It seems to me that one of the most valuable goals parents can help their children attain is that of friendship among the children themselves. One of the most satisfying vistas of my own life is the genuine love and comradeship apparent all three ways between Bill, John, and Susan.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

More Regimentation

Members of the Michigan State Medical Society last week were told by one of their colleagues that too many Americans, seeking the protection of the State for so many personal problems, are thus losing their personal liberty. The doctor is correct. Which suggests that, two years ago, Michigan dentists got into practical politics and won popular support for a bill to outlaw the use of advertising by members of their own profession, thus removing the right to freedom of expression.

Entitled to Mistakes

Personally, I believe that if anybody in the United States is entitled to make mistakes these days, it is General George C. Marshall, Admiral King and their aides. We look to them to project and carry out the military maneuvers that will win the war. While it is still all right for citizens and Congress to watch these men, current major criticisms should be confined to other matches of the federal government, and especially to those that are dominated by power politics. Don't you agree?

Good Work, Mrs. Yonkers!

Did you read that article in last week's Eccentric, quoting Mrs. Ralph Yonker, president of the Birmingham League of Women Voters, in which she decried the apathy of citizens toward their government? She certainly presented a powerful argument to rouse the average man and woman from indifference and disinterest in civic matters. The nation needs more than a dreamer's plan of world peace, are a few thousand leaders to educate and enthuse and inspire people to be real Americans by responding to the duties that go with self-government.

In part, Mrs. Yonker said:

"Government is not some far away, ABSOLUTE, functioning in a perfect void—free from contamination," she said, "Government is our School Board, government is our City Commission, government is our County Supervisors. Drudgery, isn't it—going to such spectacular meetings? But I say to you here and now, that if the citizens of this country do not awake to the necessity of assuming just such dreary (?) responsibilities, democracy will fail—and will fail in our midst. Public officials are human beings—not supermen. They need the help and advice of those who have elected them. It is in this spirit that the League of Women Voters urges its members and all voters to attend such meetings."

The German people surrendered their democratic government, Mrs. Yonker pointed out, in spite of the warning they had had by one of their g r e a t e s t men—Goethe: "That which the fathers have bequeathed to thee, earn it anew, if thou wouldst possess it."

"If I seem to stress local government today," said Mrs. Yonker, it is because I can't see how we can be intelligently active on national and international levels, if we refuse to accept our responsibilities as citizens right in our own backyard."

Thanks, Mr. Fisher

Thanks of this community for his loyal endeavors to perfect a good Civilian Defense organization should go to Russel H. Fisher, 256 Abbey road, who resigned last week to take a factory job. In case some of you may not know it, Mr. Fisher's factory job has little to do with actual need for additional income; he is very comfortably situated, economically—the real reason he wants a factory job is so that he can make something tangible for our armed forces to use against the enemy. Mr. Fisher, you see, has two sons already in the service and another soon to go. He knows what war is and means—for he was in the first World War. An orchid to Mrs. Fisher, too; as a mother she surely knows what personal sacrifice means in this war.

Fire Routs War Workers at 2 A.M.

The old Dan Kimbell farm homestead on the east side of Woodward north of Hickory Grove road, recently purchased by James Cranta and altered to house several families of war workers, was badly damaged by fire at 2 a. m. Monday. It was found necessary to summon the fire departments of Pontiac, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Village and the volunteer fire group from Bloomfield Village to extinguish the stubborn blaze, which lasted more than three hours. For the Bloomfield Village Volunteers a group of 18 men under the direction of W. C. Scott, this was the third trip outside their own district in the five months since it was organized.

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

Joins Realty Firm

W. Carleton Scott

W. Carleton Scott, a long-time resident of Birmingham, has entered the local real estate field and will be associated with Snyder Buck & Bennett, the well-known Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills firm.

Mr. Scott, a graduate engineer, has had extensive experience in the construction field, and as many residents will recall was recently actively engaged in residential building operations all over the southern half of Oakland county and Detroit.

While thus engaged for the last eight years, he headed Suburban Homes, Inc., his own company. Pursuing real estate brokerage work with Snyder, Buck & Bennett is an endeavor closely identified with his former activity.

Mr. Scott lives on Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Village in a home which was one of the last construction jobs that he completed.

Baldwin Wins, 19-0, Over East Detroit Team

"Team Clicks As Unit and Shows Good Power

By DON McLEESE

After losing to Grosse Pointe in their opener, the Baldwin gridders bounced back into the win column in their first home game Friday night at Pierce Field with a good exhibition of power for the crowd who saw them overcome East Detroit 19-0.

The Maple Leafs duplicated last year's score between the two teams by scoring once in the second quarter and twice in the third period. The first quarter produced no score and each team used it to feel out the other's weak points.

Best Play of Game

The quarter did, however, produce the best play of the game when halfback Bill Dover punted from his own 44 down to the Birmingham seven-yard line, where the ball rolled out of bounds. Midway in the second quarter the Maple Leaf's workhorse, Bud Keller, intercepted a pass of Bill Dover's intended for Captain Jack Hoffman and raced 45 yards for a touchdown.

Conway Adams, Maroon guard, and one of the most reliable extra-point kickers in recent years, was sent in to attempt the conversion, but the kick was deflected and was knocked down by the East Detroit forwards.

The third quarter produced most of the scoring fireworks, with Tom Spiegel setting up two scores on long runs. Early in the quarter, halfback Dick McConkie intercepted an East Detroit pass and ran to the 41-yard line before being tackled.

McConkie Scores

Five plays later Spiegel dropped into the tailback slot on the 26 and outran all would-be tacklers until he was finally nailed on the one-yard line. McConkie sneaked through the center of the line on the next play for the Maroons' second score. Adams' kick split the goal posts, and the score became 13-0.

After a series of plays by both teams, following the kickoff, Bir-

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Dr. E. W. Deer, secretary of the Birmingham Side Line Quarterbacks organization, announces that meetings of the club will be resumed next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Community House and any man in Birmingham is welcome to take part in the club's activities. There is no charge to belong.

The purpose of the club is to further the relationship between the athletic teams of Baldwin High School and their fans. S. M. Hopkins is president of the Quarterbacks and Charles S. Kinnison is treasurer.

Ban Fire Hazards In Every Home

Fire Prevention week is being observed from Oct. 3 to 10 and V. W. Griffith, chief of the fire department, outlines the following rules for your guidance with the request that each home be checked. For additional information consult Lee C. Carroll, the department's fire prevention inspector. Here are the rules:

1. Naptha, gasoline, benzine have no place in the home. Do not use it for cleaning purposes. Be just as careful with kerosene.

2. Remove all rubbish before it burns you out.

3. Always turn off electric iron when not in use.

4. Keep furnace pipes in good repair, chimney clean.

5. Keep matches out of reach of children.

6. Keep dust mops in metal containers.

7. Keep ashes ONLY in metal containers.

8. Keep only specified A. M. P. fuses in electric light circuits.

9. Keep electric wiring in good repair.

Mayor John E. Martz' proclamation urging every individual to act in observance of the week reads in part:

"Therefore, I, as mayor of the City of Birmingham, do proclaim this period as local Fire Prevention Week for the purpose of calling to the attention of the citizens of Birmingham a full realization of their duty to prevent fires as a contribution to Victory. It is the solemn duty of every home owner to safeguard that home against fire and each store keeper to keep his business place safe for the public.

"The national fire loss of $400,000,000.00 and 10,000 lives annually is appalling and it is only through the action of local communities that these figures can be reduced."

Next Induction Oct. 16

Selective Service authorities have notified the Birmingham draft board to have another group of selectees report to the Detroit induction center in Detroit on October 16 for assignment to the army, navy or marines as needed. The total quota will be known by next week.

Must Register for Gardens at Once

Victory Garden registrations for 1944 will commence Friday at the Defense Service Center. The Eccentric is publishing a registration blank in this issue and it will appear again next week.

Charles S. Rust, the new garden chairman, stresses that persons wishing to use the same plot as this year must signify the fact promptly, as after a limited time the plots will be assigned to other applicants. There are about 500 such plots.

This Fall only six plowmen are available, as against a dozen last year, so gardeners wishing Fall plowing must act promptly. If early spring vegetable crops are desired, Fall plowing is advisable to protect water reserves and to combat weeds and insects.

Registration must be in person or by mail, not by telephone or through another party.

Special Stamps Issued For Conservation Week Oct. 3-9

Governor Harry F. Kelly's proclamation for Conservation Week, Oct. 3-9, calls attention to the fact that wise policies of the Michigan Department of Conservation in the past are directly responsible for the fact that Michigan is now able to furnish the war effort with more than its share of timber, oil, iron, copper and other essential minerals. He also asks that game and fish restrictions be rigidly observed.

A special series of stamps is being issued by the department through the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. The proclamation urges their purchase:

"The Michigan United Conservation Clubs plan a Michigan Conservation Week from October 3 to 9, as the third annual effort to focus intensified attention on the need for conserving our natural resources.

"The Conservation Clubs will issue special commendatory stamps, which will illustrate various aspects of Michigan's conservation program. These stamps will be distributed throughout the state, and the revenue they provide will be used to carry on educational work of a nature that can result only in direct benefit to the people of Michigan.

"Therefore, I, Harry F. Kelly, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of October 3 to 9 as Michigan Conservation Week.

"In doing so I urge our citizens to use Michigan Conservation stamps on mail to advertise Michigan's natural attractions, and to join in various public programs which will stress the value of conservation of our natural resources."

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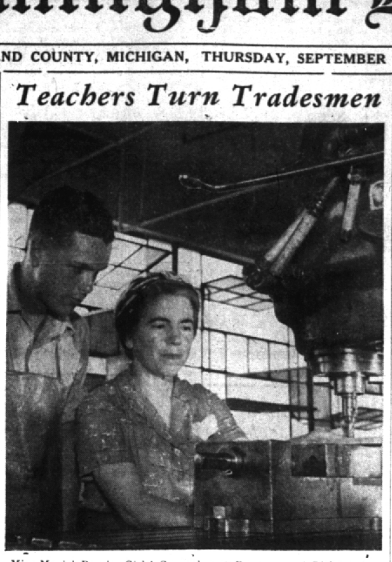
Teachers Turn Tradesmen



Miss Muriel Brusie, Girls' Counselor at Barnum, and Richard Gibbons, Birmingham, resident and social studies teacher at Goodale School, Detroit, inspect a drill press which they learned to operate in the Dodge Apprentice Training School during this past summer.

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Diebel Case Decision of Great Importance to Taxpayers

A matter of tremendous significance to the people of Oakland County now rests in the hands of three Circuit Judges, Frank L. Doty, H. Russel Holland, and George B. Hartrick. It relates to the question of whether or not the judges should sustain the act of a majority of the Board of Supervisors in continuing the payment of a salary of $300 per month to A. J. Diebel, chairman of the Pontiac rationing board.

So far as we know, Mr. Diebel is the only ration board chairman in the United States being paid a salary from any governmental agency. Is it not strange that the federal government, through OPA, should not have assayed the importance of such a position, and decided to make salary payment to board chairmen in every area? Evidently, then, Washington felt that basic head of a ration board, with a staff of paid clerks, should attract on a volunteer basis patriotic citizens who, like Birmingham's Charles E. Lewis, would respond to the job's demands because of sheer personal desire to serve their country in time of emergency.

Being chairman of a ration board does require a lot of a person's time.

In the early days of OPA, there was but one war price and rationing board in Oakland County, located in Pontiac. Mr. Diebel was its chairman. It was then that the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, perhaps recognizing the duties involved, voted to pay Mr. Diebel, even though they had no current precedent to follow. In those days Mr. Diebel was servicing all of Oakland County, from whose taxpayers his salary has been paid.

But that condition no longer exists. Mr. Diebel is confined now to Pontiac alone, except for what his office is performing for plant transportation committees and the county-wide handling of truck tires. So that automatically cuts down his sphere of activities and raises the question: even if paying Mr. Diebel were an accepted legal procedure, why should ALL of Oakland County pay for work performed almost entirely within Pontiac?

As we view this case, it is more than the mere payment of $3,600 from Oakland County's financial resources to a man connected with a federal (not county) agency.

It is a distinct departure from accepted custom. If the three Judges, or a majority of them, sustain the Supervisors' action, then untold numbers of other federal war workers are equally entitled to receive pay for their efforts: like Major Bowes familiar program preface, "round and round she goes, and where she stops nobody knows."

It is a matter of tremendous significance, this decision now resting in the hands of the three Judges.

MOMS' Club Given $905; Handed New Assignment

Members of the MOMS Club surprised even themselves with the total sum they achieved in their Tag Day last Saturday, coming somewhere between $300 and $500, they wound up with $905.69.

"This fund will enable us to do a great deal more than we had hoped to be able to do toward benefiting all the boys and girls from Birmingham who have entered service, and those to go in the future," said Mrs. Guy W. Jensen, president of the Club, which is now in its second year.

"We cannot begin to thank enough all the persons who cooperated and contributed," she added. The next regular meeting of the club will be held one week from tonight in the Community House at 8 p. m. and every mother of a service boy or girl is invited. The club hopes to expand its present membership substantially this Fall.

Mrs. Jensen and her fellow officers have accepted the invitation of the City Commission to assume charge of the ceremony to be held within the next month or so dedicating the roll of honor of more than 1600 persons who are now in some branch of the military or naval establishments. A civic committee embracing all interested groups will be named by the Commission to plan the program for that event but its general supervision will be in the hands of the MOMS.

Large Delegation For Kalamazoo Trip

Half a dozen or more city officials and employes will accompany City Manager H. H. Corson to Kalamazoo for the annual session of the Michigan Municipal League, next Wednesday and Thursday. Mayor John E. Martz will try to make the trip. The Commission will be represented by Howard H. Estes and Ralph I. Coryell. Miss Irene M. Hanley, City Clerk, will go, as will several others. Mr. Corson said. For cities of Birmingham's size these meetings invariably produce much helpful information and assistance, the manager pointed out.

Advances Draft Date To Go with Brother

Raymond Dennis, 18, of 292 Park street, will go to the Detroit induction center Saturday by special permission of local selective service officials, instead of on his regular call date, Oct. 16. Raymond asked the permission when he learned that the board had summoned his brother Lloyd, 32, who has been working at a factory in Grayling to go with this week's group.

City Planners Will Be Named At Early Date

No Consultant or Funds Needed Until Later Time

Appointment of a new city planning body for Birmingham will be announced by Mayor John E. Martz and the City Commission either this coming Monday, or the following week. There will be five members at first, but by agreement of the commissioners two more will be added as soon as a necessary ordinance amendment can be effected.

For the present no funds will be appropriated for the use of the planning group, but the mayor pointed out that some appropriation may be included in the next budget if the planners find it necessary to employ outside help in bringing the city's last master plan (made in 1928-29 by Arthur Comey of Boston) up to date.

Metropolitan Plans

Learning of proposed annexations of portions of Southfield township school districts to the Birmingham district, the commissioners expressed the view that the new planning body and the Board of Education should work closely together.

The manner in which plans for Birmingham's future growth must be integrated with those of both the Huron-Clinton Park Authority, a state-created unit embracing five counties, and any metropolitan planning authority that the State sets up for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will also be a principal concern of the new group.

Minimize Controversy

But first, the Commissioners indicated, they want the planners to use their best judgment in examining all proposals for improvements within the City itself and act in a screening capacity to sift the welter of suggested post-war projects that is expected in the next few years so that there will be full public understanding of all proposals with minimum of controversy.

Gas Books Lifted; May Be Returned

A number of gasoline ration books belonging to drivers who parked at the railroad station Monday and traveled by train were lifted by OPA inspectors from Detroit who were posted there Monday evening and attempted to question all drivers leaving the train. They had previously listed the licenses of all parked cars.

The Detroit district OPA office is expected to advise the local ration board how those drivers may proceed to obtain return of their ration books. It was explained that the majority of the books taken up were found to contain gasoline tickets that did not bear the license number of the car for which they were issued. This is an infraction of Rule Two printed on the cover of all ration books and the numbers should be written at the time the book is received, not when the tickets are torn out at gas stations.

Rifle Practice Sunday Only

The Recreation Board announces that only Sunday practice hours, from 2 to 4, will be observed hereafter at the Rifle Range, Cranbrook and Lincoln.

Wins His Captaincy

Capt. E. R. Breech, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Breech, of 85 Manor, received word this week from England of the promotion of their son to a captaincy. He is on duty with the U. S. Eighth Air Force at a large base near London.

Capt. Breech was first commissioned at the Air Force Armament School in Denver in February, 1942, and was originally assigned to Dow Field, Bangor, Me. In August the same year he was transferred to England with the 8th Air Force, where he has been very active in the development of special bomber training programs which have contributed to the effectiveness and precision of American bomber attacks. E. R. Breech, Sr., is president of the Bendix Aviation Corporation.

Lloyd A. Cooper Will Be New Baldwin Coach

Lloyd Allen Cooper has been appointed physical instructor at Baldwin High School and will coach baseball, basketball, and track teams, also acting as an administrative assistant to Principal Ralph A. Wagner. Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools, announced Wednesday that Mr. Cooper will commence his duties on October 15.

Mr. Cooper is 37, and was born at Greenville, Mich. He graduated from Western State Teachers' College at Kalamazoo and is working for a Master's degree at the U. of M. now. His last coaching position was in Springfield, O. He is a member of the Southwestern Ohio Football and Basketball Officials' Association and has played baseball and basketball professionally.

Mr. Cooper has bought a home on Wallace street. He is married, with three children.

Schools Have Fewer Pupils

A net decrease of 32 pupils for the current school year is reported by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools. The total is 2611, against 2643 last year and the breakdown is: Pierce, 380 against 388; Quarton, 410 against 379 (the only increase); Adams, 466 against 475; Barnum, 676 against 682; Baldwin, 679 against 727.

President and Governor Hail National Newspaper Week

National Newspaper Week is being observed from today through October 8. The accomplishments of the American press during a war year when an unprecedented number of problems have solved have proved notable. Tribute to these accomplishments is paid in the proclamations of both President Roosevelt and Governor Kelly, which are carried below:

THE PRESIDENT

"National Newspaper Week again affords an opportunity for us to renew our faith in the principles of Democracy and to reappraise our efforts to sustain that Democracy against our enemies. In this supreme war effort, the daily and weekly newspapers of America are charged with great responsibility. It is their task to keep the people fully and wisely informed of the record and publish those sober facts that will steady the helm and even the keel of a nation tossed on the sea of wartime uncertainty.

"Today, the war news is better than it was a year ago. We are on the offensive; the enemy has been dislodged in many quarters. Yet the need for a sharp perspective, for a sure balance, for an intelligent evaluation of our gains and a cautious weighing of our future tasks is imperative. The enemy would confuse and disintegrate us with rumors and misunderstandings. Our most effective weapon against his malicious falsehoods is the truth, an accurate, full, and fair presentation of the news in a free press.

"The rights of a free press are the safeguards of the people; the responsibilities of a free press are the commandments of the people."

— FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

THE GOVERNOR

"Michigan daily and weekly newspapers have been devoted and vigilant soldiers on our war-time home front.

"They have given generously of their space and time for the promotion of our many war programs; purchase of war bonds, collection of scrap metal and fats, recruitment of volnteers for military and civilian services, conservation of vital supplies, as well as the multitude of other state and community causes, both large and small, which contribute toward Victory.

"Today, as perhaps never before, we recognize that a free press is vital to the survival of a free people.

"In recognition of the outstanding public service which the newspapers of Michigan have performed on the all-important Michigan home front, I hereby proclaim October 1 to 8, 1943, as National Newspaper Week in Michigan and request its public observance accordingly."

—HARRY F. KELLY.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. PHONE B'HAM 10766. —adv.

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

Two Days Yet to Beat War Loan Quota

Sale of Another $75,000 in E Bonds Asked

Birmingham's over-all Third War Loan Drive quota of $2,061,000 was met Tuesday night, H. H. Gardner, chairman of the city's War Finance Committee announced yesterday, but "to see a proper and well-rounded job done," he added, "another $75,000 in Series E Bonds should be sold before the drive ends Saturday night."

"And I think we will do it. Our volunteers have done a thorough and well-sustained canvassing job and there is no question in my mind of the desire of every citizen to buy all of these smaller bonds which he possibly can," Mr. Gardner continued.

Double Spring Quota

Last April Birmingham raised $1,023,000. In the current drive the City has 15 per cent of the Oakland County quota and started off with an allocation of that much, totaling $640,000 from the corporations and businesses owned within the county and employing mostly local workers. There was an additional subscription of $840,000 in the corporate division; some of which was unexpected, the chairman said, and contributed to meeting the quota.

As compared with the spring drive, E bonds sold through Tuesday night totaled $376,000 against $261,000 in April and an estimate of $450,000 for this drive; F bonds totaled $106,000 against only $11,000 last time; G bonds totaled $120,000 as against $96,000 earlier; 2 per cent Treasury notes totaled $105,000 against $40,000 and 2½ per cents totaled $62,000 against only $25,000.

Theatre Rally Tonight

The Birmingham Gallants under Howard R. Estes are in their final report stages and have accomplished fine totals in every section of the City where they have been able to have meetings of the Neighborhood War Clubs. The Retail Merchants' Association has worked hard with Walter Holah, manager of the Birmingham Theater, to make the preview showing of a special hit picture tonight a successful event. Most of the 1,400 seats available for the program starting at 8 p. m. have been sold to $25 bond buyers, but there are still tickets available. Bond receipts will be issued in the lobby right up until 8 p. m.

Baldwin Pupils Buy $7,000 Bonds; Quota Was $1,500

Students of Baldwin High School bought over $7,000 worth of war bonds and stamps at the War Bond Assembly in the auditorium last Friday, nearly five times the quota of $1,500 assigned the school, and nearly six times the amount sold in the War Bond Assembly last spring.

Peggy Jensen won first prize in the Varsity Club contest for the purchase of the greatest value of bonds and stamps. She bought a $1,000 bond. Dorothy Atkinson and Helen Mack were second and third, respectively. First prize was a season ticket to Birmingham football games and second and third prizes were a pair of tickets each to the East Detroit game.

The entertainment was furnished by Harold Keane, singer for WJR, and Johnny Gill, an ac-

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The roundup of final figures for the first nine days of bond sales through Birmingham retail stores totals $300,000, Dominic Caputo, co-chairman with Howard Holah of the bond selling committee of the merchants' association said that bond sales so far surpassed expectations.

It used to be that people wondered where they were going to get the money to

"BUY THE BABY SHOES"

Now they have the money and there are few baby shoes to buy.

If your child has outgrown a pair of tiny shoes, and you have no further need for them, why not offer them to someone who needs them . . . You can sell them easily with an ECCENTRIC Classified ad.

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