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## PARENT-TEACHER ASSN. NEWS

To be included in this column, items must reach The Eccentric by Friday noon the week before publication.

### Southfield PTA Founder's Dinner Speaker Selected

Mrs. Holley Taggart will be general chairman when Founder's Day is observed on Feb. 12 by PTA groups of the Southfield area. Dr. Guy H. Hill, whose topic will be "Citizens Responsibility in Relation to Schools," will be presented by Superintendent Glenn Schoenhals, toastmaster.

Dr. Hill is the Michigan State college school and community relations representative.

The program will also include musical numbers by the high school's small ensemble and a skit presented by representatives of the various schools in the Southfield district.

**RESERVATIONS** for the dinner must be made before Feb. 5. Other committee workers include: Mrs. Edward Pepper, dinner; Mrs. Wes Maie, Mrs. Myron Greenfield and Mrs. Raymond Sandusky, dining room and decorations; Harry Baker, tickets; Mrs. Charles Sherwin, publicity; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reimer, hospitality; Mrs. David Clark, correspondence; Mrs. Clayton Nelson, check; Mrs. John Berner, program.

Mrs. Harold Misteel will be in charge of the dinner which will be served by members of the high school home economics class.

### Adams PTA Elects 1952-53 Officers

Officers for the 1952-53 school year were elected at the Jan. 14 meeting of Adams PTA.

Mrs. Thomas W. Monroe, president-elect, will have as her staff Mrs. Josephine Cullen, treasurer; Mrs. H. S. Arnold, mother vice president; Dan B. Elliot, father vice president; Mrs. Ross Wagner, recording secretary; Mrs. Robert Nadal, corresponding secretary and John Middlemas, treasurer.

The new officers will assume their duties at the September meeting.

### Adams Square Dance

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jesse are chairmen of the PTA-sponsored square dance to be at Adams school Jan. 26. The dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight, with an instruction period for beginners at 8:30 p.m. The Brenns will call.

### Baldwin Elementary PTA Plans Jan. 25 Program

A get-acquainted fun night will be sponsored by the Baldwin elementary PTA on Friday, Jan. 25. Gingham and jeans will be in order for the dances to be held in the gymnasium. Cards and a social hour also are planned.

Mrs. John B. Taylor and Mrs. Donald Fisk are heading the event.

### Estimate Alley Improving At \$5,320; Hearing Set

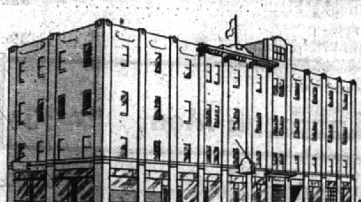
Feb. 18 has been set by Birmingham commissioners for the hearing on the proposed improvement of the Maple-Chesterfield alley. Plans prepared by City Manager Donald C. Ebert show the estimated cost will be \$5,320.

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THIS INTERSECTION at 14 Mile and Pierce, which is frequently travelled by school children, has been the subject of much concern by area residents and township, city and county officials for the past several months. However, this corner now will have a badly needed traffic signal. The Birmingham board of education and the Oakland County road commission each have agreed to pay one-third the cost of installation. The Birmingham city commission and the Southfield township board each will pay one-sixth the installation cost and 50% of the continuing current and maintenance costs. (See Wheeler Photo)

### Appropriation for Emergency Radio Equipment Asked

A request by James F. Abbott, emergency coordinator for the Catalpa Amateur radio society, for an \$1,400 appropriation from the city to be used to purchase emergency radio equipment has been referred to Civil Defense Director Bruce Booth for a report and recommendation.

The amateurs of the club have set up an emergency communications station; W8HLD in St. James church.

Abbott stated, "The Birmingham has station has been built out of the outmoded and surplus police transmitter donated to us by the Birmingham police department. This equipment was re-fused to suit amateur needs by the local amateurs and additional necessary equipment is furnished and donated by our members."

"OUR CLUB also purchased, out of club funds, a gasoline driven generator for emergency power. In this manner we have had an emergency station on the air for our estimated OCP drills for over a year without a penny cost to anyone but ourselves. This we have been glad to do in the interest of national defense."

Of the \$1,400 appropriation by the city, a total of \$1,050 would be reimbursed by proper application for state and federal OCP funds which are now available, Abbott stated.

Birmingham's share would be \$350 and this amount would be equally matched by the state of Michigan. Then the federal government would contribute \$700.

### Veteran Postal Employee Recovering From Illness

S. H. "Buster" Wilkinson, 627 Stanley, money order clerk at the Birmingham post office, has been confined to his home with an illness since Christmas and is now recuperating.

He has been employed at the post office for the past 36 years.

## Helps to Administer Belgium Aid Program

BRUSSELS: A young Michigan finance expert is one of the United States' key representatives to Belgium.

William B. Dale, native of Wayne, Mich. and husband of a former Birmingham, Mich. resident, has the triple assignment of U. S. Treasury representative, finance attache to the American Embassy and finance officer for the Marshall plan.

Dale is married to the former Deborah Jane Parry of Birmingham, and the couple have two children.

Dale's job is to analyze Belgium's financial condition, so that American aid policy can be properly determined. In the past three years over \$600 million in U. S. assistance has come to Belgium, and much of its disposition depended on decisions of the Michigan man.

DALE, IN AN INTERVIEW at his office here, pointed out that the bulk of American Marshall plan grants to Belgium have been conditional. "We have given this little country about \$600 million worth of commodities to other Marshall plan countries. It doesn't realize any net increase in goods, but winds up with different kinds of goods," he explained.

"Belgium is in this position, it is highly industrialized and it is obliged to import machinery, food and certain manufactured goods, for which dollars must be paid, from the United States. At the same time it exports other kinds of machinery, textiles, small arms, ammunition and consumer goods to other European countries," he explained.

Before the war Belgium depended on convertibility of currency to conduct her trade. Credits built up in Europe could be used to pay debts in America. But now European currency cannot be turned into dollars. So Belgium owes dollars to America, while France, Holland and England owe her francs, guilders and pounds which cannot be converted into dollars.

American aid has largely solved the problem, Dale pointed out, cancelling out some of Belgium's debts to us on condition that Belgium cancel an equal amount of Europe's debt to herself.

In this way the "Workshop of Europe," as this country is known, has been able to supply the continent and England with vital machinery and other goods, which have helped economic recovery throughout Western Europe.

THE BIG QUESTION is, what happens when American aid stops," Dale stated. "I don't know the answer. Integration of Europe is of course one answer and Belgium has already taken the first step by joining with Holland and Luxembourg in a customs union, but this is a long way from making Europe one solid economic whole."

Dale, a graduate of Wayne high school, studied at the University of Michigan and subsequently at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Mass., a special institution limited to 50 selected students a year. He joined the Treasury Department in 1948.

### North Chevrolet Undeclared in YMCA League

North Chevrolet's undefeated basketball quintet defeated Birmingham Auto Dealers 44 to 33 on the Baldwin elementary school floor Monday to take over first place in the Birmingham YMCA league standings.

Both teams played excellent defensive ball for the first half and then the North Chevrolet cagers broke loose with a barrage of baskets that gave them a commanding lead.

Bob Folin's 15 points led both sides in scoring while Jack Tobin and Bob Hengen played best for the Auto Dealers.

**BIRMINGHAM MERCHANTS** won over Rotary Club by forfeit and then took on a pick-up team to win by the close score of 23 to 22. Three games marked the end of the first half of play.

League standings are now North Chevrolet, four wins, no losses; Auto Dealers, three-one; J. M. Holland, two-two; Birmingham Merchants, one-three; and Rotary Club, no wins, four defeats.

Games slated Monday, Jan. 28, put North Chevrolet against M. Holland and Auto Dealers with Rotary Club.

**Family Service Director Explains Local Program To B'm'ham Lions Club**

Activities of the Family Service program in Birmingham was discussed by Stella Martin, executive director, at the Wednesday meeting of the Birmingham Lions club.

The work here is mostly concerned with family relations and consultation, she explained, and the relief program is very light.

Since the local office was opened 15 months ago, 150 cases have been completed. The average monthly caseload is 46.

Edo Bearn, William Gardner and William Roberts reported \$438 was received from the "Red No Night" program conducted by the Lions.

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