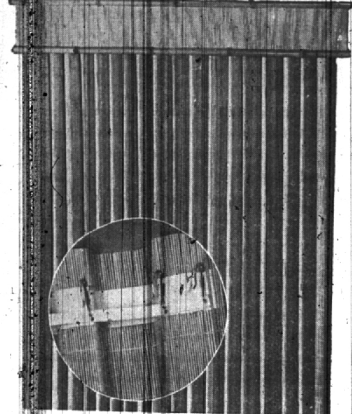


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1891-92 School Head Writes of Old Days



PVT. BERNARD C. BLANK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Blank, 3129 Livernols, Troy township, recently completed Army basic training conducted by the 3d Armored Division at Fort Knox, Ky. Pvt. Blank entered the Army on January 25 of this year.

Will Represent City

Frank Van Peltzer, electrical inspector, has been named delegate to represent the City of Birmingham at regular meetings of the Reciprocal Heating Council in Detroit. Jack V. Walker, building inspector, will be the alternate for those sessions which deal with heating contractors' licenses and other phases of heating important to safety factors for the community at large.

To the Editor: Recently it was my privilege to read the Anniversary edition of The Eccentric.

I might read this "I Remember..." for though I lived in Birmingham but one year, your paper recalls to me many names of those who were living there in the early 1890s.

It was in September, 1891, that the Rev. Bird introduced me to about 50 pupils of the Birmingham high school as their principal for the ensuing year.

Besides the supervisor of the school system, I was to teach mathematics and the sciences, physics and chemistry.

The school building was a short distance off West Maple avenue, a two-story brick structure with basement.

The high school curriculum was arranged to conform to the university requirements for admission, for the school then was on the accredited list. There was given four years of Latin, two years each French and German.

THE ASSEMBLY room was presided over by Miss McDonald who, I believe, was the only woman in the school. Miss McDonald was a good disciplinarian and an excellent teacher.

Discipline was not a problem then and the expression "juvenile delinquency" was never coined. No instruction was given in music.

There were no extra curricular activities—no recreation grounds,



WILLIAM G. POLAND

Boy Scout 'Ranch' Ready for Summer

The next Birmingham Boy Scout troop to visit the D-Bar-A ranch near Metamora will find the new "fermas" already in charge, and 16 animals in the corral, ready for the summer program.

William G. Poland, newly appointed executive in District IV will direct the summer activities, including troop camps and special Explorer trips. He has a wide background in camp activities including expeditions to the Balmore Scout reservation in New Mexico.

The 16 animals include 10 saddle horses and 6 Missouri mules, brought by truck from St. Paul last week.

A western style, cowboy-pioneer program has been scheduled for the summer to include stream fishing, bait casting, fly casting, skeet shooting, archery, starlight camping trips and chuckwagon meals.

Faulty Storm Sewer

Flooded basements after every heavy rain brought a storm sewer complaint to Birmingham city commissioners from the Baines street residents this week. The property holders were assured that a study would be made of the condition.

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Old Timers Recalled By Former Teacher

To the Editor: It has just come to my attention that you recently published an edition of your paper on its 75th Anniversary of remembrances. That is all the information I have, so I'm writing to ask the price of same for I'm sure it will contain items of interest to me.

In my youth I taught for three years, in charge of second grade, from 1891 until 1892, under Supl. Waldo and apparently for ability and appreciation of parents I was successful.

George Mitchell was then editor and I believe owner of your newspaper. His daughter Carrie, one of my pupils.

My scrapbook holds many items of remembrance which your files will show, like "The Birmingham Union" section in the county in regard to number of pupils but first in advancement, intelligence and standing.

ANOTHER ON "School Receptions" there is some special work in exhibition of work in second primary taught by Miss Cora C. Kier, notably map drawings of different countries and cities work by Eddie Buell, especially.

Another item of those days cites the Teachers Institute in Pontiac where "Miss Cora Kier of our Birmingham school gave the most interesting paper which received much favorable comment.

If any relative of George Mitchell is still on your staff I'm sure this will renew memories as they have for me at varied intervals.

One in 1922, when Mr. Fox, editor of the Rochester Era, sent me an issue of his paper of June 10, in which he had copied "25 Years Ago" from your paper regarding my visit in your office, et al.

I was a guest in his Rochester home when attending my first Teachers Institute and secured my first certificate to teach.

THE LATE Charles Shain, Raymond, Mich., was a Graduate of John Graham (Bess Bigelow) Mary Benedict, Mrs. Manley Davis and others were among my pupils, as I note by yesterday's Free Press that Mrs. R. O. Wylie Bell is visiting from Arizona. She was one of my dear friends in Birmingham.

If you should have known me you will be interested to know that my husband is a medical man, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, honored a year ago this month as emeritus member of the University of Michigan. He was a 1902 medical graduate there.

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BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS BRIEFS

Dearborn Mtrs. Magazine Wins Excellence Award

"Ford Farming", quarterly magazine published by Dearborn Motors, has been presented with an Award of Excellence by the International Council of Industrial Editors.

The only national farm magazine to receive an award, Ford Farming is sent to more than 1,200,000 farm families by Ford tractor dealers across the nation.

Awards were based on editorial balance, writing quality, and appearance. A total of 800 publications were entered in the judging committee was composed of 21 leading industrial editors from all sections of the country.

Jacobson's Announces Group Charge-Plate Plan for Local Store

Wilber B. Mason Jr., manager of the Jacobson store in Birmingham, this week announced the introduction of their Group Charge-Plate plan. Charge-Plate is bound for either of the Detroit stores, or the Grosse Pointe store, will be honored at the Birmingham shop after it has been "notched" by the local store.

Mason suggests that holders of more than one plate have them all tagged for use in the Birmingham shop.

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At Summer Camp at Michigan State College, is attending the 1953 ROTC Summer Camp at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., for the six-week training course. Cadet James L. Buchanan, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Buchanan, 940 Henrietta, and a student.

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