

### PLAYGROUNDS

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W. Berndt, supervisor of the music program; Barbara A. Holland, a junior at Michigan State Normal College, will be the afternoon pool supervisor, while Nancy Fletcher, a sophomore at Central Michigan College, will be the evening pool supervisor.

They will be assisted by Peter Goode, Birmingham High School student who has completed the Red Cross junior and senior life-saving and safety instruction courses, in pool and boys' locker room supervision. James Terry, Barnum School custodian, will again be employed as pool engineer. The four playgrounds will be in charge of Kathryn Blanchard and Mary Collins, seniors at Marygrove College; Madeline De Witte, Marygrove graduate; and Barbara Holland, who supervised the Barnum playground last summer. These super-

visors have not been assigned to their playgrounds, as yet.

The following people turned in their volunteer blanks after The Eccentric went to press last week: Mrs. Garrett Arnold, Mrs. Donald J. Ray, Mrs. Virginia Denham, Mrs. Jack P. Cummings, Mrs. Floyd L. Krause and Robert Garrison.

**Religious Class**

A volunteer staff headed by Mrs. Loren O. Blunt has been assembled by the Council of Church Women to direct the religious education program Thursday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30. Attendance at these classes is optional. Teachers will be as follows:

Quarton, Mrs. Mark Frank; Barnum, Mrs. Raymond Morrow and Mrs. John Barlett; Torry, the Rev. Dan B. Jorgensen, Miss Myrtle Smith, and Mrs. Victor R. Ogden; Adams, Mrs. Glen Conley and Mrs. C. V. Crockett.

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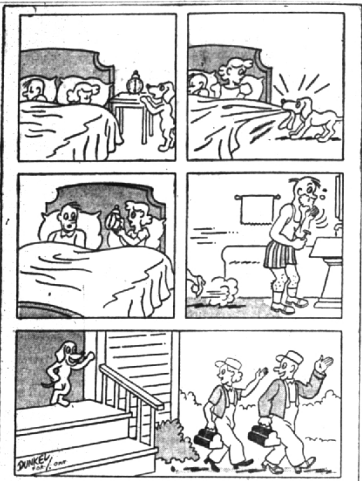
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### Off Duty



Unaware of his clucking companions, a weary doughboy snoozes peacefully at the end of a grueling day in the 2nd Army's field maneuvers in Tennessee. (2nd Army Public Relations Office Photo from NEA.)



### RELIGION

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posed to change its, earlier decision.

#### COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

Mrs. Ormond's message, in part, appears as follows:

"In 1938 the Birmingham Council of Church Women asked and obtained permission from the Board of Education to have definite time set aside for elective religious education in the 6th grade of Barnum and Adams Schools with the understanding that later the program would be expanded to include Pierce and Quarton Schools.

"The teachers obtained for these classes have been specially trained for this sort of work and the schools and community have approved of what has been done.

#### Run Five Years

"The Council of Church Women felt that these five years have proved the value of this program to expand the program this next year, taking in possibly the elementary schools and all of junior high. A full time, qualified director of religious education would be engaged, the whole expense to be carried by the Council.

"It was a shock to learn that

instead of expanding the religious education program, time was no longer to be allowed for it during the official school day, though the school would arrange for the use of a room in the schools for such a class from 9 to 9:30 in the mornings.

"Because of transportation problems, the impossibility of getting a sufficient number of trained instructors, and the psychological effect on the children of having this program taken out of the school day, this decision is the same thing as abolishing religious education from the Birmingham schools.

"Before this is done, the Birmingham Council of Church Women, representing the women of six churches, wishes to go on record publicly, in regard to this decision.

#### Need Religious Ideals

"As church women, we believe that modern democracy is rooted in religious ideals, that the moral order is the base and support of human society; and that the principle of separation of church and state means that each is free and does not control the other. The state does, however, acknowledge God and His moral law.

"We ask how can our children think that religion is important or should have a place in their lives if the schools by such action as is contemplated in Birmingham treat it as of no account? The education of the youth of Germany away from all moral principles is an example of the power of the schools in molding a nation.

"The fact that we are the most lawless nation in the world, that in 34 years the increase per 100,000 population in our prisons is 80%, that youth of 19 years furnish the highest percentage of our criminals, that in this wartime vandalism, moral delinquency and lack of discipline is at an all time high, shows something desperately wrong with our education. We claim support for free, compulsory, public education for every child as being necessary to make the kind of citizens the state must have, and yet we deny to our children any control through the schools with those moral principles upon which our state is founded."

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### SCOUT

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most cordial reception in Birmingham during the first few weeks of his assignment.

The Boy Scout movement is a tremendous force in the war program of the United Nations. In this country two-thirds of Annapolis and West Point graduates have been Boy Scouts.

#### Cites Service Men

"Lt. John W. Gillette III, former scoutmaster of one of our own Birmingham troops, has in this year given his life in supreme fulfillment of the Scout Oath in which he so often repeated the words, 'I will do my best . . . to do my duty . . . to God and my Country.'" Mr. Whitlatch said.

"Ted Wills, another of our Birmingham Scoutmasters and one who has been a lifelong Scout, is in the Navy. A few weeks ago he was picked as one of three outstanding candidates in an officers' training class of 1200. Since then, Ted has had additional honors and on March 24 he graduated as first in his class of 1200."

"Many other honors coming to Birmingham-Bloomfield Hill's Franklin boys are mentioned. Scouting continues to build character for war or peace. The boys of this great organization that unites all creeds and colors have proved themselves worthy of their motto, 'Be prepared!'"

#### BUY CALCIUM CHLORIDE

A carload of calcium chloride for use in sanding streets next winter was authorized by the City Commission Monday night. The price was \$18.50 per ton.

#### Some Memory

The teacher who had been telling the small pupils the story of the discovery of America by Columbus, ended by saying: "And all this happened more than 100 years ago."

A little boy whose eyes popped wide open thereupon exclaimed, in true admiration: "Whew! What a memory you have!"

### Going to Indiana



J. HOWARD WENDORPHA, superintendent of the White Chapel Memorial Park, is leaving July 1 to take a new post as vice-president of the Indiana Cemetery Corporation, Indianapolis, and manager of the mausoleum and crematory department.

Mr. Wendorpha succeeded his late father, John A. Wendorpha, who was active in Birmingham civic affairs, as superintendent of Roseland Park cemetery, and then went to White Chapel, where he has been in charge the past 14 years.

He is past president of the Cremation Association of America, and a past president of the Birmingham Exchange Club. He also is a member of the American Legion and Knights of Pythias.

The Wendorpha's son, Vernon, is a musician aboard the new super battleship, the Iowa; their daughter, Barbara, works in Alabama.

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A fourth member of the Detroit gang which "kidnapped" four Birmingham boys, as they returned from swimming last week has given himself up. Justice H. A. O'Dell, Bloomfield Hills, justice of the peace, fined him \$50.

A multimillionaire fears that he and his ilk are the leading cause of the peace, instead of the cause of a great race—Detroit News.

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