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## Completes 13-Week AAF Basic Training

McChord AFB, Washington—Pfc John K. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall of 38 Hickory st., has completed thirteen weeks basic training with the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex., and has been assigned to duty with the Aircraft

Control and Warning group, McChord Air Force Base, near Tacoma, Washington.  
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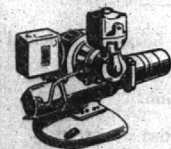
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## Merchandise Meeting at U of M Attracts Local Retailers

Small storeowners of Michigan, including a number from Birmingham, will learn some of the ways to keep merchandise moving and to prevent overstocking in a Merchandise Control Conference at the University of Michigan, Oct. 28.

Sponsored by the University's Bureau of Business Research in cooperation with the Michigan Retailers Association, the conference is especially planned for the small retail store operator. It will be open to any interested business man, Dr. E. H. Gault, Bureau director, has emphasized.

A Luncheon Meeting  
The one-day program includes a discussion of merchandise control of fashion goods, and staples as well as of general inventory methods. At a luncheon meeting Dean Russell A. Stevenson, of the School of Business Administration, will speak on "The Business Outlook."

"Many small retailers are confronted with the problem of sales resistance and the disposal of considerable amounts of merchandise which has been marked down to cost or less," Prof. Gault explained in announcing the conference. "The result is a substantial reduction in net profit. Adequate merchandise control is a basic method of minimizing mark-downs."

## Have You Met . . .

The newcomers from Richmond, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Parr who are now residing in their new home at 1346 Washington. Mr. Parr is with the Addressograph-Multigraph Corporation.



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## An Open Letter to the Children of Birmingham

Hi, Kids!

Have you stopped to think just how close we are to Halloween? Well, I have. As a matter of fact, I've been looking forward to it for some time, and planning just what I could do for you kids this year.

First, I want to invite all of you, big and little, to the community party we will hold Oct. 30. It will follow the same pattern as in former years, of course, but I fondly hope each one is a little better than the last.

I always think of Halloween as YOUR night. Your mothers and dads do, too, so every year we get together and plan this party for you. We try, in our somewhat blundering adult way, to think of the things you will enjoy the most. We all want to see you have a grand time and know in our hearts that you go home happy.

## We Get a Kick, Too

You know, as a matter of fact, I think maybe we are a little bit selfish in our plans for you, our children. The fact is, we get just as much kick out of Halloween as you do! Mother, dad and the neighbors, we all like to stand around and watch your parade. We laugh at some of the stunts you pull and at your costumes. We marvel at the way you make those sandwiches and things vanish. Later some of us sneak into the show with the little kids and get a big kick out of every snicker we hear. We watch (sometimes with envy) the flying feet at the two dances with a deep joy in our hearts that you are young and carefree. You hope you may always be that way.

## With a Great Deal of Pride

Finally, the night is over, and everyone has gone home. I stand alone on every street corner in town. There's a little sadness in my heart as I see the streets so quiet and deserted. There's a great deal more pride, though. I've watched my boys and girls having fun together once more. I've heard their laughter and seen their smiles. I'm thankful that I have such a grand gang of boys and girls to call my own, and hopeful that, in some small measure, I have been able to tell you just how grand I think you are.

But gosh, gang, let's not get serious! This is Halloween—the season for ghosts and goblins, pranks and fun. Come on, all of you, get out those silly faces, those costumes, whet up those appetites, and meet me on the street corner Saturday evening, October 30.

Yours for bigger and more frequent Halloweens,  
FATHER BIRMINGHAM

## Story-Tellers Will Hold First Meeting Oct. 28

Calling all Story-Tellers! The oldest art in the world is about to be practiced anew in Birmingham by an interested group, meeting at the Baldwin Public Library, October 28, at 8 p.m., under the leadership of Mrs. Rowland Quinn, a member of the National Story-Tellers' League.

Long before the time of books and printing, story-telling was an honored and practiced means of entertainment. It was also the mode of passing on history from generation to generation. With the development and increase of books, the art declined, but in recent years is reviving in popularity.

Forty-five years ago the National Story-Tellers' League was organized at the University of Tennessee. Interest has spread, until today there is a national organization, with over one hundred local

Chapters. Detroit, Ann Arbor, Royal Oak and Toledo all having local groups.

Story-telling is still a live art, for everyone is a story-teller, sometimes without being aware of it. To make it a fine art is the goal of story-tellers, both experienced and would-be. Practice and a knowledge of technique and resources increase the talents of all—club or scout-leaders, teachers, librarians, mothers, fathers.

## Have You Met . . .

The family from Boston, Mass.? They are Mr. and Mrs. John F. Clayton and children Marilyn and Dickie now making their home at 444 Pilgrim Mr. Clayton is district manager for the Carborundum Company.

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## Tokyo Rose



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## Vary Memorial Books At Baldwin Library; Others to Be Added

As a tribute to Mrs. Dorothy Holt Vary of this community, who died last spring, friends have collected a fund for the purpose of adding books to the Baldwin Public Library, perpetuating her name in a living memorial.

One of the subjects in which she was vitally interested was sociology, to books have been selected in this field. They are now on display at the library, and others will be added during the year as published. All will contain memorial book-plates bearing Mrs. Vary's name.

May 8, 1911, has been selected as the official birth date of U. S. Naval aviation. It was on that date that the order for the Navy's first aircraft was placed with the Curtiss Company.

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