Southfield Man Tells of Legion Trip to Europe

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH

SOUTHFIELD — Herman F. Luhrs, 26776 Meadowbrook Way, American Legion post, will ambassador for the "Ride of Toys" program, spoke last Thursday at a public meeting sponsored by the Township Women's Republican club.

Luhrs was one of five Legion members who distributed some 5,000,000 toys in 23 European countries earlier this year.

He told his listeners the morale of American soldiers in Europe is good, adding that he felt the three-year rotation plan should be shortened to two years.

HE REPORTED that toys were distributed to about 200 children in East Berlin, the Russian sector. Luhrs said the Russians maintained three theaters in Helsinki, showing nothing but propaganda films, adding that the Finns attend them seldom now.

Greece, according to him, was the most appreciative country visited.

"They welcome American assistance in any form," he said. "The prime minister told us that without America, Greece would now be a communist country.

"Greece and Spain would welcome the chance to become members of the Atlantic pact."

While in Europe the group were guests of all American ambassadors, visited Gen. Dwight Eisenhower in Paris and had audience with the Pope.

Seniors Awarded $100 Scholarships

Three Birmingham high school students have each been awarded $100 scholarships by the Birmingham Student Loan and Scholarship Fund association.

Recipients are Mary Richards, Barbara Hubbard and Nell Ege. Each year one Birmingham high school senior is chosen for the $100 award but because of the unusual fine record of the students on the recommendation Bd. directors sought additional scholarships.

Walt, Manuel and Snyder gave a $100 scholarship award and an anonymous donor granted another.

Directors of the association have decided to encourage scholarship awards to worthy graduates of Baldwin and will administer such grants for donors interested in the cause.

Red Cross Session At Pontiac June 16; To File Blood Tags

Mrs. Bradlee Pruden, Red Cross chairman of volunteer services, announces an orientation course from 9 a.m. to noon June 12. The course will be in the auditorium of St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, and is required for all certified volunteers. Mrs. Pruden said any one might attend who is desired.

She also said that the classification of Birmingham blood tag cards, returned from the state office of civil defense, would be started here June 18. Red Cross staff aides, blood bank registrars and girls from the high school will handle the work.

Mrs. Pruden explained that the program was arranged to have all local residents classified by blood types as well as the usual alphabetical file, to give faster service in case of emergency.

New Books at the Baldwin Library

FICTION
Arnold—Desperate Moment
Carr—Devil to Velvet
DuBois—Sabotage T-21
Marbett—Death Is In the Garden
Mason—Round New Place
Norday—Round the Bend
Stewart—Thunder Road
RELIGION, SOCIAL SCIENCES
Laigueite—They Sought a Country
Tegnis of Women Voters—Report of Taxation
SCIENCES, USEFUL ARTS
Ashley—Montana, Statement on Race
Pomerance, Family Physician
Webber—Cooking
Leavitt, Personal Finance.
LITERATURE
Untermeyer, Modern American and British Poetry
Browning, Poems and Plays
Johnston, Representative American Orations IV.
DESCRIPTION, TRAVEL, HISTORY
Durant, History of the Russians of America
Weeks, Port of Ancient Rome
Trend, All about Spain
Kouwenhoven, Adventures of America, 1857-1900
Hudgins, Michigan: Geographic Backgrounds
Reyden, Threefold Cord
Commanger, The Blue and Gray
YOUNG MODERNS & JUVENILES
Glen, Mids of Wilfie
Randall, Wild Hunter
Saffo, Big Book of Real Trucks
Sugar and Spice
Our Own State of Michigan
Allen, Lone Star Tenderfoot
Foster, Miss Flora McFlimsey's Easter Bonnet

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	2:30-8:30
Tuesday	9:30-5:30
Wednesday	9:30-5:30
Thursday	9:30-5:30
Friday	9:30-5:00
Saturday	9:30-5:30

NRA Official Here

John Collier, district representative of the National Recreation association, of which Birmingham is a member, visited city and recreational officials here Tuesday. After a conference with Frank Whitney and City Manager Donald C. Egbert, Collier was shown through the new high school.

Held Over

Unable to secure one deed for an alternate route, vacation of the Hendrie-Bates easement has been held over another week by city commissioners.

BERNARD E. FOWLER

Fowler Receives Postmastership

Placing first in a recent civil service examination, the name of Bernard E. Fowler, 956 Chester, has been submitted by President Truman to the Senate for approval.

Fowler has served Birmingham as acting postmaster since the retirement three years ago of Joseph A. Byrne. Prior to that he had been a life insurance salesman, had assisted in the postoffice during the Christmas season for several years and had sung railway mail experience.

Fowler was appointed acting postmaster in August, 1948.

A naval veteran of World War I, Fowler is a member of the Charles Edwards Post, American Legion, the Birmingham VFW, Rotary club, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA and the ushers club of Holy Name church.

Rankin Resigns From Southfield Zoning Board

Resignation of Joseph F. Rankin from the Southfield zoning board was accepted by the township board Tuesday evening and Roy Steele, 18565 Wiltshire was appointed in his place.

Rankin, 27902 E. California, who was secretary of the board, resigned because of press of business affairs.

In other business, Charles Holtrah appeared and again asked approval for the plat, "Helman Woods" subdivision planned for the corner of Telegraph and 13 Mile.

THE PLANNING commission has asked that approval be withheld until written approval is received from the county board of health on condition of the soil.

The board finally stipulated that Helman must receive from the board of health a written recommendation and/or approval covering the installation of septic tank field and well on lots in clay soil.

The board also appropriated $35 to spray Beverly Park so that mosquitoes won't be a nuisance during the girl scout outing which will be held there for two weeks starting June 22.

R. C. Banker Named To W. Bloomfield Township Board

R. C. Banker of Walnut Lake was appointed to the West Bloomfield township board Tuesday evening to fill the unexpired term of Arthur R. Green who died in February. Term will run out July, 1953.

In other business at the township board meeting, an additional sum of $1,750 was appropriated for hauling gravel to township roads.

Petitions were approved for additional street lights in Keego Harbor and blacktopping of Burt street in Keego Harbor.

Local Student at Culver Receives Position for Year

CULVER, Ind.—At the close of the Commencement exercises at Culver Military academy this week Gilbert Thomas Telfer son of Mr. Gilbert L. Telfer, 780 Greenwood Avenue, Birmingham, Mich., was appointed to the rank of Cadet Lance Corporal in Battery A of the Artillery for the school year 1951-52.

Appointments were made by Superintendent Col. W. R. Gregory on recommendation of the academic faculty, the ROTC War Department Staff, and the graduating cadet commissioned officers.

Only a skeleton ROTC commissioned and non-commissioned group is appointed in June so as to provide for basic organization leaders when school is resumed at Culver Sept. 5.

Cranbrook Students Post High Averages In Scholarship

Jan Simpson has been awarded the Scholarship Award for maintaining the highest scholastic averages for the past two academic years at Cranbrook school.

In the first form, Albert Russel was first with an annual average of 94.3 and John Burgis second with 91.5. Second former Alan Carlin led his class with 96.1 and Robert Davidow paced him with 95.4. Michael Ross led the third form with 93.4 and Richard Martin was second with 92.6.

In the fourth form Jon Thompson's 94.3 won him first honor and Grant Griswold was second with 93.6. Dean Bowers and Howard Parker led the fifth form with 92.4 and 91.6 respectively.

Bar Association Plans Legal Aid For Servicemen

Names of two Pontiac lawyers who have been willing to attend to the personal legal problems of local area personnel entering the naval service, have been announced by Joseph W. Planck of Lansing, president of the State Bar of Michigan.

The plan devised by the state bar will provide all servicemen with competent legal counsel easily, quickly and at minimum cost. Under the plan, servicemen will have proper handling of legal problems from the day they enter the armed forces.

The Michigan Plan for legal aid and lawyer reference service provides that, "if the case is properly one for legal aid, the service will be rendered free."

IN MOST CASES, however, a moderate fee can be paid which will mean not more than $5 for a conference with the attorney and his opinion.

If any further legal work is required, amount of the fee will be decided upon by the client and lawyer in advance.

The Pontiac attorneys who will serve naval personnel are Fred Ziem, Court House and Harry J. Merritt, One Lafayette street.

Planck stated that these attorneys will be employed only by personnel where the serviceman has no attorney of his own choice."

IN ADDITION to these attorneys who have volunteered to handle matters at recruiting areas, there are three points of referral set up by the state bar to which legal assistance officers in various camps and army, navy and air force stations may send requests for legal assistance for men already in the armed services.

These are Detroit Bar association, Lawyer reference service, 577 Penobscot building, Detroit 26; Grand Rapids Bar association, Lawyer reference service, 1060 Michigan Trust building, Grand Rapids; and the State Bar of Michigan, 412 Olds Tower, Lansing 8.

J. Fawcett & Co. Opens New Store

J. Fawcett and Company has announced the opening of their new heating, paint and hardware store at 208 S. Adams at Road. Grand opening is scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

This concern has been in the heating business around the Birmingham area for the past 20 years. Their line of heating equipment includes Chrysler Air Temp and Timken products.

In addition to heating equipment, the company will handle Rogers, Kem Tone and Kem Glo paints as well as many small appliances by Sunbeam, Dor-Meyer and General Electric. A wide selection of hardware items will also be stocked in the new store.

The modern building, located at the corner of South Adams and Webster, was designed by Wallace Frost of Birmingham.

Sumner Softball Team Undefeated

At the end of the first round of play, Sumner Motor Sales still sports an undefeated record in the Birmingham YMCA city recreation softball league.

Sumner's defeated Michigan Bell Telephone 8 to 7 and Fox and Hounds 7 to 3 in games this past week to achieve a 3 win and 0 loss record.

MICHIGAN BELL and Birmingham Merchants played a 6-all nine inning tie last Monday at St. James field.

Fox and Hounds teed off on Ted Herbst, pitching for Birmingham merchants, and racked up an easy 18 to 7 victory.

Games Thursday pit Fox and Hounds against Michigan Bell Telephone and Birmingham Merchants against Sumner Motor Sales.

Club to Vote on War Memorial Site

Birmingham Rotarians will vote next week on whether to ask the city to release the club's war memorial so it can be placed near the entrance to the new high school.

About two years ago the club presented the plans to the city commission, which asked the city plan commission to recommend a site for it.

Herman Erke Named Credit Bureau Head

Herman Erke was named president of the Birmingham Credit Bureau's board of directors at the Community House Tuesday night.

Other officers are Maynard L. Ashby, vice-president; Donald Cummings, treasurer and Stewart Baynes, secretary.

Wilbur Mason was elected to the board.

Building Permits Issued LAST WEEK

TOTAL 20
VALUATION $103,336

New	Number	Valuation
Single Family	9	95,000
Private Garage	5	5,721
Alterations		
Private Residence	4	2,615
Moving Residence	2	

Mo.	Permits	1951 Totals	1950 Totals	1950 Permits
Jan.	93	$1,078,285	$399,840	55
Feb.	63	699,850	961,960	76
Mar.	85	410,300	1,038,729	76
Apr.	106	946,203	919,125	85
May	109	943,854	3,662,036	185

Named Chairman Of Youth Council

Appointment of Mrs. T. Hollister Mabley, 2323 Yorkshire, as chairman of the Youth Council was announced by the retiring chairman Mrs. Alec Parnie at the June 7 meeting of the group.

Elected to the board of Community council, Mrs. Mabley received her appointment from the board of the sponsoring group.

She participated in the Birmingham survey in preparation for the 1950 White House conference on Children and Youth, which indicated the need for Youth council.

Mrs. Mabley did graduate work in social science at Smith college and spent seven years in this work in Detroit. As consultant for the Christ Church social service committee she guided volunteer work.

She is a past president of Adams PTA, chairman of the Children's services committee of the League of Women voters and a girl scout leader. In addition, she and her husband participated in the establishment of the ranch room of the Community house as a youth center.

IN ACCEPTING leadership of the council, Mrs. Mabley expressed her understanding of the policies of the group which has been active since the spring of 1950.

She stated, "Youth Council has functioned successfully as a coordinating organization for the many activities of Birmingham youth and we are all grateful for the fine work which Mrs. Parnie has done in establishing Youth Council."

Mrs. Mabley stated, "We are interested in the needs of all youth in the community. Youth Council serves young people, through their representatives, as a clearing house for their ideas and a sponsoring organization for their new projects. The council helps young people plan and act. But like good parents, withdraws its active support from a program as soon as it is no longer needed."

The work of the council from its inception in March, 1950 to the present was given in a report submitted by Mrs. Parnie.

Recent action was recorded in the report as follows:

"THERE IS A committee of six senior high school, six junior high school and two Holy Name students, with Robin Renfrew and Ben Lake as joint chairmen.

"The committee has directed its own activity principally in three respects: (1) designating the ranch room for several types of high school meetings; (2) junior theatre group was proposed and furthered by the young people; (3) a committee is investigating at the repeated insistence of the students, the possibility of some sort of religious education."

"The youth council obtained between 300 and 400 names on petitions which were sent to the city commission asking them to grant the recreation board the amount of the budget they requested for the coming year. This project was furthered by several discussion and study groups sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the AAUW."

THE REPORT concluded, "There are other less obvious things which have been accomplished by the year's monthly council meetings. Members have attended regularly and each of them feels the importance of a continuing committee."

"Cooperation between the agencies planning large group activities, and joint future program planning is well maintained. A youth council committee has been set up as a permanent part of the student congress in the high school."

Paving of Maryland Boulevard Approved

At Monday evening's city commission meeting, paving of Maryland Boulevard from Lincoln to 14 Mile road was approved on condition that 73% of the assessment be paid before the contract is ready for letting in three weeks.

City Manager Donald C. Egbert pointed out that if the street isn't paved this year it will be impassable for a considerable period this fall and next spring.

Local Dog Showing In Hudson Exhibit

When 61 dogs, representing 117 breeds go on display Friday and Saturday at the J. L. Hudson annual non-competitive exhibit, Ravon of Lynary, II, owned by Mrs. Carolyn Rominski, 550 West Lincoln, will be among them.

The year-old sable and white collie is being shown, as are all dogs by invitation. Mrs. Rominski said he was a recent winner in the Detroit show and is the third generation she has owned.

Recruiting Officer Stationed in City

Sgt. Z. A. Brawner announces the opening this week of an army recruiting office in the Birmingham post office. The sergeant will be present Monday through Friday from 9 a. m. to 2 p.m.

"We will handle recruiting of both men and women for all branches of the army and air force recruiting," he said. "Prospective recruits, or others wishing information on army service, are free to call on us at any time."

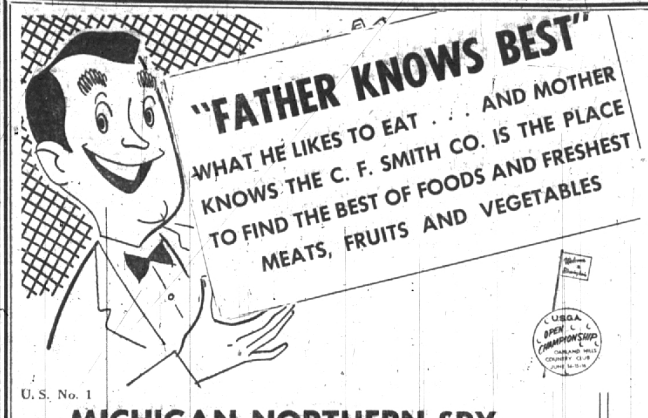
Sgt. Brawner said Birmingham recruits are often forced to make several trips from out of town stations to their homes, for necessary papers and identification. He pointed out that the establishment of a local station would eliminate this and make information

Request for Water, Sewer Service Denied

Walter Anderson's request for city water service has been "denied with sympathy" by city commissioners.

The lot is on Birmingham golf club property on the south side of Northlawn near Pleasant.

The petition was denied until such time as the land is annexed.



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