

Recently a local boy, 15 years of age, came into The Eccentric office for a job; he was clean looking, set forth his wants clearly and confidently—he wore a smile. The youngster had all the signs of one who will get along in this world, but was too young to hire. He is, I think, quite an exceptional boy.

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We will close on Saturday night, May 27 at 8:00 p.m. and will not reopen until Wednesday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.



## Bits of Birmingham

This evening a group of about 25 members of the Birmingham Rotary club will motor out to Waterford to participate in the "charter night" program of the recently organized Waterford Rotary club. Word comes of an interesting program planned.

A couple of automobile accidents over the week end sent several Birmingham young folk to hospitals for repairs. On Friday afternoon, at Pilgrim and Pine streets, a car driven by Patricia Davison, 490 Fairfax, was struck by a car driven by G. A. Kelly, 1401 West Square Lake road. Miss Davison lost control of her car in the crash and it struck a tree. She was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy hospital. Damage to her car was estimated at about \$600 and that to Kelly's car at from \$100 to \$200. Sunday a stunt on North Woodward a car driven by Paul Peck, 584 Hanna, skidded on the wet pavement and struck a tree, causing painful injuries to the driver and to Gloria Davison, 732 Larchlea, and Lillian Dolin, 266 Bates. All suffered from bruises and shock. Gloria and Paul were taken to St. Joseph's but Lillian was able to return home.

Those pigs in Birmingham automobiles in these war days of low-octane gasolines are helping send bullets slugging toward us and Nazis! High-octane gasolines are being used by the boys in service and American motorists are helping speed victory by using Italy, to Ford M. Brook, local editor, who discusses "outdoor plumbing." He relates that where he is such "conveniences" are far from being modern, probably as they were in the days of the Casars. "On the wood seat of our 'Chic Sales two-hole' there is much roughness; indeed, it is rougher than though it were covered all over with battered bottle caps—which, by the way, prevents its use as a 'library.' All of which adds up to Army efficiency. Boy-won't lots of us in foreign places be happy to get home for many things not included in our list of which will be comfortable plumbing."

The average American soldier's sense of humor saves him in many a foreign situation. For example in a recent letter from Captain Frederick C. Few, 320 Suffolk, who is connected with the Air Forces Combat Intelligence in Italy, to Ferd M. Brook, local editor, he says that "outdoor plumbing" is a "convenience" that is not being modern, probably as they were in the days of the Casars. "On the wood seat of our 'Chic Sales two-hole' there is much roughness; indeed, it is rougher than though it were covered all over with battered bottle caps—which, by the way, prevents its use as a 'library.' All of which adds up to Army efficiency. Boy-won't lots of us in foreign places be happy to get home for many things not included in our list of which will be comfortable plumbing."

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Brig. Gen. Leroy A. Pearson, state selective headquarters director, has asked Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland and other superintendents of Michigan high schools to remind students that they must register with the draft boards on their eighteenth birthday. Gen. Pearson says that reports to his departments from some parts of the state indicate some boys have been slow to comply with the selective service law and, thus face a charge of "becoming subject to service delinquency." Schools can be of considerable assistance in preventing youths from unknowingly becoming selective service delinquents and making them liable to prosecution as "draft evaders," Gen. Pearson said.

For the balance of this month veterans' organizations of Birmingham will be very busy. On Friday and Saturday, May 26 and May 27, both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Veterans of War Veterans will be selling poppies in their annual drive. These poppies are made by disabled veterans of the last war who are still in hospitals. On Sunday all veterans and members of auxiliaries, the MOVS club and all members of the armed forces in Birmingham will attend the Methodist church in a body. Groups are to be at the church on West Maple at 10:55 a. m. sharp. On Tuesday, May 30, Memorial Day, the veterans' groups will attend the memorial program at the Municipal Building at 10 a. m.

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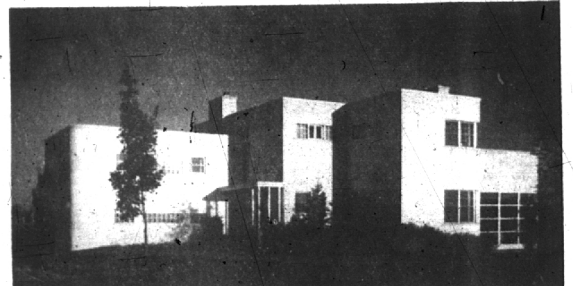
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Dr. Vernon B. Kellett, former headmaster at Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills, and now headmaster at St. James School in Maryland, will speak at the baccalaureate service to be held at Christ Church Cranbrook this Sunday morning at 9:30.

There's always something new to learn in and about Birmingham and over the week end the Wanderer had occasion to drive from Pontiac to Mt. Clemens and noted the common garden rubbish—pie plant to many. The larger fields were mainly about the attractive town of Utica and from there, it is said, trucks take tons and tons of this delicious pie plant to market. Yes, a lot of it is shipped to other cities than Detroit. This writer never realized there was so much pie plant and what he saw Sunday was more than he had ever seen before in his entire life.

Sunday morning on Southfield road, between Southland and Wakefield, Cliff Summers, Detroit, was injured when his car ran off the road and struck a tree. He was taken to Bedford branch of Receiving hospital.

All veterans' organizations, service clubs, women's organizations, churches and fraternities have been requested to have representatives at the American Legion Home on Sunday afternoon, May 28 at 2:30 o'clock to receive final instruction for their part of the Birmingham Memorial Day ceremonies.

Charles Rust, Victory Garden committee chairman, took a quick run out around the city Sunday... as far as his limited gasoline supply would permit... and found a lot of gardens apparently had been planted early, despite the wet weather. Numerous gardens showed peas, onions, lettuce and other things already coming up. The committee head found other gardeners waiting a drying off of the land before starting spring operations. His word today was "Get the gardens planted just as quickly as the weather man will permit. Cultivate early and often. Fight those bugs and insects."

Closing on Memorial Day will be the post office, both banks, city offices, many professional offices, business offices and business places of the city, it was disclosed today. From the post office comes word that only special delivery mail and perishables will be delivered.

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The Michigan State College Alumni scholarship committee for District 12, of which Howard Estes is chairman and Ralph Corryell a member, today received word that three young people from the district have been selected to receive scholarships. They are Dorothy Grace Gustafson, Farmington; Eugene Newman Parker, Royal Oak; and Nancy Jean Wilson, Ferndale. The alternate named was Jeanne Louise Bartelsen, Hazel Park. The Lady's Aid Society scholarship for District 12 was awarded to Patricia Louise Karau, Pontiac.

Birmingham realtors appear to have a change of interest in city affairs rekindled somehow for during the last two weeks three of them attended a meeting of the City Commission. Last week it was Elliott S. Kinney who found a body. Groups are to be at the meeting opened and discovered he was the only Birmingham resident interested enough in the city budget to attend the session. So this week Monday night in walked Whiting Raymond, also a realtor, and soon Louis Hassall slipped in quietly and took a seat just inside the door. When Mayor Pro Tem W. E. Moody asked if the men wished to address the commission, Raymond said he had been delegated to be the realtor attending this week and Hassall said he had just dropped in to see if Raymond was carrying out orders by attending. Like Kinney the week before, both men found the session very interesting and remained to participate in discussions.

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