

Do we not longer remember the friend who was cheerful and smiling . . . and therefore do we not miss him the more? If that be so, about a friend, then can we not seek to do likewise . . . so that others find joy in our presence, and we while still alive!

Joe Wheeler Home
Joe Wheeler, 240 Lavine, Birmingham photographer, has been returned home from St. Joseph

Mercy hospital. Wheeler who suffered a fractured skull in a fall at his home on Feb. 29, is much improved.

Second Blood Bank Plans Being Made By Church Women

Women of Birmingham's churches are sponsoring their second Red Cross blood bank on April 23 at the Community House. In a previous campaign last December, the group received 171 pints of blood from area residents. The current campaign will be sponsored by the Birmingham Council of Church Women and the women's organizations of Holy Name, St. Hugo and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parishes. Mrs. Kathleen Madonna, publicity chairman, said, "The blood received during these mobile unit visits, or at hospitals, is far more valuable medically than any of the so-called miracle drugs."

"A PINT OF whole blood can help one person, perhaps save a life. Broken down, a pint of blood can help three or more persons. . . . The priceless fluid we receive during these visits is shared with our fighting men in Korea and our civilian population at home. Some of it is used as whole blood, some is processed. "The donor who visits the blood bank may be paving the way to save the life of a friend or relative, or even his own. Through modern science blood and its derivatives can be stored and is thus available in an emergency without waiting the arrival of a donor. "It should also be noted that, in using whole blood, the types must match. Without a bank this may take too much time. The blood hospitals hold in reserve and the stored plasma make a transfusion available immediately, and time is a big factor in saving a life."

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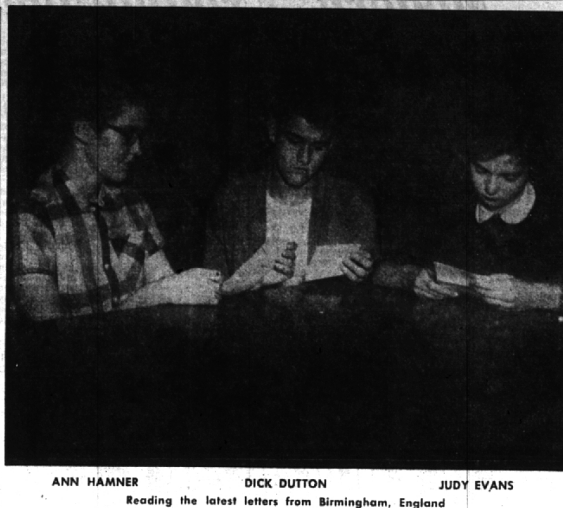
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Reading the latest letters from Birmingham, England

School Groups Enjoy Letters from Abroad

By ALICE E. MORGAN
If there is any foundation for the oft-repeated statement that a better understanding of foreign people is one of the ways toward world peace, Birmingham youngsters are getting off on the right path.

Two groups, representing Barnum junior high school and Pierce elementary, have become interested in corresponding with boys and girls in England and Germany. The Barnum youngsters have chosen for their contacts the young teen-agers in Birmingham, England, and are finding that boys and girls are just about the same, no matter where they live. The English girls are expressing a preference for boy pen-pals, are talking about clothes, movies, TV, hair-dos and marriage, the same as their American counterparts.

BOTH GROUPS are busily exchanging pictures and comparing school activities. Miss Lyla McCormick, Barnum teacher, says there are about 20 in her group who are regularly exchanging letters with their British "cousins." "These youngsters are learning a great deal from their letters," she stated. "Our children are finding out that living in a foreign country does not basically change nature in the least. "They are finding out, little by little, how the war touched the lives of the boys and girls in Birmingham, England. They are learning that life there does not

"THEY WORKED extra hard on their writing and when that was approved, they wanted to decorate their papers," Miss Robbins says. "The final result was binding the whole thing and permitting the class to prepare a decorated cover for it. "We will send all of the class work to Runzhausen for the little boys and girls to see what we have done," she explained. "As far as our own class is concerned, it has been very helpful. Voluntarily these little folks have worked harder at writing, spelling and art, to have work good enough to be sent abroad. "I cannot help but feel very proud of my third graders—proud of their work, their interest in others, their pride in themselves and above all, the enthusiasm with which they plunged into their first contact with a world totally strange to them."

THE BRITISH correspondence came about through a visit made to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland last year by Mrs. Philip Bordinat, a native of Ohio and teacher in a girl's school in Birmingham, England. Pierce school's interest in Germany was begun last summer when the Birmingham Teachers' club sent Miss Lois Robbins to the annual NEA convention in San Francisco. While there she became acquainted with two German teachers, and a short time ago received a copy of "Dear Little Robin" from one of them, Ilseget, Steinmetz, teacher at Runzhausen. Miss Robbins' third graders saw the German stamps and launched a barrage of "why can't we . . . at their teacher. The final outcome was a booklet of letters and poems, written by the American children to their counterparts in Germany. Miss Robbins put them on their best scholastic behavior and admits that she was surprised at the quality of the work they turned out.



Robert S. (Bob) Owen

Army Discontinues Maine Cemetery; Plans Reburial

First Army headquarters announced today that disinterment of all remains buried in the Post Cemetery, Fort McKinley, Me., will be started about July 1. Disinterment will be in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, N. Y., unless otherwise ordered. Next-of-kin may make arrangements for burial in private cemeteries by writing the First Army Quartermaster, Governors Island, New York 4, N. Y., as soon as possible. In such cases, these next-of-kin may assume custody of remains and expedite and become responsible for proper reinterment. The government will bear all disinterment costs with reburial charges being assumed by next-of-kin. Private headstones now in place will be released upon request with removal costs borne by next-of-kin. Private headstones will not be allowed in the Long Island National cemetery. A spokesman for the First Army headquarters said cemetery records dated back to 1901 are becoming obsolete and incomplete, making accurate contact with next-of-kin impossible.

To Elect Directors At Monday's Meeting

Six directors for the 1952-53 year will be elected at next week's meeting of the Birmingham Rotary club. These directors subsequently will meet to elect the new club president who will succeed the Rev. W. Glen Harris in July. At Monday's meeting, John H. Karr told club members how interesting and challenging astronomy can be as a hobby. Karr is vocational counselor for the Detroit Business University.

Himes Bound Over On Fatal Shooting

Charles M. Himes, age 30, 244 Florence, Troy township, held by Oakland County authorities in the March 23 fatal shooting of a River View, Mich., man has been bound over to Pontiac Circuit court on \$2,500 bond. He was arraigned before Justice Luther Green of Avon township and was bound over on investigation of manslaughter. Himes is charged with killing John Oliver Kilgour, his brother-in-law, after an argument in the kitchen of the Troy home. Kilgour died hours after the shooting from a gun-shot wound in the chest. Police quoted Himes as saying he shot Kilgour in self defense when Kilgour threatened him with a knife. Himes did not post the bail and is being held in Oakland County jail.

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ROBERT S. OWEN