

Fust Birmingham Doughboy Loses Life - Missing Flier Found

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THIS and THAT

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"A More Glorious Edifice than Greece or Rome Ever Saw"

U.S.N. Officer Annals Meet for the Schools Monday Night

That's the Time to Air Your Opinions On School Operation

By the time the annual meeting of the United States Navy Officers' Annals for the Schools is held Monday night at 8 o'clock at Baldwin High.

Swing It!

The teaching staff for the new summer term is nearly complete. Dwight B. Ireland declared this week. Reports from other districts indicate that Birmingham is no exception—that many schools are having unusual difficulty in finding enough help.

Rationing Board Hears Speeders

Four speeders were before the Birmingham ration board last week. A schedule of penalties has been worked out. Charles H. Lewis, chairman, revealed this week.

Loses Life

The fatality was that of Corp. William Alfred Baran, 24 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baran, 1063 Madison avenue, who was one of the Army infantrymen who participated in the attack on the Japanese positions on Attu in the Aleutians.

Birmingham Doughboy Lost on War Front

Cpl. Borden Killed; Ensign J. R. Sprague Missing, then Found

From the U. S. Army "doughboy" from the Birmingham area to lose his life in the war was reported last week in the Birmingham Post.

"Other misfortunes may be borne, or their effects overcome . . . if disastrous wars should sweep our commerce from the ocean, another generation may renew it, if it exhausts our treasury, future industry may replenish it; if it desolate and lay waste our fields, still, under a new cultivation, they will grow green again, and ripen to future harvests."

This is ENSIGN CHARLES V. GARDNER, U. S. N., who received his commission at the Naval Academy last Monday and was immediately ordered to Jacksonville, Fla., where he is now stationed.

That's the time the authors' report will be read and other reports given, but usually there is a message from the audience. The recent difference of opinion between the Board of Education and the Birmingham Council of Church women over the policy of releasing children in the elementary grades for a class in religious education might be brought up Monday night, but there is little likelihood that the board could force a change in it.

Apprentice Seaman CESAR ROMERO of the U. S. Coast Guard and formerly of the movies is acting now. That's a real mop, a real barracks floor, and real elbow grease Romero is using while on cleanup duty. He seems to like it. (U. S. Coast Guard Photo from NEA.)

New Board Member

S. J. Duncan, 638 Westwood drive, is the new board member, replacing H. W. Gray, city manager, who resigned. All service without pay.

Thieves Break Into Three Gas Stations

Three gasoline stations were broken into early Tuesday evening by thieves who were seeking gasoline coupons, police believe. They got none, however. At the Jerry Stevens station, 887 North Woodward, battery was taken—the same as a week ago when a quantity of coupons were stolen. At the other stations, nothing appeared to be missing.

Parents of Sailor File \$5,000 Claim

A suit has been filed in Federal court by the parents of Thomas R. Giles, electrician's mate third class, USNR, one of two Birmingham men killed at Pearl Harbor.

"Who shall reconstruct the fabric of demolished government?"

"Who shall rear again the well-proportioned columns of constitutional liberty?"

Car in Garage Taken by Thief

Charles Nichols, 784 Wooddale boulevard, Bloomfield Village, reported to Birmingham July 4 that his car had been stolen from the garage the night before. The matter was referred to the Sheriff by the police. Nichols has been committed outside Birmingham.

Teaching Staff Nearly Complete

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Will Be Trained To Direct Occupation Of Foreign Country

Frank C. Watters, Jr., of 575 Vineyard avenue, has received a commission as captain in the Army and reported to Fort Custer a week ago Sunday, where he will be stationed for a month.

Lloyd 'Dutch' Reid Gets Detroit Job

Lloyd B. "Dutch" Reid, first Birmingham man ever to serve as chief engineer of the Detroit Traffic Engineering Bureau, at \$8,000 a year.

Few Firecrackers Fizzle on Fourth

Birmingham's quietest Fourth of July in many a year—perhaps in 60 years—was observed the past week.

Reported Found Navy Flier

Ensign James Renuau Sprague, 22-year-old Naval pilot, was reported as missing in action since his crash landing on the island of Attu, suffering from "moderate injuries," his wife and parents have been hearing rumors since the former Virginia Everingham, is now making her home with her parents, 307 W. 15th Street, Birmingham, of Daies street, together with their small son, Renuau, Jr., who serves in the Army. Mrs. Alva D. Sprague, 588 Stanley.

Birds Help in Many Ways

The value of wild birds in the development of farm crops is beyond calculation, according to a United States Department of Agriculture. Experts in the Dept. have made many observations on the habits of wild birds.

Did You Receive Oil Application?

Persons who do not receive their fuel oil application blanks by the end of the week may write to the OPA War Price & Ration Board, 116 South Woodward, about it.

25 Caliber Pistol Stolen from McKay

The home of Donald McKay, 1119 East Maple avenue, was thoroughly ransacked during his absence, he reported to police last Thursday.

Mail 'A' Book Renewal Now

In order to obtain your second "A" basic gasoline ration book without delay, you should immediately obtain a renewal blank from your favorite gasoline station.

Building Activity At Low Point

No new houses were started in Birmingham during the month of June, but other activity totaled \$1,765,000 in value.

Proud Aunt

These two and Kennedy were campier in the U. of M. engineering school. Reid built a home in Lansing, but will move to Detroit with his family.

Help Wanted

"Don't forget the Red Cross this summer!" is the plea of Mrs. Frederick Clifford Green, who has the heavy responsibility of maintaining the Red Cross workroom in the Community House.

Mrs. Ora Richards On Recreation Board

A new member of the Recreation Board was confirmed Tuesday night by Mayor Marts and the City Commission.

30 Men Taken for Military Duty From Group Sent to Detroit July 1

Nineteen were taken into the Army and 11 into the Navy when a large group of Birmingham men were taken to the induction station in Detroit on July 1.

Women Wanted! (Do You Want a Boy?)

We can't win the war without women. Right here in Birmingham we have found that out!

Wires Burning

Firemen were called Wednesday afternoon to the home of G. Potts, 1365 Ruffner, where electric lines in wire, shot down on tree limbs and were burning.

ARRIVES IN AUSTRALIA

Pvt. Charles Gravin, Army medical corpsman, has arrived in Birmingham on July 8.

Sam Stinson Quits City Police Force

Sam Stinson, member of the Birmingham police force since 1929, has resigned his post here effective Saturday.

CASH in a FLASH for things you may think are TRASH!

Sell those unwanted articles with an ECCENTRIC WANT-AD. Phone 11 before 4 p. m. Wednesdays.

Judges Pay Visit To Victory Gardens

Judges are now making their periodic visits to the 10 gardens entered in the Victory garden contest here, going out Tuesday afternoon and Friday night of this week. They will pay another visit in August, according to Mrs. M. C. Sawyer, who is with Mrs. William McCallum, are co-chairmen of the contest.

Some People Believe in Luck

Others own insurance policies, and carry bonds. You can't have all these things. Buy some Bonds.

Starting July 12th, 1943, This Store Will Sell each week essential goods for 1 cent

DEPARTMENT STORE SERVICE 345 East Maple Avenue

PAMP A ARMY AIR FIELD, PAMPA, TEXAS

When newly commissioned LT. DONALD L. RUSSELL, graduate of Mrs. and Mrs. Anderson Russell, 1291 Highland, Birmingham, Mich., received his commission as a graduate at graduation exercises at this twin-engine advanced flying school.

Attend Art Class

The art classes at the Torry and Adams playgrounds, drew about 75 pupils to their first class last Friday. These classes are under the direction of Mrs. Thomas L. Thurbur and Mrs. Lewis S. Ward, and will continue to meet each Friday.

Dramatics Club Starts; Art Classes Attract 75 Young People to 1st Meeting

The Dramatics Club for playground participants got under way last Wednesday at the Community House at 9:30 and will continue to meet at the same time and place each Monday and Wednesday.

Handicraft Show Before Dance

There will be a Handicraft and Art Exhibit at the Community House, Wednesday evening, July 14, from 7:30 to 9 in the Club Room.

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