

# THIS and THAT

Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, pastor of Birmingham's St. James Episcopal church, offered a consolating and inspirational thought to his congregation last week when he told them that the real values of life are not the things which are visible or tangible, but the things which are invisible and intangible.

He pointed out that the present period of jubilation and rejoicing is a period of blessing in disguise for all Christians; and he projected in his discourse the certainty of a man who has sound spiritual depths. He actually got right down into the hearts, and into the pocketbooks of his audience.

If you wish to observe some of the fruits of Rev. Forsyth's talk, just get hold of several of his sermons which he has written—why, bless you, some of them kept talking to him for a full hour after the meeting was dismissed. All of which proves that whenever a spiritual feast is served before a group of hungry people, they will fill themselves with the morsels that are placed before them.

And that, it appears that the day of the inspirational preaching is not over. It is a good character, then, the black October of 1929 is destined to bring a brighter future to untold millions of yearning, tired men and women.

There is something else, even gloriously Christian, in the same way, help coming to the human to another in time of trouble. Many local citizens last week were severely troubled over the death of Fred V. Quarton, and they offered his family every aid at their disposal.

Within the echoing vibrations of harmony of sound there is held up for the eye of the listener much of the sweet, tender strains of finely spun emotional expression to the final burst of solemn, sunlike chords that spell tragedy.

It is fine that there are those who can treat solemn things with a written by great souls; it is equally fine that there are those who can treat solemn things with a fine, even sacrificial, acts for others. As in the realm of music, so in the realm of life, the beautiful, what a splendid accomplishment for all of us if we can only to good tidings of others; if we refused to pay so much attention to discordant elements that we are blind to the life is fine, lovely, in proportion as we attune our thoughts to the beautiful, the good.

Two fine girls, Mary Emma Green and Nancy Johnson, looked out at you printers ink last week in The Eccentric.

They were informed that they were selected for the honor of salutatorian, respectively, of the boys' Baldwin High School and the girls' Baldwin High School. Their parents and friends expressed their gratitude and satisfaction in the thoughts of their children.

This is "Clean-Up-Week" in Birmingham. It suggests that local residents pitch in to remove all traces of winter's grime and dirt. Which reminds us of a story which Willie Bell related some years ago. "One Sunday afternoon he was washing his automobile when a new neighbor appeared on the scene, rebuking him for working on the Sabbath day. With the usual wit of an Irishman, Mr. Bell replied: "Clean up the Bible says to keep the Sabbath." "I'm just doing my little bit to keep this end of the world safe."

Man Wanted Here Arrested In Texas

George Phillips, of Royal Oak, who was wanted by Birmingham authorities on a warrant charging him with stealing a midget automobile from a Woodward street garage about two months ago, 18, now under arrest in Dallas, Tex., on a similar charge. He has been charged by Detective Joseph MacLear.

Further details are learned from the authorities in Dallas, the question of whether or not Phillips should be returned to face charge here will remain undecided. MacLear said yesterday.

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## SCHOOLS OPEN NEGOTIATIONS FOR TAX LOAN

Local Banks Offer Aid to Board in Securing Needed Funds

SEEK OUTSIDE SOURCE

With Birmingham banks as the active medium, negotiations have been opened toward procuring a long-term loan of \$100,000 against delinquent tax credits to see the Birmingham school system through the year.

The loan will necessarily be made on long-term basis and therefore must be secured in large financial institutions. It was explained at a special meeting of the school board Friday night which was presided by Charles B. Randall, vice-president of the First National Bank of Birmingham.

W. Martindale, cashier of the Birmingham Savings Bank, and Arthur J. Fisher, of the First State Savings Bank.

Three items pointed out that since the loan will be made with the 1930 school tax delinquency as security, it is not certain the loan will be completed within the next few days. The loan will probably be made for a six-month term, and will be renewable for a subsequent period of similar periods until paid off.

The State Sets Limit. By State law to borrow 60 percent of its delinquent tax credit with the 1930 tax (Turn to Page 2, No. 6)

## Earl G. Potter Chosen To Fill Birmingham School Board Vacancy

Commission Annuls Franchise Which Had Been in Use Since 1895

The Pontiac branch of the Birmingham Railway, a syndicate abandoned since Saturday, April 23, received its official death notice from the city of Birmingham Monday night when the commission unanimously adopted an ordinance annulling the railway's franchise along the village street.

The ordinance takes cognizance of the fact that the E. M. R. franchise is a direct result of the grant issued to the Oakland Railway back in 1895 and which has been in operation since that time although in use by different systems.

## WEDDING ENDS E. M. R. RIGHTS

The delegation was composed of E. M. R. members, Mrs. Charles Loomis and Mrs. Martha Bush. According to Mrs. Bryant, the delegation called on the commission and asked to exert his influence in securing the appointment of a representative of their sex to fill the vacancy.

The general attitude of the board members, as he said, that they felt the present situation complicated as it is with Birmingham school calls for the appointment for a man rather than a woman.

Trusting that the sex has not been represented on the Birmingham School Board in the last 12 years. Attention was drawn to the fact that the E. M. R. franchise was a direct result of the grant issued to the Oakland Railway back in 1895 and which has been in operation since that time although in use by different systems.

## STORES PLAN 'DOLLAR DAYS'

46 Local Business Houses Unite In Two-Day Bargain Program

Friday and Saturday have been designated "Dollar Days" in Birmingham. Birmingham merchants will unite in offering thousands of unusual bargains to the local retail public.

Practically every kind of merchandise, from the finest to the list of "Dollar Days" attractions, itemized descriptions of the goods to be included in the advertising campaign of today's edition of The Eccentric.

Participating in the event, merchants have made arrangements to care for a record-breaking parade on the two-day program. The list of business houses which will participate in the "Dollar Day" program is as follows:

Fruit and Grocery, Trains Hart and Furniture Store, Olsen's Market, Irene Hat Shop, Jewell & Co., Cleaners, Marguerite's Beauty Salon, Miner Grocery Company, Birmingham Savings Bank, Coffee Cup, S. S. Kresge Company, Williams Bros. Shop, Twin Horseshoe, LaBelle's, Colvin Service Corporation, Erb Shoe Company, Hight and Seed Company, The Birmingham Hat Company, Birmingham Sienal's, Birmingham Department Store, Margie Allen (Turn to Page 2, No. 6)

## Calendar of Coming Events

Today: Annual luncheon and meeting of the Thursday Musicians' Association at the Community House at 12:30 P. M.; meeting of the Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society at the Community House at 7:30.

Friday, May 15: Annual school picnic, Baldwin High School; opening Ladies Day at Oakland Hills; opening bridge luncheon Birmingham Golf Club; Eastern Star public installation of officers at the Masonic Temple; Wilbur's performance, Playhouse.

Saturday, May 16: Young people dance at the Community House; Birmingham Players' performance, Playhouse.

Sunday, May 17: Carlton Review; Birmingham Players' performance, Playhouse.

Monday, May 18: Annual meeting of the Greenwood Cemetery Association at the Methodist Church at 8 P. M.

Tuesday, May 19: Luncheon for St. Margaret's Guild at home of Mrs. M. W. Osborne, 221 E. 12th St. Mother and Daughter, Monday night.

## Motorists Slow To Respond To New Registration Law

Birmingham motorists are slow to respond to the new state law affecting re-registration of all automobile drivers in Michigan. Chief clerk at the village police station where the registrations are being made. Only about 25 drivers had registered since the time the law went into effect until yesterday, she said.

The bill calls for the re-registration of all drivers now holding operators' licenses by Nov. 1, 1932, and further re-registrations every three years thereafter. The provisions affecting present registrations are as follows:

All licenses issued prior to Jan. 1, 1925, must be renewed by Nov. 1, 1931.

All licenses issued prior to Jan. 1, 1928, must be renewed by May 1, 1931.

All licenses issued after Jan. 1, 1928, must be renewed by Nov. 1, 1932.

## DETROIT TEACHER SUCCEEDS FRED V. QUARTON; WOMEN SEEK REPRESENTATION

Carl G. Potter, 869 Riverside avenue, a man of several years' experience in educational work, and at present a teacher in the Detroit City Schools, was appointed Monday night to fill the vacancy on the Birmingham School Board left by the recent sudden death of Fred V. Quarton, who held the post since 1924.

The term will expire at the annual meeting of the board on July 15, 1931, and the regular meeting place will be taken permanently by one of three candidates to be selected at that time.

Mr. Potter's appointment was made by the board at an executive session which followed the regular business meeting. No comments were forthcoming from board members on the appointment. The request of a group of Birmingham women who appeared at the meeting and asked that time be attempted to secure the appointment of a representative of their sex to fill the vacancy.

## WOODWARD AVENUE PEDESTRIAN INJURED

Crossing Woodward avenue at Haynes street early Monday night, a pedestrian was struck by the 810 Lexington boulevard, Royal Oak, which suffered a fractured right leg and a fractured right arm when struck by an automobile which was removed to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

The driver, Eric Crane, 28 years old, of 163 Green apartment, Pontiac, was released after making a statement to police in which he said he did not see him until too late to avoid hitting him.

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## Board of Review To Meet May 27-29

The village tax rolls will be completed and ready for examination by the public on May 27, 28 and 29. The Board of Review will meet on May 27, 28 and 29, at the Community House at 12:30 P. M. on each day.

The citizens who will serve on the Board of Review are expected to be appointed at the meeting of the Village Commission Monday night.

## DELINQUENT VILLAGE PLAYERS TO STAGE EIGHTH ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

Three one-act plays selected as the most outstanding presentations of the Birmingham Village Players during the past year will comprise the program at the Players' eighth annual public performance to be given at the Playhouse tomorrow and Saturday nights, May 15 and 16.

The plays are "Torches," a medieval romance by Kenneth Raabeck; "Dreamy Kid," a Negro farce with Harlem setting by Eugene O'Neill; and "Brothers-in-Arms," a comedy by Merrill Deane.

"Torches" will be directed by Mrs. Harrison Stringham, "Dreamy Kid" by Mrs. Raymond Riley and "Brothers-in-Arms" by Mrs. Elizabeth Ferry. There will be two entrances, one a bit earlier than the other, which delighted a Players' audience recently, and the other a musical interlude by Warren Pickett.

The casts for the plays are composed of the following: "Torches"—Eugene Olson, John B. Hassteger, Paul Lewis, Eugene Glover, Loren Robinson; "Dreamy Kid"—Willie O'Farrell, Ethelne Graham, Fred Farley, and "Brothers-in-Arms"—Loren Robinson, Maude Mack, Carl Herlihy, and "Brothers-in-Arms." The roles in "Mach Piques" will be played by Elmiria Gilray, and "Brothers-in-Arms" by Noff. The set is directed by Rolfe Spinning.

Assistant directors for the one-act plays are Henry S. Booth for "Torches," Cecil E. Charlton for "Dreamy Kid," and Betty Shattler for "Brothers-in-Arms."

Tickets for the performance may be secured at Shain's Drug store by calling Mrs. Herbert Zurbe.

## BOARD FACES FUND DEFICIT

Community House Trustees Move to Meet Campaign Shortage

The difficult financial situation which faces the Community House as a result of the failure of the recent campaign to fill the projected \$34,000 anticipated deficit, is the subject of the attention of the Board of Trustees at its semi-annual meeting Monday night.

The board expressed no alarm over the situation, but agreed that a policy of strict economy in current expenditures, combined with a vigorous effort to collect unpaid pledges in the building campaign of 1928, should be adopted.

Approximately \$13,000 was pledged in the drive just ended, but this amount, which will be at the beginning of the campaign, the budget for this year was drawn in anticipation of an income of \$20,000, according to Mrs. Hugh Haigen, executive secretary of the Community House.

Results of this year's drive will enable the Community House to meet its obligations without resorting to borrowing, officials say, but will not be sufficient to cover an additional amount of \$20,000 due this year for contracts on building and furnishings.

Efforts to collect these pledges will be accompanied by minor resorting to the raising of money wherever possible in the present budget. Mrs. Haigen said, following according to Mrs. Haigen, the Board of Trustees for the Community House is composed of Charles West, president; Leigh Lynch, Charles B. Randall, Charles Sherr, Henry Hart and John Mertz.

## LAY DAMAGE TO NEW ROAD

Charged that the construction of the new right-of-way for the Grand Trunk Railway through the Birmingham area has done considerable property damage to land in the Bloomfield Estates and in the Woodward area, and has done considerable damage to the property of several residents in the area.

According to Raymond M. Shack, president of the Bloomfield Estates Improvement Company, construction of the new right-of-way has resulted in the abrupt closing of several streets in the subdivision.

He has absolutely named the property he referred to as "laid damage" to the new right-of-way. Mr. Shack said. He also claimed that the railway has promised many interesting phases of school life to the visitors. In many instances the classes will be given an exhibition unit of the special displays which will climax the evening's events. The Birmingham School Board will give an exhibition unit of the special displays which will climax the evening's events. The Birmingham School Board will give an exhibition unit of the special displays which will climax the evening's events.

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## PLANS READY IN SHORT ORDER FOR NEW TRACKS

Will Add Two Commuter Trains Daily To Detroit-Pontiac Lines

DRAW RATE SCHEDULE

A 50-minute express rapid transit service between Detroit and Royal Oak will be inaugurated over the new tracks of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Company through General Manager C. F. Bowker and Assistant Manager A. B. Chown.

The commuter trains will be put into effect with the inauguration of the service, and two commuter trains will be operated each way, daily, leaving Pontiac at 2:50 P. M. and arriving in Detroit at 3:30 P. M.

The commuter trains will be in addition to the regular through trains. There will be three, making a total of five trains a day each way.

Details of the service between Detroit, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Pontiac, and intermediate stops are now being drawn up and will be made public at an early date, it is promised.

Although the running time for the two commuter trains between Detroit and Pontiac is estimated at 50 minutes, the time on the road were unable today to announce the estimated running time between Detroit and Birmingham and other intermediate stops.

The tentative schedule calls for the Detroit-Pontiac train to leave Pontiac at 7:40 A. M., arriving in Detroit at 8:30 A. M., and the Birmingham-Pontiac train to leave Birmingham at 2:50 P. M., arriving in Detroit at 3:30 P. M. (Turn to Page 2, No. 6)

## FORMER CLERK PLEADS GUILTY

Babcock Awaits Sentence With Three Others On Embezzlement Charges

Sentences will be meted out Saturday morning in Oakland County Circuit Court to Floyd B. Babcock, John L. Lottis, S. Thibos and John H. Parsons, four of the defendants recently indicted by the grand jury on charges of embezzlement of public funds.

All four pleaded guilty Monday morning in Judge J. S. Thibos' court. Their trials were to begin before Judge Frank C. Gilbert.

Babcock, a time prominent Oakland County politician, was indicted for embezzling \$1,050, belonging to the Oakland County Tuberculosis Hospital while acting as its business manager before his discharge last fall. Babcock was former postmaster of Pontiac and for 20 years was connected with the office of the county clerk, serving as deputy and later as clerk.

Parsons and Mrs. Thibos were indicted jointly with Frank J. Koukol and Fred J. Mertz in connection with the Oakland County Tuberculosis Hospital scandal.

Mrs. Thibos, Koukol and Mertz were members of the grand jury two years ago when the \$50,000 Hazel Park High School building was erected on Fairview. The inspector hired to watch the construction, Koukol, was a trial non. His case will be followed directly by that of Parsons. (Turn to Page 2, No. 2)

## DETROITER FINED \$50 FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING

Joe Bronowski, 7630 Stockton avenue, Detroit, whose machine was involved in a crash last week on Woodward avenue and Humphrey street on April 26 in which three other cars were involved and two women and a baby were injured, was fined \$50 and costs on a charge of driving while drunk. He was tried before Justice of the Peace Malcolm Hunt Friday afternoon.

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