# Last Of The Five Cummings Boys Is Back From Service

"I'm the last of the Mohicans," declared 1st Lt. Jack Cummings, U. S. Marine Corps, as he reached Birmingham early this week from Japan, China and points in the Far East. And that was correct, too, for the other four Cummings brothers in the war service had already arrived home and also received their discharge from service. The five are sons of Mrs. Leora Cummings, 195 Henrietta.

First to arrive was Roger Cummings, for two years with the naval ship postal service. Roger was the last of the five brothers to enter the service for World War II and was the first of the group to receive his discharge. Roger was in action in that first attack on Okinawa.

Capt. James Cummings, serving with the Army for about four years also arrived from Japan, after service in the Pacific theater of operations. He has accepted a position with the Civil Aeronautical Administration, with which he was associated before the war, and has been sent to Boise, Idaho, where he and his wife and son are residing.

Tech. Sgt. Clarence Cummings came home from Boca Raton Field, Florida, where he has been for some time with the finance department of the Army Air Corps. He received his discharge Monday, April 15. He served for three years. He was with DuPont at the Toledo sales office before the war and he and his wife and daughter may return there shortly.

Thomas Cummings, three years in naval service and for most of that time in the Pacific area, is out of service and home. His rating was WT2C and he served aboard the USS Piedmont.

If you failed to find that article in the stores, you may discover it by turning to and reading the Eccentric Classified Ads.

# MURDER

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Woodward and phoned Royal Oak police.

The other two men leaped from the car and disappeared.

Police report finding Leno in a stupor beside the road a short distance south of the city, and that he still held the razor in his hand. Santos was taken into custody by Berkley police as he attempted to board a bus at 13 Mile road and Greenfield.

**Served Aboard Tanker**

The slain man was lately released from U. S. Naval service after serving for some time aboard a tanker. He had been employed at the Wilson Foundry in Pontiac, and leaves a wife and two children.

Ledezma has a wife and six children, according to reports to police. He came to the Pontiac area eight or ten years ago.

Joseph, who is 18 years of age, has been employed at Wilson's Foundry. Huerta, 38, was employed at the Pontiac Motor company. He is single and resides at 562 Indiana street, Pontiac.

Ledezma was questioned at length by Chief of Police John P. Hackett, Police Sergeant William Green and Lieut. DeLyle Service, together with Harvey Lodge, assistant prosecutor. For quite a while he had little to say but Tuesday indicated extreme remorse at the crime. His statement was taken by Lieutenant Service and Assistant Prosecutor Lodge.

Taken before Judge Forbes Hascall, in Birmingham city court, Tuesday, Ledezma waived examination and was held for trial in circuit court.

**FURNACE EXPLODES**

Coal gas caused an explosion in the furnace at the home of Anthony D'Agostino, 855 Mohegan, last Thursday. Smoke filled the basement and house and was cleared by the fire department. Sunday there was damage to the porch of the Beatrice Kaiser home, 1292 Davis, when sparks set a small fire there. It is said loss was covered by insurance.

# City Manager Tells Real Estate Board Of Improvements

At its meeting held in the Community House, Tuesday, April 16, the Birmingham Real Estate Board heard D. C. Egbert, city manager, report on municipal affairs.

He covered briefly such interesting topics as city utilities, the water department and sewage department, stating that the water department was nearly debt free and had reasonably adequate arterial mains. Softening treatment of the water is being considered. The comparatively new sewage treatment plant is nearing capacity now.

**Would Improve Parks**

On parks, the Manager said figures show that Birmingham provides one acre per forty-six people whereas the normal is considered to be one acre per one hundred persons. He feels parks are not one of the immediately pressing matters, although some recreational facilities and improvements are —such as, ball fields, tennis courts, etc. He commented on some improvement to Quarton Lake, deepening same to help eliminate unattractive conditions there. He said the City is about to acquire a new fire truck to replace one nearly twenty-five years old. Streets, a major issue, are of course, foremost on the agenda of the city authorities today and undoubtedly, some improvement will be seen in local conditions soon. From his observations, it would appear that the City will need more adequate water supply and Mr. Egbert said the City has authorized funds for a test well to be drilled at once.

**Big Meeting April 30**

The Board was informed that A. R. Saunders of Lansing, the general secretary of the Michigan Real Estate Association, will make an address here Tuesday, April 30.

The Board members unanimously voted to close all realtor offices in the Community, Easter Sunday, April 21.

Guests at the meeting included Major Larkin, Sidney Irwin and John Geyman, the latter a newcomer now associating himself with Max Broock, Inc.

# ADAMS

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elected a vice-president and director.

In 1934, Mr. Adams joined the late Theodore F. MacManus and W. A. P. John to found MacManus, John & Adams, Inc. Successively he has been vice-president, executive vice-president and president-treasurer of that organization.

**Well Known Writer**

Mr. Adams is the author of "More Power to Advertising," published by Harper, and numerous articles and monographs dealing with the creative aspect of advertising. He has written, personally, more than one hundred million dollars worth of advertising copy.

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# BOARD

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original petition for annexation to Bloomfield Hills."

Mr. Sweeney stated he felt the case should be settled out of court between the people involved and the respective School Boards.

"Circuit Judge John B. Hartrick last Thursday in his hearing of the case indicated he would like the litigants to get together to see if the case could be ironed out before he had to settle the legalities in court," Mr. Sweeny said. "That's why we're here tonight: to get information that might help us do that."

**Heard of New Boundary**

Mr. Plate pointed out to the board members that he had heard some discussion centering around the possibilities of a new settlement of the boundary between the Birmingham and the Bloomfield Hills school districts.

He said that if the Board was not in agreement with the boundaries mentioned in the petition, he would like to discuss possible new ones.

(In general, the boundary between the two districts mentioned in this petition would extend east and west along Quarton road, from Woodward Ave. to the eastern boundary of the Wing Lake school district.)

Mentioning that both the State Department of Education and the Oakland County Superintendent of Schools for some years have been urging the Birmingham school district that would eventually absorb the Bloomfield Hills district, Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., president of the Birmingham School Board, said his Board would be going against these opinions if it agreed to the proposal made by the persons represented by Mr. Plate.

**State Favors Consolidation**

Board member H. Ross Mack expressed the views of the other Board members in pointing out to Mr. Plate that the State Department of Education was trying to eliminate a great percentage of more than 6,000 school districts in Michigan by encouraging them to consolidate for better administration.

"I do not believe that you will ever be able to convince the State Department of Education that these small areas can operated efficiently if they split, such as your might do. If you look at the long-range plan, forgetting prejudices and local desires, you will agree with it. The Birmingham Board in relation to outlying school districts has attempted to be constructive in agreement with the state educators."

Mr. Plate said he felt the group he represented would be in sympathy with the views of the Department of Education and that his group did not want to object to or oppose these plans.

"This has shed new light on the subject and I shall report it to our group," he said.

# *Annual Fund Drive Of Cancer Society Started This Week*

The annual campaign for funds for the American Cancer Society in the Birmingham area was placed under way this week with Mrs. W. H. Knowles serving as chairman, for her sixth year.

There are special committees set up in Lathrop Townsite, Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and other parts of the district, Mrs. Knowles reports.

Among her captains are Mrs. William Bell, Mrs. Newton Hadley, Mrs. Sidney Patterson, Mrs. Kenneth H. MacQueen, Mrs. V. B. Watkins, Mrs. H. P. Halladay and Mrs. J. S. Van Alstyne.

Among her other leaders and workers are:

Mrs. Everett Schafer, Mrs. Frank Reynolds, Mrs. C. V. Crockett, Mrs. John Maynard, Mrs. John Riddle, Mrs. Philip Williams, Mrs. Alfred LaBelle, Mrs. Lewis E. Sappington, Mrs. Craig Richey, Mrs. Philip Handerson, Mrs. F. B. McKinney, and Mrs. Lawrence Shafner.

Mrs. Arthur Plant, Mrs. Walter Lipps, Mrs. Harry B. Coen, Mrs. Robert Grindley, Mrs. O. F. Pearson, Mrs. Haines Walmsley, Mrs. George Hendri, Mrs. Alexander Tolsma, Mrs. Newan C. Barnes, Mrs. Charles Kuhn, Mrs. William Henderson, Mrs. E. W. Hubbard, Mrs. Robert M. Ball, and Mrs. Warren Olsen.

**BUY WINDOW SHADES**

To help prevent eye-strain caused by poor lighting facilities in Quarton School, the Board of Education Tuesday evening authorized the purchase of special window shades to the amount of $936.13. These shades will permit light to come through the windows, while keeping out the direct rays of the sun. An attempt will be made to install these shades prior to the opening of the school year next September.

**RECOVERS FROM HURTS**

Harry Clark, injured in a car accident on Woodward avenue, near 14 Mile road, last June, has recovered sufficiently to return to his position as manager of the meat department at Kroger's South Woodward avenue store, here. Clark has had charge of this department the past 16 years until the car accident put him out of commission June 13.

**IS RotARY SPEAKER**

Edward Moser, chairman of the Board of the Pontiac State Bank, and farmer and attorney, was the speaker at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club. Lloyd Linton was program chairman of the day and introduced the speaker. Taking for his tonic "Thoughts of a Superannuated Man," the speaker touched on such topics as the atomic bomb, the real purpose of education, individual property holdings, the age of super and deluxe, morals, and other items, leaving with the men bits of thought provoking information.

# City Making Ready For Cleanup Drive

Birmingham today was again urged to have a big part in the annual Clean Up Week, May 6 through May 11, and to begin that task at once.

"Don't wait until May 6 to start cleaning up," said D. C. Egbert, chairman of the local civic committee. "Get off to a big preseason start right now so that the task may be finished before Clean Up Week is over."

The chairman suggested that ashes be hauled away immediately, that brush be moved away, and that back yards be cleared of old cans and other debris of winter. "We cannot do all the work in one week; somebody must start early," Mr. Egbert continued.

John W. Gafill, of the Birmingham Victory Garden committee, added his plea for early action to that of Mr. Egbert. "Those garden spots not already cleared should be given attention at once. By starting now gardeners will be ready when the planting season comes. And if gardens are cleared and ready maybe the lawnman may drop in most any day."

Already in several sections of the city people are seen clearing away a lot of unwanted shrubs, old trees and in place of these are setting new trees, bushes and flowers.

# OWNERS

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property owners. However, many persons residing in that section joined with the property owners on the first block to voice their objections to any improvement other than oiling and repairing. The project was ordered abandoned, with a proviso attached to the motion that the city manager be directed to again study the needs for that section of Wimbleton right at Hunter.

**To Pave Cole Street**

The proposed Cole street paving project received further study and was approved by the Commission. Plans and estimates will be completed soon and a hearing called. The cost will be close to $10,000 for curb and gutter and gravel roadway.

There were numerous digs taken at the city for methods used in street repair in recent years, and finally City Manager D. C. Egbert replied that for a year or two it had been impossible to secure the kind of material for this work that the city formerly used with good results. He said that with the ending of the war such material would again be available.

"The city has about 85 miles of gravel road to keep in repair and with weather such as we had this spring it was impossible to cover the entire area as rapidly as some property owners had hoped for," he said.

Mayor Milton F. Mallender explained that street improvements are largely the financial responsibility of property owners and cannot be assessed against the city at large. "However," he said, "the public does share in all permanent improvements, including grading of street intersections, engineering and other costs."

# OFFICERS

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are: Lee Joslyn, Tilbury road, and John Osler, 894 Glengary Circle.

Retiring directors, after three-year terms, were: Harry G. Corbet, Walter A. Kleinert and R. K. Vinton.

**Hear Two Speakers**

A resolution making it impossible for any director to succeed himself until at least a one-year lapse between terms in office was passed. Other resolutions commended the retiring officers and board for constructive work in the best civic interests of the community during the year. Judson Bradway, Bloomfield Village developer and Perry Vaughn, Township Supervisor, spoke briefly on future plans for the continued betterment of the area. Both are honorary members of the Association.

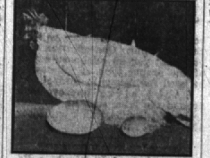
Mr. Osler, retiring fire chief, reported on the year's operation of the volunteer fire department. This activity was instituted by the Association during the war years and resulted in greatly improved fire-protection service as well as a major reduction in the cost of insurance to residents. Mr. Corbet was named fire chief for the coming year. New residents in the Village interested in the fire department activity are asked to contact Mr. Corbet.

**Will Meet in May**

The first meeting of the new board will be held in May at the residence of Trustee Sylvester.

The Parent-Teachers' Club of the school acted as hostess at the meeting and served refreshments in an "afterglow," which was also featured by the barbershop ballads of the professional Variety Four.

# Heavy Industry Hen



Meet "Millie," the heavy industry hen. One day she produced the 14-ounce mammoth egg shown at left, and next day reconverted to the normal size, right. She's owned by Mrs. William Surnham of Albany, N. Y.

# KICK-OFF

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Mrs. J. G. Brien, Mrs. Karl L. Bronson, Mrs. Richard Brown, Mrs. P. G. Burnett, Mrs. F. C. Burnham, Mrs. Karl A. Burnside.

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**Many Others Help**

Mrs. Lloyd Kemp, Mrs. Ernst Kern, Mrs. Wm. Kimball, Mrs. Robert Kohr, Mrs. Mark Kraus, Mrs. F. B. Kurtz, Mrs. Edward Laird, Mrs. Harold Lauver, Mrs. Clifford Lawson, Mrs. Edward W. Lee, Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, Mrs. Hiram Lewis, Mrs. Howard J. Liverance, Mrs. Peter Loomis, Mrs. Karl Lutz, Mrs. Norman Lyle, Mrs. T. Hollister Mabley, Mrs. A. H. Macdonald, Mrs. H. C. Machus, Mrs. H. Ross Mack, Mrs. John R. MacManus, Mrs. W. L. Mahen, Mrs. Lester R. Mange, Mrs. Roger Marquis, Mrs. John Martz, Mrs. Gardner Mason, Mrs. Kenneth McGregor, Mrs. Wm. McInnes, Mrs. J. Donald McKay, Mrs. F. H. McKinney, Mrs. Angus McLeod, Mrs. Hugh L. McLeese, Mrs. Neil McMath, Mrs. M. H. Mellinger, Mrs. Robert Marsh, Mrs. W. D. Mecum, Mrs. F. C. Meyer, Mrs. Nelson F. Miles, Mrs. Cassius Miller, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Mrs. James R. Mock, Mrs. Wilmer E. Moody, Mrs. Walter Moreland, Mrs. F. H. Mott, Jr.

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# RED CROSS

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**BIDS ON CAR ROUTES**

E. C. Beers, assistant postmaster at the Birmingham office said today the office was seeking bids for the use of two motor vehicles to be used by two mounted carriers. The cars are used six hours a day, six days a week, excluding Sundays and holidays and are paid for on an annual basis. Persons interested may secure bid forms and any other information desired from Mr. Beers. Bids are open until 3 p. m. Monday, April 22.

# Local Members Given Committee Posts On Board of Supervisors

Birmingham members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors have been assigned to their various committees for the year. The permanent committees were announced this week.

Elmer W. Haack was named on the equalization committee where Perry A. Vaughn, of Bloomfield township, is to serve as chairman. On the committee on salaries is Robert K. McClellan while E. W. Osborne was named to serve on the appropriations committee, and also on the committee for buildings and grounds.

Ray A. Palmer will serve on the committee on legislation and on the committee to handle miscellaneous affairs. David Levinson was named on the important ways and means committee. Harry S. Starr of Bloomfield Hills, was named chairman of the committee on township expense and to the committee on boundaries of cities and villages.

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**TO STUDY RESTRICTIONS**

A meeting of property owners in the west part of the city has been called for Monday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock at room 101 in Baldwin High School to study problems arising from increased property values. The group will come from the area bounded by Quarton, Chesterfield, Oak and Lakeside and will include Quarton Lake Estates, Birmingham Heights subdivision, and Edgeman replat. A study will be made of present and possible future building restrictions.

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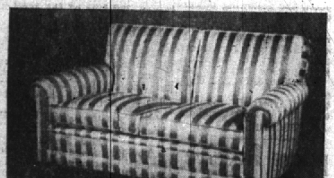

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