

# 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 May 1, 1942

Llye Russell, and Walter Rose, Ets.

### GOING TO AFRICA

Bill Hatman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hatman, of Lakeland drive, has left his studies at Colgate University and has joined Pan-American Airways, Africa, Ltd. At the completion of three months of intensive radio study in New York City, he is to come Pan-American base in Africa.

### ON FURLOUGH

Pvt. Sherwin Davidson, who was recently inducted and sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., was home this week on furlough, called because of the illness of his father, Louis E. Davidson.

### IN DALLAS

Edward Martin, 366 Glenholme, who recently enlisted in the Naval Reserve Air Force, is now in training at Dallas, Texas.

### JEFFERSON BARRACKS

Pvt. Tom Freeman has been sent to Lowry Field, Colo., for further training. Pvt. Jules Wenzel is likely to remain part of the permanent force at J. B., doing office work.

### STRICTER REGULATIONS

The draft board has received new instructions which will tighten up rules for men with dependents, particularly those who acquired dependents by marriage since Pearl Harbor, or whose wives out work to create dependency, or whose wives have independent means of support.

### NOTICE

Chief Clerk Augusta Merrill emphasizes that Arizona Merrill registrants, when filling out their questionnaires, look to fill out item 6 and 7 on page 3, relating to income received.

### SHARPSHOOTER

Bayard Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fox, is out of Boot Camp and has been called for sharp shooting. Jim Cook who enlisted in the Marines with Bayard missed his call by one point in shooting. Both boys are stationed in California.

### GREAT LAKES, ILL.—BIRMINGHAM MICH.

added another of its ranks in the ranks of the U. S. Navy recently, when Richard George Hunt, 26, husband of Mary Hunt, 800 Ann street, enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

### MAJ. BINGHAM ADJUTANT

KESLER FIELD, Miss.—Major James H. Bingham, of Franklin, Mich., recently was named post personnel adjutant at the U. S. Air Corps Technical School here.

### MAJOR BINGHAM HAS A B. S.

as well as an M. S. degree from Michigan State College. He arrived at Kesler Field August 3, 1941, from Scott Field, Ill., and formerly was assistant post personnel adjutant here.

### MAJOR BINGHAM WAS AN ENGINEER

before he was called to active service.

### IN THE NAVY NOW

Burt Dulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Dulton, Ruffer street, was listed in the Navy last week, left last Wednesday for Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

### PROMOTED

Editor, The Eccentric, was promoted to ensure the fastest possible delivery of my weekly copy of The Birmingham Eccentric, which I enjoy so very much. I wish to notify you of my change of address due to my recent promotion to corporal.

### WHAT'S DOING

Gardening is well under way; in fact, with everything blooming at once from early anemones to June lilacs, most gardens are more lovely than ever before. Some people have set out tender vegetables but the old-timers are waiting until after the may 10 frost-free deadline.

### IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO

across the street from the First Baptist Church) and see what's up. Also, stop to chat with the workers, Mrs. Elmore Wolking, who, we all know how helpful Boy Scouts and high school boys and girls have been in setting up the garden.

### IT ISN'T TOO EARLY TO START WEEDING

and cultivating and spraying. Prune early flowering shrubs after they have finished blooming. Do not cut unless necessary.

### BURN OR SPRAY TREE CATERPILLARS

there is an especially bad infestation this year.

### PREPARE TO SPRAY FRUIT TREES

as the petals fall. One solution often used is 1 pt. lime sulphur, 15 tsp. streptococci of lead, 5 gallons of water.

—DORIS T. PATTON.

purpose inasmuch as I share it with three hometown boys who have recently arrived at this station and are attached to this squadron. They are Paul Peters, Michael Mitchell, and Robert Taylor, of Bloomfield Hills. We are certainly kept well informed on the happenings of the town and so look forward to every copy of the paper.

Corp. Eugene D. Parmenter, A. C. Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Pvt. Andrew Hinshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hinshaw, now stationed at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

Otis C. Thompson, son of Mrs. W. D. Thompson, passed the examination for entrance into officers training school and is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

(Note—Parents of Seaman Jack Dunn, U. S. Navy, received this letter last week.

Dear Mom and Family.

Back from Washington 3 1/2 hours overleave. It was this way. I saw I couldn't get back in time and so I requested four hours extension in a telegram which (according to Bureau of Navigation regulations) I forwarded through the same bureau. Well, here it is three days later and still nothing from the Bureau. Moral—if you have something important to tell me write and send it special delivery, air mail. Don't telegraph.

Washington was wonderful. The weather couldn't have been better, and I even found a place to sleep—a good bunk in the soldiers, sailors' and marines' club, an institution that has all the best features of a hotel and a barracks.

I soon found that the people in Washington are actually civilized. They will give you directions, tell you the time and say "Good Morning" when you meet on the street. Also servicemen get reduced rates in movies, and, well, I liked it.

I visited Navy Dept. building. A courtlyard intercepted three Rear Admirals and Staffs in quick succession. For my three salutes, I

caused an infinite amount of paper and briefcase juggling and gold-braided flapping of arms in return. Carry on, Admiral!

The cherry trees were in bloom. Need I say more? Evidently everything beautiful has been exported from Japan. Washington you have seen rather enough of to know what I saw.

Also saw Nick Rothe (a soldier from Birmingham) on the street and all the Birmingham Washington Group. I met them on the Norfolk night boat and had a swell talk. "So funny, but they were kids when I left, but grown-up now. (Jack is just 19.) Miss Hull, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Toothaker, Mr. Hubbard and another teacher I didn't know. Had what you would call a "lovely long talk."

They made me homesick for Birmingham, though. Should Aid Acquaintance be forgot, etc.

Saw a man in an old uniform. Inquired and learned it was a lieutenant-general in the British army. He even called me "lad."

No monacle. Teh Teh! In a nightclub (oh, yes, I made

the rounds) heard an Army lieutenant colonel (Quartermaster Corps) say, "The Marines tell everyone how wonderful they are until they believe it themselves." Well, we certainly don't hear much good about the Quartermaster Corps!

And now I'm running out of paper and there's love down Godebye. All my love.

JACK

### Leelanau School Man To Describe Activities

At a public meeting next Tuesday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock in the Baldwin Public Library, Arthur S. Huey, assistant director of the Leelanau School, will give a talk on the school's activities and will show slides. This school, which is located at Glen Arbor, Mich., is for both boys and girls from the age of 10 years through high school.

## Bits of Birmingham

A Lincoln avenue woman with a sick husband complained to police Saturday that an owner of a noisy motorcycle with a owner of a noisy nuisance. Police could not find the offender.

Mike Harbedian, the well-known earth mover, reported last week that his son had been hit with a BB.

The following local friends had made applications for five red-treads: Charles D. McCall, Stanley Nowak, and Young C. Smith.

Jack Bell, 6 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Bell, 628 Chester, received a bad cut Monday when he fell off a swing at the Barnum School. "He isn't yet but he will be Friday," Mrs. Bell said. "Not a very nice birthday present!" By the time this appears in print, the boy will probably be back to school with a bandaged noggin.

The County Raising Board has approved local applications for new tires and tubes as follows: Leonard W. Hickey, C. F. Suterland, Jr., Orisdo Veltrains, Maybelle Wilson, Dr. J. B. Haasberger, L. L. Nixon, Ewald E. Schaefer, Bloomfield Hills Country Club, Thornton & Grooms, and Howard Renner.

Charles Hague and Joe Bachman, both 9 years old and both residents of Labor road (it's Labor, not Lamber) were snipped by dog Friday at the Pierce school. Garland Richardson, 212 Bird street, was said to be the owner of the dog (unlicensed).

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Your Birmingham Committee, working under directions of the Secretary of the United States Treasury, has obtained the voluntary help of more than 100 Birmingham men and women to act as canvassers.

You are not being asked in the campaign to buy anything from the canvasser. All you are asked to do is to sign a pledge card wherein you agree to spend a certain amount of your income monthly for War Stamps or Bonds, or both; the Treasury Department will show slides. This school, which is for both boys and girls from the age of 10 years through high school.

Uncle Sam is not asking you to give your money away; he is merely asking you TO MAKE AN INVESTMENT of part of your earnings; the interest accruing from this investment is very liberal. When you sign a pledge card for the purchase of War Stamps and Bonds to finance a large part of its war expenditures; second, you are doing your part to make impossible INFLATION—and inflation, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Birmingham, can work grave danger to our entire economic system, unless it is prevented.

So far, Birmingham and vicinity has given the U. S. military forces nearly 350 of its own relatives, friends or acquaintances; many more of our men will enter the services before the end of the year.

So, when a canvasser calls at your home next week, please be courteous; this canvasser is volunteering his or her services to help in the war effort. Try to be home, especially in the evening. It is suggested that you married folks talk the subject over, so that in case the Lady of the House alone is interviewed, she may have knowledge of the amount her household is willing to pledge.

Remember: the enemies of the American Way of Life compel their people to buy War Stamps and Bonds; Uncle Sam doesn't want to do that and won't—unless, naturally, our people fail to subscribe sufficiently on a volunteer basis. That's why, as members of your Birmingham Committee, as your own neighbors, we know that you will co-operate next week when this campaign is staged in your own city.

Sincerely yours,

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