of Ford management and engineering is applying to what has always been a custom-built product, the mass production potentialities of the assembly line to the building of four-motored bombers weighing 20 tons—bombers carried through the air by four 1250 horsepower Pratt & Whitney motors, (made by Buick at Flint), capable of cruising 300 miles per hour for 3,000 miles—and carrying enough bombs in each of their bellies to weigh four tons—and thus weigh heavily upon the fears of Hitler & Co. These bombers, officially labelled Consolidated B-24-E, called "The Liberator," also carry plenty of rapid-firing guns in the nose and tail, capable of being pointed in every possible direction against the enemy.

110 Ft. Wing Spread

These bombers have a wing spread of 110 feet, contain 300,000 rivets, and nearly 100,000 additional parts. In their manufacture, the Ford people have designed special machines to fabricate their various parts; one large machine, alone, in machining the center wing, does in the fraction of an hour what formerly required days to accomplish. The same policy of speed has been applied to every phase of the bomber construction—and it is interesting to learn that from the time the various parts begin to be assembled on the final lines created for that purpose, only 168 hours are required to send the finished bomber out to the runways for the trial flights. To date, hundred bombers are not being assembled, although many sub-assemblies and parts are being made and shipped to other bomber plants. Just when Willow Run will roll finished planes off the lines is not being told the public.

The Ford Motor Company's treatment of the problem has revolutionized the airplane industry in this country, perhaps in the world. Which is only one reason why the Detroit area, industrially speaking, is properly referred to as the No. 1 arsenal of the United Nations.

Can't Reveal All Facts

Naturally, many facts about the Willow Run plant were learned by our newspaper group that cannot be published; for the rule accepted by American newspapers in the presentation of military news these days, (as so ably presented by publisher Floyd J. Miller, of the Royal Oak Daily Tribune, at a luncheon last Friday given us by Mr. Ford), is simply this: "Is this information that I would like to have if I were the enemy?" For the most part, censorship in the American press is on a voluntary basis, as it relates to the activities in this war.

Just you can be told that the Willow Run plant will eventually employ about 100,000 people; today, one in nine employees is a woman and this ratio may later run as high as one in four. We saw many women, mostly in their early twenties, engaged in various light work connected with fabrication parts of the B-24-E. They wear slacks; in one part of the plant we saw 500 women going through a course of instruction in the handling of light mechanical equipment; small hand drills are in major use, for making each of the 300,000 rivet holes used in each bomber.)

Going through the Willow Run plant, you are impressed with the dominance of young men employed, perhaps most of them in the early twenties; because in the fabrication of wings, for exemple, space is limited for physical activity, you find most of the workers there under 30 years of age.

In this great plant Ford doesn't center the fabrication in too few places; the usual method of building planes has been to assemble them in one spot, with the result that at times people got in one another's way sacrificing efficiency; Ford overcomes that by decentralization of manufacture—so that when the actual assembly line is reached, about all that is

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SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LUCK —others own insurance policies, safeguarding against loss by Fire, Windstorm, Burglaries, accidents, etc. Call or phone 321.

J. B. HOWARTH & SON
National Bank Bldg.

Plan Memorial Day Parade Saturday

Petitions Hit Central Junior High School

Group of 469 Asks School Board To Change Plans

Opposition to the new central junior high at Barnum School was voiced Tuesday night when a delegation presented the Board of Education with petitions bearing 469 names, asking a reversal of the plans and the chance to vote on the matter at the June 8 election.

The Board debated the points at issue for an hour, and accepted the petitions for study. A statement was promised for next week.

Jay E. Hanna, of 1423 Buckingham, acted as spokesman for the group of 12 which attended the meeting.

Petitions Analyzed

A study made Wednesday at the Board of Education offices showed that of the 469 names on the petitions, 362 or 77 per cent lived within the Adams area, 225 persons or 48 per cent were parents and 244 persons, or 52 per cent had no children attending school. Eighty-four signatures came from the Quarton area, and 22 from the Barnum-Pierce area.

Under the plan, junior highs at Baldwin, Barnum and Adams and the partial junior high at Quarton

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Gov. Van Wagoner Gives Support to 'Michigan Days'

LANSING — Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner today gave his unqualified endorsement to the 1942 "Michigan Days" program, jointly sponsored by state agricultural and business leaders.

The annual salute to Michigan agriculture and business will be dramatized between May 28 and June 3 as "Michigan Days for Victory," chain and independent

merchants, civic associations and more than 200 newspapers participating.

In a statement pledging his support, Chief Executive told "Michigan Days" committee members, "you are confronted with a patriotic duty this year to help your state solve one of the gravest problems ever to face agriculture and business—the problem of warforced shortages; shortages of field labor, rail and motor transportation, implements and gasoline and rubber for farm machinery. . .

Sugar-for-Canning Permits Available

Persons who want extra sugar for canning may procure permits at 304 South Main, Royal Oak, or at 19 West Huron, Pontiac, Administrator A. J. Diebel announced. The applicant should bring the ration books of the family, plus an inventory of the number of quarts canned last year and of the amount now on hand. Diebel said his office would authorize only enough sugar at any one time for seasonal fruits.

Shibler Relates Plans for Bus Service For Central Junior High Students

The new central junior high will involve a transportation problem and hot lunches for some children due to the distance, Supt. Herman L. Shibler, at a meeting of the P.-T. A. Council, Supt. Herman L. Shibler explained plans to meet these problems, and he also outlined some of the advantages which will accrue to the children.

This is a resume of his statement:

"1—Relative to the question of transportation of junior high school pupils to the Barnum Junior High School for the school year 1942-1943:

"The Great Lakes Greyhound Lines, Inc., has offered to transport junior high students who wish transportation by bus to the Barnum school at a cost of $2.50 per bus per day. These buses will hold 50 children. This will be a cost of 5c per child per day. The Board of Education has officially accepted this offer and has ordered its cost. The Board of Education has made a transportation survey of junior high school pupils to determine how many wish transportation. At a cost to the parents of $4.65 per semester, the students will be required to buy a semester bus pass in advance. The results of the survey show that approximately 200 students wish transportation. Bus routes and bus stations are now being set up.

"2—With regard to hot lunches served at the junior high school

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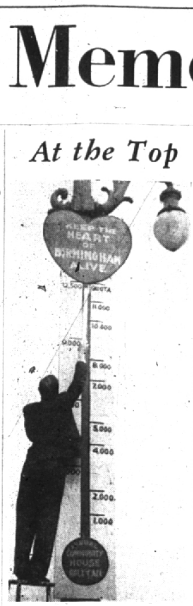
Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. adv.—tf.

At the Top



A paint brush tied to the end of a stick serves WALTER R. RAYCHEL in marking up the final portion on the Community House "thermometer" which has been on display on a light pole alongside Wilson's drug store.

For the first time in many years, the Roll Call attained its goal—$12,500—in cash and pledges and some money is still to come in before the workers end their job.

C. G. ("Pat") Eden, president of the Community House, and Paul Neal Averill, chairman of the 1942 drive, yesterday thanked all who took part in the campaign, and expressed appreciation to the public for its generous support.

Franklin Students Give Picnic Money To the USO Fund

Pupils at Franklin School figure that pop, wieners and other picnic things aren't so important when compared with the needs of the U.S.O., so this week they donated the $5 balance in their picnic fund to this cause.

"We raised this money selling wastepaper and used some of it for parties, but we decided that the rest of it ought to go for the soldiers," Susan Hershey, 10 years old, a fifth grade student, declared Monday when she, Frances Love, 9, of the fourth grade, and Robert Webb, 8, of the third grade, and their teacher, Mrs. Josephine Shotka, called at The Eccentric office. Grades 3-4-5 raised most of the money, while grades 6-7-8 put in enough to bring the total to $5.

A trip through The Eccentric plant concluded the trip for the youngsters.

Post Office Won't Close Memorial Day

Regardless of the Memorial Day holiday Saturday, the Post Office will be open until noon, Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne announced today.

There will be regular City deliveries but no rural delivery. Washington ordered the extra service, apparently, to expedite war-time mail.

A new window at which stamps will be sold and general delivery mail handled has been opened with Ambert Peterson in charge. This will relieve congestion at the large parcel post window.

Carlos Lopez, well-known Michigan painter, is now at work on the new mural at the eastern end of the lobby.

2 Candidates Enter Contest for School Job

George W. Mullin to Oppose Seaholm in June 8 Election

Birmingham's June 8 school election, which looked like a staid affair when The Eccentric went to press last week, now promises plenty of action.

A second candidate, George W. Mullin, of 947 Madison avenue, has entered the fray and will oppose the incumbent, Ernest W. Seaholm, secretary of the Board of Education and a member the past three years. Both are residents of the Adams School area.

Junior High Enters

The new central junior high school issue has bestirred much debate in the Adams section, and will find expression in the June 8 elec-

YOU MUST REGISTER!

In order to vote you must be registered by Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Hill School offices. If you have voted at a school election within the past two years you need not register now. You must be a taxpayer and/or have children of school age.

tion, regardless of whether the Board of Education submits the junior high school proposal for an advisory vote of the people as was suggested Tuesday night when a delegation from Adams attended the Board meeting. Mr. Mullin has not yet publicly committed himself on the junior high question, although it is known that many of the anti-central-junior-high group will back him. Mr. Seaholm, of course, stands behind the Board's decision.

Mr. Seaholm, who lives at 856 Kenmore, has lived in Birmingham the past 14 years, and is chief engineer of the Cadillac Motor Car Division, a position he has held since 1921.

Mr. Mullin, a newcomer in school politics, has lived here for nine years and is branch manager for a division of E. I. duPont de Nemours.

He was born 47 years ago at Caledonia, N. Y., but was graduated from Flint Central High School and from Western State Teachers College at Kalamazoo. He taught one year at Mt. Clemens before going to Detroit during the First World War. After more than a year Overseas, he returned to

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Will Give Course In Aeronautics

A selected group of High School seniors will be given the chance to take course next fall in pre-aviation cadet training, the Board of Education decided Tuesday night.

The course, to be taught by Eugene Hubbard, science teacher and a pilot, will not include actual flying but rather will deal with the scientific aspects of flight. The standard Air Force physical examination will be part of the course, it was said.

John W. Studebaker, U. S. Commissioner of Education, has urged the course. Supt. Herman L. Shibler declared, adding that aviation will alter the teaching of geography and many other courses throughout the curriculum as time goes on.

AUTO MECHANICS COURSE

A course in auto mechanics, another valuable war-time course is contemplated, to be taught by Maynard Mott, science teacher at Quarton School. Half of the salary of Mott, a Smith-Hughes instructor, would be paid by the Government. The Board is now seeking bids on the construction of a small cinder block building.

HIRE TEACHER

Miss Marjorie Votey, member of the Pontiac School staff, was engaged to teach first grade at Adams School. She is a U. of M. graduate and has had many years' experience.

Softball Managers Will Meet

Who's interested in softball? New or former managers who would like to plan a softball program for the coming summer are asked to meet with Malcolm Tindall, director of the summer recreation program, at 8 o'clock Friday, May 29, in the Community House.

"We hope that any manager unable to attend this meeting will be sure to send a responsible substitute," said Mr. Tindall, "because the type of turnout we get will tell us whether Birmingham wants a softball program this summer."

State Champions in Their Class

This is Birmingham's Class B State Champion track team. Standing are: FRED ZOELLIN, DICK CHARLETON, COACH ERNEST ENGEL, RALPH PENOYAR, and GEORGE STERLING. Seated are STAN PETERSON, DON FISHER, CAPT. JACK STEELMAN, BOB MURRAY, JO ARMSTRONG and DICK HOPKINS. In foreground is the manager, VERNON PARSONS. (See story on School Page)

Sugar Rationing

-- An Editorial --

Rationing of sugar, bicycles, and perhaps, gasoline, may look simple enough now, but The Eccentric warns, its readers now that a "mess" is in the offing.

The difficulty lies in the fact that Federal officials expect a handful of officials to serve the needs of Oakland County with its 254,000 people scattered over the wide area. Right now there are but four offices, one in Pontiac, one in Royal Oak, one at Lake Orion and one at Walled Lake, all staffed with paid U. S. Civil Service clerks. The administrator, A. J. Diebel, hopes to establish seven more offices if he can get the necessary salary money, and presumably, Birmingham would get an office. Mr. Diebel informed The Eccentric Wednesday that Birmingham can have an office now if the City will pay the salary.

The need is obvious. When the present sugar rationing books expire soon, every person will need another, and is it sensible for every family to go to Pontiac or Royal Oak, using precious rubber? No, persons who want extra sugar now for canning fruit must make a special trip to Pontiac to get permits.

The problem needs immediate study by all officials concerned so that the machinery will be ready when the 12,000-odd sugar rationing books here expire.

Why should Birmingham pay a clerk's salary when the Federal government pays the clerks in other offices? Perhaps some method can be arranged to have the work done here by the responsible volunteer workers now on duty daily at the Defense Service Center, 251 Pierce street; or, perhaps, the City should hire a full-time clerk, at least temporarily, to serve our people.

If the Federal government plans to pay the wages of an army of rationing clerks the country over, who will be left to do the other work?

Recruiting Service Will Open Soon

Birmingham will soon have an Army recruiting service, Wednesday, Mrs. Charles D. McCall and five fellow members of the A. W. V. S., went to Detroit for instruction at the office of Lieut. Col. Joseph Bachus, Michigan's Army recruiting officer. Each of these will be in charge one day a week, and other women who are interested in aiding are asked to attend a meeting which will be held Friday at 10 a. m. at The Community House.

The first location may be a desk in the lobby of the Wabeek Building, according to Harold Broock, Exchange Club chairman who is making arrangements with the A. W. V. S.

ALLEN IN CHARGE

Robert R. Allen, of Southfield Township, formerly a resident of Birmingham, has been appointed a member of the Southfield Township Civilian Defense staff and will have charge of civilian defense police for the Township.

The place to ride
Wood Farms
Saddle Horses
5500 Adams Rd., nr. 15 Mi. Rd. adv.

Estimate Stamp, Bond Pledges Total Million Dollars a Year in Birmingham

Estimates made Wednesday at the close of Birmingham's bond-and-stamp pledge campaign indicate that residents here plan to invest approximately $1,000,000 a year in war securities.

At a meeting of Charles E. James, co-chairman of the drive, and Oscar P. Peterson, assistant, it was revealed that 194 captains and workers had secured pledges which will amount to $686,000 a year. Other persons, who enclosed their pledges in sealed envelopes which will not be opened locally, will bring that total to an estimated $750,000; and still others who pledged 10 per cent but stated no definite amount will bring the total to the million-dollar mark, it was estimated.

Between 85 and 90 per cent of the people here gave pledges, it was said. Others who may have been missed by the canvassers may still make their pledge by seeing Miss Ware at the Birmingham National Bank. All pledges are confidential.

Co-captains whose solicitors received the best response were Henry Hart-John W. Knecht, followed by Herbert Wood-Merrill C. Adams, and George D. Miller and Lawrence C. Howe.

"The U. S. Treasury, the State Director, Frank Isbey, and the general co-chairmen, myself and George R. Averill, are deeply appreciative of the fine work done by the staff, and particularly we wish to thank Oscar P. Peterson who has expended a great many hours of effort in this project during the past month," Mr. James said.

Following are the names of the

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Air Raid Warden List Announced

The first list of air raid wardens to be announced is printed in this week's Eccentric. The men cover the City in 15 zones, according to Russell H. Fisher, chief air raid warden.

WEST AREA

Deputy Chief Warden, J. S. Tuttle, 1247 Willow Lane.

Assistant Deputy Chief Warden, C. L. Miller, 903 Pilgrim.

ZONE 1—Zone Warden, W. W. Raymond, 772 Willits; Senior Post Wardens, E. R. Chapman, 1027 Quarton; C. H. Wood, 219 Greenwood; Post Wardens, A. E. Arnold, 622 Bloomfield Ct.; W. L. Martin, 667 Greenwood; E. S. Mc-Comb, 591 Lakeview; M. H. Smiley, 879 Greenwood; R. H. Smith, 695 Vinewood; J. J. Swartz, 1595 N. Woodward; R. C. Hansen, 279 Greenwood; V. L. Desmond, 753 Willets; R. E. Brockway, 749 Baldwin; R. C. Rogers, 752 Randall Ct.; Mrs. Pokorny, 679 Harmon; L. T. Ollesheimer, 250 Baldwin.

ZONE 2—Zone Warden, H. L. Breiterstein, 1420 Warren; Senior Post Wardens, A. F. Cole, 170 Townsend; W. B. Cole, 515 Martin; Post Wardens, G. Weleh, 1920 Henrietta; C. Reath, 570 Townsend; T. Warner, 822 Henrietta; R. P. Packard, Valley View; W. G. Harris, 519 W. Maple.

I. Dawson, 460 W. Maple; M. Pillon, 527 Southfield; C. Parks, 555 Merrill; R. F. Khoen, 664 Valley View; L. Goodwin, 567 Merrill.

ZONE 3—Zone Warden, T. J.

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Air Raid Warden Is Announced

A marked improvement in air raid precautions was noted Sunday night when Birmingham, cooperating with the entire Detroit area, held its second practice blackout.

There were several violations, but none of the willful variety so there will be no prosecution, City Manager Egbert said.

At the Leinbach-Humphrey office, 1692 South Woodward avenue, a bright neon sign was the only source of light on Woodward during the blackout. Police investigated and were told that an

GLAD TO COOPERATE

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automatic switch which worked perfectly during the May 3 trial failed to function Sunday night. The switch is at Wilson Ave. and 835 Humphrey. Mrs. Ellison told the air raid warden that her husband had not returned from playing golf; that she was alone in the house and afraid to extinguish the light.

At Shain's drug store, the personnel listened to a radio broadcast from Detroit where the all-clear signal came before the siren was sounded in Birmingham, and the store lights were turned on prematurely.

At the All-Steak Hamburger store, 160 South Woodward, a sharp-eyed air raid warden detected two gas flames burning under coffee urns.

At 759 Greenwood, formerly occupied by Kenneth C. Bell, a basement lamp burned. Neighbors thought a boy who had cut the grass may have left it on; the house is now vacant.

At the bus station, a group standing outside was told to move inside.

Air Raid Practice Next Tuesday

When you hear the sirens next Tuesday evening, don't become alarmed! Auxiliary firemen, policemen and air raid wardens will be undergoing their first practice air raid alarm using the new control center. The men will be called on to handle hypothetical bombing incidents and fires. The siren will, sound six swells, followed by six more, the standard signal for fires and all practice alarms.

USO Campaign Goes Favorably

Early reports from U. S. O. campaign workers show a hearty response from Birmingham and vicinity contributing to the $10,700 total which is being raised under the leadership of Charles J. Shein in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Lathrup, Franklin and Beverly Hills.

Under the leadership of Mrs. C. B. Charmatz, the A. W. V. S. is furnishing help at U. S. O. headquarters in the Birmingham Community House to tabulate contributions, which are coming in daily.

Mr. Shain reports that the first 100 contributions averaged considerably higher than the 1941 U. S. O. campaign, the latest figure showing an average over $7 per contributor. Mr. Shain emphasizes the fact these contributions

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Mothers of Men in Service Form Club To Perform Services for 'Soldier Boys'

Mrs. Robert F. Watt was elected president of the MOMS Club, an organization made up of Mothers of Men in Service, at a Thursday evening. Other officers are: Mrs. Jack Boomer, vice-president; Mrs. Earle H. Cunningham, recording secretary; Mrs. Norman Lyle, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Carolyn Plumstead, treasurer; and Mrs. Maurice Lowman, chaplain.

MOMS Club members will take part in the Birmingham Memorial Day parade, it was decided last Thursday evening. Other plans for the future as to what mothers of service men can do to help boys stationed in this area, just as others are helping their boys in distant places, were discussed.

It is expected that a list of members will be posted at gas stations, etc., so that service men who might happen to be stranded in Birmingham, need a night's lodging, etc., will be able to obtain an address at which they can call for free lodging and meals. Another plan talked of was that of entertaining boys from nearby camps and then contacting their parents, letting the latter know whether or not the boys are in good health, happy, and the like.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 4 at 8 p. m. in the Community House. All mothers of men in service are urged to attend this meeting. Last Thursday night 32 soldiers, sailors, and marines were represented—one in Australia, one in Hawaii, four on board Navy ships, 23 in camps in the United States, and three whereabouts unknown to parents.

Civilian Units Will March for First Time

Marchers to Form Ranks at 10:30, Step Off at 11

What is planned to be Birmingham's biggest Memorial Day parade in some years will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The ranks this year will be swelled by Civilian Defense units—air raid wardens, auxiliary police and auxiliary firemen. All war veterans and men now in the armed forces who may be in the City are urged to take part.

Formation of the parade will start at 10:30 a. m. in front of the Library, according to D. H. Thompson, 1040 South Bates, chairman. The route of march is as follows:

Parade Route

East on Merrill to Woodward, north on Woodward to Oak, west on Oak to the Greenwood Cemetery, to the Soldiers' Monument.

H. A. O'Dell, a major in the First World War, will act as parade marshal.

William Coit Alee, member of the City Commission, a captain of the First World War, will be the speaker of the day. He is now chief of the advisory boards for the Selective Service in Wayne County.

Because Birmingham has no more living members of the GAR, one special car will be in the parade. Miss Blanche Breakey, City Nurse, and Mrs. Leonard Cady, are former U. S. Army nurses and members of the American Legion, and they will march with that group.

Mothers of Men in Service will have several cars for members.

Order of March

The parade lineup is as follows: Police escort motorcycle—Colors and firing squad—cars, Rotary Club, Exchange Club, Retail Mer-

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No Prosecution In Blackout Cases

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