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## Birmingham Man on Mediterranean Cruise

GREAT LAKES, Ill.—Joseph W. Steffen, chief aerographer's mate, USN, of 1011 Hazel st., Birmingham, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, cruising in the Mediterranean sea as part of the Sixth Task Fleet.

Mediterranean duty will afford the ship's personnel an opportunity to visit many of the countries of Europe and Africa.

## We Heard It Said By:

Malcolm Ferguson, principal, Pierce School. "Yes, a few of the boys and girls are being 'arrested' and brought before the bicycle court, but it is working. They are being more careful, and I have noticed several of the others being very careful to avoid doing the things that got their pals in trouble. Just let one get caught without proper lights, and every one of his pals makes a quick check on the lights of his own bike. It's really good."

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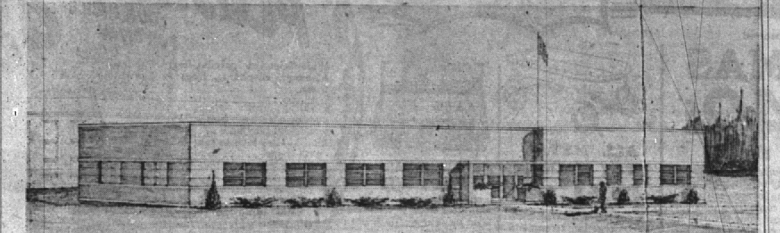
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## Proposed Administration Building for Great Lakes Tractor



This is an artist's conception of the proposed new administration building for the Great Lakes Tractor & Equipment Co. Ground for this building will be broken this month, company officials said. Great Lakes Tractor last week revealed that it had purchased the property and buildings of the Field Detroit Co. on East Maple road here.

## 3 New Members Elected to Board of Directors of Chamber of Commerce

Three new members of the board of directors were elected to the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce for 3-year terms last week. They are Merrill C. Adams, George Wm. Averill and Charles S. Kinnison.

They replaced Paul N. Averill, John K. Stevenson and George J. Thomas, whose terms expire Dec. 31.

Results of this election were revealed at last Thursday's first annual membership meeting held at the Community House. Mem-

bers voted by ballots mailed out earlier in this week.

Mayor Milton F. Mallery, the group's guest speaker, pointed out that the chamber could be of great assistance to city officials in the formulation of future policy or plans.

## Not the Usual Type

"This is not the usual type of Chamber of Commerce we have here in Birmingham, Mallery stated. 'Its aims are different in that it attempts to deal together the business, professional AND

officials and employees are merely instruments of the people, Mallery said.

"The time is ripe here in Birmingham for the citizens to pitch in and help formulate city programs. The members of the chamber are in a good position to assist us in this regard."

At a board meeting Monday night, the Chamber of Commerce directors elected Robert J. Mason as the chamber's president for 1949. He will succeed Genere A. Flores. Other officers will be Foster Toothacker, vice-president; Merrill C. Adams, treasurer, and George E. Marin, secretary.

residential interests with the goal of creating a better city and area."

Explaining that the concept of government in relation to the individual has changed remarkably in the past few years, the Mayor said, "Formerly, government acted more or less like the traffic cop on the corner—it enforced some general rules but left the individual pretty much on his own. Today, however, the government steps in practically at birth and is with us until old age."

People used to cart away their own refuse, Mallery emphasized. "Now we city officials are told we are doing a poor job because we only pick up trash and curb. Some people are mad at us because we don't enter their homes and carry the ashes up from the basement."

One Example

This is but one example of the duties which the public asks government to perform for them today, the speaker said.

He mentioned sewage, garbage disposal, protection of life and property, and water supply was some of the more common former municipal responsibilities.

"Now cities are asked to provide municipal parking, municipal recreation, nursery schools, playgrounds, etc. Each additional demand means increased governmental costs. Personally, I believe municipal government costs should be kept at a minimum—but sometimes it is wiser to spend money to save money," he declared.

City government is the citizens;

## Tied Up

Movie actress Jane Greer is "Miss Valentine of 1948." She was singled out for the honor by the Men's Tie Foundation and outfitted with this hush-hush-type costume, greatly quilted with several tie patterns, to retain over the organization's convention in New York.

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## Gun Club's Entire Slate Re-elected

The 32d annual meeting of the Birmingham Gun Club was held Wednesday, Dec. 1, when election of officers was held. The following were all re-elected: Louis Hasall, 887 Oakland, president; Robert E. Porritt, 1200 Latham, vice-president; W. E. Bertolotti, Detroit, secretary-treasurer; William J. Makowski, Dearborn, field captain; Louis Brigraber, 940 Floyd, assistant field captain.

Adolph Nelson, Detroit, was named delegate to represent the club at the meetings of the Michigan Trapshooting Association, with Maurice Lowman, 546 Ridgedale, alternate.

The membership committee reported that there were now 195 members with eight being received at the annual meeting. During the past year they have recorded five deaths including Frank Vignol, Detroit, who for many years was secretary-treasurer of the club; E. M. Plunkett, D. A. Davis, Henry Schroeder and Harry Bissett.

Shots are held the first Wednesday of each month, and the Saturday following the third Wednesday. Plans are being made for a turkey shoot to be held Dec. 18.

Chamber Manager Charles Mortenson briefly reported the number of transactions made at the Secretary of State's office here. He said that up to and including Nov. 30, the office had sold 8,021 farm and passenger license plates, 358 trailer plates and handled \$910 sales tax transactions and 1,057 auto title transfers.

"I have also received considerable favorable comment from residents on the fact that this service is available in Birmingham," Mortenson stated.

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## U-M Alumni Smoker Will Feature Movies of Ohio State Game

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Reservations may be made by contacting Max Tunncliffe, 1836 Cranbrook road.

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