

Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send us news of the activities and service news, with photos, of their sons in the service. It is their job to see that the planes, engines, etc., are in condition to take our boys on their hazardous journeys over enemy lands. Tom Allen, a Baldwin high school graduate, is a former star in track and field events; is at present located at one of the large bases in Northern Ireland, where he is a civilian employee of Lockheed Overseas Corp. Word from Tom says he is happy in his work and enjoys his job very much. Tom went overseas last August, shortly after graduating from General Motors technical school in Flint, and a short intensive course of motor instruction at Allison Division, Indianapolis, Ind. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Allen, 17560 Birchwood drive, Southfield townships.

Navy Promotes Two Birmingham Men

Petty officer ratings or recognition as "qualified strikers" for advanced ratings in special fields were granted to two Birmingham men in recent graduation ceremonies held for Service School students at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Selected for their specialized training on the basis of their recent training aptitude tests, they were transferred to this presenting as acting duty sergeant at the base headquarters.

The two Birmingham, Michigan, men, now awaiting active duty assignments to ship or shore stations, their new rates or the school from which they graduated are: George Dwight Gibbs, 377, 688 Humphreys, storekeeper, third class; and Edward Dean Tucker, 30, 1067 Boyd, fireman, first class.

Aviation Cadet Charles V. Booth

Charles V. Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Booth of 845 Fairfax, recently reported to the Greenville Army Air Field, Greenville, Miss., for further flight training. After completing his training at Greenville, Cadet Booth will be sent to another field in the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command for the final phase of training. Upon successful completion of this course, he will receive his "wings" and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces.

Douglas B. Fletcher

Douglas B. Fletcher, who was graduated from Cranbrook School last June, has finished his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and is now in the Army Specialized Training Program at Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif. His address is 3055 Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.

Paul W. Seller

Paul W. Seller, Cranbrook graduate of 1939, was home on leave over the Christmas holidays from the University of Virginia where he is a member of the N.R.O. 7-C. He will graduate in March of this year with an Engineer's commission. Seller received a letter of a national football career as captain of the University of Virginia football team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Seller of 27403 Drake Road, Farmington, Michigan.

Wiley Hitchcock

Wiley Hitchcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. High Hitchcock of Birmingham, recently returned on furlough from his army post at Harvard University where he is studying Japanese. Hitchcock was graduated from Cranbrook School in 1940 and attended Dartmouth College from which he graduated last year.

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Large Groups Reclassified by Birmingham Board

Reclassification of one of the largest groups of men in receipt of the list of names of the Birmingham Selective Service Board for service in the country's armed forces.

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KILLED IN ACTION

Word received by friends of the family here today is that of Pfc. Harold G. Mathewson Jr., a grandson of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Mathewson, formerly of Birmingham and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Mathewson, Dallas, Texas, Pfc. Mathewson was killed in action in the South Pacific theatre of the war, according to a report from the War Department.

Lee E. North

Lee E. North, a flight officer with the Army Air Force, flew here today morning from Los Angeles for a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee North. He has gone to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for a brief visit with his parents in Birmingham within a week for another brief stay before going to Columbia, South Carolina, where he has been at Sacramento, Calif., at Yuma, Ariz., for several months.

James M. Wagner

James M. Wagner, 2-C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson M. Wagner, 2-C, 1315 1/2 1st Avenue, Birmingham, has arrived at the Naval Training Station, Newport, R. I., and has been assigned to the master's school company 1207.

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WATER YOUR TREES

"Water your trees, especially the trees you set out last fall," is the word passed along by Lawrence Smith, Birmingham landscape gardener, who called attention of home owners to the extremely dry weather. "Unless it rains soon, trees and more especially evergreens, will suffer serious damage," Mr. Smith told the "Watchdog" folks who may think water will not soak in but in many cases it will and may prevent the trees from dying. Anyway, it's worth trying if one is at all concerned over the growth of his trees. "Asked if the winter was more severe on trees than usual, Mr. Smith said, "This is the driest winter I ever remember and a lot of trees are not going to survive unless watered."

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