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**Birmingham Soldier Is Made Lieutenant**

From Burdette AF Base Austin, Tex. comes word of the promotion of Francis A. D. Buckridge to the rank of second lieutenant.  
Lt. Buckridge served during World War II and was, for a time stationed at the MacArthur headquarters in Tokyo. Upon his return home he worked with his father, J. O. Buckridge, prior to going back to active service.  
A graduate of Baldwin high school and Michigan State college, Lt. Buckridge expects to be transferred to San Antonio for further training. Son, Mrs. Buckridge is with him at Austin.



THESE 20 BIRMINGHAM area students were graduated from Kingswood School Cranbrook Saturday afternoon. They are top row, left to right, Louise Ratsch, Carol Rosenberg, Claire Shonick, Judy Perry, Winifred Roensch, Betty Brewster; second row, left to

right, Mary Ann Wales, Jo Tait, Nancy Shile, Barbara Gibson, Sarah McQuig, third row, left to right, Ellen Snader, Sue Souter, Carolyn Swayer, Marcia Greilly, Sally Smith, Mary Barton, Susan Lund, Carolyn Kyes, Patsy O'Madigan. (Missing from picture—Sue Moloney.)

We Heard It Said By:  
Mrs. Theodore Sirene of Temple City, Calif., formerly of Birmingham: "After almost two years absence, we all enjoy reading The Eccentric as much as when we still lived in Birmingham."



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**Trips Feature YMCA Program For Summer**

Birmingham Branch of the Detroit YMCA has put its 1951 summer program in the mail to members and has distributed calendar schedules of its DAY-Y Camp-Trip to Gray and Jr. Hi-Y members. The program, for boys and girls 8 through 14 years, operates Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Featured among various activities are trips to the Brush Street Station of the Grand Trunk Railroad, Ford River Rouge Plant, Thomas Edison Institute, Detroit Zoo, Bob-Lo Island, Detroit Creamery, Continental Baking Co., Postage Motor Division, League for the Blind at Rochester, Belle Isle Detroit, and Cranbrook Institute of Science.

INTERPERSED in this schedule is a six-day trip to Kentucky and a four-day trip to Chicago. The group will visit the famous horse farms around Lexington, Ky., the Lincoln cabin at Harpersburg, spend two days at Mammoth Cave, spend four hours at Fort Knox, drive through Louisville and have an overnight stop at Cincinnati.  
On a four-day trip to Chicago, the Y group will see the Chicago Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium, Brookfield and Lincoln Park Zoo, China Town and the campus of Chicago and Northwestern Universities.  
Three visits to Briggs Stadium are planned with the first coming July 14 and the group will see the Detroit Tigers tangle with the Cleveland Indians.

OTHER GAMES are the Philadelphia Athletics July 18 and the Chicago White Sox Aug. 6.  
Several days are devoted to swimming at nearby lakes with proper and professional instruction scheduled. On rainy days, a special in-door program will be conducted with the group using facilities of the First Baptist Church.  
Four canoe trips are planned for boys 14 years of age and older. These start from Camp Haywood West on Torch Lake and are of 10 days duration.  
Copies of the Y brochure explaining the summer schedule and the Kentucky and Chicago trips may be had by telephoning the Y office, or by stopping in at 144 West Maple. Reservations are now being taken for one or all activities.  
Adults are included in the Babylon trip, a special Square-Dance-on-the-Green scheduled for July 14, and the night baseball game.

**West Bloomfield Man 30 Years With Phone Co.**

The telephone business has not always been what it is today. Fred Flatman, with Michigan Bell for the past 30 years, can testify to this and at a recent dinner given by fellow maintenance men, did so.  
He recalled the days when only two men took care of "trouble shooting" in the old Birmingham exchange. Their trips from call to call were made on bicycles or motorcycles.  
Later he came into possession of a Ford car—the kind that was "around" before the company.  
"Telephone maintenance is a lot easier and a lot safer today than it was when I started," he said. "This is mostly because of better and safer equipment."

FLATMAN was with the Birmingham exchange for 22 years, with eight years prior to that in Detroit and Pontiac. For the last four years he has been inside maintenance man for the Mayfair office.  
A story of his career in the May issue of "Michigan Bell", monthly magazine of the company, said Flatman's main hobby was gardening and caring for the hundred fruit trees he has. The second spare-time activity is his wood-working shop.  
His son, Jack, 22, has been with the Pontiac office for four years, another of the father-son combinations for which Michigan Bell is noted.  
Flatman was presented a 30-year anniversary pin at his anniversary dinner.

**Rent Decontrol In Troy Twp. Approved Monday**

Decontrol of rents in Troy township was approved at a special hearing at the township board meeting Monday evening.  
The board's resolution asking for the decontrol will be sent to Housing Inspector Tighe Woods in Washington.  
The board voted to purchase an air raid alarm sirens. One will be installed in the southeast part of the township and the other on the western side.  
Complying with Birmingham City Manager Donald C. Egbert's request for a joint meeting between representatives of surrounding areas, a committee made up of Supervisor Norman Barnard and Township Clerk Clifton Truedell was appointed.

SUCH MATTERS as drain pollution and sewage disposal problems will be discussed. Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield township also will participate in the meeting, which will be called by Egbert.  
Approximately 4,000 civil defense pamphlets are being distributed in the township, according to Barnard. Instructions are given as to what to do in case of an air raid.  
Boy scouts of the area are also conducting civil defense questionnaires.

**Walter Connelly, Local Engineer, Services Wed.**

Services for Walter L. Connelly, 61, former Birmingham city commissioner, were held Wednesday morning from Holy Name church. Mr. Connelly, a resident of Birmingham since 1929, died suddenly Sunday at his home.  
He was born Feb. 13, 1888, in Saginaw and was graduated from Saginaw Eastern high school in 1906. He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Michigan in 1911.  
He came to Birmingham to assist in the development of the Birmingham Estates and after this project was completed, maintained an office in his home here.

HE SERVED as village commissioner from 1930-32, and also was a member of Troy township and Birmingham boards of review.  
A past president of the Birmingham Rotary club, Mr. Connelly served with the 30th Engineers in World War I. He was a member of Holy Name church, the Holy Name society and St. Vincent de Paul's society.  
Mr. Connelly is survived by his widow, Ann M., whom he married in Saginaw on Jan. 15, 1927; a brother, John Connelly of Saginaw and three sisters, the Misses Edla and Ellen Connelly and Mrs. Edmund Mansfield all of Birmingham.  
Rosary services were held in the Basil funeral chapel Tuesday evening.

**Washington Sidewalk Rates Further Study**

Commissioner Lance Minor has asked that the question of the Washington boulevard sidewalk, tabled last week, be brought up for further consideration in two weeks and property owners notified of this action.  
The issue was tabled after property owners objected to the walk, saying it would affect present shrubbery and in some cases mean relocation of drives.  
Minor said he had looked the situation over and felt the walk should go in.

**Student Congress Officers Elected**

Seventh annual Student Congress elections were held at Baldwin last Thursday.  
Joslyn was elected president; Sanders, vice president; Joanne Greiner, secretary; and Osterbeck, treasurer.  
Candidates for president were Mace Joslyn and Jim Newman; vice president, Bob John and Russ Sanders; secretary, Sandra, Pals and Joanne Greiner; treasurer, Bonnie Dayton, Sara Dunn, and Gary Osterbeck.

**City Seeking to Ban Motor Boat Operation Here**

An ordinance is being drafted by City Attorney Forbes S. Hascall to control the nuisance of motor boats on Quanton Lake.  
This action was taken after a letter to the city commission by Albert Riebhing, 875 Vinewood. He stated that a recent picnic was held on the grounds around the lake and the group brought a motor boat and cruised around the water.  
Commissioners instructed Hascall to write the ordinance so motor boats would be banned from Quanton Lake and launching of boats from city property be prohibited.  
Hascall submitted an ordinance Monday which would have banned all types of boats from Quanton Lake, but the commission felt it should be revised as some area residents occasionally like to use a cabin on the lake.

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**Hills to Cooperate With Plans for Joint Conference**  
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