

To me, there always is something stimulating and refreshing about a visit to the city of Birmingham. It is quite natural for youngsters, as yet unafraid, to want to get soaking wet out in a nice fall of rain.

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## THIS and THAT

**By G. R. A.**  
Didn't we recently read in the newspapers that Rita Hayworth, former movie actress, has come back to the U. S. A. after spending a few months as the wife of some foreigner by the name of something or other? ... and now she's reportedly seeking a divorce. She is eloquent proof that gods of money may make a marriage, but a guarantee of a happy wedded life.

### No Supermen in Public Office

In general, two impulses motivate many men in high public affairs. One of them is the natural desire for economic security, and to them playing the game of politics best suits their talents and nature. Such men look upon a public job merely as a job, to get and to keep.

Perhaps we should include a third group. They may be men of humble or wealthy means, who are devotees to some cause or reform. None of them, in any group, are supermen. Most of them are quite average in intelligence, ability, or integrity.

**BENEATH**, and supporting them, are the millions and millions of people who work in other fields, whose taxes support government. When conditions in high governmental places are wrong it is, very largely, because of the failure of the millions to respond to their civic responsibilities to elect good men to office, or to throw out the bad ones.

From time to time our military leaders refer to new "secret weapons" that will help us win the Korean, or any other, war. They mean, of course, weapons that destroy the millions in high governmental places are wrong it is, very largely, because of the failure of the millions to respond to their civic responsibilities to elect good men to office, or to throw out the bad ones.

Great Britain now promises to cut down on the sale of critical commodities and raw materials to Communist China. That is fine, insofar as such sales do not encourage Hong Kong. There are many ways of selling stuff to others, that eventually will get to our enemies. We hope that the proper people in our government will be on the watch for such loopholes, and plug them up. (The same rule should apply to American exports, too.)

President Truman has been given a piano, the wood in which came from all the countries within the United Nations. The report hasn't stated, specifically, that some of the wood did or did not come from the Soviet Union. Anyway, let's hope that Harry enjoys the harmony he can get from playing it. After all, he's entitled to some harmony, even though he's President!

### Most of It's In

Russell T. Berger, city treasurer, says the city's cash on hand totals that 97.67 per cent of the \$602,899.90 levied for city tax had been collected out of \$626 per cent of the \$881,691.21 levy for county and school taxes has been received.

### Harvest Now

Simply plant your "for sale" ad in The Eccentric's Classified Section! You'll get a harvest of calls.

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MARY BUSHNELL, BALDWIN SENIOR, AND HER FASCINATED AUDIENCE  
Third graders at Torry school show eagerness at story hour



BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE KINDERGARTNERS LEARN TO APPRECIATE MUSIC  
Ann Averill, BHS senior, plays recorded music for study



AT PIERCE SCHOOL, FOLK DANCING IS ALWAYS FUN  
Jane Fisher shares enthusiasm of fourth graders for dancing. (Dick Shirk Photos)

## Derby Returns Jolt Winner

The element of surprise is something that most everyone had to deal with at some time or another, but not always in such a pleasant manner as Floyd Burdette did last week.

It was a day or two before the Kentucky Derby and Burdette was fanning the breeze at the club with Gus Gran and Charlie Coffin, two other members of Birmingham who were planning on going to the Derby together. Burdette had been a member of the Derby and Coffin took off for the Derby and by post time they were all organized except for the five dollars of Burdette's. No horse looked good, so the two decided to place the five on the field.

WHAT HAPPENED was next to impossible, but by now it is in the record and Count Turf, the always in the field, came home with something to spare and the five dollar ticket, was cashed for \$23.00.

## Experiment May Lead to Special Class

"What Frightened Whoopy?" Mary Bushnell, Baldwin high school senior, asked the Torry school third grade reading class. Little Christine Webb, volunteered the answer: "The Fox."

THROUGH the cooperation of Ross Wagner, Baldwin high school principal and Edith Carter, elementary schools Supervisor, a week's program was planned in which the high school girls could observe teachers and participate in the activities of Birmingham elementary school.

The week of May 14-18 was set aside for each of these girls to spend half a day in her chosen field of activity working with children under the guidance of an elementary school teacher.

"I was'n't sure, when I signed up for Careers Day," said Jane, "whether I'd like physical education or not." "But this is about as convincing an experience as I've ever had."

"I'M SO impressed with Miss Jeanne's teaching. Everything is well organized. And it's fun to see the children step into positions of leadership in the groups and to see Miss Jeanne help some learn to coordinate."

"I hope we'll have a child study course at Baldwin next year, with a chance to have more of these first-hand experiences."

check which he could plainly see was for a cool \$65 conveniently close to his place. The hair on the back of his neck was just settling back into place when one of them came up with the 73 bucks and green grime stained forming on the faces of the host.

A quick explanation followed and everyone enjoyed a good laugh as Floyd recovered from the thrill of becoming a Derby winner and receiving a sixty-five dollar winner check and one wallop.

After two days of searching, State police Friday recovered the body of Walter Lundberg, Farmington who drowned Wednesday evening, May 16 in Woodland Lake.

## City Plans Memorials To War Dead

Speakers, Parade To Mark Program Here on May 30

Birmingham's annual Memorial Day observance will open with a brief service at the monument in Greenwood cemetery—at 9 a. m., with prayer and a firing squad and bugle salute.

The parade, with Col. Bruce G. Booth as marshal, will form on Martin, between Bates and Chester at 9:15. Led by the Baldwin high school band, the route will be south on Bates to Brown, east to Woodward, north to Maple, east to Henrietta, south to Mar-

## Graves Committee Asks Veteran Names

Friends and relatives of Birmingham veterans buried in Greenwood, Acacia Park or Roseland Park cemeteries are asked to contact Jack Emerson so that the graves decoration committee will miss no graves in connection with Memorial Day.

"We have a list of about 300 graves which we will decorate this weekend," Emerson said, "but there is always the chance our list is not complete. We will appreciate anyone calling us of graves they know about."

Battery "B" 17th Field Artillery Battalion of the 46th Division will be used in its annual Memorial Day parade.

A GROUP of heavy ordinance self propelled guns and tanks, including the new M-46 modified General Patton tanks, now used in Korea, a self propelled 155 howitzer, a swamp buggy and a duck will be driven by men from the 51st tank battalion, 21st Armored Div.

These units were provided for the local parade through Mt. Albert Mole, instructor of the organization near the dam site. He asked if anyone expects a regular practice, or was boating frowned upon by the city fathers for that particular body of water.

AN AIR SALUTE by jet planes from the 56th Fighter Interceptor Wing, Selfridge Field, will be the signal for the band to call for the advancing of our colors.

The ceremony at the municipal building will be opened by a prayer by the Rev. Reginald Becker, pastor of Embury Methodist church.

Jack Emerson, Memorial Day chairman, will introduce Frank Whitney who will speak for the youth of the community. Col. Booth, former mayor, will deliver the message for the veterans.

MICHIGAN'S former governor, Murray D. VanWagoner, guest speaker of the day, will be presented by Mayor Chad Ritchie.

Following the presentation of flowers by Mrs. Earle H. Cunningham, CMS president and gold star mother, the Rev. David Dunham will close the ceremony with prayer.

## Would Eliminate Master Plan Filing, Non-City Members

By GEORGE WM. AVERILL

At a special, closed meeting tonight between members of the city commission and the city plan commission, these three significant changes in the city's planning ordinance will be argued:

- 1) Removal of all references to the state enabling act;
- 2) Elimination of the two non-resident members of the plan commission by cutting the size of the group from its present nine members down to seven; and
- 3) Inclusion on the plan commission as ex officio members two city administrative officials and one city commissioner.

## Five Candidates Seek Positions On School Board

Five persons turned in petitions for positions on the Birmingham board of education before the deadline Tuesday at 5 p. m.

Candidates who will be running for the two four-year terms June 11 election are Charles E. James, Jr., Frank B. Hardy, Roland W. Reese and incumbents Mrs. Olga Sappington and Amos P. Gregory.

REGISTRATION FOR voting will continue until Saturday, June 2 in the board of education offices in the Hill School building. Hours will be 1 to 5 weekdays and 8 to 12 Saturday, May 26. The final day, registration will be from 8 to 8 p. m.

Is A Motor Boat On Quarton Lake Fun Or Trouble?  
Commissioners now must decide whether or not Quarton lake shall be added among the state's waterways.

A letter from Albert Riebling, 8714 Quarton, advised the city that Sunday Quarton was the scene of a boating party.

THE "LEGAL ANGLE" also enters into the present commission position on Birmingham's Quarton lake.

City commissioners believe that there is a possibility of court action by the city fathers for that particular body of water.

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Car Coasts Into Lake as Owner Attends Church  
Failure to set the emergency brake on his car caused Richard Morrow, 1410 Bow, Bloomfield Hills some trouble Sunday.

Early Copy Next Week Please!  
Because of MEMORIAL DAY, which falls on Wednesday next week, The Eccentric must go to press one day earlier. . . Therefore—

All Deadlines (News and Advertising) Will Be Monday at 5 p. m.

## New Coaches Engaged for Basketball Coach; Comes from Pontiac

Petrakis Named Basketball Coach; Comes from Pontiac

Two new coaches for Birmingham high school for 1951-52 were engaged by the board of education Tuesday evening.

New basketball coach, replacing Lloyd A. Cooper, will be John Petrakis, who has been head basketball coach and assistant basketball coach at Pontiac high school. Football track coach will be Kermit Ambrose.

Petrakis RECEIVED his Bachelor's in science degree from the University of Toledo in 1940 and M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1948. Previous to the Pontiac job, he taught physical education in Maumee, Ohio and Racine, Wis.

Superintendent Dwight B. Ireland stated that next year's appointments of 11 other teachers were also announced by the board.

Margery R. Jacka will teach third grade at Pierce school. She received her B.S. degree from Michigan State normal college in Lansing and has had four years experience in teaching and Wisconsin.

Virginia Fooks Bauer, to teach the 10th grade school, will receive her B.A. degree next month from the University of Michigan.

Another who will receive her B.A. degree from the U. of M. is Marion L. Murphy. She received her second and third grades in Bloomfield Hills and received her Colleen Marie Kennedy has been engaged to teach the fourth grade at Baldwin elementary school.

Barbara Little, new kindergarten teacher at Torry will be graduated from the University of Michigan next year and will receive her B.A. degree at that time.

There UNDOUBTEDLY will be no disagreement over the designation of two city administrative officials and one city commissioner to serve ex officio on the committee.

THE CITY commission now has Commissioner Dean G. Beier serving as a member of the city recreation commission.

Cornerstone Event Set for New High School June 1  
Miss Vida McGiffin of Baldwin high school and a special student committee are now working on the special school board meeting Tuesday.

Meeting Postponed  
Mrs. Peter B. Loomis, city plan commission chairman said Friday that the May 24 meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, May 29.