

## Have You Met . . .

The newcomers from Romeo, Mich.? They are Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Whalley and daughter, Lynn, who are making their home at 1063 Woodward. Mr. Whalley is the Detroit representative of the Gaylord Container Corporation of St. Louis.



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## Parents Pass Resolution At Barnum PTA Meeting

At the first meeting of Barnum PTA held Thursday, Oct. 21, in the school auditorium, a record attendance of over 500 parents gave principal Samuel R. Bennett his first example of the keen interest displayed by Birmingham parents in the parent-teacher organization.

Mr. Bennett was introduced by superintendent of schools Dr. Dwight Ireland, who facetiously remarked that he would not express all the complimentary thoughts he had about Mr. Bennett lest that gentleman would be caused to reach out instead of up to take off his hat.

An explanation of the testing program in progress at Barnum was given and an invitation for all parents to visit Mr. Bennett at school was extended.

**Discussions**  
As a representative of the League of Women Voters, Mrs. Peter B. Lewis gave an explanation of the various proposals to come before the voters on Nov. 2 with special emphasis on the meaning of proposals 2 and 5.

William Smith made a motion that the following resolution be adopted by the membership: "I, This we urge a vote of 'no' on proposal No. 2, which would repeal the constitutional provision guaranteeing a certain share of sales tax money to cities, towns,

ships, and school districts within the state of Michigan.

"That we urge a vote of 'yes' on proposal No. 5, which would liberalize the 15 mill limitation for more than 5 years but not more than 20, and to allow for the increase of the limitation by a majority vote instead of a 2/3 vote."

### Motion Seconded

The motion was seconded by Harold Noble, a teacher at Barnum, also president of the Birmingham Teachers Club, who said: "May I second that motion—not only as the expression of my personal opinion as a member of this PTA, but also in behalf of the staff of Barnum Junior High School and the Birmingham Teachers Club."

As teachers, we are also citizens and members of the Parent-teacher organization interested in matters common to ourselves. We feel the pressures of present needs and future trends of not only the school system but also the local government. Our study of these problems in the light of the statement accorded them by past legislative action in Michigan leads over a trail of unfulfilled promises and broken faith.

### Aware of Necessity

"We are aware of the necessity of realigning our state tax structure, whereby local needs may be more adequately and fairly provided. However, until the state legislature has taken commendable action in that direction we respectfully support the motion for a 'no' vote on proposal No. 2 and a 'yes' on proposal No. 5."

Dr. Ireland added comments on both proposals, stating it would be impossible for a half-million dollar high school building to be erected in Birmingham and paid for within the five year period as is now required. Proposal No. 5 would extend the period to not more than twenty years. The resolution was adopted.

### Reports Given

Mrs. Whiting Raymond spoke on the work of the Star Commendation for Boys, and Miss Muriel Brusie, and Mr. Malcolm Tindall gave short reports on their program as girls' and boys' counselors.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. J. P. Feuder and her hospitality committee, while old members and new mingled together and became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

### Have You Met . . .

Former Detroiters, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Derby and daughter, Lynn, now residing at 1444 Stanley? Mr. Derby is manager of the Pontiac store of Goodyear Rubber.

## KEEPING HOUSE



**by Norma Crane**  
FAMOUS HOME ECONOMIST

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Be sure to place the end of the tube into a strong paper bag. Wrap the open end of the bag around the tube, holding it firmly to the metal part. This will keep the dirt from scattering all over the room.

### Recipe of the Week

#### Royal Brownies

2 cups Tootsie Fudge 'n' Frosting Mix

1/2 cup sifted all purpose flour

1/2 cup melted shortening

2 eggs (unbeaten)

1/2 cup finely chopped nuts

Mix all of the above ingredients except the nuts in a bowl until thoroughly combined. Add the nuts and place the batter in a greased pan, 8"x8"x2". Bake at 350° F. for 25 minutes. After cooling about 15 minutes cover the top with a frosting made from the remainder of the package of Tootsie 'n' Frosting Mix (1 cup) mixed with 1 tablespoon and 2 teaspoons of hot water. When cool and firm, cut into squares. Yield, 20-25 brownies.

Have you wondered why so many of my recipes call for use of packaged mix? Well, like so many housekeepers, I, too, have found that they are convenient, speedy and dependable to use. They're easy to carry home, store and use. They save me time and hand for last minute occasions. They save a great deal of measuring and mixing and are simple to prepare. Best of all you get a good product—a failure is almost impossible. Remember, those big food companies spend a considerable amount of money on research in order to make their products as safe and delicious as possible. So why not take advantage of their offerings and make cooking more enjoyable?

A Little of This and That: Beef juice is an excellent source of food value for the invalid. However, it is very perishable, so don't make a large quantity of it. Prepare it by cutting thick, round steak in

cubes, trimming off all of the fat first. Drop the cubes, a few at a time, into the frying pan and broil slightly. Then press out the juice and serve with a little salt, either cold or warmed in hot water. Don't heat it too much or it will coagulate. . . Cover a wedge of lemon with cheese cloth when squeezing. It will not only keep the seeds where they belong, but you won't get an eyeful of lemon juice! . . .

For that professional look, put jelly, jam or marmalade between the layers of the next cake you bake. It saves frosting, adds color and sets the cake. . . Tomatoes and shell almonds can be skinned in a twinkling if you blanch them in boiling water for about five minutes. Another speedy way of removing tomato skins is to thrust a fork into them and hold them over the gas flame until the skin becomes dry and taut and finally splits open with a popping noise.

### Have You Met . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stuart of 1989 Grassfield, formerly of Newhall, Pa.? Mr. Stuart is an engineer with the Chrysler Corp.

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I therefore have a strong feeling that I should bring to your attention two matters of legislation which might seriously impede the progress we are making. They are matters which will be placed before you at the November 2nd election.

A couple of years ago an amendment was voted by the people whereunder a certain part of the Sales Tax revenue would be returned to local governmental units, including the schools. This year the amount returned to your Birmingham schools is about \$85,000. This is about one-tenth of the total amount it costs to run your schools, build necessary additions, and retire bonds. This tax is paid by you in the first place. It is up to you—again—to say whether or not you want some of it spent locally, or whether you want it all to be spent as the politicians in Lansing see fit. If the Birmingham schools lose this tenth of their total revenue, we'll have to do some sharp curtailing. We will have to cut down drastically some place. We will have to give your children something less than they are getting. For, no plans whatsoever are being considered to reimburse the schools for this lost revenue.

So if you feel your neighbors know their local problems best, and if you feel that Birmingham youngsters deserve all they can be given in the way of education, then I feel sure you will agree with me that the Sales Tax monies should continue to go in part to the schools. This means that you and I should make sure we vote NO on AMENDMENT 2. A No vote will continue the distribution of Sales Tax monies as at present.

The other matter which you will be called upon to decide, which will affect your schools, is an amendment which attempts to permit localities to build necessary buildings, and to pay for them over a period of twenty years. At present the law says that no schools can be built unless they are paid for by the taxpayers in FIVE YEARS. That in face of the fact that school buildings last much longer than five years. If we are to have that much needed high school in Birmingham, we just can't see how we can get it under today's law. We cannot pay for a high school in five years. But, if we are permitted to pay for it out of taxes over a period of twenty years, then we can afford it.

This five year amendment was passed at the bottom of the depression. It has never been changed. We are strangled by it. If we are to take care of our increasing population, we feel that the people must not be overly burdened. We will have a chance to give our children what they deserve if necessary buildings can be paid for over a proper period of time. If we have to pay for them in five years, we just won't have them. Then your children will be in overcrowded schools, with classes running twice their present size, and perhaps going to school for part of the day. None of us want this.

We have our chance to remedy this on November 2nd, by voting YES on AMENDMENT number FIVE.

These are all straight facts, my friends. We are all trying to do our best for our children. We will be failing them pretty badly if we don't vote right on November 2nd. I know it's going to be hard to remember which amendment to vote "yes" on, and which to vote "no" on, so I suggest you learn this little rhyme to keep them straight. Here it is:

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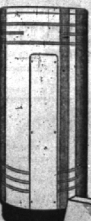
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