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Recreational Program Will Close Friday

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Do You Know What A "Bureau Crawler" Is?

A couple of months ago, while attending the Chicago Rotary Club luncheon, I met a man who introduced me to a "bureau crawler." He is a former Governor of Kansas, and one time unsuccessful candidate for President against F. D. Roosevelt. He is now a "bureau crawler" and he related the following story as fitting the current business picture:

"On a train out of Washington, month or so ago, two gentlemen, strangers to each other, got into conversation. After some preliminary talk, one inquired as to the business of the other."

"What in the world is a Bureau crawler? That's a new one to me."

"Well," he said, "you see, I spend most of my time crawling around bureaus to find bureaus that I have to see."

"Why do you have to do that?"

"It's this way," he said, "the president of a good-sized manufacturing concern near Chicago, Tom Sawyer, has a contract with the Army and Navy. Just recently the Army told me I would have to renegotiate the contract. So I went to the Army and Navy and made a brief notice of contract termination, so I am going through the technique of the cancellation proceedings. Also I am preparing to defend a charge entered against the National Trade Union Executive Board, alleging unfair labor practices. Then, too, I have to submit before its members and the War Labor Board and the Treasury Department for wage and salary increases."

He went on, "Our union has just notified me that it wants to start collecting wages as a result of a new contract, and I am asked by some bureau for racial equality to appear before its members and explain our handling of racial problems, while the War Manpower Commission suggests that we complete and file new man-hour reports with the War Manpower Commission. I have to make data, details and blueprints under Form WPB 317 to petition the Production Board to give priorities for a necessary addition to our plant; and just yesterday I received the same old same old forms of the OPA to fill out showing our business structure and price policy."

He continued, "I have just finished my work on the Fourth War Loan Drive and am starting ready for the Fifth and our company's payroll deduction campaign. I am through with the Fourth War Loan Drive. I am hurrying to Chicago to attend an industry meeting. I have to make war reconversion plans so that I can retain all our present employees and hire some new ones. I take back all of our old ones who have gone to war, in order that they may be rehired. I have to get plants shut down, when I can double our payroll."

"Brother, what do you make at your plant?"

"I looked sort of puzzled for a moment and replied, 'That's a funny thing you know, I have never so busy crawling around bureaus that I have time to get out to the factory, so damned if I know just what the boys are turning out now.'"

Big Circus Feature Event of Evening at Pierce School Field

The summer recreational program will come to a glorious close with a real bang-up circus Friday evening, Aug. 11, at Pierce School Field at 8 o'clock. There will be circus, animals, act, band, clowns and lots more.

The program will be under the direction of Miss Gertrude Roggen and music will be supplied by Arthur Berard's summer recreation band. The children's act at the piano accompanying the Community Sing, which Bill Spence will conduct. Miss Spence will also act as ringmaster.

Here is Program

Following is the list of attractions:

Act I, Clown Act—Adams playgroup, director Pat Williams.

Act II, Animal Act—Torrey playgroup, director Ruth Watson.

Act III, Tap Dance—Suzanne Kich.

Act IV, Ureos.

Act V, Scotch Dance—Dorothy James.

Act VI, Strong Man Act—Ted Harper.

Act VII, Sleight of Hand Magic—Randall Garrison.

Act VIII, Tap Dance—Max Gordon.

Act IX, Cowboy Act—Barnum playgroup, directors Peggy Kohr and Joan McKee.

Act X, Song—Joan Gove.

Act XI, Tumbling Act—Junior High.

America—Audience.

Act XII, Lot of Hot Dogs.

Finals in All Four Divisions Of The Birmingham Tennis Tournament To Be Played Off On Sunday Afternoon

Semi-finals in the Birmingham Tennis Tournament will be played off on Sunday afternoon, August 13, on the Hill School Courts. Girls' finals are scheduled for 10 o'clock in the afternoon. Boys' finals at 2 o'clock; Women's finals at 3 o'clock; and Men's finals at 4 o'clock. Umpires will be provided for all matches.

At the termination of these matches there will be a presentation of trophies. The Birmingham Eccentric is providing trophies for the winners in each division and prizes for the runners-up. George Averill will make the presentation.

New In Semi-Finals

Tournament matches were held in their quarter-finals. There have been many exciting matches. Quite a few were won by players who were not expected to do so.

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Another Big Lot Paper Salvage Is Secured In City

Birmingham homes and business places yielded another big lot of salvage paper in the August pickup of the Detroit-based paper company. The salvage was secured, according to city officials, from about 16 city blocks.

This will be sent at once to the mill at Grand Rapids for processing into paper cartons in which to ship supplies of foods and medicines to the American armed forces in all corners of the world. Big haulers trucked the paper to the mill within a day or two, it was indicated.

The pickup was considered quite satisfactory, but it was not as large as had been hoped for.

Added to the August pickup, the DPW reports having sold about four and a half tons of paper picked up by city trucks here and there over the city during July. This is counted on the last general pickup.

In addition there were picked up six and a half tons of metal cans, four and a half tons of processed tin cans and about 1,400 pounds of rags.

The new record for paper pickup with more than ten tons gathered in this month.

Pierre Schon Is Taken By Death

Word has been received here of the death of Pierre Schon in Jacksonville, Florida, August 9, 2 from an internal hemorrhage.

Mr. Schon was widely known in the city as the former president of the GMC Truck and Coach Division as transportation and engineering manager from 1914 until March, 1940. Since that time he has been president of the city's hand truck division and GMC trucks in the Jacksonville retail territory.

Mr. Schon died May 18, 1940, in France May 18, 1940. Mr. Schon came to the United States in 1912, and is accredited to various industries through the delivery of newspapers in this country. He was in the service of the City Star until his death in 1919.

Funeral services were held at the Hurd-Hall funeral home, Jacksonville, Saturday morning, August 5. The interment was at the St. Louis cemetery in Jacksonville.

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Another Tennis Tournay Planned

Another tennis tournament is now being planned, and will be a doubles affair. Play will be in the afternoon at the city tennis courts, according to those planning the tournament.

Entries are to be made by Sunday night at 8 o'clock that the draw on Monday, August 14. It is planned to complete the contests by August 20, the finals in both divisions probably being played off that day.

There is to be a 25 cent entry fee to cover tournament expenses and entries are to be made by phone to Phone-905 or Phone 1188.

KILLED IN ACTION

Word has been received of the death of Sgt. Arthur G. Faust, a brother of Walter G. Faust, former member of the City Star. Faust was killed in action at the July 5, according to word to Birmingham from the War Department at Hill Road at Milford.

Lieut. Bruce Craig In South Pacific Area

is represented among the U. S. Marine bomber crews which have been doing such deadly work in wrecking Jap fortifications and harbor installations in the South Pacific area of the war. In the crew of the Marine Mitchell medium bomber pictured above is Lieut. Bruce Craig, whose home is on Orchard Lake road, just outside of Birmingham, Michigan. Lieut. Craig is standing second from the left. He is copilot of the bomber.

Projects Planned

City Manager H. C. Corson has announced to the Commission a list of projects for which plans were to be started as soon as the state's promised matching funds are available, or on which some work has already been started. The list includes six projects, many of which have already been approved by the Commission. They will be started until the Commission gives the "go ahead" signal.

The first heading of projects in design state of plan preparations were the sewerage, water supply, improvement, two for bridge, viaduct or grade separation, four for highway, road and street improvement; two for bridge, viaduct or grade separation, four for sewer, water and sanitation facilities, and one for park and recreational facilities. On the list of projects in the preliminary state of plan preparations were sewerage, water supply, improvement, two for bridge, viaduct or grade separation, four for sewer, water and sanitation facilities, and one for park and recreational facilities.

Residents Like Plan

A group of nearly 20 residents have gathered at the Birmingham City Commission meeting to express their approval of the proposed plan for the city's sewerage, water supply, and other improvements.

Residents like the plan because it provides for a comprehensive program of city improvements, including sewerage, water supply, and other projects. They believe the plan will greatly improve the city's infrastructure and quality of life.

City Retirement Plan Board Is Filled With Naming Of 2 Members

The Birmingham Retirement Plan Board of control has been completed with the election of representatives from the police department and the General City Employees' Association.

The board will oversee the retirement program for city employees, ensuring that funds are properly managed and that benefits are distributed as intended.

Detroit Girl Is Killed Near City

Oakland county was hit by a murder on Monday night when a 23-year-old disheveled girl, Luella M. Parfitt, 19, to death on the road side near the intersection of Nineteen Mile road and Dequindre road.

The former serviceman left the girl admitted guilty and drove to Detroit and reported the slaying to police early Monday morning. The girl was found on the side of the road near the intersection of Nineteen Mile road and Dequindre road.

Teacher Problem Not Yet Settled

Superintendent of Schools D. B. Jones reports that the teacher problem in the city's public schools is still far from settled for the coming school year.

There are concerns about teacher shortages and the impact on students. The superintendent is working to resolve these issues as quickly as possible.

Rifle Club To Resume Work At Range Soon

The Birmingham Rifle club has completed the first course of the season for the pre-induction class, and is planning to resume work at the range soon.

The club is looking forward to a successful season and providing training for its members.

Pres. Cook Throws Rotary Meeting Open; Members Throw Themselves Into It (We Throw In This Space To Tell It)

The changing weather has had an effect upon human beings was manifested at the Birmingham Rotary meeting last night. In the absence of a scheduled speaker, president Ray Cook threw himself open to offerings from anyone who wished to speak.

The meeting was held at the Birmingham Rotary Club, and was attended by a large number of members and guests. The atmosphere was lively and engaging.

Need 600 Donors To Assure Success Of Coming Blood Bank

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His Ship Blown Up

Chelley (Moe) Moses, serving for some time overseas on one of those small naval boats, is going to have a lot to tell about once he gets back home, and no small part of his news will be about how the ship on which he was serving on the invasion of Normandy, was blown up by a land mine at the water's edge. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Moses, 1134 Ruffin.

Writing to his sister, Miss Dolores Moses, he tells of having just moved away from his usual work position aboard the ship when the land mine lay to get as the crew was trying to get the boat off the beach. The section most badly wrecked was that on which Moe usually served.

City To Vote On Franchise Renewal Tuesday, Aug. 15th

The matter of the renewal of the city's franchise for the use of the city's streets for the purpose of advertising is to be voted on by the City Commission on Tuesday, August 15th.

The franchise is currently held by the Birmingham Advertising Company. The city is considering whether to renew the franchise or to open it to other bidders.

Sgt. Edward J. Eyer Given Army Medal

A Sixth Air Force Troop Carrier Command Base, European Theatre of Operations, a veteran of 20-months overseas service, Sergeant Edward J. Eyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Eyer of 208 Larchlea road, Birmingham, was recently decorated with the Army Distinguished Unit Badge. This award was made for his services while attached to the 48th Troop Carrier Squadron with a heavy bombardment unit in the Benghazi area of Libya which participated in the Ploesti and Rome raids last summer.

Lieut. Thompson Is Reported Missing After Air Battle

News came Wednesday afternoon from the War Department in Washington, D. C., that 2nd Lt. Carlton Thompson, 1544 East Lincoln, was missing in action over France. The message was received by his parents, Timothy and Dorothy Thompson, who operate the Family Mart on Adams road.

The young Army Air Corps pilot was a member of the crew of a P-38 Fighter-Bomber that failed to return after a battle flight over the town of Horsa, France, on July 25. He had been in the service of the 48th Troop Carrier Squadron for a number of months before being assigned to the 48th Troop Carrier Squadron.

Commission Fills Election Boards

Election board members to handle the special Consumer Power Company franchise renewal election, August 15, were selected by the City Commission at its meeting Monday evening.

The commission appointed the following members to the election boards: Precinct No. 1—Mrs. W. C. Chisum, Mrs. H. W. Webster, Mrs. Harold Ellerby, Mrs. Fredricka Vire.

Name Mrs. Jensen To Women's Committee

Confirming to a request from the 6th Service Command of the United States Army, Major Ray A. Palmer has appointed Mrs. G. W. Jensen to the Women's Service Committee.

Mrs. Jensen is a well-known community leader and has served on various committees in the past.

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