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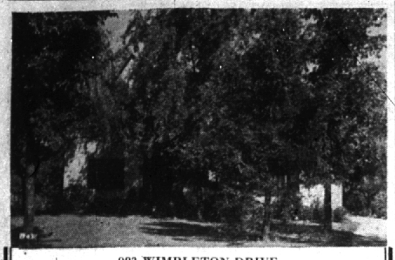

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Bits of Birmingham

President's day at the Bloomfield Hills Country club Saturday in honor of Robert Shields saw Earl Rutherford claim the main golfing prize with his 77-12-65. E. R. Breech and R. C. Williams were re-elected to the board of governors and Charles G. Predmore was also added. Following the annual stockholders meeting, E. R. Breech was elected president of the club for the ensuing year. Louis J. Lepper was elected vice president, R. C. Williams, treasurer and Irving B. Babcock, secretary.

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The Reverend Charles C. Becker of the First Methodist Church announces the appointment of Miss Mary E. Anderson, of Parsons, Kansas, as director of religious education. Miss Anderson graduated from Baker University at Baldwin in her native state, took a Master's degree at Teachers' College in New York City and comes here from a year of further graduate work at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

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Shades of coming winter! B-r-r! The other day we saw a lady carrying a pair of snow skiis across Woodward avenue. Can it be that she really has faith in the annual snowfall?

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Theodore Mitchell, who runs the hat and shoe shining, etc., store next to Shain's, is working long hours these days. Can you guess the reason? In one way, there are four reasons, i.e., his four sons in the U. S. Army, one of them in Africa. That makes Papa Mitchell carry on the business pretty much himself—but he is willing to put in the effort to help domestically to lick Hitler & Co.

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Baldwin High school's cafeteria will be opened just as soon as Superintendent of Schools Ireland and the Community House staff can find a cook. The husband of the woman hired for the post before school opened was suddenly transferred from his local employment. The cafeteria in Barnum Junior high has been open and running satisfactorily although its quarters are not quite large enough.

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Walter B. Fauser, local telephone manager, is in a dilemma; he knows that it is as difficult to change applesauce back into apples as it is to unscramble eggs. A few weeks ago he was invited by Elmer G. Wettlaufer, Detroit owner of several machine shops, to go to a farmer friend's place to pick apples. Mr. Wettlaufer had a home-made map for directions to the farm, north of Rochester, so the two men started out. They reached the farm, found nobody home, finally located a ladder in a barn, and in a few hours had picked a number of bags of fine apples. Later, Mr. Wettlaufer met his farmer friend and handed him a big bag of apples, stating, "Fauser and I selected these beauties just for you." Imagine Mr. Wettlaufer's surprise when his friend informed him that he has no buildings on his land at all! It seems that the wrong farm was visited—and those apples since have been canned as applesauce. ("And now we have to visit the right farm for more apples," both men admit.)

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Taylor Construction Co., headed here by John B. Taylor, of Madison avenue last week was awarded a portion of the Willow Run expressway by the State Highway Dept. The project will cost $137,594. Mr. Taylor has built a great deal of the roads in that area during the past year and a half.

In the Sept. 16 issue of the Eccentric the names of the men who have given their lives in this war were published. It was stated at that time that the list was as complete as we could make it according to the sources of information made available to us. At this time we would like to make two corrections that have been called to our attention since that publication. We find that James Palms, as published, was a commissioned officer, which we neglected to state. He was a lieutenant with the Canadian forces and was killed in the battle at Dieppe. Another error was the name of Lt. John W. Gillespie III. The name should have been John W. Gillette, III. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillette, of Wing Lake.

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Hereafter, the Eccentric will drop the use of "street," "road," "avenue," in printing addresses. It's a space and time saving device, and is used by many leading dailies. We will apply the rule for all news matter except the society page.

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No July Taxes have been collected yet in Oakland County, and here it is the first of October. Reason for the delay is that the State Tax Commission has not acted on Pontiac's appeal from the County Equalization Board's millage schedule. Until the State commission fixes the rates for all municipalities in the county, assessing officers cannot make the July tax spread.

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Do you know that Oakland County has 2,500 miles of paved and graveled roads under supervision and jurisdiction of the County Road Commission, and that, because of the housing shortage in cities of the county and the resultant year-around use of lake dwellings which heretofore have been used largely only in Summer season, makes the snow removal job of the road commission many times greater than in former years. The big snow job ahead has caused the commission to ask for immediate WPB release of eight additional snow plows for this county. Leo O. Brooks, commission chairman, announced today.

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Overhead doors will be installed at the police garage in the Municipal Building, the City Commission decided Monday night. Cost will be $450 but City Manager Corson pointed out that an average annual cost of $75 for the old doors will be eliminated. The Commission also authorized Corson to spend approximately $100 for shutters on the pavilions at Springdale Park, where marauders now frequently break in.

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The Greyhound buses are on a skipstop basis, as of last Monday. This affects the Woodward service very little but the new stops along West Maple to Wing Lake are as follows:

Maple and Woodward, Bates, Southfield (west only), Chester (east only), Baldwin, Auburn (east only), Lake Park, Pilgrim, Chesterfield Westwood (west only), Cranbrook, Hamilton, Clifton, Hupp, Lahser, Oakland Hills Club, Telegraph, Fox Creft, Wing Lake.

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For the information of those who have not yet had occasion to find out—the editorial offices of The Eccentric have been moved to the Strand Building, right beside the business offices. So if you have any news which should come to the attention of the writers, bring it there instead of the business offices. That applies to church news, too. Thanks.

If anyone has a small electric iron or even a traveling iron, Mrs. Hope Linstruth would like to buy it for her husband, who is in the Army and is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Linstruth may be contacted at the Southfield Apartments.

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Final figures on the cost of seal coating Maple, Southfield, Pierce and Brown streets were given to the commission by Manager Harold H. Corson, Monday. Total cost was $2,892. This figure, he pointed out, is below the estimated $3,986. One reason for the reduction was the coating did not come to the curbing on each side of the street. Also the city already had on hand a considerable quantity of tar used in the process. One third of the expense of the seal coating is borne by the county.

Harwood's Service Praised by Local Board of Education

Once again an offical body in Birmingham has passed a formal resolution, praising the services of John H. Harwood, for four years managing editor of The Eccentric. At a meeting last night the Board of Education, taking cognizance of Mr. Harwood's call into the U. S. Navy five weeks ago, went on record as follows:

WHEREAS, John H. Harwood, has served the community faithfully for the past four years as Managing Editor of The Birmingham Eccentric, and

WHEREAS, he has so intelligently presented the matters which have been considered by the Board of Education in Birmingham to the citizens of the community, and

WHEREAS, recently, he has been called to active duty as an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Birmingham, Fractional School District, in formal session, that this Board express its sincere appreciation to John H. Harwood for this excellent service and cooperation, and

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED, that this Board extend to Mr. Harwood its best wishes for success in this service and a safe return.

Dated: Sept. 21, 1943

Add Definitions

A great national problem is anything that a lobby asks Congress to appropriate money for.—San Diego Union.

Oakland County Red Cross Accelerates Fall Program with Special Services

Tempo of all Red Cross activities is being accelerated in Oakland County as the local chapter swings full force into its fall work program. Classes, workrooms and special services are being reopened, with hundreds of volunteers offering their services.

The educational program of the chapter includes classes in first aid, home nursing, and for nurses aides and standard and advanced first aid.

Striving to meet the critical need for nurses the chapter is furthering its nursing program. Classes to train women in home nursing are sponsored throughout the county and more are being organized to begin within the next few weeks.

Red Cross nurses aides continue to perform a vital duty at the local hospitals. A new class to train the aides is scheduled to begin at once. Anyone interested in this class may contact Mrs. E. L. Bradley at the chapter headquarters, 12 Seneca street, Monday and Wednesday afternoons and also on Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock. In Southern Oakland county applicants may call the chapter office in Royal Oak, telephone Lincoln 2-1850. A daily service at St. Joseph Mercy hospital is given the canteen corps who assist in setting trays, etc. Seventy-five women representing all parts of this county recently attended a canteen meeting here.

Volunteer production workers are busy on surgical dressings, kit bags, knitting, making army and navy hospital bed shirts and many other articles needed by service men and also to meet civilian emergencies.

More volunteers are needed for the Motor corps whose members are on the job both day and night driving for the army and navy and aiding community activities.

In the Junior Red Cross several thousand school children are enrolled. Mrs. R. A. Armstrong, chairman, states that the fall program for the juniors will include knitting afghans, assembling utility bags, writing portfolios for service men, making menu covers, tray and table favors and filling Christmas boxes for children in foreign lands.

The special roll call for the Junior Red Cross will be held in the month of November under the direction of Mrs. M. J. Cloonan. Members of the junior committee who assist Mrs. Armstrong, are Mrs. Frank DuFrain, Mrs. Cloonan, Mrs. Hawley Otis, Mrs. H. M. Kinnee, Mrs. Paul Sielaff and Miss Harriet Ratliff.

Another committee actively engaged in fall plans is that of the camp and hospital service which is headed by Mrs. Walter Appel, assisted by Mrs. Basil E. Brown. The committee recently attended the Detroit area meeting which outlined the needs of man at service posts. The Oakland county group plans to furnish a room at Fort Custer and also supply some desk tables at Selfridge field.

Home service, that section of the Red Cross which deals with the man in service and his family continues an uninterrupted service in behalf of all branches of the military and naval service as well as ex-service men and their families. Mrs. E. P. Turner is the Home Service chairman and Mrs. C. William Gregory is responsible for securing volunteers for office work.

Mrs. E. G. Hatch, the Red Cross production chairman locally, announces that the sewing room in the Community House will open October 7 and all sewing groups are asked to have their members on hand at 10 a. m. that day.

Nothing to It

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Adds Two Operas To G & S Repertoire

Birmingham lovers of Gilbert and Sullivan operas are looking with added anticipation to the two week engagement of the Boston Comic Opera Company at the Cass Theatre, Detroit, starting Oct. 4, because the producer, R. H. Burnside, has added two favorites to the repertoire this season, the third his company has appeared in Detroit.

The additions are "Yeomen of the Guard" and "Box and Cox," making 10 in all which will be sung. No date has yet been assigned for "Yeomen of the Guard," but it will be sung in the second week of the engagement. "Ruddigore," "The Gondoliers," "The Mikado," "Pinafore," "Trial by Jury," "Patience," "Iolanthe," and "Pirates of Penzance" are the others.

As of last season leading roles will be played and sung by Florenz Ames, Robert Pitkin, Kathleen Roche, Catherine Judah, Pertram Peacock Robert Eckles, Marie Valdez and Kathryn Reece. Louis Kroll has charge of the orchestra and there is the same singing chorus of Savoyards.

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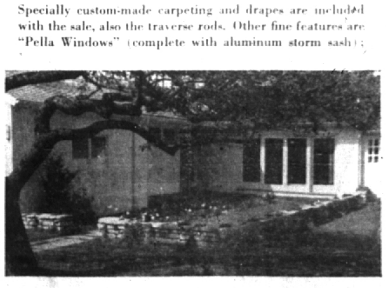

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