

ORIENTATION OFFICER
 Capt. Russell M. Johnson, formerly orientation and pre-induction officer for the 1st District, Sixth Service Command, Army Service Forces, in charge of the preinduction information program in the Lower Peninsula, has been placed on the inactive list. He has been succeeded as orientation officer by 2nd Lieut. Robert E. MacDonald, AUS, Plans and Training Branch.

Enough doughnut flour to make 70,000,000 doughnuts was shipped overseas in 1943 by the Red Cross. The doughnuts were served at Red Cross clubs, canteens, and clubhouses.

Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send a card to their sons in the service. Cards should be addressed to the address of a newly-placed inducted man is of interest.

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 Horace Owens, 1-A; John Sager, 4th, 1-A; Robert Creighton, 1-A; Howard Worden, 1-A; Marlin Masters, 1-A; Clarence Ambush, 1-A; Emilie Czaja, 1-A; Joseph Harlukowicz, 1-A; T. Camp, 1-A; Randall Barton, 1-A; Rex Oberbeck, 1-A; Peter Chase, 1-A; Merritt Pitcher, 1-A; Matthew Wildauer, 1-A; Robert Potts-piece, 1-A; David Ketalut, 1-C Enl.; Ernest Jackson, 4-F.

PHOTOGRAPHER IN ENGLAND
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Estes have just received a letter from their son, Pfc. Howard E. Estes, 22, indicating that he has reached England where he is with the army engineers attached to aviation. He writes he likes the country very much and that his work as an army photo-topographer is going along in good shape. He is trained at Lowry Field, Denver. Pfc. Estes was started on the road to photography while he was a member of old Troop B4 of the Birmingham Boy Scouts with Coach Engles as scoutmaster. From there he followed through his schooling time at Michigan State College and with General Motors, where he did research work.

Charles William Carrick S 2 C is now stationed at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla., where he is studying to be an Aviation Machinist Mate.

Headquarters, European Theatre of Operations—Capt. John S. Godett and Cpl. Robert Pilkins, of Birmingham, Mich., are among the artillerymen participating in the intensive drills, lasting many hours each which are preparing artillerymen of an outfit in Great Britain for their part in the liberation of occupied Europe. Their big guns daily blast simulated enemy positions, leveling them for an attack by the infantry and preparing the way for drives through enemy lines.

Aviation Cadet Richard Irwin Keyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Keyes, 744 Hazelwood, has completed his basic flight training at the AAF Pilot School (basic), Fort Rucker, Montgomery, Ala., it was announced today by Major

Arthur E. Stump, Jr., commandant of cadets at that field. Prior to his arrival there, Cadet Keyes had received his primary training at Grafton Field, Florida. He was appointed an aviation cadet Dec. 12, 1942. While at Gunter Field, Cadet Keyes had logged approximately 70 hours in basic training ships.

Lt. Ward Cruickshank has written his parents that he has arrived safely in England and that he is billeted in an old castle. This is the first word that the Cruickshanks have heard of his arrival.

15th Army Air Force—Recently joining a heavy bombardment group of B-24 Liberators operating from England, Birmingham, Capt. Fredrick C. Pew, of 320 Suffolk road, Birmingham. Capt. Pew's wife, Mrs. Gladys Duffy Pew, lives at the Suffolk road address while her husband is on foreign service. Capt. Pew entered the USAAF in May of 1942. He has had various assignments as a staff officer, but this is his first combat duty.

Fort Worth, Tex., Mar. 24—2nd Lt. John A. Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. Porter, of 1035 Pierce, Birmingham, today was a member of the 18th class of Liberator B-24 bomber pilots to graduate from the AAF Pilot School at Fort Worth Army Air Field, Ft. Worth, 21, received his preliminary flight training at Coleman, Sherman, and Houston, Texas.

George L. Dear returned yesterday to Great Lakes naval training station following a visit home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dear, 16295 Berkshire. He has completed his boat training and expects to be sent out to some new naval duty. The lad is now a second class seaman and is enjoying his naval life.

Maurice L. De Vlieger, S 2 C, having finished boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., is now at Yeoman School at Bainbridge naval training station, Maryland.

Pvt. J. D. Wade left Friday for Ft. Meade, Md. He had been home for a seven-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wade, 223 Webster.

Corrected
 First Sergeant (talking of hunting)—Now, when the bull moose... your pardon. The bull bellows—the cow moos.

Navy Team Center



John MacDonald

Mt. Pleasant—John MacDonald, Birmingham student in the Navy V-12 unit at Central Michigan College, was one of the twelve basketball men who just received their awards for the 1943-44 season here. MacDonald scored a total of 190 points during the past season.

E. W. Osborne Buys McClellan Feed Store

On Saturday of this week the McClellan Feed and Salt company store on Woodward avenue is to pass to new ownership. E. W. Osborne has purchased the business and will take possession on April 1.

Mr. Osborne is well and favorably known in Birmingham business circles and states he plans to continue the business as in the past with a large stock.

It is expected Mr. McClellan will maintain a downtown office in the same building.

Women in Service

Mrs. Augusta Merrill Is Now In Canal Zone

Monday, March 13, 1944.

I want you to know that the Eccentric comes fairly regularly, and it is fun to read about old friends and acquaintances. Sometimes it is sad to note that someone you knew and liked has passed away. I noticed in a recent issue that the Herbert boy is stationed in the Zone, and if I knew his post I'd get in touch with him and give him a home made chocolate layer cake, particularly if his post is back in the jungle—he would enjoy a bit of home cooking. If his parents would tell him to get in touch with me at The General Manager's office of the Commissary Division, I would enjoy seeing a Birmingham face.

Our daughter, Sylvia, who is attending Mary Washington College (the women's department of the University of Virginia) is going to join us in the Zone this summer. This might be an item of interest to her former Baldwin friends.

Time passes very quickly here, in part because of the continuous summer. I have been in bathing almost every Sunday, and have acquired a nice tan.

AUGUSTA F. MERRILL

Formerly Chief Clerk of Local Board No. 7.

Preparing to release shore-stationed male yeomen, two Birmingham Women Reservists have begun their training at the Naval Training School (Yeomen) located on the Iowa State Teachers' College campus, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Successful completion of the 12 weeks' course makes the feminine Bluejackets eligible for petty officer ratings before they are assigned active duty to some naval shore station.

The Birmingham Women Reservists are: June T. Weller, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Weller, 370 Townsend road; and Dorothy D. Taylor, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Darby Taylor, 448 Willets.

Mary E. Staples has been promoted to petty officer, 2nd class. She is a storekeeper in the Wives.

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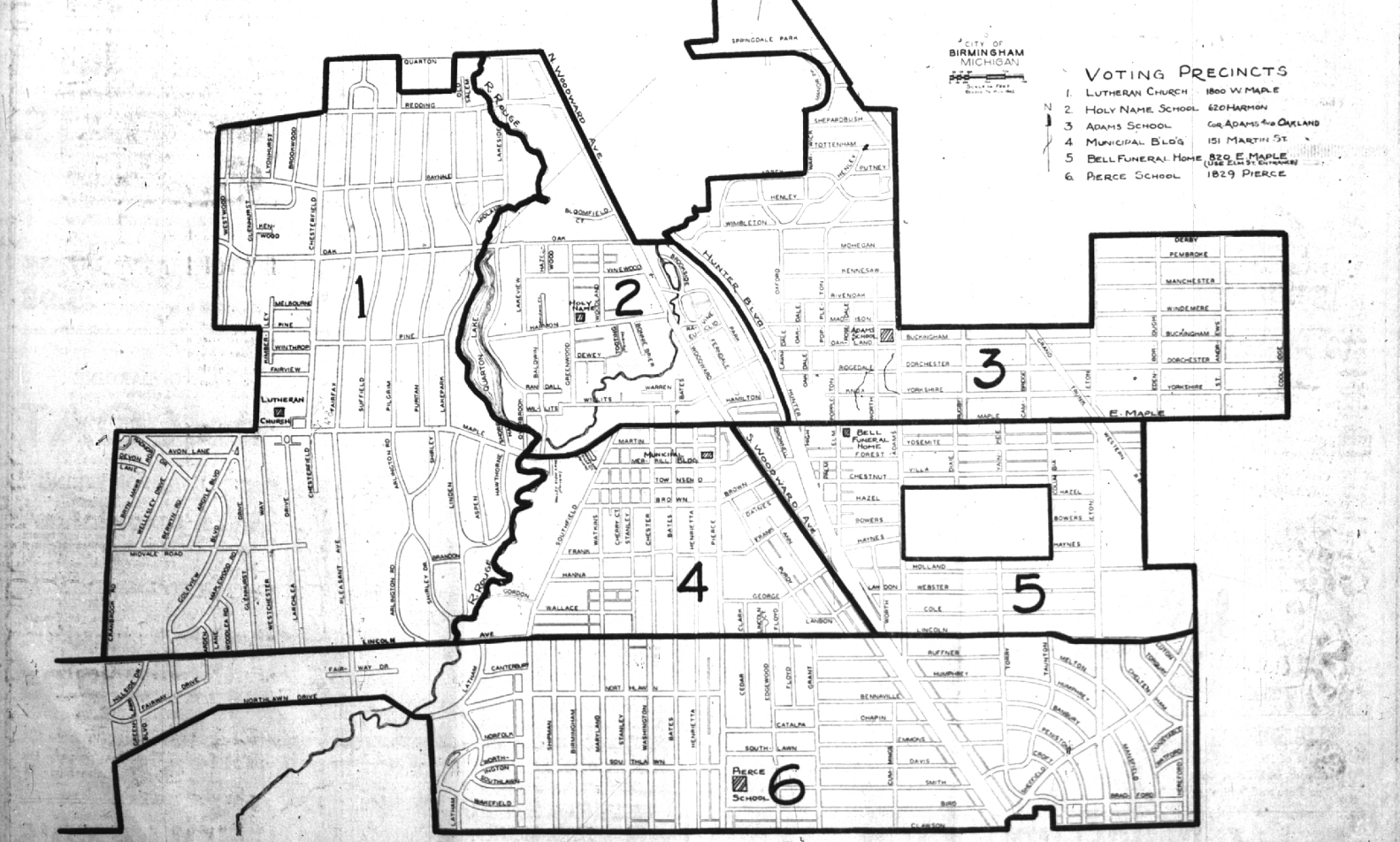
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Where You Will Vote in the City Election, April 3



- VOTING PRECINCTS**
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 2. HOLY NAME SCHOOL 620 CHARLTON
 3. ADAMS SCHOOL COR. ADAMS & OAKLAND
 4. MUNICIPAL BLDG 151 MARTIN ST
 5. BELL FUNERAL HOME 820 E MAPLE (USE ELM ST. ENTRANCE)
 6. PIERCE SCHOOL 1829 PIERCE

Voters of Birmingham are reminded that they may vote this year at a new place, the various voting precincts having just been changed on order of the City Commission.

Boundaries of all precincts have been changed and new precincts added. The map here reproduced shows the boundaries of the six voting precincts of the city and voting under the new plan will be held for the first time on April 3.

Many important items are up for consideration at the coming election, including the naming of city commissioners and board members and the question of providing a retirement pay plan for city employees. Every voter is asked to study this map of the city and thus be ready to go easily to their new voting place on election day.