#### School Election Workers Are Paid

On the recommendation of Su-perintendent Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, the Birmingham Board of Educa-ion agreed to pay school election owskers the same pay received by ity election boards. Treland told board members that namy workers stayed at the polls multi midnight Nov. 12 tallying he ballots of voters in the school ond election.

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# Six Teams Ready | Board Is Asked

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Any boy who has not yet reached his 16th birthday is eligible for the Saturday YMCA Junior Basketball team if he is not a member of a recognized school team playing a Practice is on Saturday mornings from 11 to 12 noon, in the First Baptist Church gym. Games will be played at 2 pm. either at home or away. All positions are still open.

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PROMOTION OF TWO Michigan Bell Telephane Co. Officials, both Birmingham residents, was announced this week by the company. Lou Conroy, 1018 Pilgrim was made assistant general commercial manager, and Merle W. Slack, of 2493 Buckingham, was promoted to division commercial superintendent in the company's Woodward division convergence of the company and the control of the convergence of th

#### **Detroit Edison Lists Promotions**

Recent changes of executive and administrative personnel for Detroit Edison, announced by Prentiss at Land Birmingham area.

Stewart: L. Ferguson, 23005 Woodland, Southfeld township, has been named to succeed Arthur S. ny, while Executive over the duties of Assistant secretary.

tary.

King, who lives at 18936 Devonshire, joined the company in 1915 with the property department. A graduate of the electrical engineering school, University of Michigan, he was made assistant property engineer in 1918 and advanced to property engineer in 1950, which office he will continue to fill.

FERGUSON FIRST worked in the electrical construction department in 1910. After graduating rom U. of M., as a mechanical enineer in 1914 he entered the proprince of the property department, his employment awing been continuous since that site.

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HELPING ON the ways and means committee are Mrs. Fred Anger, Mrs. Ralph Cook and Mrs. Aloge Nichols. Mrs. Richard I. Moore is in charge of intivations and Mrs. Bruce Annett publishty. Mrs. George Dondero is reception chairman. She will be assisted by wives of the county officers.

#### People's Column

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All letters must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.



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Under the supervision of Mrs.
C. Appel, pack members perared a short skit of the first
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#### On MSC Fund Board

Harold H. Gasser, 768 Spffield, has been named to the Mikhigan State College Fund board of trus-tees, college officials have announc-ed. The Ms.C. Fund is the per-manent fund-raising organization of the college. Its revenues are used for research, scholarships, and spe-cial projects in many various areas.



PVT. HARRY E. FRANTZ, son Mr. and Mrs. Edgar G. Frantz. 710 Thirteen Mile. Southfield waship, has completed basic com-t training at the Signal Corps placement Center, Camp Gordon,



Thanksgiving is one of few holidays we have which has been adulterated with the gift-giving habit. And as a consequence it seems that Thanksgiving becomes less important in people's minds, for no one takes the trouble to "promote" it.

The Pilgrims have often been described as a stern, bigoted lot, so determined in their ways that they would leave their homes for a wilderness. But somehow, in the light of their own beliefs they did not make a sacribe in coming to the New World. Nor were they overly stern or bigoted. Much has been written, but not too much read, of their happy times and joyous characteristics. To those who understood their beliefs they were not too tough; only to those who lived by different standards did they measure up as an inhuman lot.

These people had been persecuted in their own land by the leaders of the established Church, which was a part and parcel of the government itself. They were hounded by the authorities, were molested in their trades, were even physically hurt. In spite of all this they had set up two churches in England: but these churches didn't last for long. Many of the Separatists fled to Amsterdam in 1608, and a year later moved to the Holland city of Leiden. From there they started in 1620 for the New World.

Two ships left Plymouth harbor, in England-from whence they had sailed from Halland-on about the 6th of September, 1620. One ship was the Mayllower, a small sailing ship of 180 tons burden. The other ship was the Speedwell, but as soon as it hit the open seas beyond the harbor it had to turn back. It was unseaworthy, The 102 Pligims on the Mayllower, sailing before the wind, landed on the rooky coast of Massachusetts just 76 days later, about December 21st.

later, about December 21st.

On the trip over some 49 of the ship's passengers entered into a compact, by which they set up their government, their church, and their freedoms. Under the leadership of Gov4 error William Bradford, and under the military leadership of Capt. Myles Standish, almost half of that little band was lost during the first winter. The barren and bleak shore offered little protection from the winds of the North Atlantic, nor from the attacks of savage red-men, nor from the ravages of disease. The dead were burried at the edge of the settlement, and when Spring came the mounds were leveled and planted over with grain. Such a great losy of lives would have been an encouragement to the Indians to attack, if they had known how depleated the settlement had become.

When the crops were harvested the following autumn, and they were bountiful, it was determined by the leaders that a day of Thanksgiving should be observed. The exact date is not known.

It is not likely that Thanksgiving was a feast day. It is more likely that it was a day of praise and thanksgiving to God which had delivered freedom and bounty into their hands, It is possible that the turkey was served on that first hanksgiving day, for this bird was a native of the New World, and was extremely easy to catch.

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It is believed that these first settlers in New England, Pilgrims to us, continued their day of thanks each year after the knops were harvested. But 'the observance of this day was sporadic for almost two hundred years thereafter. George Washington, when he was president, called for a day of thanksigning on Thursday, November 26, 1795. Then there was not another day of thanksigning for four years. The next one dishi't come until the end of the War of 1812, Many presidents from the me of Madsom to Lincoln valled for national days of thanksigning, but often these days were not observed. At one time the Southern States refused to received in Puritanic bigotry.

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In 1866, with the Civil War yet unsettled, Abraham Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation which set aside the last Thursday in November for praise and gratitude to God. He closed this famoup proclamation with these words; "I do, therefore, invite my rellavorement in every part of the United States, and also those who are at as and those who are so gourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficient Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

Since that time, except for a short period when F.D.R. moved ahead the date, this nation has observed the last Thursday in November as a day of Thanksgiving.

It is htting that we should continue, as a nation, to give thanks for the bounties of our land, and lor our freedom. It is htting that we should, in humbleness, bow our heads in thanks to the One responsible for these bounties. It is a day when we should reverently look unto ourselves, and make note of our shortcomings. It is a day when we should dedicate ourselves to the perpetuation of all those freedoms we have so long enjoyed. With no sense of smugness, but with a free and honest admission of our blessings, we should reverence the Giver of all the good gifts we enjoy.

When we cease to give praise to the Almighty, and to thank Him for our bounties, then will use begin to lose all these things we have. Then will go our freedoms, our right to waship as we please, our right to govern ourselves, our right to respect to express ourselves, our privilege to live without lear. And should that time come, God porbid, will we then embank in the new liner United States for a New World left; we must stay here and make hims land the hope for aft the oppersend peoples of the world must be abandoned.

Let us give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, and rededicate ourselves to the "unfinished task" which Jays ahead,

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