This war has developed many romances, resulting in many marriages; some of them will not last, having been too hastily gone into, but—to the everlasting credit of human decency and tolerance—many will last. Every marriage that does last is as a fortress of character, to withstand the corrupting nature of mere lust.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Proof That Any Young Man Can Find Suitable Employment

This should be read by many people—especially young men.

Every successful business or professional man will tell you that "there is plenty of room at the top in every line of human endeavor; the competition always has been and always will be on the lower rungs of the ladder."

Let me cite you an actual case of a young Navy veteran, recently discharged, who is on the way to going somewhere in a successful contacting organization. It was related to me the other day by A. C. Wermuth, former Birmingham resident, who built practically every part of the construction work at Cranbrook and Kingswood, including beautiful Christ Church.

Mr. Wermuth is a very busy man; at present his organization, with central offices in Fort Wayne, Indiana, employs 900 people on various jobs. Months ago I said to Mr. Wermuth: "Al why don't you get some responsible person to become your right-hand man, so that you don't have to carry so many burdens of business?" He replied, with a smile: "I've been trying to for years; I've had a number of chaps I've tried to groom for such a place, but in one way or another they couldn't measure up to every demand of the job."

But that situation has changed . . . and here's the story:

"A few months ago I received a letter from a 24-year-old young man, just out of the Navy, requesting an interview with me for a certain type of job. Before being discharged from the Navy, this young man, raised in Connecticut, married, with a baby expected in his family, decided he'd like to locate with some contractor in the middle west.

Using Intelligence

"So he selected a dozen cities, with populations between 100,000 and 150,000; cities in which most of the industries are diversified and 'home-owned'; where most of the residents own their homes; where there are good schools, churches, and similar cultural values; he obtained as much of this information as possible by contacting various Chambers of Commerce.

"When he got out of the Navy, this young man had narrowed his research down to three cities, including Fort Wayne. He then came to Fort Wayne and personally interviewed the Chamber of Commerce manager about Fort Wayne. He then asked for the names of two contractors in Fort Wayne, one of which was our organization. Well, the young man came to my office for an interview, explaining in more detail just what he was seeking. Prior to his enlistment in the Navy he had worked for an eastern contractor; while in the Navy he had supervised the construction of a large floating drydock.

"A few days after our interview I received from him a well presented brief, in which he clearly revealed his reaction to the interview, together with a statement of intention of his background and future aspirations, should he associate with our company.

"The net result was a job for the young man . . . and reasonable assurance that, in a few years, I would have at my side a man capable of relieving me of many large and small responsibilities."

That Wasn't All

But, Folks, that wasn't all to the story. Mr. Wermuth is doing something extra to prepare the young man for the job. He is sending him to work in an architect's office for three months; the same amount of time in a mill work and cabinet-making establishment, and a steel structural plant; then a year of business administration in some college or university. Practically two years of training at Mr. Wermuth's expense.

"One phase of the young man's nature that impressed me deeply was his reaction to questions put during his training. 'How much money will you need to get along on while in training?' asked Mr. Wermuth. 'Well, sir, I've talked this over with my wife and we both agree that fifty dollars a week will take care of us,' answered the young man.

"'That's fine,' said Mr. Wermuth, 'that's a fine spirit—and so, beginning at once, I'm putting you on the payroll for sixty dollars per week . . . and I know you'll get along in this world!'

Yes, Folks, where there's a will to plan one's life intelligently, a way will open up. That's the law of averages, according to the law of averages, will most certainly, before long, climb up to higher rungs on the ladder toward success.

TO VISIT IN SOUTH

Donald Price Wise was discharged from the Navy at Great Lakes, Ill., on Feb. 1 with the rank of signalman 2/c after three years of service. He spent 20 months of that time in the South Pacific theater of operations. Don will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell M. Wise, formerly of Birmingham, in Hollywood, Fla., after spending a few days in Detroit and Birmingham.

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Heads Service Center

Miss Estella Martin

Service Center To Elect Officers At Meeting Tonight

Officials of the Detroit and Pontiac Community Chests, well-known professional people, and the new agency's members, representing a cross-section of the community, will attend the launching of the Family Service Center tonight at 8:15 o'clock at the Presbyterian Church on West Huron street in Pontiac.

Miss Estella M. Martin, the agency's executive case worker, will be introduced and will discuss the agency's immediate plans for offering professional family counseling.

After the election of a board and the ratification of the constitution, the meeting will take the form of a christening party for the new Family Service Center. Judge Arthur Moore will preside.

To Serve Whole Area

Clayton Springer of Pontiac's Community Chest and Harold Huegli of Detroit's Community Fund will express their hopes for the new center which will serve the Birmingham—Pontiac area.

Mrs. Florence Booth and Dr. Fritz Redl, psychologist, both of the staff of Wayne University's Graduate School of Public and Social Affairs, will speak of the vital place to be filled by a Family Case Work Agency in the modern community.

The board has elected 200 first members, a representative group of lay and professional people from Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Pontiac.

Membership Open

However, the membership chairman today pointed out that any persons who evidence a real interest in the work of the agency are eligible for membership. Interested people are most welcome at our meeting tonight.

"The membership, which is a non-dues paying one, is designed to give the agency its roots in the community. In turn, it becomes a coherent group, educated to an understanding and awareness of its community's social needs and problems, and equipped to meet them."

Noted Surgeon to Speak Here, Feb. 11

Dr. Hartman A. Lichtwardt of the surgical staff of Ford Hospital in Detroit, is coming to Birmingham on Monday, Feb. 11, as speaker for the meeting of the Ruth Shain International Relations Class at the Community House.

Dr. Lichtwardt is president of the Detroit Branch of the Foreign Policy Association. He practiced medicine in Iran, (Persia) for two-and-a-half years and will speak on the topic "Strategical Iran."

A portion of Dr. Lichtwardt's time in Iran found him located at Meshed in the northwestern corner, near the Russian border. He was in this critical spot when World War II was breaking out in 1939 and he and his family had to travel fast to get home ahead of the world conflict.

Talk Most Timely

His medical research led him into the field of work for lepers and he attended the Cairo World Leprosy Conference in 1938. He is considered an authority in the United States on that subject. Dr. Lichtwardt's analysis of the factors in the Iranian-Russian-British question of today is expected to prove most enlightening.

The address and discussion will be held in the Ruth Shain room at 8 o'clock and after the program there will be a half hour for visiting and food in the new Ranch Room.

The present class will be hosts to husbands of the members and to many friends and their husbands who may wish to attend. There will be no charge except for the food one may wish to order at the Snack Bar.

This evening meeting will take the place of the regular class session on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 12.

IF selling your car, why not call your local Chrysler dealer. 479 So. Woodward. Phone 4021. Adv. tf

Name Officers At Community House Session

E. J. Anderson Made President For Year; Mrs. Shain Honored

At its annual meeting, held Monday evening, Birmingham Community House selected a full slate of officers with E. J. Anderson as president, picked five directors and honored Mrs. Charles Shain by naming her honorary president.

This new office to honor Mrs. Shain was created by special resolution pending. The Board of Directors of the Birmingham Community House Association on the occasion of the annual meeting, held February 4, 1946, do hereby create the office of honorary president to be held by Ruth Shain for lifetime tenure. This honorary office is awarded in deep and sincere appreciation for the inspired services Ruth Shain has performed to create and maintain the 'Community House Idea,' to nurture through the House finer community concepts, and to enrich and broaden community living." Mrs. Shain was presented with a parchment scroll, a duplicate of the scroll will be hung in the Ruth Shain Room in the Community House.

New Officers, Directors

The complete list of officers and directors includes: president, E. J. Anderson; first vice-president, Shelton Wright; second vice-president, Mrs. D. McLeod; recording secretary, Mrs. Frederick Booth; secretary-treasurer, P. G. Burnett; directors, Mrs. Neil McMath, Mrs. Malcolm Weltz, Herbert H. Gardner, Paul Penfield and Frank McGinnis. Retiring directors are Paul N. Averill, Mrs. C. V. Crockett, Mrs. Guy Jensen and Robert Whitlatch.

Retiring members were congratulated on their work throughout the year and new members were welcomed by Mr. Averill who said: "A fine group is being added to the Board, which gives further assurance that the Community House Board will continue its fine work.

President Reports

"My remarks will not be detailed," stated Mr. Averill in giving his report. "The House is in excellent condition. Last year's drive attained the highest amount of any regular drive in the House's history. However, the public will continue to respond generously in proportion to the extent and efficiency to which the House operates." (See OFFICERS, Page 2).

Maples Come From Behind To Upset Van Dyke 34 to 29

By DICK HALSTED

Playing under difficult basketball conditions, Birmingham finally doped the situation out Tuesday night at Van Dyke and went on to defeat a scrappy Van Dyke five, 34-29, in a last quarter drive.

The short and narrow basketball court proved a puzzle to the Maples' scoring attack and they trailed almost throughout the entire game. The boys experimented with every type of defense until they finally held Van Dyke to seven points in the fourth period, the Maples' attack overtook the home team, 32-29.

Birmingham froze the ball for the last few minutes until Leon Thomson, Maple forward, applied the finishing touch with a field goal as the contest ended.

Dan Grigg garnered eight points to top the winners while Ralph Nielson tallied eight for Van Dyke.

It was Birmingham's second triumph of the season over Van Dyke, the first game here being won by 37-14. The Maples' season record now stands at seven wins and two losses.

RESERVES WIN 41-12

Reserves racked up their eighth victory of the season at the expense of an inexperienced Van Dyke five, 41-12.

Hardy led the Maple reserves with 11 markers. The rest of the scoring was spread evenly among the remaining players with 11 men seeing action in this game, most of them figuring in the scoring.

The reserves scored almost at will. The boys were spurred with the exception of the second, Birmingham scored two for every one made by their opponents.

Van Dyke fought hard in the second period and held the Maples to two baskets, but they were unable to overcome the generous margin piled up in the preceding quarter. Ted Hughes led the Rail-splitters with four markers.

Victor and Blackbird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 163 W. Maple. adv. tf

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' finance drive will continue through Feb. 14 for support of local, state and national projects in the public interest.

PROCLAMATION

By the Mayor of the City of Birmingham:

The Boy Scouts of America, incorporated February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress June 15, 1916, is celebrating its thirty-sixth birthday anniversary during Boy Scout Week from February 8 to 14. In the past 36 years the more than twelve million present or former members have rendered notable service to our community and our nation. Now that our country has successfully concluded the war, the Boy Scouts of America will again continue to render noteworthy service through many years of Peace.

In times of distress from floods, hurricane, tornado and other disasters our Scouts have demonstrated the effectiveness of organized boy service. During the period of economic stress they contributed in many ways to the relief of suffering. Their services rendered during our four years of war cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

The Boy Scouts have also contributed to a deeper appreciation by the American people of the higher conception of good citizenship.

Therefore, I, Wilmer E. Moody, Mayor of the City of Birmingham, do hereby recommend that the citizens of the City do whatever they can to observe Boy Scout Week and give their support to the Sustaining Membership Campaign which follows at the close of Anniversary Week.

The Boy Scout Movement offers unusual opportunity for volunteer service. It needs men to serve in various capacities as leaders of boys. I hope that all who can, will, through the organizations with which they are connected, enlist for such personal service. Anything that is done to increase the effectiveness of the Boy Scouts of America is a genuine contribution to the welfare of this Community, the State, and the Nation.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Community to be affixed.

Done this 6th day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

WILMER E. MOODY

Red Cross Meeting To Be Held Feb. 13

The regular quarterly meeting of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 13, at 8 o'clock at Birmingham Community House.

Township directors and Red Cross volunteers are invited to attend as well as all township chairmen of the 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign.

Lt. Col. Edward H. Jacobsen of Ferndale, will be the speaker of the evening. Directors will receive the director's manual, which will be distributed at the meeting.

Ernest R. Baldwin Finds Old History Of Oakland County

The January issue of Motor News, official publication of the Automobile Club of Michigan, contained a highly interesting account, the finding by Ernest Baldwin, of 592 Lakeside, of a copy of "1817-1877 History of Oakland County." The story in Motor News is by The Old AAA Traveler, and is illustrated with pictures taken from the old history volumes.

The book tells of the importance of Oakland county in the state, at that time, ranking second only to Wayne county; of the explorations made through the Oakland lakes region; of the finding of old Indian villages and old burying grounds; old mill sites, old railroads; Bloomfield township farms and show places of those early days.

First Settlement Here

It tells of the first settlement at what is now Birmingham in 1817; the naming of Cass lake, Elizabeth lake, Wing, Orchard and other lakes, as they were surveyed.

The Old Traveler goes on to relate how he and Mr. Baldwin spent almost the entire night "browsing through" the old book, reading and studying interesting facts concerning those early days of the county.

Some Birmingham residents, who have seen the old book, suggest that it would be a most splendid addition to the collection of the Birmingham Historical Commission, if, and when such a body is formed. Others have suggested that because of his known interest in local historical facts and collections, Mr. Baldwin would prove a valued member of such a commission.

Local Boy Scouts To Have Part In Anniversary Week

The Boy Scouts and their leaders of the Birmingham-Franklin-Bloomfield section of District One, of the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, have plans completed for a busy anniversary week, Feb. 8 to 14, inclusive.

The local Scouts and their leaders will enjoy Scout church services on Sunday, Feb. 10, at First Methodist Church and Holy Name Church at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Community House there will be a Recognition Dinner, honoring senior Scouts who have made noticeable advancement during the year, and Scout leaders. The hour is 7 p. m.

Scout displays are being planned for various stores of the city, picturing various Boy Scout activities. These are expected to be placed today.

Dinner Program

For the Recognition Dinner, Dr. John Springman, assistant superintendent of schools, will be the toastmaster. The Rev. Lewis Secor of St. James Church, will give the invocation and William Spense and Clifford Dixon will be in charge of the music.

Robert Kitner, District One Scout executive, will give a brief talk on Scout activities to open the main program and James Buchanan, District One commissioner, will talk on advancement. Handling the awards for advancement will be William Hooper, Glen Emery, Charles S. Kinnison and I. W. Robertson, while Robert Fowler will make the awards to Scout leaders.

The address of the evening will be by George Mozeleski, of area headquarters in Detroit.

Father of Scouts to be recognized will attend the dinner with their sons.

Finance Drive Ready

Immediately following the celebration of the 36th anniversary of Scouting, prominent men in each of the communities of the area will be engaged in a campaign to recruit sustaining members for the support of Scouting.

A sustaining member is a person in the community who, through his financial support is able to help "sustain" the Boy Scout organization. Representatives from each of the communities of this District have agreed to recruit 2,000 Sustaining Members this year. The money derived from these memberships is used in over all administration, and operation of the Boy Scout organization in the Detroit Area. The membership fee is $5.00 or in multiples of $5.00.

City Well Over Top In Victory Clothing Drive

Contributions Total Over 20,000 Pounds; Shipped By Freight

The Birmingham area Victory Clothing Collection today was reported fully 200 per cent over its quota of clothing, with at least 2,500 pairs of shoes and a large amount of bedding added to the list.

A full car load, probably weighing around 20,000 pounds, was shipped out by railroad, Monday, as the workers completed their fine work of the big undertaking. The estimate was 60,000 individual articles of clothing from the area.

The clothing was shipped to Cleveland, Ohio, according to Park Smith, local shipping chairman. The collection was assigned by the U. S. Treasury Department and the railroad to the Trans-Ocean Packing Company, a processing plant in Cleveland.

There the clothing will be sorted and baled for immediate overseas shipment.

Express Appreciation

"Serving as chairman of the Victory Clothing Collection Drive was a pleasant and heart-warming experience due to the efficiency of a very cooperative group chairmen," said Mrs. Walcutt. "The people and the whole of the publicity committee should be commended not only for the capable way in which they undertook each and every assignment, but for pushing aside their own holiday festivities to lay the foundation of the organization, work which obviously had to be done during the busy Christmas season.

"On looking back, I can understand our success, for the entire (See CLOTHING DRIVE, Page 2)

CLOTHING DRIVE C

The national campaign was from Jan. 7 to 31 and Birmingham continued her drive through Feb. 2 to care for late comers. Detroit was late in getting started and is continuing the drive through Feb. 9. All contributions from Birmingham have been boxed and shipped to Cleveland, Ohio. Local persons with clothing they failed to get in to collection booths here in time, may still take the boxes to Detroit, according to the local committee.

Eight Seniors To Leave Today For Service In Army

Cpl. Al Sundell, U. S. Army recruiting officer in Birmingham reports that eight recent graduates of Baldwin High School have enlisted for Army service and that they will report today in Detroit to begin their Army duty.

The list, he reports, included Thomas W. Butters, 387 Ferndale avenue; James Hoare, 582 Puritan; John E. Kennedy, 335 East Brown; Robert A. Morrow, 439 Merrill; Gordon J. Smith, 1112 Somerville; Neil H. Spicer, 227 Grey court; Robert A. Tyson, 1459 Ruffner and Lawrence H. Pomeroy, 660 Lakeside drive.

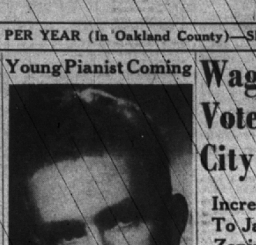
Active in School

Corporal Sundell says his records disclose that Butters and Hoare were editors of the Senior Class Swingout; Smith and Pomeroy played football for Baldwin; Kennedy and Spicer were on the school track team; Tyson was president of the senior class and National Honor Society; while Morrow was class salutatorian.

All the youths enlisted for 18 months, except Kennedy who enlisted for three years. The February quota of enlistments from Birmingham," states Corporal Sundell, "is still short 12 men."

The Birmingham recruiting office is in the Community House.

Young Pianist Coming



Stanley Lock

Fourth Community Program Series to Be Given Feb. 19

The fourth and concluding number in the Community Program Series is to be presented on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, at the Community House. For this program the Birmingham Musicale will be the sponsors, and appearing as the soloists will be Miss June Gardner, dramatic soprano, and Stanley Lock, pianist. Both young artists are from Detroit and are now studying in New York City.

Mr. Lock is a pianist whose reputation as a promising young artist, is not unknown to audiences in the Detroit metropolitan district. He has played twice as soloist with the Detroit Symphony orchestra in their Young Peoples' concerts.

Lived at Royal Oak

A former resident of Royal Oak, he studied for a number of years with Edward Bredshall and graduated from the University of Michigan. Mr. Lock won a fellowship at the Juilliard Graduate School of New York City, where he has been working for the past three seasons with Olga Samaroff-Stokowski. He recently participated in an all-Prokofieff program at Town Hall, New York. He will give his New York Debut recital at Town Hall next November.

Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner is chairman of arrange ents and persons desiring tickets may contact Mrs. Gardner or the Community House.

Memorial Books Are Given Library

Two memorial books were given to Baldwin Public Library last month, in honor of Birmingham residents who died recently.

"Ship of Flame," by William Stone, was presented by Agnes Coolidge Hulbert, in honor of Mary Eads. The book is beautifully illustrated by Nicholas Mordvinoff, and is a fine edition of an old saga of the South Seas told in modern language.

"Florestan" by Robert Schauffler, was given in memory of Mrs. Walter MacDonald Giles, by the staff of the Library. This detailed study of the life and work of Robert Schumann was selected in deference to Mrs. Giles' great love for music.

The custom of giving memorial books has grown up recently among people who wish something a little more permanent than the flowers ordinarily sent to a funeral.

Nine Local Men Leave For Service

Nine Birmingham young men have left recently for duty with the Army or Navy, according to the Selective Service Board in the Municipal Building.

Those leaving for Army service, all from Birmingham, include: Joseph Robovitsky, David E. Weidner, Joseph M. J. DeGrotte, Richard J. Wibel, Frank W. Mulholland, Raymond A. Bell, Richard A. Gowans and Robert L. Lanesater. Gerald K. Davis, Pontiac, left for the Navy.

Wage Boost Is Voted For All City Workers

Increase Retroactive To January 1, 1946; Zoning Is Studied

A five per cent boost in pay was voted Monday by the City Commission for all full time city employees in the pay brackets below $3,300. The maximum increase was placed at $10 per month. Adjustments in pay are to be made, it was said, for part time employees. The raise was made retroactive to Jan. 1, 1946.

The recommendation to the commission was made by City Manager Donald C. Egbert, who had been studying the wage schedule and holding conferences with city employees for some time. He reported to the commission a week previous and was directed to draft a new schedule and report it for confirmation. The vote of the commission was unanimous.

It was stated that the new rates will continue through the remainder of the city fiscal year, closing June 30.

Approve Rezoning

The rezoning of an area in the southeast section of the city, including part of the Webster, Holland, Landon district to residential on the city zoning map was approved unanimously by the commission. Residents had asked the change be made from the present zoning, Business B, and the matter was studied by the City Zoning Board. The change lists the district as the income home district.

About an hour and a half was given over to discussion of the problem with a group of residents Monday night. Objections were filed by several owners of vacant lots, who wished to use their property for business purposes.

Other Zoning Delayed

The request or rezoning of two lots from residential to business on West Maple was expected to receive attention Monday night but the full report on properties listed with the Zoning Board, by the City Commission, was not received and the matter was turned back for another report. Several objections were filed and the Zoning Board was requested by the commission to look into the two lots on which it did make a report.

Requests for additional street lights was referred to Manager Egbert for report.

Mr. Egbert reported that from his studies thus far he believed (See WAGE BOOST, Page 2)

Justice Bushnell Tells Hi-12 Club Of Europe's Needs

Birmingham High-Twelve club members and guests filled every place at the banquet hall of the Community House, Monday evening, for the address of George E. Bushnell, chief justice of the Michigan supreme Court, who recently toured Europe to learn of present-day conditions and especially, conditions among Masonic Lodges in the various countries. Places were marked for 137. An interesting and forceful speaker Chief Justice Bushnell found his audience highly interested in his report of what he saw and heard in many cities and countries abroad. He was introduced by Guy Jensen, a past president of the High-Twelve club and a close personal friend of the speaker.

Little Early Hope

The speaker brought out during the course of his talk that thinking men in Europe hold very little hope during this generation for a complete restoration of favorable conditions, but look to future generations for them to come about. Stopping first in London he said that "Devastation there was beyond one's ability to describe, while Germany is unable to donate."

Traveling on to Stockholm he mentioned fifty thousand refugees in that city alone, Norway appears to be a completely broken state, with food and clothing scarcest a slice of bread and weak substitute coffee being an average break-fast. "Conditions in Paris, the Hague and in Brussels are much the same" he said, "lacking food and common necessities as well." In Greece also the lack of transportation followed by shortage of fuel and then food is third in importance.

Justice Bushnell pointed out how he and his party were well received wherever they stopped and explained how grateful people are for information and interest in their conditions.

In closing he mentioned having talked to Bernt Balchan, well known aviator, who pointed out how close the Allies came to losing the war instead of winning it and that possibly only by the hand of Providence was America saved to save the world.

Justice Bushnell was one of four chosen to check on "Masonry and conditions in Europe," leaving by plane last August 12th.

Next week's speaker is Wm. T. Muhl who will talk on "Water Safety and Accident Prevention."

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Study Made of School District Changes

This is the second in a series of articles which The Eccentric is presenting concerning the predicament of the Birmingham public schools. In future articles will be presented the problem of taxes and salaries, bonded indebtedness, teacher's living conditions, construction plans for the proposed new high school, and recreational and athletic facilities.

By WILLIAM AVERILL

In educational theory and practice, the general tendency in regard to school districts is to make them into larger units for more efficient school administration.

To achieve this end many states, including the State of Michigan, have made exhausting studies of local school units because their progress has been hampered by local units of administration which are not efficient or economical.

It was recognized that an urgent need existed for the organization of more satisfactory units. This detailed study of present conditions would provide a sounder basis of planning for desirable changes.

Five Main Points

From these studies, educational authorities developed five points which should determine the size of a contemplated administrative unit:

1. It should be sufficiently large to include enough children to provide for a complete educational program extending from kindergarten through the twelfth grade. Some educators would add a junior college and a terminal vocational high school to the program.

2. It should be of sufficient size to provide competent educational leadership.

3. It should be large enough to maintain a staff of well-equipped persons to carry on the function of supervision, business management, attendance service, school health program, recreational facilities, library services, visiting teacher services, psychological testing, guidance, and other functions accepted as a vital part of a modern educational program.

4. It should have within it sufficient financial resources to make possible the development of an adequate educational program. Offerings should exceed minimum state requirements, and should be sufficiently broad to adequately provide for individual differences of the pupil personnel.

5. Whenever possible it should coincide with the natural boundaries of a community so it may represent an economic and social unit. (A "community" may be relatively larger than the territory immediately surrounding a trading center.)

Results To Follow

If the above criteria were adhered to, the study pointed out that the following school district economies would result:

A. Larger school districts have larger schools which provide lower per-pupil costs and more satisfactory offerings.

B. Larger school districts permit economies by purchasing in larger quantities.

C. A more satisfactory and economic system of transportation can be developed.

There are three school districts to the north and west of the Birmingham school district that could be considered possible annexations to the Birmingham district.

District 5 Near

The nearest is Bloomfield Township District No. 5, or Bloomfield Village. It comprises an area of approximately 4.44 square miles. It contains one eight-grade elementary school. All school children living in this area in grades nine through twelve must receive their high school education either at Baldwin High School in Birmingham or at Vaughn School in Bloomfield Hills.

Paul N. Averill, president of the Bloomfield District No. 5 School Board, said, "Our board is spending considerable time in investi- (See CHANGES, Page 2)