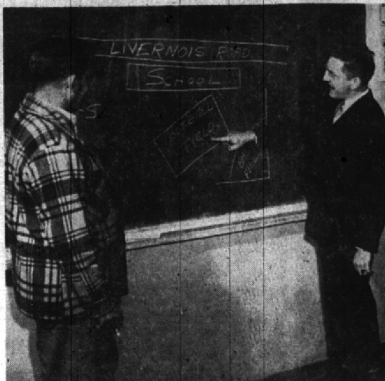


# The Birmingham Eccentric

## Lighted Football Field in Troy Planned



**JAMES GAMBLE EXPLAINS FOOTBALL FIELD PLANS**  
Looking on are Charles Swinson, Walter Taylor and Ellsworth Ogg.  
(Joe Wheeler Photo)

## Troy Township Dad's Club Promotes Activities for Youth of Area

By RAY DENNIS

Approximately 60 men in Troy township are members of a club which promotes youth recreational activities in that area.

The Troy Township Dad's club is organized with the purpose of fostering and supervising organized games and recreation activities of youth up to the ages of 18, within the area of the Troy consolidated school district.

Members also attempt to further the spiritual as well as physical development of the youngsters.

**OFFICERS ARE** president, James Gamble; vice-president, Ellsworth Ogg; treasurer, Walter Taylor; and secretary, Ray Murphy.

Gamble said that the group is forming plans for a 10-team boys baseball league. Approximately \$700 has been spent in the past eight months for baseball equipment for the league.

An auxiliary to the Dad's club has been organized for women to help with the activities of girls in the township.

The club meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The president points out that anyone interested in joining the club or women's auxiliary should phone him at his home in Big Beaver.

**THE MAIN PROJECT** of the group at this time is sponsorship of a drive to raise money for a lighted athletic field. Gamble said the field would greatly relieve the shortage of recreational facilities in Troy township.

The new high school, now under construction would use the field for its athletic program, and if the field is lighted, the athletic events could be held in the evening when a majority of the residents of the township can attend.

The revenue created by the gate receipts would make the school's athletic program self sustaining, which is something not possible in the present program.

Gamble said that about \$15,000 is needed to complete the field project. It will get underway in about 30 days.

Every week in the Saturday Review of Literature, Bennett Cerf writes a column, "Trade Winds," in part: "... and addressing the friends of the Baldwin Library in the evening. The latter meeting was held in the fashionable suburb of Birmingham, where George Averill publishes his oddity-named newspaper, The Eccentric." Cerf ought to get a look at our teen age sloppy boys and James with fopping shirts tails flying, or is that what is meant by "fashionable suburb"?

About 5 p.m. one day last summer, Mrs. Leslie A. Hilligas, 2635 E. Maple was sitting under the trees in her yard. Suddenly the dogs started barking at something in the sky in the distance. "I looked up and saw an object that looked like a large bullet or sausage," she explained to this Wanderer. "It wasn't going fast and it made no noise. There was a short trail of mist or smoke. I'm positive it was not an airplane nor dirigible." She said she recalled the experience after reading an editorial in last week's Eccentric which commented on the "flying sausages" reported recently by two men in the Pacific Northwest.

## New Southfield Defense Director Plans Meeting

By ANGELA DADSON

**FRANKLIN**—Fordon A. Niles, recently appointed director of civilian defense in Southfield township, has planned a staff meeting in the near future at which time he will present the defense program he has prepared.

A mass meeting will also be held at which all persons in the township will be urged to attend. Any person wishing to volunteer for defense work can call Niles in the Southfield exchange.

The new defense director is commander of the American Legion 17th district and serves on the Legion executive committee for the state. He served with the Red Arrow division during World War one and has been active with the Legion for 30 years.

He was born in Crosswell, Mich. and moved to his present residence and business on Telegraph road 19 years ago.

News copy submitted early necessarily is given preference over late items. So the "Early Bird" usually gets the space.

## BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Officials of the Genesee county kennel club have set March 4 as the date of their 16th annual all-breed dog show in Flynn Don Dasher, 531 Ridgedale, will judge the obedience trials to be run under AKC rules and regulations.

Spring and summer months are bad times for fund raising drives, according to one local resident who has headed several campaigns. He pointed out that a solicitor going from door to door finds many residents working in their yards. Most of these people don't have the money in their pockets while they're working, and often don't like to interrupt their tasks to go after their contributions.

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A former Birmingham resident, J. Truman Strong has recently been elected a vice-president of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. The new vice-president supervises company mortgage lending and real estate in the United States and Canada.

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