

Editorial Page of the Birmingham Eccentric

A free, responsible and aggressive Press is democracy's first line of defense

Michigan Mirror

BY GENE ALLEMAN

MACKINAC ISLAND—Five overseas battle casualties and three training casualties, convalescent patients from the Percy Jones government hospital at Abasco Creek, sat on the floor of a partially filled railroad baggage car.

The Pennsylvania train, jammed with vacation-bound civilians, was leaving Grand Rapids en route to Mackinac Island and intervening west-coast resort cities.

No accommodations were available for the overseas soldiers.

It was the 1941 Fourth of July week-end, our third national holiday since Pearl Harbor, and that is how it happened in Michigan.

At the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, where the eight men were the personal guests of Stewart Woodrill, owner and president, who were shocked and angered when one of these soldiers, Lt. Ray Marty, former artist from Detroit and New York City, casually mentioned the fact.

"Don't misunderstand me," he complained to explain. "I'm not complaining. After what some of these men have gone through, the hour of a baggage car isn't so bad. It's just a bit more on your uniform, that's all."

The cheerful spirit of these wounded men is wonderful—so marvelous. They're anxious, every man, to resign their "old" status.

"Major Robert Acheson, a Communist, a Communist agent in Italy. The men jumped from the boat and became surrounded by the Italian army," he said.

"Acheson had a detail of ten men to fight their way through the mine field, and he was the only man to survive."

"Acheson ran forward, a shell from the tank clipped off his right arm above the elbow. He instinctively picked up the severed member and struck it under his belt."

"The orderly, unthoughtful by the military, who had seen the tank crew of six Germans with hand grenades. Only Acheson and I managed to reach the American lines."

"For this valor in action, Acheson was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star. He's quite a guy."

There is no doubt that historic Mackinac, sold by the Indians to the English for \$25,000 in the Revolutionary war, knows now it is in a war.

More than 300 years ago, Jean Nicolet, wearing a coat of Chinese damask, first saw this rocky island in the straits between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan.

At the battle casualties from Percy Jones hospital stepped from a trim, white ferry boat, the Mackinac Islander, they alighted upon a modern concrete dock.

The wharf, one of the finest on the Great Lakes, is the product of the new park and harbor commission, a city of the city of Mackinac Island.

At the Grand Hotel is a public bathing beach, three-quarters of a mile long, costing \$17,000.

These improvements, as well as the harbor restoration, were financed by a tax paid by steamship companies on their passengers.

Thus the tourists are making possible just as they have done at Bermuda for years, a gradual renovation of this island, secluded, cafe-free island resort, so rich in historical lore under three flags.

Among the wounded Yanks at Mackinac were Lt. Paul D. Harrison of Lansing, member of the First Airborne Division, who lost a leg in Italy; Lt. William Jeffers of the Third Division, who sustained a back wound from a landing shell at Cassino; Lt. Harry B. Schaefer, Columbus army base, who got a broken arm when a B-24 skidded on the ice during a landing; and Charles Bolton of the 10th Infantry Division, victim of a sniper's bullet while on night patrol in Italy.

In addition to Lt. Marty, who is a talented portrait artist, were Lt. Russell L. Holcomb of the Military

How Far Can You Walk?

Today we give you the infantry, poetically known from time out of mind as "The Queen of Battles," the "little old-fashioned, battle-hardened soldier," General Marshall has called him; the "mud-rain-foot-wind boys," as Ernie Pyle put it; the men who meet the enemy, who occupy the ground, who form the little black line on the map that is the front, who shoot the grenades, go in with the bayonet, who have courage for their armor, and who win battles after other services have done their heroic best.

These characterizations are borrowed from men who know the American doughboy and are acquainted with his role in this war.

The basic infantry weapon since rifles were invented is the rifle. The layman may be confused by the variety of other weapons that go into action with the rifle—the light machine gun, the light and heavy machine guns, the flame throwers, the handy and deadly little grenade, the airplane overhead, the guns behind the advancing line, the tanks. But strictly speaking the infantry, who shoot the grenades, go in with the bayonet, and who win battles after other services have done their heroic best.

These characterizations are borrowed from men who know the American doughboy and are acquainted with his role in this war.

The basic infantry weapon since rifles were invented is the rifle. The layman may be confused by the variety of other weapons that go into action with the rifle—the light machine gun, the light and heavy machine guns, the flame throwers, the handy and deadly little grenade, the airplane overhead, the guns behind the advancing line, the tanks. But strictly speaking the infantry, who shoot the grenades, go in with the bayonet, and who win battles after other services have done their heroic best.

The bull-dogged, English, stubborn as they are today, held tight to Mackinac following the Revolutionary war and until 1796. During the War of 1812 they seized it from the American garrison without firing a shot.

Federal troops, named the fort during the Mexican war and the Civil war.

The fort was a state park during the War with Spain and World War I. Today, 83 of the island's 1,000 acres are in the hands of 517 persons or in armed services.

Major Acheson and his companions may not have been aware that Mackinac Island, the historical shrine of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, a century a nationally famous summer resort, reflected a thoughtful thought of the war of July Fourth, 1944.

Members of the Michigan Tourist Association and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, a century a nationally famous summer resort, reflected a thoughtful thought of the war of July Fourth, 1944.

Major Acheson and his companions may not have been aware that Mackinac Island, the historical shrine of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, a century a nationally famous summer resort, reflected a thoughtful thought of the war of July Fourth, 1944.

Members of the Michigan Tourist Association and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, a century a nationally famous summer resort, reflected a thoughtful thought of the war of July Fourth, 1944.

Unusual Coincidence

This is the story of a man who lived and died without seeing his father or his son.

Lieutenant Ott Webb Davey, who recently died in the fighting on the Anzio beach-head, was the son of Lieutenant Otis Davey, who was killed in France during the first World War.

The Lieutenant, who died in Italy, was twenty-four years old. His father was killed in France without seeing him. Likewise, he himself died without seeing his own son who was born in December.

Another Value According to the Reading Public in the event Dewey FDR would be the passing of "My Day" (or would Eleanor write a book entitled: "My Days")

ONE THING YOU CAN SAY, IF DEWEY is elected in November: after January 1, 1945, a lot of the New Deal boys and girls would no longer get free rides on Uncle Sam's various transportation vehicles.

PERHAPS, IN THE EVENT OF DEWEY'S ELECTION, one of the saddest of New Dealers would be Uncle Harold Jerks; he could then gripe only as a mere taxpayer.

Police Corps and Lt. B. V. Dymond of the 117th Artillery, 31st Division, both of whom were nursing training injuries in a broken arm and a twisted back.

From Sicily and Cassino

From Sicily and Cassino and Normandy in Europe to the street, picturesque island at the end of a long, long distance.

There are great patterns of bridge, that gap in small groups of eight men this summer.

"We are giving this health-giving northland a new purpose and a new significance."

Hundreds of other soldiers at Percy Jones would welcome such a change. Here are the men who sustained a back wound from a landing shell at Cassino; Lt. Harry B. Schaefer, Columbus army base, who got a broken arm when a B-24 skidded on the ice during a landing; and Charles Bolton of the 10th Infantry Division, victim of a sniper's bullet while on night patrol in Italy.

In addition to Lt. Marty, who is a talented portrait artist, were Lt. Russell L. Holcomb of the Military

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO
July 19, 1894

"We want rain."

"Baseball Saturday."

"Give them a few more showers."

"Gov. Atwell doesn't care whether his bean-shooter breaks down the lights in the White house or not."

"Mrs. Joe Garnette and son, Master Willie, are enacting a play, 'Kins Lake with the family of G. H. Mitchell.'"

"Champing out" by the side of many of our beautiful lakes is now in order and is taken advantage of by many of our citizens, men, women and children all joining in the outing."

"We can't bear forgetting to mention that D. M. Doty and daughter, Miss Olean, had moved into Mrs. Thorne's house and they are now "true for honest" Birminghamers and live on Madison."

"Messrs. Peabody, Brooks (father and son), Bassett and Jones are much associated in camp at Cass Lake where they will rest and fish for this week and the better part of next."

"Major Jones and his daughter, Mrs. Florence Gillette, came driving down Maple avenue and arrived yesterday afternoon and their horse, a steady old equine too, got the best of them and ran away leaving both out near John Bodine's. Continuing east, the horse upset

"After completing 28 years of teaching at the Birmingham schools, Mrs. Wynne B. Eardly handed her resignation to the Birmingham Board of Education at the close of the school year. At a special meeting of the Board last Thursday, her resignation was accepted with regret."

"The Lions Club of Birmingham, which has a half-hundred members, will meet on Monday in the Devon Gables tea room to become a patron member of the Lions League Dog Foundation."

"Softball fans all over the city

"The 100th anniversary of the settlement of the neighboring village of Franklin is to be celebrated by a Great Home-Coming at the Train Hall on Saturday, August 11."

"Residents of Birmingham or the vicinity who might be able to help or assist in any way in the home or business place need not import someone from some other city to do the work of an architect or artist. Added to its list of "specialists" Birmingham has a new one."

"The new home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Verway on Smith avenue was completed within a week and the Verways, who have been spending the past month with Mr. and Mrs. E. Ogden, of Bird avenue, will move to their new home."

"The 100th anniversary of the settlement of the neighboring village of Franklin is to be celebrated by a Great Home-Coming at the Train Hall on Saturday, August 11."

"Residents of Birmingham or the vicinity who might be able to help or assist in any way in the home or business place need not import someone from some other city to do the work of an architect or artist. Added to its list of "specialists" Birmingham has a new one."

"The new home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Verway on Smith avenue was completed within a week and the Verways, who have been spending the past month with Mr. and Mrs. E. Ogden, of Bird avenue, will move to their new home."

Would Bar Racketeers

We have called attention to the recent remarks of R. J. Thomas, President of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, that unions should "tolerate" racketeers who work in plants and still survive.

Now comes David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, a powerful union, in New York, to suggest the elimination of racketeering from the American Federation of Labor by methods more effective than mere "moral suasion."

Mr. Dubinsky argues that the Federation has taken steps to prevent communists from sitting in national conventions and local assemblies and that can, with equal right, bar racketeers from positions of responsibility.

These declarations, and others like them, represent frank and constructive labor leadership. They indicate that the leaders of organized labor are gradually becoming more aware of the responsibility that attends the exercise of power.

ONE DAY PARIS IS NOW ASLEEP, reports a former traveler just returned from France's former capital. Store windows are empty, streets are deserted; French and Germans don't mix, but a mark of civilization still remains: Paris women still wear elegant hats adorned with flowers, fruits, feathers, and even birds.

"FROM HYDE PARK TO ALBANY TO WASHINGTON to Hyde Park" looks like a good non-union ticket for a certain distinguished American.

SO MRS. JAMES A. FARLEY PLANS TO VOTE the Republican ticket in November! Since her famous husband is now connected with the company that makes a well known soft drink, it is supposed Jim had the last say on the slogan: "The pause that refreshes."

HERE'S A SLOGAN FOR THE DEWEYITES: "Elect Thomas E. Dewey and watch the big national auction sale of New Deal bureaus . . . and bureaucrats."

The Birmingham Eccentric

Published every Thursday at Birmingham, Mich., in The Eccentric Building, 426-228 North Woodward Avenue. Telephone 11, 12 and 13.

GEORGE R. AVERILL, Editor and Publisher
PAUL NEAL AVERILL, Business Manager
HAROLD F. EVERETT, Advertising Manager
Production Manager: J. W. ALKAZAR

Entered as Second Class Matter in the U. S. Post Office at Birmingham, Michigan.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
(Outside Oakland County) Outside Oakland County
One Year \$2.50
Six Months \$1.50
Three Months \$1.00
All newspapers and advertising matter must be in The Eccentric Building, 426-228 North Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. 4-12-44.

NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish brief complimentary material providing it has news value, and suggestions for editorial contributions are usually edited, copy, and all that conform to general newspaper style.

The Season of the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may be mentioned in the columns of the Eccentric will be gladly considered upon being brought to the attention of the Editor.

There is no lack of games to watch these warm evenings, for there are sixteen teams in the city recreation league playing on three fields.

The Season of the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may be mentioned in the columns of the Eccentric will be gladly considered upon being brought to the attention of the Editor.

BEEB BUZZ TO ALASKA

As a result of developments in the handling of air freight, flowers that bloom along the Yukon River are yielding honey for Alaska's sourdoughs.

Ten thousand honeybees have been transported from Seattle, Wash., to Fairbanks by Pan American World Airways.

There is no lack of games to watch these warm evenings, for there are sixteen teams in the city recreation league playing on three fields.

The Season of the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may be mentioned in the columns of the Eccentric will be gladly considered upon being brought to the attention of the Editor.

There is no lack of games to watch these warm evenings, for there are sixteen teams in the city recreation league playing on three fields.

The Season of the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may be mentioned in the columns of the Eccentric will be gladly considered upon being brought to the attention of the Editor.

There is no lack of games to watch these warm evenings, for there are sixteen teams in the city recreation league playing on three fields.

The Season of the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may be mentioned in the columns of the Eccentric will be gladly considered upon being brought to the attention of the Editor.

There is no lack of games to watch these warm evenings, for there are sixteen teams in the city recreation league playing on three fields.

The Season of the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may be mentioned in the columns of the Eccentric will be gladly considered upon being brought to the attention of the Editor.

Peoples Column

The Eccentric is proud to receive contributions from its readers. Letters should be addressed to the Peoples Column, The Birmingham Eccentric, 426-228 North Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Ala. 4-12-44.

To The Editor, July 1, 1944

I have received this month with my mail a copy of the Eccentric which has been coming to me regularly since my people moved to Michigan. After reading an article in the "This and That" column then the war started again. I would write the Eccentric and express my views about one or more of Birmingham's rooming conditions. Up until the time I joined the navy I lived near Birmingham. I never so little started working for the White Chapel Memorial Association, which you have probably visited at some time. Birmingham and a great number of people who live there; many are very good friends and I would see again when we are finished out here.

Birmingham particularly article, Birmingham women's party, you to start a "nation-wide" drive to induce the OPA into giving women "rubber for garters." I was really astounded to think that people could be so selfish and narrow minded. Some of the men here were reading the paper after I had finished, and they, too, came upon this foolish little statement. I was asked if I was certain that "what was a town do you come from?" I said I was from Birmingham. They were shocked with them. I felt just as they did. It has been over a year since I had home. I have had a lot of news since I joined the navy in 1942, and after all this, to read about a nation-wide drive for garters. What do people think of back there? I suppose when they read in the paper that we lost "only two planes in such and such an area," that we are doing fine, the war will be over soon and that they won't have any more discomfort "what charming people we must be fighting for. How about starting a nation-wide drive for something worth while?" I'm sure you'll be glad to see that they don't have to see it; they just read about it in the papers. If you can't see a new tomorrow morning and it said "only one casualty on all fronts," the war will be happy. Don't forget that men die just as hard as a thousand. He wants to live just like all of us. He wants to return to his home town some day, and if he's home he won't think much of his home town. He'll be glad to see it. I will do my best from now on and urge everybody to do the same. I'll have my own men can have their garters. Sincerely, JOHN VERNOR WENDORPH, U. S. Navy.

Some where in Italy, July 2, 1944

To The Editor:

Ever so often something strange crops up that hardly seems credible. I'm passing this on to you because I believe it will make interesting reading. Since I was there I can vouch for this story being true.

The Germans had left a number of men behind to fight a rear guard action. They were making things as difficult as possible by throwing over quite a bit of mortar fire. Our men were to take care of a casualty. After evacuating the patient, they were surprised to find three Germans all armed to the teeth, advancing toward them. The Germans halted about 50 yards from them and their officer in charge called to them in English, asking if they would take care of these three of their wounded. At first the medical detachment thought that it might possibly be a trap. About a half hour later, however, they changed their mind and decided to risk it. If anyone was to be taken care of, it was the man who was taken care of.

They drove up the road toward the Germans and were stopped by a burst of machine gun fire in front of them. The same German officer that had spoken to them before, stepped out from cover and welcomed them. He said that of the three casualties one had died and

the other two had walked to the rear.

By this time a large crowd of Germans had gathered around them. They were asked numerous questions of a non-military nature and were showered with gifts. The men were allowed to return to their lines without a shot being fired. I had read so much about Germans firing at our medics that I decided to find out if it was true. These same medics said that they had lost only two from this cause and that they were reported as killed through February next year. I don't know if they were non-combatants. I don't if only few Germans ever intentionally fire on our medics.

Perhaps this may be an interesting story to you as it is to me. Under the circumstances this was very unusual. Usually a German rear guard has orders to fight to the last man. These Jerries weren't at all like that.

Sincerely, H. V. DANIEL H. SWARTZ, 675 Purdue Street, Birmingham, Michigan.

Fuel Shortage Calls For Furnace Care

The need for having every heating plant put in good running order for the week ending July 18, 45, is a matter of great importance. This summer has been the most severe in the history of fuel conservation.

There is every indication that the shortage of fuel will be at least as great as winter and there is a possibility that the shortage may be even more acute.

MECHANICAL REFRIGERATORS

Mechanical refrigerators may be among the first of civilian products to be manufactured again when restrictions are lifted. According to W.P.C. Chairman Donald Nelson, a unit manufacturing is planned of 12,000 refrigerators, which may be to be fabricated.

What Your City Commission Is Doing

July 10, 1944

Bills approved totaling \$7, 10, 19.

Hearing held to consider vacating Willets west of Baldwin. Action postponed until August 18, 1944.

Request for permission to move records office on City 309 and 310 Birmingham City Hall, Division referred to city manager.

Townsend Street established as "one" street at Chester.

Allice Upward appointed Deputy Treasurer for current fiscal year.

Gene Hinkle, City Clerk.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 1944

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$ 704,234.16
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	2,750.00
Properties sold on Contract	10,570.00
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	32,500.00
United States Government Bonds	520,000.00
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	11,574.68
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	245.76
Cash on Hand and in Banks	83,929.28
Total Assets	\$1,427,709.78
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$1,321,373.71
Loans in Process	7,044.42
Advance payments by Borrowers	1,082.91
Taxes, Insurance, etc.	21,225.38
Other Liabilities	1,000.00
Advance from Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	60,000.00
Specific Reserves	1,070.84
General Reserves	23,087.03
Undivided Profits	12,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,427,709.78

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, do, I, Walter L. Merriam, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

WALTER L. MERRIAM, President
JAMES E. LAWLER, Secretary
JAMES E. LAWLER, Treasurer

My commission expires February 12th, 1945.

REFRIGERATORS

Mechanical refrigerators may be among the first of civilian products to be manufactured again when restrictions are lifted. According to W.P.C. Chairman Donald Nelson, a unit manufacturing is planned of 12,000 refrigerators, which may be to be fabricated.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 1944

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$ 704,234.16
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	2,750.00
Properties sold on Contract	10,570.00
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	32,500.00
United States Government Bonds	520,000.00
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	11,574.68
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	245.76
Cash on Hand and in Banks	83,929.28
Total Assets	\$1,427,709.78
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$1,321,373.71
Loans in Process	7,044.42
Advance payments by Borrowers	1,082.91
Taxes, Insurance, etc.	21,225.38
Other Liabilities	1,000.00
Advance from Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	60,000.00
Specific Reserves	1,070.84
General Reserves	23,087.03
Undivided Profits	12,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,427,709.78

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, do, I, Walter L. Merriam, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

WALTER L. MERRIAM, President
JAMES E. LAWLER, Secretary
JAMES E. LAWLER, Treasurer

My commission expires February 12th, 1945.

REFRIGERATORS

Mechanical refrigerators may be among the first of civilian products to be manufactured again when restrictions are lifted. According to W.P.C. Chairman Donald Nelson, a unit manufacturing is planned of 12,000 refrigerators, which may be to be fabricated.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 1944

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$ 704,234.16
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	2,750.00
Properties sold on Contract	10,570.00
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	32,500.00
United States Government Bonds	520,000.00
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	11,574.68
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	245.76
Cash on Hand and in Banks	83,929.28
Total Assets	\$1,427,709.78
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$1,321,373.71
Loans in Process	7,044.42
Advance payments by Borrowers	1,082.91
Taxes, Insurance, etc.	21,225.38
Other Liabilities	1,000.00
Advance from Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	60,000.00
Specific Reserves	1,070.84
General Reserves	23,087.03
Undivided Profits	12,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,427,709.78

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, do, I, Walter L. Merriam, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

WALTER L. MERRIAM, President
JAMES E. LAWLER, Secretary
JAMES E. LAWLER, Treasurer

My commission expires February 12th, 1945.

REFRIGERATORS

Mechanical refrigerators may be among the first of civilian products to be manufactured again when restrictions are lifted. According to W.P.C. Chairman Donald Nelson, a unit manufacturing is planned of 12,000 refrigerators, which may be to be fabricated.

REFRIGERATORS

Mechanical refrigerators may be among the first of civilian products to be manufactured again when restrictions are lifted. According to W.P.C. Chairman Donald Nelson, a unit manufacturing is planned of 12,000 refrigerators, which may be to be fabricated.

My, How Sonny Boy Has Changed!



RATIONING AT A GLANCE

Meats, Fats—Red stamps. As shown by 25¢ stamp (underneath).

Processed Foods—Blue stamps. As shown by 25¢ stamp.

Sugar—Green stamps. As shown by 25¢ stamp.

Gasoline—In 17¢ East Coast states. As shown by 17¢ stamp.

Fuel Oil—Petrol. Four stamps. As shown by 4 stamps.

Shoes—Sept. stamps. As shown by 1 stamp.

Fuel Shortage Calls For Furnace Care

The need for having every heating plant put in good running order for the week ending July 18, 45, is a matter of great importance. This summer has been the most severe in the history of fuel conservation.

What Your City Commission Is Doing

July 10, 1944

Bills approved totaling \$7, 10, 19.

Hearing held to consider vacating Willets west of Baldwin. Action postponed until August 18, 1944.

Request for permission to move records office on City 309 and 310 Birmingham City Hall, Division referred to city manager.

Townsend Street established as "one" street at Chester.

Allice Upward appointed Deputy Treasurer for current fiscal year.

Gene Hinkle, City Clerk.

REFRIGERATORS

Mechanical refrigerators may be among the first of civilian products to be manufactured again when restrictions are lifted. According to W.P.C. Chairman Donald Nelson, a unit manufacturing is planned of 12,000 refrigerators, which may be to be fabricated.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 1944

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$ 704,234.16
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	2,750.00
Properties sold on Contract	10,570.00
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	32,500.00
United States Government Bonds	520,000.00
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	11,574.68
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	245.76
Cash on Hand and in Banks	83,929.28
Total Assets	\$1,427,709.78
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$1,321,373.71
Loans in Process	7,044.42
Advance payments by Borrowers	1,082.91
Taxes, Insurance, etc.	21,225.38
Other Liabilities	1,000.00
Advance from Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	60,000.00
Specific Reserves	1,070.84
General Reserves	23,087.03
Undivided Profits	12,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,427,709.78

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, do, I, Walter L. Merriam, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

WALTER L. MERRIAM, President
JAMES E. LAWLER, Secretary
JAMES E. LAWLER, Treasurer

My commission expires February 12th, 1945.

REFRIGERATORS

Mechanical refrigerators may be among the first of civilian products to be manufactured again when restrictions are lifted. According to W.P.C. Chairman Donald Nelson, a unit manufacturing is planned of 12,000 refrigerators, which may be to be fabricated.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

AS OF JUNE 30, 1944

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$ 704,234.16
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	2,750.00
Properties sold on Contract	10,570.00
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	32,500.00
United States Government Bonds	520,000.00
Office Building and Equipment (less depreciation)	11,574.68
Deferred Charges and Other Assets	245.76
Cash on Hand and in Banks	83,929.28
Total Assets	\$1,427,709.78
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$1,321,373.71
Loans in Process	7,044.42
Advance payments by Borrowers	1,082.91
Taxes, Insurance, etc.	21,225.38
Other Liabilities	1,000.00
Advance from Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis	60,000.00
Specific Reserves	1,070.84
General Reserves	23,087.03
Undivided Profits	12,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$1,427,709.78

State of Michigan, County of Oakland, do, I, Walter L. Merriam, President of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned.

WALTER L. MERRIAM, President
JAMES E. LAWLER, Secretary
JAMES E. LAWLER, Treasurer

My commission expires February 12th, 19