



CAMP MCOY, Wis., July 16—Taking part in two weeks of rugged training here along with over 1,200 other Army reservists from Michigan and Indiana is Sgt. Lowell D. Schlanbusch, 197 E. Lincoln, Birmingham, Mich. (center). With two other buddies of the 333rd regiment, 70th Infantry Div., Schlanbusch is pictured while practicing on the small arms firing range. (U.S. Army Photo)

Aug. 3 Hearing On Water Main For N. Woodward

Estimated cost of a water main along the north side of N. Woodward, between Second and Harmon, will be \$25,000 against benefit of \$10,000 when the special assessment is levied for confirmation by the Birmingham city commission Aug. 3.

Considerable potential building activity is possible

and city officials believe the water main is necessary to prevent having to make too many more pavement breaks in Woodward to get service from a main on the west side of the street.

Four such services already have been pushed under the pavement, the city engineering department reports.

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Assessment Roll Set for Hearing

Confirmation of the special assessment roll for paving of Cole street for a distance of 500 feet east of Eton will be considered at a public hearing Aug. 3.

Fronted by industrial property, all but one owner is in favor of the improvement.

Want ads cannot be accepted after 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Old Friends Reunited By Anniversary Issue

Dear Eccentric:
This is Carrie Mitchell reporting a recent wonderful two-hour visit with my Birmingham fifth grade teacher, Cora Kier Fulkerson, who has lived in Kalamazoo longer than I have—and that is 30 years.

In fact, Cora Kier was married in 1902 and I graduated from Birmingham high school in 1903. Both living right here in Kalamazoo for 30 years, unknown to each other until the 75th Anniversary edition of you, dear Eccentric, arranged this meeting.

Mrs. Clark H. Fulkerson (Cora) has experienced a serious flood. There were laughs, too. Many questions. Many frank answers. All Anniversary edition. In the letter of Cora Kier's pupils were present. she mentioned my name along with many who were mentioned. Many I have never known. But there was a clipping of her letter to me, saying "Cora Kier," "Cora Kier," yes, I could recall that same old right. "What did she look like?" She was young, I remembered. And beautiful and sweet, too. That is all I could "get."

And I was right! Cora Kier Fulkerson has matured but she is young in spirit. And beautiful. And very sweet!

IT WAS a great privilege to have a two-hour talk with Mrs. Fulkerson. There were tears of joy and sweet tears of heart that would not be held back. Tears of joy to cry. Frankly, dear Eccentric, if I had not "held in" all the drough land in the U. S. A. would

Other teachers were mentioned. Poppleton, Raynal, Whitehead, Harold Corson and many others. I can see her standing in the doorway. Kind, frail and thoughtful. Then there was Annie Hall, Mrs. Tracy Randall and Grace Leone Smith.

IT IS A wonderful experience to meet a grade school teacher of 50 years ago and find her "beautiful and sweet" and above all with the same pureness and understanding of heart that we have to become adults to recognize.

But the most wonderful thing to know is that all this that I already knew was in this teacher's heart so

glory added.
So, I say to all America, cherish your school teachers, guard them well from everything that is un-American—guard them well—and above all, pay them well, for they are America and God has, and does and always will bless America.

I'LL BE WITH you, dear Eccentric, on your 100th Anniversary. We will take a space jump and all the kids can have a moseppp!

Very sincerely and very thankfully for all I am,
George Mitchell's elder daughter,
CARRIE ELIZABETH MITCHELL,
208 W. Dutton
Kalamazoo 42, Mich.

Gas Company Head To Serve State's Expressway Board

A Southfield township man, William E. Slaughter, Jr., 32949 Birmingham lane, is among the four men appointed Monday by Gov. G. Mennen Williams to direct construction of toll expressways in Michigan. Slaughter's term will expire Feb. 28, 1955.

President of the Auroom Gasoline company, Slaughter will serve with Justin E. Whiting of Jackson and Francis J. Van Antwerp, Detroit, whose terms expire in 1959 and Rowlin M. McConnell, Detroit, whose term runs to 1967.

ALTHOUGH SENATE confirmation is required, the four will begin serving immediately as interim appointees.

The new commission will supervise the construction of a multi-million dollar system of superhighways linking Detroit with cities including Chicago, Toledo and Bay City.

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