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Serving with the First Provisional Marine Air Ground Task force at the Marine Corps air station at Kaneohe, Hawaii, is Cpl. Chalmer J. White.

Prior to his arrival in Hawaii Jan. 31, he served in Korea with the first Marine division.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. White, 1223 Webster.

Perhaps the reason history does not make a realistic impact upon each succeeding generation is that history doesn't always tell the basic facts, nor does it humanize events into understandable situations that are familiar to its readers.

The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 3

Thursday, March 10, 1955

Birmingham Background

• Local History in Story and Picture •

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EAST MAPLE ABOUT 1915, LOOKING WEST FROM POPPLETON CORNER

Houses at right were torn down to make way for Kroger store.

VIP's Lived on Residential East Maple

When this photo was taken about 1913 by Stanley Ford, East Maple avenue was all residential with some very important village citizens living there.

On the north side of the street from Poppleton west to the railroad (now Hunter boulevard) lived Frank Ford, banker and former village president; next, the home of Knox Poppleton followed by the old Orrin Poppleton homestead where H. A. Poppleton lived; and then the home of J. Bert Peabody, former school board president.

These homes were torn down to make way for the Kroger store and parking lot.

CONTINUING WEST, came the homes of Ellsworth Plumstead, an impersonator of note, and Julius Rundell, another former village president. When Hunter boulevard was built, the Plumstead house was torn down, but the Rundell place was moved onto Ridgedale.

On the south side of East Maple from Elm street west, was the John Snow home (he was a grandson of Birmingham's first settler, John West Hunter) but in 1913, the house was occupied by his daughter Della, and her husband, S. G. Wylie Bell, undertaker and village board trustee (1924-26).

The Snow homestead was followed by the home of Dr. J. L. Campbell, another former member of the village board; then the residence of the three sisters Poet— Xenia, Julia and Verona, active members of the Ladies Library Association and Greenwood Cemetery Association.

In the next house west, in the old George Blakeslee home, lived the late Ed O'Neal, harness maker and former village trustee.

THE POST HOME still stands looking very much the same as when the photo was taken over 40 years ago, but the Blakeslee house, altered a little to accommodate a flower shop, was torn down this week.

Continuing west on the street were two houses torn down when Hunter boulevard was built. They were the residences of A. W. Campbell, justice of the peace for the township for more than 10 years, and Dr. D. M. Johnston, dentist and another former village president.

Hi-12 to Select '55 Boys' State Representative

"Ballots" are being circulated to Birmingham High Twelve members for their selection of a club-sponsored representative to the 1955 Wolverine Boys' State at Michigan State college. The weeklong program gets underway on June 18, with 1,000 Michigan youngsters participating.

Boys eligible must have reached their 15th birthday on or before Jan. 1, this year, and not have reached their 18th year on or before June 25.

NOMINEES MUST have an average or better scholastic standing during the required two years of high school.

Smallpox vaccination, if not done within the past five years, may be received prior to May 1, 1955 by any selected candidate.

The group is making their selection from among sons of Hi-12 members, master Masons or Birmingham high school students. Consideration will be given to the boy's moral character, sportsmanship and potentialities as a leader.

Applications mailed to members this week should be returned to Larned Goodrich, 748 Forrest, by April 1.

Honored by Dean

Louisa Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Roberts of 2208 Lakeshire Road, was named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Flora Stone Mather College of Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

A 1954 graduate of Birmingham High School, Miss Roberts is enrolled in the liberal arts course at Mather.

Have You Met

The Samuel Richards family who have recently moved into their new home at 923 S. Glenhurst? The Richards have three boys: Bruce, 14, Kirk, 10, and Mark, 7. Richards has been associated with the Equitable Life Insurance society for several years, representing the Eklund Agency with offices in the Penobscot building. The Richards, who have been living in Wyandotte, were active in church work there, belonging to St. Stephen's Episcopal church where Richards was a lay leader.

Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Virginia Graduate

Among the marine officers recently graduated from the first post-graduate administrative course at Quantico, Va., was Second Lt. Leroy E. Johnson. A graduate of Wayne university, he was transferred to Camp Pendleton, Fla. Lt. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Johnson, 124 Brownell street.

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DIRECTING Birmingham's first presentation of "Grassroots Opera" will be Mrs. Ida Kitching Cordes of Detroit, organist at the Redford Baptist church. Active in music clubs and the Michigan Federation, Mrs. Cordes is a director and founder of the opera guild of Detroit. She is directing the cast of Menotti's "The Old Maid and the Thief" to be given here on March 25 when the Birmingham Musicale stages its one and only fund raising project of the year, to raise funds so young high school music students may receive financial help for further study at summer music camps.

NEED SOMETHING FOR YOUR HOUSE? Then locate it by reading or using the Classified Ads in The Eccentric each week.

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