City Cracks Down on Contractors Who Fail to Get Permits

Your average teacher must be a college graduate, have one or more degrees; this means that he or she has spent many years, much money, to learn how to inform students in the classroom. Yet their salaries are woefully low; do you wonder, then, why more good minds are not attracted to education?

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Decent Treatment Toward Others Pays Better Dividends

"When they caught that fellow Krug, who escaped from the German prison camp in Canada, why didn't they just put a bullet through him?" asked a local person the other day. "I don't see why we have to be so lenient with the captured enemies anyway — they'd kill our men under the slightest provocation."

That's one way of looking at the situation, of course. It's the easiest immediate solution of the situation — but if we did what is suggested above, there would be post-war repercussions harder to solve.

Admitting, for example, that Hitler has trained a majority of the German youth to hate democratic countries, when this war is finished the Allies will have to deal with Axis people. They are human beings, capable of ultimate response to decency, (although the Japs may be more barbaric), and whatever decent treatment we give them during and after the war will make the future problem of peace easier of solution. That's the way it looks to me.

Every captured enemy prisoner we take will react for good or evil as the result of his treatment while in our hands; every citizen of an enemy country, over whose territory our conquering troops may go, will react to our treatment of them.

While I am not a mollycoddling type myself, I do believe that extending ordinary decency to others always pays, be it the question of handling young Krug, (the same Nazi flyer who got Max Stephan into trouble), I would agree that ordinary, human decency is more useful guarding — is what should be accorded him and other captured enemies. Bullets alone count in actual combat; but during average war prisoners, capital punishment should be reserved only for the leaders of the gangsters who head up the Axis partnership.

Labor Publications Must Learn Both Sides of Industry's Problem

For a number of years I have been receiving various publications gotten out by organized labor. They contain articles and special features designed to praise practically every labor activity, every labor leader, every Utopian dream and promise of the New Deal. Seldom do these publications ever say a kind word for management of industry.

Perhaps such an editorial course is understandable. In the first place, only in recent years has labor in Michigan been organized, especially in the automotive industry; this resulted in great sums of money being poured into union coffers; unions thus could engage in many activities hitherto beyond their doings; one of these activities is the publication of union periodicals.

It thus follows that, given new propaganda tools to work with, organized labor doesn't exactly know how to handle, or create, enduring editorial policies. Perhaps that is why they consistently oppose and belabor management and the leaders of finance and industry in America. They, (the union publicists), have yet to learn that there are two sides to a story, and that telling only one of them doesn't provide sufficient basis for logical deductions.

It may be argued by the unions that the regular newspaper and magazine channels do not give organized labor all the "breaks"; in isolated cases, this no doubt is true. But in most cases, even though the editorial opinions of many newspapers may be in disagreement with certain labor policies, the news columns do present the case of labor. Newspaper editors long ago found that there are two sides to every case, and that to present only one side would be damaging not only to the enduring success of the newspaper as a communications instrument of service, but also to society itself. For the very essence of democratic government requires free and public discussion of both sides.

So, as publications of organized labor continue, I hope that their editors will more and more present both sides of the case: the case of labor itself, and also the case of investment and management. There is plenty to criticize within labor's ranks, just as there is in management, and goverament; wise is the editor who knows this, and impartially presents the news.

STARTING JULY 12th, 1943, this store will close each week day except Saturday from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., until further notice.
DEEP FREEZE FOOD SERVICE
103 East Maple Avenue —adv.

Contractor Arrested for Code Violation

Put Imitation Brick Siding on 13 Homes Without Permits

A Detroit building contractor who put the imitation brick siding on 13 homes without a permit, and who made overcharges in several cases, appeared in municipal court Tuesday morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the building code ordinance.

He paid $25 for violating the code, plus $26 in double fees for each of the 13 jobs. Not only that, Scott Hersey, building inspector, said the man, Herman Blum, head of the Chrysler Construction Co. (no connection with the auto firm), had agreed to make refunds to all customers who had been overcharged. In one case, Hersey said the refund amounted to about $500.

Hersey said that it is planned to bring in two other builders who had failed to take out permits. Oliver Kirk, attorney, has been retained by the City to prosecute the cases in Justice Fred S. Haas' court. A permit is needed for repairs over $100 and for any addition, alteration, and/or any change which might be contrary to the code.

FHA Warns Public On Housing Work

DETROIT—Continuing his efforts to eradicate instances of gross over-charging in so-called "housing modernization" jobs sold by door-to-door canvassing methods, Raymond M. Foley, state director of the Federal Housing Administration, has enlisted the co-operation of banks and other lending institutions.

"We have been warning the public for years against high-pressure selling methods in modernization work," Foley said, "but there are periodic waves of such practices. In a number of instances, recently investigated in Detroit, Birmingham and other suburbs, it is obvious that some property owners have been imprudent; have signed contracts without investigation and have committed themselves to pay too much for roofing and siding, particularly. Some of these so-called repair jobs may even have been illegally contracted for in violation of existing wartime regulations of the WPB, since they may not be essential repairs, or bona fide insulation jobs.

"In none of these cases does it appear that the property owner checked the charges made for work by getting competing bids, or by making inquiry at the FHA, at banks, or known established reputable concerns in the repair or roofing business. Some overcharges have been in excess of a hundred per cent. These almost always are the result of high-pressure solicitors urging the signing of contracts."

Dwight Egbert, 13, Hit by Car

Dwight Egbert, 13-year-old son of Lt. Donald C. Egbert, USNR, City manager on leave of absence, was hit while riding his bicycle across South Woodward avenue on Monday morning at 7:05 during a heavy fog. He was shaken up, receiving bruises and a strained back, but did not appear to be seriously injured.

Driver of the car was Frank Bodo, 15292 Collingham, Detroit, who was driving 35 miles an hour south on Woodward, according to the police report.

Lt. Egbert is now stationed at a Philadelphia airplane establishment, while Mrs. Egbert and Dwight continue to live here at 620 West Frank.

Friday 30th Anniversary of the Fire Department

Friday evening marks the 30th anniversary of the Birmingham fire department. It was Aug. 13, 1913, that a group of men met in the old village library where Cunningham's drug store now stands and organized two companies of ten men each, with James W. Cobb, former postmaster, as chief. That organization continues in the present volunteer companies, and from it was organized the present paid department.

Thirty years ago, when an alarm sounded, the whistle at the water works blew, and the volunteers dashed to the building on Maple across from the head of Pierce street. There they grabbed the hose cart and hauled it through the street to the fire, trusting that there was a fire hydrant near enough for use.

Two years later, William G. Olsen, the food merchant, became chief and he served for 16 years. In 1916, they bought a Republic truck and if hand-eranking worked, they used it to go to the blaze. In 1923 a high-wheeled motor pumper truck was purchased and it is in service today, along with other trucks, of course.

Among those on the original force were the following men, Olsen recalled this week:

James W. Cobb, chief; Frank Yeager, captain hose department; Neil Black, captain hook and ladder; Clarence Hilfenberg, secretary; Stanley Todd, Earl Mudge, William Thornton, Arthur Gould, Ray Clark, George Spencer, Harry Cockerline, Homer Lajoie, Ernest Gardner, Mark Conklin, Ray Hamilin, Ora Clark, Milt Drumhiller, Tunis Miner, Robert Allison; Ed Kratz.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. PHONE BYRAM 10788. —adv.

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

City Showered With Bombs of Paper Variety in Drill

Paper "bombs" of all varieties were showered on Birmingham during Tuesday evening's daylight air raid drill.

As predicted in last week's Eccentric by Civilian Defense officials, the planes, which flew from Pontiac to Detroit and back, did not have time to drop the "bombs" here during the 10-minute Red period from 7:48 to 7:58 p. m. when all traffic halted, but arrived during the Blue period shortly afterward.

Greatest uncertainty among the public was where to find air raid wardens to report the "bombs." In commenting on the alert, Russell H. Fisher, commander of Civilian Defense here, said:

"It was indeed fortunate that the bombs which fell were only make believe, otherwise our City would be smoldering ruins. From the moment the planes appeared overhead, until the all clear sounded, the control center was flooded with reports from wardens of fire and damage. Not a single area of the city was missed and homes and business places alike received direct hits of incendiary, high explosive and gas bombs."

Prior to the aerial bombing, the Civilian Defense Corps had responded to 15 pre-determined incidents to which equipment and services were dispatched. This arrangement was ordered by the State to ensure participation in the event weather would not permit the use of aircraft.

Fisher mentioned that public interest was unusually high, both before and during activities. "In fact several people forgot instructions and called the telephone exchange to report incidents, which should have been given to the wardens on duty in those areas," he said.

He also stressed the point that results indicate that more air raid wardens and auxiliary police are needed.

"Those who participated did an excellent job," Fisher said, "but it is evident that to provide adequate protection, should a real bombing occur, this number must be greatly augmented. Both warden and police divisions have appealed for volunteers in the past and enrollment is still sought for both units.

David Woodward, Former Minister Here, Passes Away

The Rev. David Leon Woodward, pastor of the First Baptist Church here when the present edifice on Willits street was built, died July 21 in North Carolina, friends here have learned.

He would have been 45 years old Aug. 3, and passed away suddenly of a heart attack after working in his garden, it was said.

Mr. Woodward left Birmingham in November, 1939 to accept a post in LaGrange, Ill. While there he completed work on his doctorate at the University of Chicago. May 1, 1941, he accepted a call to Salisbury, N. C.

In Birmingham, Mr. Woodward was a member of the Lions Club while his wife was active in the Women's Club and the American Association of University Women.

Surviving are the widow; a son, 20, attending dental school in Atlanta, Ga.; and two daughters, Caroline, 11, and Edith June, 8. Mrs. Woodward plans to return to Chicago.

Mr. Woodward came here in 1927 and led the congregation in erecting their imposing structure which was dedicated in March, 1929.

Honor 2 Generals For War Records

Brig. Gen. Alfred R. Glancy, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, and Brig. Gen. Stanley E. Reinhart, of 647 Madison avenue, Birmingham, have been awarded the Legion of Merit decoration, the War Department announced this week.

Gen. Glancy, who recently retired as head of the Tank Automotive Center in Detroit to undergo an operation, was honored for his outstanding work in organizing the center.

Gen. Reinhart's citation read:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. As a division artillery commander, Gen. Reinhart planned, coordinated and employed the combined artillery fires of the division with exceptional professional skill. While the division was engaged in the defense of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii, Gen. Reinhart had brought the artillery to a superb state of training. The effectiveness of this training was convincingly demonstrated by the outstanding performance of his artillery in battle, which contributed in great measure to the rapid advance of the supported infantry and the ultimate complete defeat of the Japanese forces on the island of Guadalcanal. Throughout this operation, Gen. Reinhart displayed splendid qualities of leadership, judgment and outstanding courage."

Gen. Reinhart's wife, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Crane, live at the Madison avenue address. He is now in command of a division at Camp Shelby, Miss.

First Home Since Attack on Sicily

"Leave it to Jack Dunn of the Navy to get home first from the fighting fronts!

Tuesday morning he dropped in at The Eccentric office, just back from Sicily, where as luck would have it, he took part in the most exciting part of the whole landing operation—that brush at Gela in which the American forces were attacked by a German armored column and nearly pushed into the sea.

Petty Officer Dunn mentioned the incident and revealed no military secrets in doing so for the heroic defense by a handful of American defenders has already been described in the press. He was on the beach at the time and in landing boats, and knew that something hot was in progress a little further ashore. Destroyers lying off the beach helped blast the German tanks.

During the lull period, Petty Officer Dunn—he holds the rank of gunner's mate second class—was aboard a small boat whose propeller became fouled in a line. He dived overboard and worked underneath to free it. They were strafed a bit ashore, and saw some German bombers but none came close.

On the return trip to the United States his ship carried a large contingent of the vaunted Afrika Corps once commanded by Marshall Rommel.

Dunn's ship also carried spplies in the invasion of Sicily, and he watched the hot fight which developed at Port Lyautey.

Recreation Project Draws to Close

By DON McLEESE

The Birmingham summer recreation program is drawing to a successful close this week. Through the Recreation Department under J. Edgar Bigelow and the assistance of many volunteers, the program has given the residents of Birmingham a wide selection of activities.

Among these activities were the following: fine arts and crafts classes under Mrs. Thomas L. Thurber and Mrs. Lewis S. Ward, a rifle club, and a baseball school. Others were instrumental music classes under A. W. Berndt, a dramatics club under Mrs. Jane Hengesbaugh, and religious education classes with the cooperation of the Council of Church Women.

Other Activities

Other activities sponsored by the Recreation Department were a swimming pageant at the Barnum pool, an arts and crafts exhibit, a trip to Briggs Stadium to see a baseball game, a theater party and salvage drive, a pet show and circus at Torrey Field, and a Good Neighbor Movie Tour led by Elbridge G. Newhall and Mrs. H. Philip Pretz. In addition there were many playground activities including contests and tournaments.

The average weekly number of participants in the Recreation program was 1900. The Barnum pool was used from 8000 to 1000 times each week.

Bigelow Thanks Public

Mr. Bigelow thanked all the Birmingham residents for their cooperation in making the recreation program a success this summer. Mr. Bigelow commented, "When you get that kind of cooperation from the public, it is impossible to stop the recreation program."

Need More Donors For Blood Project Starting Monday

Mrs. H. J. Lauver, telephone chairman of the Red Cross Blood Bank, said on Wednesday that the number of donors for the blood unit, which will arrive on Monday, was far below quota of a thousand, set for Birmingham. She made an earnest plea for blood donors to register at one of the six drug stores or by phoning 1234.

Those assisting with the blood bank project at the Community House starting Monday and ending Thursday are:

STAFF ASSISTANTS: Mrs. Damon Gall, Mrs. F. A. Buchda, Mrs. Charles Mintling, Mrs. Edward Beresford, Mrs. D. G. Eade, Mrs. W. C. Allee, Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, and Mrs. C. G. Shepherd.

NURSE'S AIDES: Mrs. G. H. Fox, Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Mrs. D. S. Hastreiter, Mrs. C. C. Richard, Mrs. H. F. Klein, Mrs. G. W. Davis, Mrs. Rolfe Spinning, Mrs. H. G. Strong, Jean Day, Nancy Day, Mrs. Edward Rothman, Mrs. M. L. Butts, Mrs. Clemson Paige.

GRAY LADIES: Mrs. James Roach, Mrs. L. A. Kraus, Mrs. E. D. Rutherford, Mrs. F. C. Guest, Mrs. Ralph Yokum, Mrs. W. F. Coulson, Mrs. Harry Sherwood, Mrs. Steele Sellers, Mrs. L. G. Welch, Mrs. James Ferris, Mrs. G. L. Austin, Mrs. Y. C. Smith, Mrs. F. P. Cox, Mrs. J. K. Wagner, Mrs. Louis Erwin, Mrs. Harold Simms, Mrs. Frank Shuell, Mrs. R. P. Fohey, Mrs. Irving Woolson.

MOTOR CORPS: Mrs. F. R. Pierce, Mrs. Joseph Page, Mrs. Jack Leary, Mrs. M. F. Coulson, Mrs. G. G. Little, Mrs. Paul Hammett, Mrs. H. G. Hamilton, Mrs. Edward Tucker, Mrs. Whiting Hall, Mrs. L. B. Sappington, Mrs. O. M. Brode, Mrs. Frank Coulson, Mrs. Harris Machus.

GRADUATE NURSES: Mrs. P. E. Ledwidge, Mrs. Lewis George, Mrs. Jessie Colvin, Mrs. Wayne D. Brenkert, Mrs. W. M. B. Harp, Mrs. Earl Gaskill, Ruth Cumming.

CANTEEN CORPS: Mrs. Lana Bishop, Mrs. George Green, Mrs. E. W. Ilett, Mrs. Percy Guest, Mrs. Warren Pease, Mrs. Richard Wen-

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Board Picks Man For Principalship

Two candidates for the principalship of Baldwin High School were interviewed by the Board of Education Tuesday night and the job offered to one of them.

If he can get a release from his present position, the "selectee" will start about Sept. 3 to take the place of D. L. Pyle, who resigned to become head of Highland Park Junior College and High School. The new man's name will not be announced until he accepts.

ME JUNIOR HIGH COACH

The board engaged Ralph Riggins, of Walled Lake, to become physical education director at Birmingham Junior High. He is 35, married, the father of three children, and taught in several Missouri schools before going to Walled Lake.

QUITS BEFORE STARTING

An art teacher hired earlier in the summer for next year went into commercial art at twice the salary offered here, Dr. Clarence B. Ireland reported. He is looking for a replacement. He also seeks an industrial arts teacher, and a junior high math teacher.

New Rifle Range Will Open Monday Near Cranbrook Rd.

Birmingham's new rifle range will be open to the public Monday, sponsored by the Recreation Board and a group of 10 rifle enthusiasts headed by Police Chief Grant Springstead and Lawrence S. Smith, 112 East Lincoln.

The range is situated in the ravine just north of the sewage disposal plant, west of Cranbrook road, but no one will be allowed to shoot until he has completed a course in rifle care and safety. Any one 16 years or older with a .22 caliber rifle may participate. Only rim-fire ammunition will be allowed; it may be purchased on the grounds. Meetings will be held Monday and Thursday evenings.

Competition is planned for later meetings.

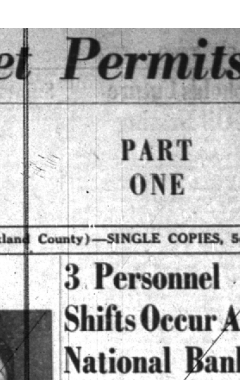
City Interested In New Hospital

Mayor John E. Martz was to represent Birmingham at a meeting of the Royal Oak hospital board last night to discuss a new institution for Southern Oakland County.

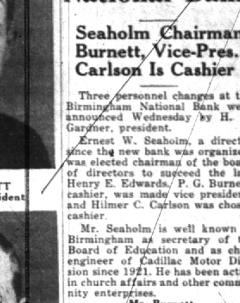
When the matter was first discussed at the City Commission meeting two weeks ago, several commissioners did not appear to be greatly interested, but it was reported that it is possible that a new hospital might be built at Woodward and 13-Mile road, which changed matters. Birmingham has no hospital, the nearest being St. Joseph's Mercy at Pontiac.

In New Bank Positions

ERNEST W. SEAHOLM
Heads Bank Directors



P. G. BURNETT
Named Vice President



HILMER C. CARLSON
Elevated to Cashier

35 Men Taken For Armed Forces

Thirty-five men from the Birmingham Selective service district were accepted for military duty at the Detroit induction station last week.

Those taken by the Army leave the railroad station here Aug. 24. The Navy and Marine Corps selectees get separate orders. Two youths qualified for the Air Force and will get orders to report.

The list is as follows:

James H. Wright, 200 Alice avenue, Pontiac; Gordon Douglass Southard, Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills; James Elder, 621 Pearson, Ferndale; Samuel Charles Bell, 528 West Brown; Fremont Almer Kleine, 472 South Saginaw, Pontiac; Charles Victor Wallace, 1716 Westwood drive, Royal Oak; Robert W. H. Barber, 767 Emmons; Richard Vincent Raymann, 3224 North Adams.

Roger Benton Stolberg, 584 Rivenoak; William John Watson, Jr., 703 Wallace; John Davis, Jr., 1515 East 17-Mile road; Lester William Gadoua, 461 16-Mile road; Robert Carl Neumann, 487 Hensley; William Edward McElhaney, Kensington road, Bloomfield Hills; William Semple Spiegel, Jr., 455 Chesterfield; Renwick Edward Knox, 351 Lake Park; Claude Allison Phelps, Jr., 184 Fairfax; Walter Jerome Hans, 419 Pilgrim.

Douglas Baden Fletcher, 2215 Tottenham road, Bloomfield Hills; Donald Drake Tweedie, 576 Park; Homer E. A. Corsi, 848 Purdy; Thomas Oscar Moore, Jr., 4280 Redford road, Bloomfield Hills; William Jesse Middebrandt, 2890 East Square Lake road, Rt 2, Birmingham; Orville Clayton Setter, 855 Wattles road, Rt. 4, Birmingham; Douglas Earl Webb, 425 Bryn Mawr road, Birmingham; Robert Kirkwood George, 612 Park.

Roscoe Cecil Waggoner, 168 Martin, Navy; Robert Bruce Hinshaw, Fpn Valley and Wilson roads, Bloomfield Hills, Navy; Jay D. Teachout, Jr., 345 Hickory drive, Rt. 4, Birmingham, Navy; Douglas Webb, 425 Bryn Mawr, Birmingham, Navy; Ernest Edward Carter, 1932 Mary street, Royal Oak, Marine Corps; Robert James Canahan, 232 Pierce, Marine Corps; Harold Jackson Lauver, Jr., 515 Puritan, Navy.

William Lloyd Kemp, Jr. 1055 Yarmouth, Army Air Force; Conrad Noel, 960 Mohegan, Army Air Force.

Paul E. Kurth, 1331 Villa road, will entrain for Fort Custer Aug. 27.

SURGICAL DRESSINGS ENDED

The Red Cross surgical dressings work periods at the Community House have been halted until Sept. 1 because of lack of material and because of maintenance work on the House.

Police Sigh Relief as Youth Leaves Their Jurisdiction

Various members of the police force heaved a sigh of relief when it was learned Tuesday that their juvenile burglar, age 15, was safely out of their jurisdiction and on his way to the Boys' Vocational School at Lansing.

He proved to be an elusive customer. Officers chased him in the shadows early Monday morning and even fired a pistol shot in the air to frighten him. Monday afternoon, when Police Sgt. William Green took him outside the Municipal Building to take him to Juvenile Court, he broke away and eluded officers for an hour. Finally, he rode to the Juvenile Home in handcuffs.

Has a Record

The youth, whose name The Eccentric withholds as is customary, was no stranger to police for he had broken into the Express office twice before and had run away from the Ford Republic three times. His case has been a puzzle to police for the rest of the family has kept out of trouble and is by no means unenterprising.

The latest episode started at 3:17 a. m. Monday when Patrolman Merlin Holmquist, making his rounds, saw what appeared to be a break-in at the Judkins service station. Hunter and Maple. Cruising about with Sgt. Earl Moody, they saw their juvenile friend trying to get into a parked car on Oakland avenue, a stolen bicycle lying nearby. They took after him, and a shot was fired, and finally he was taken into town. A companion, with whom he had run away from Ford Republic, escaped. At 6 a.m., Patrolmen Robert Dunn and George McCann discovered that the Railway Express office

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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. —adv.

Garden Judging Resumes Friday

The second round of judging will start Friday for the victory gardens, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Stanley R. Saunders and Mrs. William McCallum, co-chairmen. About 140 plots will be visited.

Gardens will be judged on these factors: plan of garden, 10 points; soil condition, 15 points; cultural practices, 20; number and kinds of vegetables, 10; succession cropping, 25; and quality and production, 20 points. The points differ for urban gardens, home grounds, and junior garden classes.

These are the judges: A. C. Barber, David Vance, W. Killing, Harry Van Zeldden, W. Thorndyke, A. Dennis, James Gale, W. B. Daeschner, A. Claxton, Mrs. Saunders, Howard R. Estes, Mrs. Aaron A. Webster, Mrs. Marjorie T. Bingham, Howard R. Chapel, Mrs. Julian and Carl Rhodes. Junior judges are Mrs. Chapel, Mrs. S. Forman Wilson and Mrs. Nevin C. Barnes.

Woman Stricken While in Car

Birmingham Fire Department's rescue squad worked in vain Sunday afternoon trying to revive Mrs. Elizabeth B. Anderson, 52 years old, of 1077 Seyburn, Detroit, who had been stricken with heart ailment.

She was riding north on Hunter boulevard with her husband, Ernest, when she collapsed, and Mr. Anderson then drove to Birmingham's business section to get aid. She was removed to the front entrance of the former McBride building and firemen administered oxygen. When she did not revive, police called the coroner who pronounced her dead of the heart attack.

The body was taken to Manley Bailey Funeral Home; funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Charles Church in Detroit.

3 Personnel Shifts Occur At National Bank

Seaholm Chairman; Burnett, Vice-Pres.; Carlson Is Cashier

Three personnel changes at the Birmingham National Bank were announced Wednesday by H. H. Gardner, president.

Ernest W. Seaholm, a director since the new bank was organized, was elected chairman of the board of directors to succeed the late Henry E. Edwards. P. G. Burnett, cashier, was made vice president; and Hilmer C. Carlson was chosen cashier.

Mr. Seaholm is well known in Birmingham as secretary of the Board of Education and as chief engineer of Cadillac Motor Division since 1921. He has been active in church affairs and other community enterprises.

Mr. Burnett

Mr. Burnett, the new vice president, was educated in the local schools and has been in the banking business for about 25 years, during which time he has served as president of the Oakland County Bankers' Association, and has taken advantage of various banking courses offered by the American Institute of Banking.

In addition, he has taken an active interest in civic affairs, serving as president of the Macdowell Male Chorus of Pontiac, and is a member of the Birmingham Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge and the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett have three children, the eldest of whom, Donald, is with the AAF in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Carlson

The new cashier, Hilmer C. Carlson, came to the bank in August of 1940 as auditor. Previously, he worked seven years in the Peoples Savings Bank, Owosso; two years in the Grand Rapids Savings Bank; two years with Watling, Lerchen & Co., Detroit brokerage firm, and with other companies which give a wide background of experience. He is 42 years old, married and the father of two children.

Schools to Pay Off $80,000 in Bonds

To meet the next year's bond retirements of $80,000, interest payments of $15,630; and a reserve of $8939, the Board of Education voted Tuesday to raise $104,569.14, requiring a rate of $6.50 a thousand, the same as last year.

VALUATIONS UP $85,390

The district's total assessed valuation rose $85,390 during the past year—not enough to compensate for increased expenses. Lack of building was the reason for the small increase. City of Birmingham was up $129,380; Bloomfield Hills' portion in this school district was up $8,800; Bloomfield Township's portion in the district dropped $35,220 because of cuts made in valuations; Southfield Township was up $4,330, while Troy Township dropped $21,900. The total valuation of the district is $17,298,455.

PLAN NEW ROOF

The old slate roof on Baldwin High is to be replaced at a cost of $3,566.50, the contract going to the low bidder, Elbling & Son, of Pontiac.

START TENNIS COURTS

Workmen have started on four new tennis courts, two of which will be built at Hill School; two at Barnum.

BUS TO PIERCE

If enough passengers can be secured, the Greyhound lines will transport small children from the Barnum area to Pierce School. A survey will be made.

TO IMPROVE ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual public meeting held in June, several suggestions were made to make this meeting more interesting and it was decided to develop the idea next year.

TO PUBLISH REPORT

At the request of two women's groups, the Board of Education will resume publication of a report of its meeting. The first appears on

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COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER
IS A NEW WAR BOND DRIVE
Why not get a little cash ready now by selling those unwanted articles with a
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