Editorial Page of The Birmingham Eccentric

A free, responsible and aggressive Press is democracy's first line of defense

Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

MISCELLANY

A good many people are not much worried about breaking OPA rules, which leads one to believe that Prentiss Brown's ideas about voluntary enforcement are adequate for the majority of honest people, but won't do for the chiselers. What other laws mean anything without enforcement? . . .

The new ration board in Birmingham was "organized as a result of a feud between the county and volunteer workers in its branch office here," says the Free press . . . which is not quite correct. Basic reason for the move was that it has been impractical for one rationing board to handle the needs of 300,000 people, just as it would be unwise for one county draft board to handle the affairs of this county. . . . There are nine local draft boards. The rest of the argument stems out of the fact that the labor membership of the present county board does not want to decentralize, for reasons best known to itself.

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Democrats and Republicans alike favor pay-as-you-go income taxes at about a 4-to-1 ratio, according to the latest polls . . . but the administration doesn't seem to know it.

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The new State highway chief says he plans no sweeping changes in personnel, for good reason! For the first time in years, a new office holder is not swamped by job-seekers.

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The passing of former Gov. Dickinson marks the end of an era. . . . Some people were inclined to scoff at this old timer who described drinking and "high life" and taught a Sunday School class until he was 80. But you'd be surprised how many people were his staunch supporters.

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The OPA's decision to permit gasoline for soldiers home on furlough calls attention to one other need for liberalization of the rules . . . As I understand it, you can't even get gasoline to go to a funeral. It seems to me that something could be worked out making the funeral directors responsible for proper handling.

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Gov. Kelly has vetoed an act setting up minimum salaries for firemen, and very properly so. . . . He pointed out the principal of Home Rule for cities would be nullified if the Legislature started fixing salaries for all municipal employees.

HASN'T CHANGED MIND

Last week, this column argued in favor of the reciprocal trade agreements act, and since publication, it was noted that the Automobile Manufacturers Association has reiterated its support. Because automobiles and allied lines are the most important business in Michigan and the 17th Congressional district, I believe it to be to our selfish interest—if legislation must be supported for selfish reasons—to back the trade agreements program.

Rep. George A. Dondero has not changed his mind on the subject. In a note to me he wrote:

"In the past I have not looked with favor upon this method of legislating, and I am not in favor of it now. However, when this subject comes before Congress for extension and it is for a reasonable time, I do not believe there will be much, if any, opposition to it. In other words, we are now dealing with the South and Central American Republics in an effort to undo what the Germans and Japs have done in the Southern Hemisphere. It is quite possible that the extension will be granted without any difficulty."

A REPLY

Dear John:

So you want Uncle Joe to admit that the union makes mistakes? O. K. here goes: Mistake No. 1—not organizing the auto industry at the same time the National Association of Manufacturers was organized. No 2—not holding out for a closed shop where they now hold bargaining rights. No 3—not doing some of the terrorizing that they were accused of.

The number 3 item is prompted by the fact that since 1936 your Uncle Joe has worked in one of the hottest union shops in Detroit and was one of the boys the union had to coerce into joining, however, nary a hand was laid on Uncle Joe or any others whom I knew of, and to date I have only heard but never seen any demonstrations of brutality to gain or hold membership except in the case of a couple of riots provoked by company plant protection men.

Yes, John, the union makes mistakes; some of their methods of gaining their objectives are questionable, but when viewed with the thought as to what other course would yield the same results the observer is stuck for an answer; perhaps reasonable arbitration will come in the near future. If it should, the unions would welcome it with open arms. Up to now, the arbitration is of a funny sort and this is the usual procedure: the union states its case to the personnel department; personnel says no; union says consider; personnel says no; union says we demand; personnel says show your strength and we'll listen; union is forced to show strength, results; labor trouble.

In other words, up to now the company must be shown by some sort of demonstration that the men actually want what the union demands before they will take any kind of action. In these cases I'm not sure just who is making mistakes. But here's one place we can be sure we will never make a mistake and that's getting that extra War Bond!

UNCLE JOE.

Savings through War Bond purchases already accomplished are almost sufficient to provide four years of college education for every young man and young woman in America between the ages of 18 and 21.

SALVAGE MEMO

TIN CANS—Rinse after using, remove label, open bottom end and flatten with foot. Place at curb for last City collection day of the month, keep dry; keep separate from rubbish.

WASTE FATS—Strain and keep cool. Turn in to your meat market when you have a few pounds. Rancid fats not wanted.

SCRAP METALS, GLASS, RUBBER—Leave in bin near Post Office or put at curb on your last City collection day of the month. Copper engraver's plates and old keys may be left at the library.

NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES—You can donate these to Salvation Army, which will call for them. Phone 4014. Scrap paper not wanted.

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BIRMINGHAM OFFICE—WABEEK BUILDING

Costs of An Aerial Offensive

Major-General Ira C. Eaker, Chief of the United States Eighth Air Force in Great Britain, says that in the near future, his forces will be of a size "very nearly approaching that of the R. A. F."

The General looks forward to the time when Americans will assume "full partnership" in the air offensive against Germany. He says that American operations will be chiefly conducted in daylight, with the great mass of the American air force being flying fortresses. These will be better armed and equipped to defend themselves and carry bigger cargoes of destruction.

The American commander is satisfied that they will "beat off the best enemy fighter opposition without excessive or uneconomical loss" and that his men "will hit any target they can see."

General Eaker says that he prefers to bomb by daylight when targets can be seen and that, considering the over-all war effort, this is desirable because the enemy will get no rest, being subject to attack any hour of the day or night.

This interesting forecast of increasing American aerial activity from Great Britain indicates that the air offensive against Germany will be stepped up during the next few months. This makes pertinent a question recently asked in a London newspaper: "What has become of those 1,000 bomber raids on Germany?"

The air expert of the London Observer points out that a five per cent loss ratio on a 1,000-bomber raid means the loss of fifty aircraft and 350 members of the crews. Ninety such raids would mean the loss of 4,500 machines and more than 30,000 air crew men. Moreover, a 1-000-bomber raid requires about 3,500 tons of high-octane fuel, which means about a million gallons, or the capacity of a small tanker.

THE POST-WAR AUTOMOBILE WILL BE DIFFERENT, say some experts. Smaller, more powerful engines made of non-glare glass, plastics, plywood, etc., etc. (But will they have horns that cannot be kept tooting by babies who wait for their mothers to complete their daily shopping?)

BY THE WAY, DID YOUR HOUSEHOLD MAKE any new friends among the birds during the past winter? (Some of the best things in life, you know, may be obtained with a few inexpensive offerings.)

"VANITY OF VANITIES . . . ALL IS VANITY!" uttered a Bible character. (And that was long before the arrogance and conceit of bureaucrats was born in the United States of America.)

PROOF THAT BIRMINGHAM AND VICINITY really love "the greatest Mother in the world" is shown in this community's subscription to the American Red Cross recently; the quota was $23,427.00, and the money raised was $25,577.00.

"CLEANUP WEEK" FOR BIRMINGHAM is May 17-22. That's a fine time to get rid of unwanted items about the house and yard; also a good time to contribute to the continuing campaign for scrap metal.

Leadership, a Wartime Necessity

The message printed herewith has been submitted by a spokesman for the Girl Scouts in Birmingham, and we believe it is worthy of publication:

"Total war makes many new demands on women. Women are needed in munitions factories; women are needed in the armed forces; women are needed to drive trucks and buses. In the welter of novel jobs one of the greatest wartaime necessities sometimes goes overlooked; women are needed to build the basic strength of the nation, to guide the children of America into the paths of democratic living.

"We are not trying to start the old argument about woman's place. The kind of war work we have in mind may be limited to a woman's own children or it may be limited only by the total number of children in the community. To judge by the rising national delinquency figures and the number of young people who write to offices of civilian defense to ask what they can do, there is a tremendous need, especially among girls, for more women to step in and provide leadership.

"That is why the Birmingham Girl Scout council is making a drive to recruit more women as volunteer leaders of the girls who want the citizenship training of Scouting but who have not been able to get it because there weren't enough troops to accommodate them all."

We don't know of any war job which could bring a woman deeper satisfaction. Girl Scout leaders not only help young girls to be of service today; they prepare them for essential jobs as wives, mothers, and citizens tomorrow.

The women of Birmingham have shown their ability to handle many important tasks. The Eccentric believes that they will come forward to handle this one.

ADD TO OTHER ITEMS AMONG THE RUINS of ancient Rome: Benito Mussolini.

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Consumer News

Facts About Rationing and Wartime Buying

Wartime Marketing Tips

Frozen vegetables take fewer points per serving than canned vegetables. If you pay 16 points for a can of peas, eight of the points are being paid for liquid.

Discoloration on skins is no indication that citrus fruits are inferior. Size is often due to a thick rind and the thinner-skinned oranges are usually best for juice. Size is no indication of either flavor or juice content. Buy firm fruit; softness does not indicate abundant juice.

Dried Foods Cheaper

Dried fruits and vegetables are cheaper to serve than canned or than fresh fruits and vegetables that are out of season. The middle grades of prunes and raisins are most satisfactory. "Fancy" and "Extra choice" labels refer to size and uniformity but do not necessarily mean better flavor. Dried fruits in sealed containers may be more sanitary but they are also more expensive and are no better than those sold in bulk.

A properly handled cold storage egg may be fresher than one bought direct from the farmer. An egg that has been exposed to the sun for one hour at a roadside stand is not as fresh as one that has been in proper storage for a year. Buy eggs that have dull looking shells. A shiny appearance indicates much handling.

Before you go to market make out your list with point values and prices, and have alternates for every commodity you are not certain to find in stock.

Pressure Cookers Rationed

Washington— The 150,000 pressure cookers which will be produced in 1943 will be rationed by County Farm Rationing Committees or by subcommittees established for urban areas. Eligibility to purchase new pressure cookers will be based on obtaining the greatest possible volume of home-canned nonacid vegetables and meats. Community pools and organizations composed of several families who agree to use a pressure cooker jointly will have a better chance to obtain a pressure cooker than individual families who usually can little food, according to Department officials.

RATION REMINDER

GASOLINE—"A" book coupons No. 5 good for four gallons each until May 21.
SUGAR—Coupon No. 12 good for 5 lbs. through May 15. Coupon No. 13 good for 5 lbs. May 16 through June 15.
COFFEE—Stamp No. 28 (1 lb.) good for one pound through May 23.
FUEL OIL—Period 5 coupons valid in all zones.
SHOES—No. 17 stamp in War Ration Book One good for one pair through June 30.
RED STAMPS—Red stamps lettered E became valid April 25. Expiration date to be announced. Unused A, B, C, or D stamps good through April 30.
BLUE STAMPS—D, E, F expire on April 30. G, H, J became valid April 24, and are good until May 31.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
April 27, 1893

"The voters who have been voting with the machine for lo these many years, ought to find it easy to adopt the new idea of voting by machine."

"For the past week, the weather has been very discouraging. Cold, wet, rain, snow, wind, and everything to make life a burden. Hurry up, spring."

"There appears to be a doubt in some quarters as to whether the international naval review was gotten up to display our war ships, or society's marriageable girls."

"We hope our young men will profit by the experience of one of their number who took his best girl out for a ride and let her fall out of the buggy into the mud. The lesson to be learned from this incident is that you should not hire a team that you cannot hold with one hand, in order to have the other arm for emergencies, you know."

20 YEARS AGO
April 27, 1923

"The Art Week, sponsored by the Literary club, has already introduced the new Community House to a great number of Birmingham people. However, a formal house-warming will take place Saturday, from three in the afternoon until half after ten at night, giving everyone in Birmingham and vicinity a chance to see the completed house and to meet the women who are to have it in charge."

"The Village Commission was asked Monday night if public bathing would be allowed in the newly restored Quarton Lake on West Maple avenue. They opined that it would be entirely permissible."

"The girls who are trying to break endurance dance records are probably not so keen about breaking any endurance records when it comes to real work."

"New 'Tut' bathing suits are being shown and from the pictures it seems probable for a young lady wearing one to get sunburned on other places besides the shoulders."

5 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1938

"Joseph Goebbels, German Minister of Propaganda: 'A military Protectorate from Paris to Berlin is out of the question nowadays.'"

"Haruko Ichikawa, Japanese novelist: 'The United States is a woman's country; it is too bad to be an American man.'"

In the Want Ads: "LOST, My Pal Teddy. He is a white spitz dog, and I've had him eight years. Finder please return to Buddy Parker."

"Franklin D. Roosevelt: 'I have none of the qualifications that would make me a successful dictator.'"

"Plans for the construction of a running track on Pierce Field, according to a design submitted by Harry E. Brelsford, are under consideration by the Board of Education."

What Your City Commission Is Doing . . .

April 26, 1943

Bills approved totalling $1,- rent for May and June, 1943 authorized.

Rental of larger quarters for rationing board requested by OPA. Appropriation sufficient to cover rent for May and June, 1943.

Manager authorized to work out temporary arrangement with Wattis Electric and Manufacturing Company for fire protection.

Present members of Board of Appeals re-appointed for three-year term.

Manager's purchase of sewer rods and couplings in amount of $500.78 approved.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

What's What About Our Men In Service

Col. McKenny Killed By Strafing Planes

Details on the death of Lt. Col. Lawrence A. McKenny, Detroit school principal who lived on West Maple avenue before being called to active duty, were revealed this week in a special dispatch from the Southwest Pacific written by Robert J. Doyle. As quartermaster officer, Col. McKenny moved close to the troops in New Guinea. On Nov. 16, 1942, he was in a small coastal vessel not far off shore from Buna when it was attacked by Jap planes, set afire and sunk. A month earlier he had been wounded in the same manner. Doyle reported that the rest camp where the 32nd Division is now stationed has named its streets for hero officers and men.

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AT FORT SILL

Pvt. Jack L. Fawcett is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla., in the wire communications training battery with the Field Artillery. He is with the first platoon, Battery C, 32n Battalion, 8th Training Regt. His wife, the former Shirley Shattuck, is living with her parents.

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LT. DON EGBERT HOME

After eight weeks at the Navy indoctrination school, Quonset Point, R. I., Lt. Don Egbert, aviation volunteer specialist, USNR, is home on a week's leave. He returns to Philadelphia Sunday for further training.

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G. E. BEE AT SCOTT

George E. Bee, 22 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bee, Opdyke road, Bloomfield Hills, has arrived at the Scott Field, Ill., reception center.

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BASIC COURSES

DELAWARE, O.— Richard S. Vaile, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Vaile, 864 Pilgrim, Birmingham, is receiving his initial training as a future Navy flyer at the U. S. Naval Flight Preparatory school at Ohio Wesleyan University here.

He will be stationed here for 12 weeks during which he will be given basic courses in physics, mathematics, communications, navigation, principles of flying, aircraft engines, aerology and recognition, in addition to physical training.

NEED INSTRUCTORS

DETROIT—Combating the U-boat is one of the Navy's most important jobs and consequently naval officers serving as instructors in the training of anti-submarine warfare units are carefully chosen for such assignments, Lt. Cmdr. D. P. Welles, officer-in-charge of the Office of Naval Officer procurement in the Book Building, Detroit, stated today.

Requirements for instructors in this new program have been somewhat modified, Cmdr. Welles said. "While it is desirable to have previous teaching experience, men without this experience who have a good knowledge of physics and mathematics, plus the capability of instructing seagoing personnel may be eligible for appointment as lieutenants (jg) or lieutenants.

Other desirable qualifications are: a college degree, leadership ability, and employment in a supervisory capacity. Men with previous teaching experience and engineering training should be especially qualified for the program, he emphasized.

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Recruit Trainee

FARRAGUT, Idaho, -- Recruit training began here this week for Charles Edward Conwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Conwell, 775 Ann street, Birmingham, who is a recent arrival at this U. S. Naval Training Station.

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Life on the Mississippi

We have received a humorous letter from Pvt. Robert G. Hartman, who with another Birmingham man, Verne Klein, are at Camp McCain, Miss. They have had plenty of rain, and apologizing about his inability to give more statistics, Pvt. Hartman said the figures had floated away! Officers at this post are young and the relationship is swell, he wrote.

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JOINS ROYAL NAVY

Laurie Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Walker, has left for Toronto where he will begin training in the Royal Canadian Navy's communications school.

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HOME

Corporal Technician William J. Bawden and Mrs. Bawden are home from Camp Crowder, Mo., where the corporal is an instructor in the radio signal school. They are staying with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bawden, East Long Lake road.

William H. Neely Now An Ensign

William H. Neely, 22, 607 Oak street, Birmingham, a 1942 graduate of the University of Detroit, was among the 800 midshipmen who were graduated from Northwestern midshipmen's school Friday, April 23. He completed a three-months' course in navigation, seamanship, and gunnery and is now prepared for duty as an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. He is now at home, awaiting a call for advanced training.

Ensign Neely is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Neely.

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TO BE NAVIGATOR

Air Cadet John E. Wilson is now at Ellington Field, Tex., to begin his training as a navigator in the Army Air Force. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wilson, of Park street.

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PHONE THE NEWS

READERS: Feel free to phone The Eccentric with news of men in service—promotions, new stations, interesting letters, etc. Not only are local people interested, but service men around the world find this column to be the only method by which they can keep track of their friends. When phoning, ask for Men in Service department.

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STARTS PRIMARY TRAINING

Aviation Cadet Bill Cobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner M. Cobb, 1009 Suffield, has left Santa Ana, Calif., for Ryan Field, Hemet, Calif., where he will begin primary training.

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NOW IN PITTSBURGH

Pvt. Charles F. VanDusen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theron Van Dusen 783 Puritan, who was a sophomore at Purdue University in the Air Force enlisted reserve, was called up March 1. He spent the next month at Miami Beach, Fla., and then was transferred April 1 to Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, to spend eight weeks. He is enthusiastic about it.

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TRANSFERRED

Pvt. Herbert K. Poppleton is now with the anti-aircraft section of the Coast Artillery at Fort Fisher, N. C., for the last half of his basic training. He first was at Camp Davis, N. C.

SCOTT TRANSFERS

CHAPEL HILL, N. C.—Naval Aviation Cadet George S. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Scott, of Metamora, Mich., formerly of Birmingham, has completed successfully an intensive three-month course at the Navy Pre-Flight School on the campus and athletic fields of the University of North Carolina here, and has been promoted to primary flight training at the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Peru, Ind.

After three months of primary flying and three additional months of advanced flying, he will be eligible for his commission as an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve or second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve, and the coveted "Gold Wings" of a Naval aviator.

Cadet Scott attended Baldwin High School, class of 1936 and Georgia Tech college, Class of 1942.

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Classifications of April 22 Decisions of Board of Appeal

Clarence B. Robinson, 2-A; Herman A Wimmer, 2-B; Harold Gregg, 2-B; Cyril A. Beaubien, 2-B; Robert D. Evans, 2-B; Emmet F. Wilder, 2-B; William F. Smith, 2-B; Joseph W. Raymann, 2-B; Reuben W. Hendrickson, 2-B.

Other Classifications

Eber E. McArthur, p; Evin V. Christensen, p; Hilmer W. Leemon, p; Orville W. Croy, p; John H. Pratt, p.

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William M. Hebbelwhite, p; Chely G. Moses, p; Clarence H. Magee, p; Richard H. James, p; John J. Murphy, 2-B (H); Robert E. Caughell, 2-B (H); Ray H. Bechtold, 4-A; Homer W. Cash, 3-C; Donald C. Ellenwood, 3-C; Carl Schweitzer III, 1-C, enl.; William F. Roberts, 1-C; Franklin W. Allie, 1-C, enl.; Lester D. Bryant, 1-A; Herbert R. Klier, 1-A; Elton G. Bradford, 1-A; William G. Pierce, 1-A.

Robert W. Muzzy, 1-A; Frank Tassoni, 1-A; Thomas R. Quay, 1-A; Louis O. Wenzel, vol., 1-A; George W. Davis, 1-A; George A. Stanton, 1-A; Frederick A. Dixon 1-A; Edward V. Barnes, 1-A; John P. Spanke, 1-A; Trevor E. Nicholson, 1-A; Frank Altman, Jr., 1-A; Francis A. Rodsen, 1-A; Boyd E. Burch, 1-A; Johnnie P. Hackney, 1-A; Robert P. Wilhelm, 1-A; Samuel E. Gawne, 1-A.

Ralph A. Eubank, vol., 1-A; Ralph E. Mustonen, 1-A; George V. Poppe, 1-A; Roland L. Fergus, 1-A; Donald J. Lovell, 1-A; Earl A. Maxwell, 1-A; George E. Lendzian, 1-A; Henry L. Adams, 1-A; Thomas C Richey, 1-A; Tillman R. Schoonover, 1-A; Carl C. Fatcher, 1-A; Frank R. Grosvenor, Jr., vol., 1-A; Don L. Thornton, 1-A; James K. Barrett, 1-A; Howard K. Guldi, 1-A; Robert K. Drum, 1-A.

William J. Glover, 1-A; Earl E. Mudge, vol., 1-A; John G. Little, 1-A (H); Russell F. Daugherty, 3-A; Gerard J. Rondeau, 3-A; Charles G. Cameron, 3-A; Harry W. Wheaton, 3-A; Paul N. Greene, 3-A; Jesus Olibas, 3-A; Howard R. Hall, 2-B; Robert C. Utter, 2-B, Clifford J. Vendt, 2-B; Arthur P. Ripley, 2-B; Raymond N. Craig, 2-B; John F. B. Bedard, 2-B; Manley R. Bailey, 2-A.

James A. Lendzian, vol., 2-A; Arnold N. Dewey, 2-A; Harold P. Burrecht, 2-A; Lee G. Rasratz, 3-A (H); Charles W. Brumm, 3-A (H); Daniel R. Kauffman, 3-A (H).

WHAT CODE MEANS

The classification code is as follows: 1-A, passed local physical examination, awaiting call for induction in District. 1-C, already in service; 2, to take physical; enl., enlisted; vol., volunteer.

2-A, necessary men in civilian activity essential to the nation's health, safety or interest; 2-B, defense workers; 2-C, necessary farmer; 3-A, those with children; 3-C, farmers with dependents; 4-A, those who have completed service; 4-C, aliens; 4-D, divinity students and clergymen; 4-F, unfit; 4-H, 38 years or older. The letter (H) after any classification means age 38 to 45.

Harold M. Borden Gets Commission

Harold M. Borden, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Borden, 1063 Madison, has been graduated from the Yale University Air Force maintenance school with a commission of second lieutenant. Twenty years old, he is a graduate of Baldwin High and attended Michigan College of Mining and Technology at Houghton. He came home for five days before reporting to Kearny, Neb.

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IN THE MARINES

Pvt. Bill Roberts has left his job with the New Orleans Picayune and joined the Marine Corps, and is now with Platoon 289, Marine Corps Barracks, San Diego. He is a Baldwin graduate and wrote school news for The Eccentric.

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COMPLETES BASIC

STROTHER ARMY AIR FIELD, Kans.—Largest class of aviation cadets to complete their training at Strother Field, one of the army's newest basic flying schools, graduated to the advanced and final stage of training Thursday.

After 70 hours aloft in Vultee Valiants and as many more hours in ground school and instrument instruction, spread over their 9½-week stay here, they move on to an advanced veld, either signal engine pursuit or twin-engine bomber training.

Graduates include Donald L. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson A. Russell, of 1291 Holland, Birmingham.

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AT GREAT LAKES

GREAT LAKES, Ill.—Two Birmingham men recently inducted into the Navy, have reported to the U. S. Naval Training Station here for 12 weeks of "boot" training. They are William S. Timm, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Timm, 1275 Cedar Drive; Robert R. Clark, 18, son of Capt. and Mrs. R. E. Clark, Route 1.

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NEXT INDUCTION DATES

Thursday, May 6, and Friday, May 21, have been set as the next induction dates here.

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LIMITED SERVICE

For the time being, at least, fewer men in the limited service category are being taken at the induction center, while quotas, generally, have been cut. No one knows when the quotas will be increased.

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