

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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No day goes by today but what it offers each of us the God-given privilege of helping others. The day that closes without such voluntary action on our part is, indeed, a day without enduring profit. Life's ledger really isn't a mere gathering of monetary material losses and gains; by doing GOOD one becomes good!

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## How Housewives Can Prepare Scrap Paper

Here's how housewives can prepare paper for easy handling in the Birmingham paper salvage campaign coming February 3, 4 and 5. Newspapers: Fold them flat (the way the paper boy sells them) and tie them in bundles about 12 inches high.

## Magazines and Books: Tie them in bundles about 18 inches high. Corrugated and Cardboard Boxes and Cartons: Flatten them out and tie them in bundles about 12 inches high.

Wastebasket Paper (wrappers, envelopes, etc.): Flatten and pack down in a box or bundle. Press so that it will make substantial weight so that it can be carried.



IT IS . . .

And being new it's fresh as a daisy. No redecoration—no rehabilitation—no concern about plumbing and heating.

- \*\*\*\*\* The living room (15' x 25') with three exposures and the dining room with a southerly exposure have access to a large screened porch. The kitchen, replete with cupboards, is modern to the minute. Of course there is a pine-paneled library; lavatory; and three cloak closets.
- \*\*\*\*\* On the second floor are four bedrooms and three baths with another unfinished room— heating ducts and wiring all in. A disappearing stair provides access to a storage attic.
- \*\*\*\*\* In the basement: a complete pine-paneled recreation room with fireplace; a hobby room; and a service-room containing the laundry; air conditioning heating plant—large size softener—oil burning, hot-water heater. Annual oil cost \$136.00; taxes \$123.00.
- \*\*\*\*\* The site, 120' x 170', has several large native elm augmented by suitable foundation planting and by shrubs, fruit trees and berries. The outdoor grill awaits that steak when beef again becomes available.

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LET'S GET THIS SHIELD UP . . .  
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## Bits of Birmingham

The sale of plots of state tax lands in Birmingham, known to many as the Scavenger Sale, is being held for February 8, at the Masonic Temple building in Birmingham. There are 125 plots of land in 13 Birmingham subdivisions listed for sale.

The "March of Dimes" collection at the Birmingham theatre is unusually heavy, according to Manager Holah. The theatre is being assisted in the taking of these special gifts by girls of the Junior A. W. V. S., with Mrs. Paul Averill as general chairman.

Reckless drivers worry other folk as well as the police, according to Mrs. Walter Hayden, who reports she has noted many instances of reckless driving and near accidents at and near the intersection of Ridgedale and Poppleton streets.

Mrs. T. W. Eustis, 3771 Linden, announced this week that the Red Cross will start a home nursing course as soon as 15 people are interested. The class will meet for 12 lessons of two hours each and the Red Cross will supply the instructor. Anyone interested may write in touch with Mrs. Eustis by calling 2438.

A letter from Ernest A. Fletcher, of Tottenham road, fell into the hands of this Wanderer the other day. The letter, directed to the circulation department, it read: "Please send that A. to my son, Mr. Fletcher, who is Pvt. Douglas B. Fletcher, who is stationed at Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif."

Last week in this column the Wanderer chronicled the fact that, although the news was a little tardy, the Henry M. Hempstead, 843 Bates, were the first Birmingham family to be visited by the stork, who delivered Thomas Arthur on Jan. 4. On Friday the Wanderer received a call which startled his statement considerably. Lynda Jane Mills was delivered by the stork to the Gardner Mills, 401 Stanley, at 10:24, Jan. 3. Therefore, to date, Lynda Jane is Birmingham's first baby for 1944.

Monday, Jan. 24, was moving day for a part of the Oakland County Extension Service personnel according to Mary J. E. Woodward, home extension agent. The 4-H Club agent, Raymond Schuler, and the home extension agent are now located on the 4th floor of the county office building, on the corner of Sagnaw and Lafayette in Pontiac.

A local woman who has lived in the east quarter of Oakland County for many years, thus she has seen many changes in the county. "One hears some complaints each summer about Quoniam Lake, its so-called lack of clear water, its odor, etc., with the suggestion that it be drained. I wish they would look at it these winter days and evenings and observe how much joy youngsters, and some older ones, get from skating. It is a beautiful recreational asset to Birmingham, many of us believe. Ask any one who uses it, too."

Mrs. Edward L. (Helen) Bryant, who lived here a year ago, was "Mrs. Straphanger" over WJR's "Public Opinion" feature last Sunday—while this Wanderer didn't hear her, he is told that she did a bang-up good job.

That peculiar frosty, humid weather last Monday morning did lots of artistic things to trees and shrubbery in this area. Just like a white fairy land—maybe all it needed extra were a few New Dealers going about like Lady Beautiful, tossing out a few billion dollars.

Wayne University will act as host to music teachers from all parts of the state when the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association holds its winter clinic here on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 28 and 29.

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## Selective Service Meetings Planned For Farm Workers

Several hundred Oakland county farmers now classified as II-C and III-C, who have been the backbone of wartime agriculture in this area are asked by Selective Service to file their 1944 farm plans before April 1st of this year.

The Tyding Amendment to the National Selective Service Act provided for the deferment of farm workers who met certain requirements. The deferments have been computed upon information which was reported on the agricultural questionnaires, and other information on file with local draft boards.

The Oakland County Extension Service has been designated as the

agency to collect this factual information. Although selective service regulations do not require local boards to reopen II-C and III-C classifications periodically, as is the case with II-A and II-B deferments, it is believed advisable that all farm deferments be reviewed at least once each year.

In order to save the time and travel of farm workers concerned, Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, has scheduled a series of meetings throughout the county where selectees may come in at any time during the day between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. Selectees should know the acreage of each kind of crop grown in 1943, and the proposed planting for 1944; the number and kind of livestock which you do—and, yes, even what you do not do—to back the attack with extra war bonds will be felt by our men in uniform.

Overwhelm the enemy with your war bond dollars. Keep in mind that the home front and the fighting fronts are indivisible. What you do—and, yes, even what you do not do—to back the attack with extra war bonds will be felt by our men in uniform.

## What Your School Board Is Doing . . .

Regular meeting of the Board of Education Jan. 25 at 8 o'clock p. m.

The following motions, recommended by the superintendent, were passed:

Diplomas of graduation approved for 38 students.  
Resignation of Mrs. Inez Asper accepted.  
Resignation of Mrs. Vera Gustavus accepted.  
Appointment of Miss Carl Metzger, teacher for Baldwin high school, approved.  
Request of the Teachers' Club to have deductions made from their salaries and paid to the Birmingham Agency honored.

Bill in the amount of \$186.71 1/2 confirmed.  
Accounts payable in the amount of \$2,092.80 approved.  
Request in the amount of \$1,143.43 authorized.  
Invitation to Dr. W. W. Whitehouse, Dean of Liberal Arts, Wayne University, to address the class of 1944 approved.

Board approved payment of the balance due on the new stove that the Board purchased for the Baldwin cafeteria.

Purchase of an index minute book for the records of the School District approved.

LOUIS M. RANDALL, Business Manager.

## Baldwin Examination Schedule Is Changed

The schedule for examinations at Baldwin high school, which were given January 25 and 26, was different from that of previous years in that there was regular school all day Monday and Tuesday morning, and all students were required to be in school through Wednesday.

The schedule was as follows: Tuesday afternoon, first and second hour exams; Wednesday morning, third and fourth hour exams; Wednesday afternoon, fifth and sixth hour exams.

There will be no school today and Friday, and students will receive their report cards when they report back to school Monday morning, January 31.

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Member of the Board of Lecturers of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

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105' x 135' parcels can be had from \$1,350 up, in the "best" of locations — for example, "Harrowgate Subdivision."

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