

If mankind could produce a set of circumstances and an environment of orderliness and harmony for little children, what a grand symphony like could play as adults! Mankind will do so, in the fullness of time.

FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR—NO. 7

### 3000 Cards Notify Taxpayers Of Bill Waiving Penalties

Approximately 3000 postal cards have been sent from the Bloomfield Township office in the Municipal Building to delinquent taxpayers in the township, notifying them of the provisions of the new

Miller-McBride bill under which the penalties on delinquent state, county and township taxes will be waived if paid before July 1. The penalty to be saved under this ruling on 1929 taxes is 16 percent, and on 1930 taxes 2 percent. Statements may be secured either from the township treasurer or the county treasurer, but the taxes may be paid only to the county treasurer.

### LOCAL OSTEOPATH ON STATE BOARD

Governor Names Dr. John P. Wood To Examining Committee

Dr. John P. Wood, who has been practicing osteopathy in Birmingham for the past two years, Friday was appointed by Governor Bricker to the State Board of Osteopathic Registration and Examination. The appointment is for a five-year term, and takes effect at once.

Selection of Dr. Wood for the post marks the first time in the 28 years' existence of the board that an Oakland County representative was ever named as one of its members. Dr. Wood succeeds D. O. O. Sackeler of Detroit, who had been a member of the board for the past 15 years and who was a candidate for re-appointment.

### Expect 150 Local Youths To Attend 'Y' Summer Camp

More than 150 Birmingham boys are expected to attend the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. summer camp at Lott Lake, according to Robert D. Lynd, secretary of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A., where registrations are being made. Those who have already signed up are as follows:

- Billy Price, Charles Melas, Robert Ziegler, Donald Ziegler, Billy Thompson, Norman Lyle, Jr., Billy Averill, Robert Brown, Robert Randall, James Wood, Bob Harrington, Leonard Upward, Donald Upward, Dean Falter, Baird Thomas, Bob Tyson, Bill Daron, Bob Eade, Dustin Adams Adair, James McChasin, Duane Young and Douglas Livy.

### Leans On Window Pane, Falls Through Glass

Bob Coryell, six years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Coryell, 1491 Chapin street, suffered a deep cut at the angle of his jaw Friday morning when he leaned against a window pane at his home and fell through the glass. He was treated by Dr. J. P. MacConkie, who reported the boy recovering nicely.

### Lighting Fixtures Stolen

A vacant house at 1807 Hennetta street has been riddled of its entire equipment of electric lighting fixtures, it was reported to police Thursday morning. According to Detective Joseph F. MacGregor, the house has been empty for several months and has been opened and used by children. He was unable to estimate the value of the stolen fixtures. The house is owned by the Braun Lumber Company.

### Stolen-Book Problem Almost Unknown At Baldwin Library, Mrs. Thomas Says

The problem of stolen books, often one of major importance in big libraries, is almost unknown at Baldwin Public Library, where not more than a half dozen books on an average are stolen in a year, according to Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, the librarian.

"We have occasional difficulty with patrons who sign books out on their cards and then forget to return them," Mrs. Thomas said. "But as for people just taking books off the shelves without saying anything about it—that problem is almost negligible."

"Even a book that is signed out and not returned generally shows up sooner or later. Oftentimes the borrower has mislaid it and later finds and returns it himself. Sometimes the library is at fault in misplacing books or in not checking them off when they come in. Altogether not more than 20 or 30 books are lost a year at Baldwin Library, and of those not more than a half dozen are actually stolen."

Mrs. Thomas attributes this unusual record for homes among library patrons to the high class of citizens who constitute the majority of the population in Birmingham and to the almost total absence of the lower class element.

"People here just don't think of doing those things," she said. "They are above the average in training and ideals, and it simply isn't in their nature to take a book off the library shelves with the intention of not bringing it back."

Nor are Baldwin Library patrons guilty of marking or defacing books, or of cutting pictures or other parts of the book pages, according to Mrs. Thomas.

"We have had some trouble lately with articles being cut out of magazines," she said, "but we are convinced the practice is the work of one individual who apparently doesn't realize the seriousness of his actions. This practice, however, has never extended in any wide degree to the books in the library."

### To Deliver Sermon For Baccalaureate

Department Heads Asked To Re-Estimate Expenditures For 1931-32

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Addressed with the view of untangling some of the serious financial problems which face Oakland County, the letters reminded department heads that "the fact that a budget appropriation has been made for any department for 1931, is no justification for the department expending that amount providing it is possible to operate the department for a less sum."

The information being made by means of the letters will become a part of a financial survey of the county being made at the request of a special committee of seven men which has been appointed by Bruce Leggat, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, to study the county's financial situation and bring about all possible relief.

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### European Paragraphs

By W. Stoddard White

France evaluates trees and wood, as she does all El Euxine. Every possible twig and bit of wood is saved for fuel. Faggots are gathered and sold at market (approximately four cents each now) each. And one of the most interesting sights, though not one of the most beautiful, is a grove or row of trees, their upper halves entirely cut off, with new shoots sprouting out of the mutilated tops. There is a dual purpose in this system—gives the Frenchman wood for immediate use and grows him young branches for weaving.

One of the most interesting experiences of our first few weeks in France was a stay at the domain St. Christophe, home of an American, south of Bordeaux. The American, A. Van Rier, was in the army during the War and stationed near the place that is now his home. He successfully courted and married the daughter of the estate and now lives with her and an charmingly discouraged and stop and reward them with trade. One 12-year old, speaking nothing but Spanish, took our fancy, however, and we succeeded in let him guide us to a monastery and a cathedral in Burgos, the center of Old Castile. The only value of this volunteer workers is that of one who keeps all others off and is also a valuable guardian for the car while the tourist is in some building.

We had the novel experience of entering Spain shortly after King Alfonso had fled the country and the provisional Republican government had been set up. Contrary to the expectations we harbored, there was no difficulty about crossing the border nor was there any demonstration of any sort. Larger numbers of soldiers than usual most of them on active patrol duty patrolling government buildings, and a number of hastily-made Republican flags were the only outward signs of a governmental change such as had taken place. We did, however, see in a paper in Burgos the latest center of a hot-headed Basque country article censored by the government. The article had been kept out of print by the simple method of smashing the type in the forms of the press.

Spain was, incidentally, the first place where we experienced the luxury of hot radiators which were a godsend in the rainy weather we experienced for several days.

We learned something in Spain that we had heard about but had not experienced in France—the custom of crossing the fork and knife on the plate in such a way that the plate's being relieved. The knife and fork laid side by side indicates that the table is finished with that particular course.

To Americans used to small switch-engines and other methods, the sight of Blackie's move freight cars, in a railroad yard in Santander, is unusual.

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### Tax Delinquency Blamed

Portions of the letter to the department heads follow: "Owing to the large delinquency in the payment of county taxes, the eyes of this whole community are focused on Oakland County's financial problem and we feel that each department head should conserve in every way possible in order that we may keep well below our budget appropriation. "Our condition is aggravated largely by the amount of money necessary to meet the increased assessment obligations and provide temporary relief for our poor. The fact that a budget appropriation has been made for any department for 1931, is no justification for the department expending that amount (Turn to Page 7, this section).

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