

Clean-Up Paint-Week

PART ONE

To work for and in a glorious cause... Bill Basse and Sam... Fraternize together, never say a harsh word to one another, share one another's joys and average experiences.

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"If You Know Susie" As I Know Susie

Few things bring so much satisfaction to parents as the fact that their children are all well together. One of the big inspirations of my own life is knowing that my Bill Basse and Sam... Fraternize together, never say a harsh word to one another, share one another's joys and average experiences.

All of which brings me to the presentation of a brief note that today, 22, sent Sister Susan, 20, recently Johnny is in the Air Corps, ground crew, stationed at Army Base in Millville, New Jersey. He is a crew-chief responsible for maintaining a P-47 Thunderbolt airplane in good flying condition.

Seeking Political Office

Some weeks ago, in this column, I referred to suggestions made by a number of people that I might be a candidate for the Michigan State Senate, on the Republican ticket.

Since publishing that comment I have received many letters, telephone calls and mail, all of which have been very flattering.

Then I thought of another angle of the situation. I knew that the value of a legislator lies in the length of his service.

The entire program is under the leadership of Mrs. F. H. Mellinger as chairman.

As I am in the mood to make a career of politics, that if I did become a legislator, I would be interested in serving only one term, certainly not two.

So that's how matters now stand. I say "I" because you who did show your faith in me by arguing that I should become a candidate.

"Best Things"

Recently I came upon this list of "best things," worth clipping.

The Best Education—Self-education.

The Best Medicine—Cheerfulness and Temperance.

The Best War—The Eight Army—One's Own Weakness.

The Best Art—Painting a Smile on the Face of a Child.

The Best Biography—The Life of Christ.

The Best Mathematics—Multiplying the Joys and Dividing the Sorrows.

BOARD OF REVIEW MEETS. Today, Friday, April 11, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 8 p. m. the Board of Review on tax-ation will meet in room 405 in the Municipal Building.

City Commission Studies Plans For Improving and Oiling of Streets

The City Commission on Monday evening again gave considerable thought to street improvements. Following the usual routine during which bills were approved and the payroll given official O.K., the council heard a request from about 25 residents on Holladay street that the city take steps to improve that street and to clear away unsightly piles of logs and other building supplies.

City Manager H. H. Corson pointed out the location on the large city map and explained the history of the recent developments in that residential area. He told the board that the street in question had never been improved to any great extent. The residents in the neighborhood suggested that the street be kept free of trucks but that thus far the city has never done anything in that way, Mr. Corson said.

Will Make Plans

The commission referred the matter to manager Corson who revealed plans for early communication with the property owners to start work on the street.

Mr. Corson reported that property owners in several sections of the city were preparing petitions for oiling and other improvements to be paid for in advance through personal payments

Red Cross Drive Totals Revealed

Birmingham's part in the splendid Red Cross fund drive, just completed, was revealed by the report today by the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross.

Byron B. Webb, county chapter chairman states that the successful drive was due to the tireless work of volunteers who canvassed the cities and towns of the county.

Assisting actively will include: Mrs. J. E. B. Miller, Mrs. G. R. Rutherford of Birmingham was chairman of the county campaign.

The following list of contributors is preliminary and is based on Birmingham, \$36,177.25; Bloomfield Hills, \$23,677.18; Troy, \$14,847.72; Troy, \$2,471.61.

Big Paper Drive At Bloomfield Village

Bloomfield Village folk today reported themselves proud of their paper and old clothes salvage report, not only for the early May collection but also for the spring drive, which opened March 1.

The May collection on May 2 and 3, the Village report received Tuesday by Mrs. H. G. Brien, was also very gratifying.

Chief V. W. Griffith Sees Need for Elimination of All Fire Hazards

Fire and disease can often be traced to rubbish accumulations. Chief V. W. Griffith said today in discussing the importance of Spring Clean-Up. He urged that all family take advantage of the services of the city's refuse collectors, basements, storage places, garages, back yards and vacant lots.

He also advised householders to make all repairs that may be needed to keep their homes safe from fire.

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Schools Ready To Open for 5th Bond Drive

The Fifth War Loan campaign will start Monday, May 15, in Birmingham when the schools of the city unite on a drive to collect at least \$50,000 in these government bonds as their quota in the undertaking.

The school campaign continues through June 2 and during that time every institution in the county, including grade schools, junior high schools and high schools, will have a part in the drive.

This early start was made necessary if the schools are to participate in the drive for most schools here and in the area close by the middle of June.

Service Groups Told to Help Make Democracy Work

"It is my deep conviction that the world today is rapidly drifting toward totalitarianism, authoritarianism, and dictatorship. It is necessary to follow in securing such improvements as the property owners have done in this street."

Those words, couched in the language of the Exchange Club, Dr. O. O. Beck, Exchange, introduced property owners in several sections of the city.

Seniors Are Going To Niagara Falls

Baldwin high school seniors are going to have a "skip weekend" instead of their usual "skip-day" and have all plans made for a boat trip to Niagara Falls.

The big special event in connection with the campaign will be the school concert at the Baldwin high school on Wednesday, May 10.

The entire class will be excused from school at 11 o'clock next Thursday. Lunch will be served for the class by the school.

Will Ship Out 15 Tons of Salvaged Paper This Week

Two large truck trailers, each carrying from seven to eight tons of paper salvaged from being shipped to the city dump, are leaving Birmingham today.

School Census Is Being Taken Here

The school census in Birmingham is now being taken, according to Louis M. Randall, business manager of the Birmingham Press-Scimitar.

The work is to be completed in about three weeks. The work of the census is being handled by Mrs. Charles Craig, who headed the last year, and Mrs. Clyde M. Coons, who will make a complete house canvass to secure the 1944 figures.

The other half of the May-quantity shipped, Mr. Vance's report states, came from the regular salvage trucks of the business houses of the city.

Work Started on Big Annual Campaign to Clean Up the City

Plans are all completed for Birmingham's annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up week, which formally opens next Monday and continues through Saturday, May 20.

Dr. Dwight B. Ickert, superintendent of schools, and deeply interested in the continued success of the drive, was the speaker at the kick-off program, speaking on "The Fourth Quarter State of Birmingham." He called attention to the duties and good examples through the schools.

Kick-Off Dinner Starts Community House Fund Drive

The "kick-off" dinner for the annual Clean-Up, Paint-Up, Fix-Up Campaign, attracted 125 Monday evening, the group including present Board members, various community organizations, Guild Workers, former board members and fund drive chairman.

He was designated as a naval aviator and assigned to duty with a blimp squadron on anti-submarine patrol duty, after graduation exercises were held for his class of officers, cadets and enlisted sailors, all graduated upon completion of training in the ship flight training school here.

Watch Canton in Action. The evening's activities included reports on the early successes of the campaign and the tasks of the supplies to the Guild Workers, final instructions to many of these churches and special assistance to others.

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Safety Plaques To Local Schools

Excellence of traffic safety work in three Birmingham and one Bloomfield Hills schools was recognized today by the state Traffic Division of the Automobile Club of Michigan.

The student committee planning the trip consists of Carmela D. Brien, chairman, and during the rain out down the total of 15 tons of salvaged paper will be shipped to the city dump.

Business Women End Bond Selling Drive

The bond selling contest of the Birmingham Business Women's club has just been completed with Team Blue winning with a net of \$21,600 in U.S. War Bonds sold in the six months from November, 1943 to May 10, 1944.

From the department of public work of the city comes the word that city trucks will pick up debris and rubbish, brush, etc. from that section of the city south of Maple street and east of Woodward street on Monday, starting early in the day.

On Tuesday the pickup crew will work in that section of the city

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