Any normal child who grows up without having been impressed with the deep and immeasurable values of his spiritual nature is, indeed, impoverished in mind and heart, I thoroughly believe. Such impressions may come in a variety of ways, not the least of which is the example of his parents and elders.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Some Thoughts On the Subject of Taxes On Real Estate

In the May issue of the Michigan Real Estate Association's weekly legislative bulletin is a long article on the subject of taxes on property. The sum and substance of its theme is that real estate should be relieved of much of its present burden to support various agencies of government, including the public school system.

This bulletin points out that, in one state, 90 per cent of its revenues come from liquor taxes, income taxes, sales taxes, inheritance taxes, gas and motor vehicle taxes; I take it that such a suggestion argues in favor of such methods of taxation over those from real estate, to support government.

This bulletin, edited by A. R. Saunders, the Association's executive vice-president, also declares in one paragraph: "The basic concepts of the ad valorem (meaning 'according to the value') taxation are wrong. They were evolved under an agrarian economy, and were originally designed as a means of forcing the breaking up of feudal systems of land ownership, not primarily as a source of revenue. Only in the United States and Canada are we still clinging to the old ad valorem system."

Taxes Are for Services

Now, as I understand taxes on real estate, they are imposed primarily upon the premise that such property is rendered governmental services of various kinds. These include police and fire protection; streets and sidewalks; sewer and water developments; public parks and playgrounds; the values that education leads out of human consciousness, to make people respect persons and property; and other related public services.

To relieve real estate, then, of its need to support these services would therefore upon other phases of our economy the necessity to produce taxes to support government. On the surface, that may sound nice. In only two phases of these non-real estate sources of revenue do I concur; that is the inheritance and income tax plans. I could even, temporarily, accept a few basic use taxes, especially for the support of our highways.

But a sales tax (however easy it may be to collect) imposes a morally illegal burden upon the purchasing dollar; it penalizes people for buying goods and services; thus does a sales tax automatically lower the public's purchasing powers, thus decreasing productive output, thus decreasing employment, thus increasing the social problems of individual security.

But that, in more detail, is too long a theme to develop here.

Tax Levy Inequitable

In my humble opinion, the problem is not the fact that government levies a tax upon real estate—rather, that it is inequitable in making this levy. This inequity results in the use of land for speculation, plus the ability of some land owners to exact tremendous unearned revenues from occupants of buildings on such leaseholds.

All of which merely diverts, from the pockets of those who produce wealth, too much of their wages into the pockets of folks who, themselves, are not morally entitled to that revenue.

So this diversion of labor's wages to an "unearned increment class of land-owners" puts our natural economy out of joint; but government MUST have enough revenue to support itself—hence cometh a host of other taxes, even though this extra "host" also exacts its share from the average wage-earner as well as the so-called "privileged class."

Personally, I am deeply sympathetic to the problem of taxes upon real estate. I know that they can be relieved, but only when the tax assessors of the nation are able to get society's share of the revenues they create from the land values of expensive sites.

Just Muddling Along

So we'll all muddle along; the majority of our real estate boys will think and lobby for lower taxes, suggesting more taxes from other "unearned" sources. Others will join them in this movement. Many of them thus think and act without personal knowledge of the ultimate harm they will do our whole economy. But that's the way the world wags, isn't it?

I'd like to see a tax upon land values only, with nothing on the improvements made upon such land. But that's a long way off, as Henry George agreed when he gave the world his incomparable book, "Progress & Poverty."

John Black Is Air Corps Lieutenant

John S. Black, son of Mrs. John S. Black, 691 Oak street, was home recently on leave following his graduation June 1st from Yale University. Lieutenant Black received his commission in the Army Air Corps as a communications officer. He is stationed temporarily in Chicago with the Army Airways Communications System.

Elect Four To Serve On City School Board

Two Women Are On List; Membership Increased to Seven

Birmingham school district electors on Monday named three new members to the Board of Education and returned a member of long standing to continue his activities. At the election the membership was increased from five members to seven to conform to the new rating given the district because of increased population. The same election gave the Board two women members—the first women to serve on the Board of Education, here, for many years.

Re-elected and given the largest vote of any of the seven candidates was Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., of Tilbury place, who has been serving as president of the Board. He received a total of 253 votes.

Two Women

Women members named were Mrs. Norman Lyle of 1347 Yorkshire, 245 votes, and Mrs. Lewis B. Sappington, 487 Arlington drive, 194 votes.

The fourth member elected was Amos F. Gregory, 1216 Dorchester, with 221 votes.

The two candidates with the heaviest vote, Joslyn and Lyle, will serve for terms of four years each while the other two, Gregory and Sappington, are listed for the three-year terms.

Remaining candidates were Russel McBride, 1936 Fairview, 136 votes; Charles H. Welch, Jr., 287 Suffield, 137 votes and James S. Tuttle, 1234 Willow lane, 98 votes.

The three Board members holding over from previous elections are Ernest Seaholm, with one more year of his term to serve and Wylie E. Groves and H. Ross Mack, each with two more years of their terms remaining.

The organization meeting is expected to be held on the evening of July 3 at the school offices in Hill school when a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are to be named.

On Village Board

Voting in the Monday election was at three of the schools in the city and serving on the boards were women of these precincts.

At Adams school the board was made up of Mrs. Freda Hart, Mrs. Pearl Lamb and Mrs. Aggie Deer. At Barnum three served: Mrs. Gladys Chissus, Mrs. Myrtle Taylor and Mrs. Eva Watson. On the board at Quarton were Mrs. Sadie Stewart, Mrs. Mary Fletcher and Miss Esther Purdy.

Local Boys Are Ready For Annual Summer Y Camp

Camp Mahn-go-tah-see, the Oakland County Y.M.C.A. camp will open its fifteenth season on Loon Lake at Hale, Mich., on June 28 with a camp full of boys.

The director, Robert D. Lynd, announces that a full quota of counselors has been arranged for and that the campers will have the opportunity of learning many skills as well as having the joy of living in the out-of-doors with chums.

It is expected that Warren and Virginia Comstock, who were so popular with the horseback riders last season, will return this year to direct the many activities among the boys who enjoy riding and also to initiate the new riders into the secrets of proper methods of riding and caring for a horse.

Among the other counselors are Miles W. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rethrock, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Husted, Clark Kerr, Paul Beck, Dave Wangberg, Bob King, James Smith, Dan Akers, Jerre Maynard, Robert Wolf, and George Carhart.

The camp has selected from old campers and a few others a number of older boys who will be a sort of work crew and counselors-in-training to work part of the day and enjoy the activities of the camp part of the day.

Among the older campers will be Hank Price, who will be chief bugler, Ted Herbst and Horace Potter who will do odd jobs. Later in the season Dick Adams will join this group. Dick Armutzer, Peter Ahrens, Willis Hobbs, George Hallas, Jack Blunden and John Wheatley are boys from other towns who will be a part of this group.

Your Red Cross Is At His Side

Through the Oakland County Chapter Red Cross comes official word that American Red Cross representatives are at the side of the invasion forces.

Oakland County Chapter along with 3,755 chapters in the nation comprise the grass roots of this far flung organization of mercy. In the thick of invasion fighting, there exists the Red Cross emergency channel of communication between the man with a home problem and his family here. While the men war on the enemy the Red Cross wars on the worry that affects morale.

Awarded Air Medal

T. Sgt. Gordon Drumheller

HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AAF, South Pacific—Pictured above is Technical Sergeant Gordon L. Drumheller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Phillips, 1228 E. Ruffner street, Birmingham, Michigan, radio-gunner of a B-25 at an advanced base in the South Pacific being presented with the Air Medal by Colonel "Light Horse" Harry Wilson of West Point football fame, who is his Group Commander.

The Air Medal was recently awarded to Sergeant Drumheller by the commanding general of the South Pacific area for "participating in flights of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition was encountered, and where anti-aircraft fire was effective." Sergeant Drumheller "exhibited great courage and untiring energy; his services reflecting the highest credit on the Military Forces of the United States."

Commission Keeps Close Tab On All Trees and Streets

Trees and streets continue to receive interest of the City Commission. Monday night both items were up for more consideration.

Mrs. L. E. Holten, member of the Real Estate Board, attended the session and called the attention of the Commission to the need for further care for the young trees along Hunter avenue. City Manager Harold Corson reported that only the shortage of help had prevented the trees from receiving attention earlier in the spring.

Manager Corson also reported that Mark Dande of the department of public works had reported three trees as about dead and needing to be removed from the streets. One tree at 776 Hazel was listed, another at 776 West Lincoln and a third at 872 Harman. The Commission set July 3 as the date of the necessary public hearing and referred the matter to the City Planning Commission for a recommendation.

Ask Street Be Vacated

Streets came in for attention when Walter F. Hendrick and Charles Aldrich attended the session and petitioned for the closing of a short dead-end block of Willets, west of Baldwin. The street has never been improved and has only served as a drive to the abutting property, most of which is now owned by the two men. A third owner was reported to have agreed to the request. July 10 was set as the hearing date and the

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Oil Renewals Are Mailed to Users

Mrs. A. L. Gerbing, chief clerk of the local ration board, announced Monday that fuel oil renewals have been mailed and anyone not receiving their renewal is asked to contact the board in person as soon as possible.

Persons moving into homes that already have fuel oil rations are requested to apply for separate rations in their own name, previous owner will turn in their rations. It is asked that these renewals be filled out promptly and returned to the board at once.

Persons in possession of a certificate of war necessity from the O.D.T. must bring the certificate in before July 1 for the third quarter ration. It is urged that this be taken care of immediately so that new rations may be mailed out before the first of July. Present gasoline will be invalid after July 1.

Former Local Man Killed In Germany

News has come to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Williams, 314 Aqua court, Royal Oak, and formerly of Birmingham, that their son, George Williams, was killed when his plane was shot down over Germany on May 19.

The dead pilot served for a time as special deputy sheriff of Oakland county. He was born in Highland Park. From Birmingham he had gone to Royal Oak and then to New York where he was located before joining the Air Corps.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY, PHONE B'HAM 1-0788. —adv.

Recreational Program Will Open June 19

John Brotzman Will Be Director; Many Activities Planned

The summer recreational program, under study and planning by the city recreational board for some months, will open next Monday morning under the guidance of John Brotzman, as recreational director.

The program calls for the use of four playgrounds, one in each of four quarters of the city, use of the various school tennis courts, the city recreational field, the range of the City Rifle Club, and the swimming pool at Barnum school.

Featured on the recreational program will be baseball, softball, rifle shooting, tennis, swimming, crafts, hobbies, dramatics, story telling, music and a bit of religious education for those who wish it.

In use will be the playgrounds at Quarton, Adams, Barnum schools and Terrey field. Days will be Mondays through Fridays and the hours from 9 to 12 a.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Something for each day for children over five years of age and ranging up through high school ages is being arranged.

Fine Sports Program

Baseball will be for boys nine years and over and the rifle range for boys and girls 12 years and over.

There are five tennis courts with Jane McKee in charge of instruction from 9 to 12 a.m. at Barnum, 1 p.m. at Adams and at 2 p.m. at Hill and Barnum.

Arnold Berndt, school band and orchestra director, will conduct the classes for band and orchestra from 9 to 12 a.m. at Hill school. These classes are already under way. Other pupils may register next week.

Assisting as supervisors in the various departments will be Patricia Williams, Margaret Kohr, Jane McKee, Ruth Watson and Elizabeth Brelsford.

Various registration fees for the entire summer program include: swimming pool $1 afternoons and the same price for evening classes. Adults $2. Single swims 10 cents for adults, 5 cents. Music registration fee is $1.

Use of the pool has been arranged for various age groups, with beginner boys having an hour

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Birmingham Man Dies In Algiers

William C. Edmunds, 1379 East Lincoln, said Tuesday evening that he had received no more word regarding the death of his son, Staff Sgt. Harold T. Edmunds, somewhere in Algiers.

A telegram from the war department last week brought news to the parents that Sgt. Edmunds had been killed on May 27 in a vehicle accident at an African base of the U. S. Army.

The 24-year-old staff sergeant attended Holy Name and Adams schools here and for some time was connected with the advertising department of the Nash-Kelvinator company before entering the army.

For some months he was with an engineering regiment and later was given commando training at a number of camps with sea coast duty on Cape Cod.

His duties included handling of trucks, tractors and motorcycles. He participated in the African invasion and received severe burns. Upon recovery he was transferred to headquarters staff at a new post. His last letter home was about six weeks ago.

His mother is in Florence Crittenden hospital in Detroit where she recently underwent a major operation.

Seek Rooms For School Teachers

The Birmingham Board of Education today opened a campaign to list possible rooms and apartments for teachers of this city's public schools when they return to their positions next September.

Teachers are hopeful of finding many pleasant, comfortable rooms available when they come back to resume their work.

Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland said today that persons having rooms they would be willing to lease to teachers are being asked to phone or write the information to the Board of Education, at Hill School, where the telephone number is 671.

Teachers are already busy, he said, lining up rooms or apartments for next season. Some are seeking apartments for all-the-year around. A new teacher just added to the staff is Mrs. Alice McHugh, teacher for some time in the Rochester schools. She is a Ypsilanti State Normal graduate and will teach in the sixth grade at Quarton. Her contract was signed Wednesday.

Victor and Bluebird Records, New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. —adv.

Supt. Ireland Says Schools Should Be Ready for Post-War Developments

Birmingham should look ahead with a view of keeping her public schools abreast of the times and ready and able to meet the anticipated steady growth and development of the city, declared Superintendent of Schools Dwight B. Ireland, speaking on the "Looking Ahead" program of the Rotary club, Monday noon at the Community House. J. W. Torrence was program chairman of the day. The program is to be continued at future meetings, it was announced, with other speakers discussing merchandising developments, beautification of the city and the kind of service to be rendered by the city and its people.

Superintendent Ireland declared that any projects in school development must be based upon definite needs which exist, and that needs must be determined through careful investigation of th present situation. "Expansion, for future growth," he said, "must be done as economically as possible to avoid over building."

Looking Ahead

He recommended that all future buildings in the school plant be planned with a view of easy and economical expansion. He suggested that elementary schools be planned to care for not over 400 pupils, experience having proved that this was about the most economical number to be handled in any one school building.

"Planning," he said, "must be tied in with the state and federal proposals and plans for post-war construction." He reported that he was recommending to the Board of Education immediate application for a share in the state funds offered schools for post-war planning.

Regarding present day needs Mr. Ireland asked this question: "Is there a need in Birmingham for school buildings, according to present facts?" "The answer," he said, "is definitely 'yes.' All elementary schools except Adams are filled to capacity, both in terms of pupil station utilization and room utilization. Barnum school is crowded. Its room utilization is 94.27 per cent against a national average of 77.9 while its pupil station usage is 72.3 per cent against the national average of 56.6. The various special rooms show a room usage of 71.6, with a national average of 62.3 while the pupil station usage is 59.5 against the national figures of 38.1 per cent.

"Baldwin's present facilities are

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Geo. D. Clark To Be Ordained Sunday

George Dallas Clark will be ordained to the Diaconate of the Episcopal Church, on Monday, June 19th at 10:30 a.m., in St. James' Church, Birmingham. Mr. Clark will be ordained by the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Creighton, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of Michigan.

The sermon will be given by the Rev. Charles H. Gadigan of Christ Church Cranbrook, the Litany will be read by the Rev. William C. Hamm, Rector of St. Joseph's Church, Detroit, and the Epistle by the Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Ypsilanti.

Mr. Clark is a member of St. James' Church and is studying for the ministry at the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tennessee. All members and friends of the Parish are invited to the Ordination.

Mr. Clark will return to Sewanee to complete his work, probably in January, 1945, and will then be assigned to some church as rector. His wife and two sons reside with him in Sewanee.

Retirement Plan Board Organized

The recently named members of the City Retirement Plan Board held their organization meeting Friday and selected Mayor Ray Palmer as chairman and Herbert H. Garder, of the Birmingham National Bank, citizen member on the Board, as vice chairman. Russell Berger, city treasurer, is, under the rules of the Board, the secretary and treasurer.

At the Friday session members went over the list of city employees to determine their eligibility in the coming first annual primary and election of the various employee groups.

The election is to be held within a few weeks to select employee members.

The retirement plan goes into operation for Birmingham city employees on July 1, 1944.

FLIES TO ENGLAND

Word comes from Lieut. Nelson C. Hatherley, U. S. Army Air Corps, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hatherley, 988 Humphrey, that he has arrived safely in England. Lieut. Hatherley recently completed his course at the air field at Sioux City, Iowa, and flew to England where he will be assigned to active duty. He is co-pilot on a Flying Fortress. His parents visited him in Sioux City for a week before he took off for foreign duty.

Rolland Webber Is Lions Club Head For Its New Year

Installation ceremonies for the Birmingham Lions Club took place at the meeting last Wednesday and upon taking over the gavel

Rolland F. Webber

the new president, Rolland F. Webber, of 164 Baldwin, made his committee appointments for the new year. Webber succeeds John Springman, who, in the capacity of immediate past president, will retain a seat on the board of directors of the organization for another term.

Other officers installed include: Ralph A. Main, first vice president; William Spence, second vice president; Donald L. Cummings, secretary and treasurer; Joseph B. Mogry, tail twister and Hal P. Buerge, lion tamer. Cummings and Buerge are each beginning a second term in their respective offices.

Two new members were installed to serve on the board of directors.

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Ensign James Oliver Killed In Airplane Crash In California

Ensign James Lee Oliver, Jr., 21, of Chevy Chase, Md., and formerly of Birmingham, died in a training accident Friday, the Navy Department notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Oliver, Sr. Ensign Oliver was pilot of one of the Navy's new Hellcat fighter planes.

His plane crashed about 18 miles north of Santa Rosa, California. The body is being sent to Chevy Chase where the funeral will be held late this week, at Blessed Sacrament church.

The young pilot, who was flight officer of his squadron, was home last Thanksgiving for a visit after receiving his wings in Pensacola, Florida.

He left the Foreign Service School of Georgetown University at 19 to join the Naval Air Corps. He was born in Detroit and resided for some years in Birmingham before the family moved to Chevy Chase a number of years ago.

Besides his parents he is survived by a sister and two brothers, Susan Catherine, Philip and Richard Oliver.

Worst Fires Of Year Visit City On Sunday Night

Birmingham had two bad fires over the last week end; the two constituting about the most in fire damage of the whole year thus far. Only an estimate of the damage is to be had until the insurance adjusters make their report, but preliminary figures total somewhere $11,000 for the pair of fires.

Harley Home Damaged

The first fire came early Sunday evening—around 7 o'clock—and called the Birmingham fire department to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Harley of 480 Pleasant street. There firemen found the roof ablaze, apparently from sparks from the incinerator. The fire might have been burning an hour before being discovered when the family noted smoke filtering through the doors and other openings to the first floor of the dwelling.

Smoke and water caused some damage to the upper floor rooms and furnishings, but the main loss is estimated between $500 and $1,000. Chief Oliver Vernon Griffith reports this home is covered for $12,000 but that the heaviest damage was to the roof. On one wing of the building the roof will have to be replaced while in one room the plastering may have to be replaced.

Second Fire Call

The second fire came at around 1:30 o'clock Monday morning when almost the entire roof of the W. B. Mainland home at 945 Glenhurst was discovered burning. Chief Griffith believes this fire may have been burning for several hours before being noticed by Midshipman Kenneth Brown, who was returning at Maple street and noted the red glow in the sky. He drove over into the northwest section of the city to investigate the blaze and found the Mainland home burning freely and all members of the family asleep in their rooms. His cries of "fire, fire" brought Mr. Mainland out to the front of the house. He noted the flames and hurried back to get his wife from her room; their 12 year old son from the porch; and a 15 year

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More Local Men Get Navy Call

Four more men from the Birmingham selective board's area will leave on June 19 for service with the U.S. Navy.

Included are Jerome Ellison, Victor Charles Koch and James Anthony Rybicki, Birmingham, and Embros Wilson Edwards, Hazel Park.

On Monday of this week the Navy received Lawrence L. Fuhlman, Charlotte E. Flemington, Eugene Griffin, Paul Balanecki, of Birmingham and Walter J. Capling, Royal Oak.

Of those who have men left for service with the U.S. Army, Manley Losey, Harold J. Kelley, Henry A. Haddow, Harold L. Griffin, Frank W. Niechwiedowicz, Birmingham; William F. Smith, Pontiac; Leonard F. Nancarrow, Royal Oak; Donald D. Williams, Drayton Plains, and Leonard F. Liberda, Pontiac. They reported at Fort Sheridan.

From Royal Oak comes word of several men who resided here going to the navy from that board on June 19. In this list are Glen E. Bruning and Charles Reedjes, of Birmingham and William A. Walls, Hazel Park.

Police Report Fewer Complaints On Dogs

The police department record shows fewer complaints about dogs since the dog quarantine was ordered in Southeastern Michigan. There are still reports of many dogs running at large.

Mrs. Mary Devlin, 264 Brownell, reported to the police department on June 13 that she had been bitten by a dog owned by Mrs. Susie Reh, 263 Brownell.

5th War Loan Drive Is Off To Big Start

Many Birmingham Individuals And Groups Are Busy

The 5th War Loan campaign is off to a big start in Birmingham, according to reports of Herbert H. Gardner, general chairman. "Workers are very busy for so early in the campaign," Mr. Gardner said, "and we anticipate a steady effort throughout the drive. With that slogan of 'Back The Attack—Buy More Than Before' we anticipate a really liberal reception for every worker out selling bonds."

Eighteen groups of workers representing various clubs and societies and business enterprises, the retail merchants' group and the general committee are all getting busy this week. Special and early effort is being placed on sale of bonds to individuals. The E, F, and G series bonds are being pushed. These are the investment type of bonds. Sale of other bonds to corporations and other business firms will also be pushed through the entire program.

Heavy Early Sales

Reports of the opening of the drive indicated sale of about $8,000 in E bonds on Monday with other days bringing about as good results. The "before the rush" campaign, starting late, resulted in the sale of $103,000 in bonds. This, together with the school campaign gave the local drive a powerful push ahead. The campaign closes July 8.

Retail merchants and sales forces in the many stores are already busy. Customers are being asked to buy bonds and more bonds. Frank R. Quisenberry is general chairman of the retail merchant committee and has set the campaign goal at a quarter of a million dollars in E bonds. Each sales employee is being asked to sell a minimum of $300 in bonds.

General Committee

Today Chairman Gardner announced his general committee, which is in addition to the committee of workers who will handle the drive in the business district. On this general committee Mr. Gardner has named Ralph Wilson, Edward Barth, Oscar Peterson, Charles Radtke, Frank E. Quisenberry, Harold Rider, Robert C.

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Community House Funds Are Still Being Received

Reports from Chairman Hubert J. Quinn of the Community House Fund campaign today are most encouraging with funds being received daily from Guild Workers who have thus far been unable to complete their calls. Indications are, Mr. Quinn states, that during the remainder of the week gifts will be received from another two hundred persons who annually contribute to the support of this community enterprise.

"We are very encouraged over results thus far reported and the board feels sure the total amount received will exceed even the high figure attained when the campaign opened.

"We are asking that a very special effort be made by Guild workers during the remainder of the week to complete their calls and thus give every person in the city and community House district the opportunity to support the Community House.

"We had hoped to close the campaign today but will keep it open during the remainder of the week to receive gifts to the fund."

At the recent board meeting of the Community House Association the directors report disclosed 297 meetings at the House this year of which 104 were youth activities. There were 29 meetings in connection with the War effort and two sessions of the Teen Canteen with an average attendance of over 300 young people.

The employment department reported 624 telephone calls and 324 job placements. The visiting nurses calls were doubled for May and April, indicating, board members felt, that the public was more aware of this service.

Play Leaders Plan Institute

The second annual play leaders institute is being enlarged this year to include the Birmingham, Ferndale and Royal Oak recreational departments and boards. The sessions will be on Monday and Tuesday, June 19 and 20, at Ferndale and are expected to draw a number of workers from this city.

There will be practice and instruction in tournament games, playground supervision, and demonstrations of various games. The Birmingham group will assist in newcomb, bi pin, horse shoe and volley ball.