

Most of us run from the cradle to the grave in such a hurry that we have never observed the beauty of the road upon which we travel. It is a hurry get nowhere where we can do nothing.

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Over at the Adams Grade School last Friday night, 118 boys and girls staged an opera written and directed by Edith R. Coryell. The music was by the name of the musical offering was "Seven Seas"—so named because it included the theme of a yacht trip that included visits to Japan, Spain, Russia, Duce's Italy, Ireland and Scotland. The stage setting was the fore deck and bridge of the yacht. Groups of boys and girls were dressed in native costumes of the various countries, and they sang native tunes and danced native steps for the audience of highly interested parents and friends who gathered for the occasion. Mrs. Coryell, and all those who assisted her, deserve great thanks for their patience with the children in getting ready to portray their various roles so ably. It is, every body agreed afterwards, an excellent little opera, excellently directed and acted.

It is interesting and satisfying to parents who support the school system to observe gratifying results in the progress of any activity. Take that fine juvenile orchestra, ably directed by W. S. Maywood. Those youngsters, from Adams, from Barnum schools, played so well that every selection was followed by vigorous applause. The entire evening's offerings were accepted by a grateful audience. To those who may criticize the moderate use of dramatics in our school system, I will only remind them that an orchestra such as "Seven Seas" does a number of fine things for little children. It gives them a sense of rhythm, gives them poise, confidence and studies gracefulness, sharpens their ears, gives them a sense of rhythm and group co-operation, and aids in the development of a good character. It is a happy little memory of associations that will recur to the minds of the children of adulthood's most precious possessions—the recollection of a happy childhood.

As the finale of the opera was given, the entire "company" gathered upon the stage for their last appearance. I could not help but ponder those standing before us as children, little bodies and growing minds, just about what we make them. It is those who are children, who danced, were unknown to them before the opera's rehearsals began. Under the direction of Mrs. Coryell, they practiced their respective parts until qualified to give the opera to the public. The opera is over, but the little minds eagerly await the next opera. It is the new task of providing good parts for little children. If the latter are to be of any use to the world, they must be given a good education, a good home, a good life, a good future. It is the duty of those who are parents and teachers, to give their children a good life, a good future, a good home, a good education, a good future. It is the duty of those who are parents and teachers, to give their children a good life, a good future, a good home, a good education, a good future.

SCENIC TRIPS SPECIFICATED BY SLAY TAX

Sluggish Payments Threaten Scrip, Half-Day Sessions

Birmingham schools were face to face today with a new financial crisis, more serious than any during the last 12 months. Unless an unexpectedly large amount of school taxes are paid at the township offices before the application of the 10 percent penalty law on Monday, the school board will be forced to adopt drastic economy steps immediately. These include a second issuance of scrip, closing of the schools on June 1 or before, or re-arrangement of the teaching schedule on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

PAYROLL CUTS ASKED

The critical situation was brought forcefully to public attention at a meeting of the Board Tuesday night, when a committee of the Property Owners Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, appointed to effect school economies wherever possible, read a communication in which it criticized the School Board for not adopting a recommendation to institute "a drastic cut in the school payroll."

Gray Heads Committee

The committee is composed of Harold S. Gray, chairman, W. B. Randall, William C. Harris and R. John K. Ormond. Following the report was followed by a lengthy discussion between members of the Board and the Property Owners committee, in which it was brought out that the schools will need \$80,000 to remain open to June 15, besides \$33,000 for a bond retirement item of \$77,000 which will fall due in June and which will have to be paid in full.

Seek Loan

Members of the Board agreed their financial position was precarious, but approved suggestions of the committee that immediate reduction be made in the school budget.

"BABY BONDS" ON SALE HERE MONDAY

First National To Handle Government Securities In Anti-Hoarding Drive

Birmingham and nearby cities are to participate in the sale of "baby bonds" issued by the United States Government through the acquisition of the securities. The sale may obtain them beginning next Monday at the First National Bank, according to Charles B. McCall, who is in charge of the bonds, issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, and \$500, bear 2 percent interest and are guaranteed by the sources of the government behind them.

Slippery Road Blamed

According to information received here, Mrs. Ellerby herself was unable to tell exactly how the accident occurred, but a light rain falling at the time is believed to have made the pavement slippery, and caused the car to skid. The accident occurred just as dusk was falling. Mr. Ellerby, who was graduated from Baldwin High School last June where he was active in several organizations, had lived here with his mother and grandparents for three years, coming from Oak Park where he lived with his father. He was born in Yakima, Wash. In high school he was recognized as a student of average ability and attainments. He became a member of the last Baldwin debating team to enter into an elimination series, and was prominent in the affairs of the school. (Turn to Page 2, No. 4)

HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. McCall who moved to Birmingham from Detroit on Mar. 7, are now residing at 1848 Buckingham road. They have two sons, Charles D. Jr., who is seven years old and attends the Adams School, and William Arthur, five years old. Mr. McCall is sales manager for the Muncie products division of the General Motors Corporation.

Friday and Saturday Are Annual Dollar Days Here

Greatest Bargains in Years Promised Retail Trade in Every Line

Friday and Saturday will be these and other articles of every kind and description will be included in the specials for Dollar Days. The 25 merchants who are co-operating in the undertaking this year are: F. J. Mulholland Company, Wilson's Company, Twin Hosiery Shop, L. McNeill Jewelry, Sime Brothers Market, D. J. Healy Shoes, Housman's Pharmacy, LaBree's, Williams' Boot Shop, Peck's, A. and P. Stores, Kroger Stores, Piggy Winkly, Woodward Pharmacy, Cunningham's, Greenhouse and Flower Shop, Birmingham Department Store, Young's Shoe Store, and Cleaners Inc.

AUTO UPSETS, BANK PUSHES OPENING PLAN

Gilbert Hopper, Enroute To Florida, Dies In Ohio Crash

Funeral services were held here Tuesday and in Oak Park, Ill., yesterday for Gilbert O. Hopper, 18-year-old Baldwin High School graduate, who was killed in an auto accident which he was driving on Tuesday.

Collection Of Stock Assessment Moves Rapidly, Cobb Says

Collection of the 100 percent assessment from stockholders of the closed First State Savings Bank is expected to be entirely completed by April 1. This announcement was made yesterday by Thomas H. Cobb, president of the bank, who last week outlined a re-opening plan for the bank.

Yacht Club Pushes For Re-opening

The yacht club has informed us that collection of the assessment is the first thing we must do. Mr. Cobb said that the bank is expected to be entirely completed by April 1.

CONCERT NETS \$150 FOR DENIAL CLINIC

Approximately \$150 above all expenses was realized by the Birmingham Yacht Club as a result of the concert held here last week. The concert netted \$150 for the denial clinic.

Six-Mile-An-Hour Speed Limit Lifted By Village

It is now permissible to drive a motor car at a speed of 30 miles an hour through the streets of Birmingham, for the speed limit that kept a motor car at six miles an hour, at least theoretically, was repealed by the Village Commission Monday night.

8 COUNCILS VIE FOR FOUR VILLAGE POSTS

Commission Majority Hangs In Balance Of Monday's Election Results

Birmingham will choose a village president and three other officers by the commission Monday in one of the most interesting and important elections in years. The incumbents are: Mayor Harry Allen, village president, and Charles E. Lewis, Walter Connelly and Dr. Fred Tucker, members of the commission.

FELLOWSHIP TIES SERIES

Comes From Rear To Beat Vogue Cleaners In 2nd Title Game

The Fellowship Club turned the tables on the Vogue Cleaners in the second game of their championship series for the Y. M. C. A. game of the league title in the Baldwin High School gym last night, sailing through to a 20 to 19 victory in the last few minutes of play.

CANDIDATES ANSWER QUERIES

Answers to a questionnaire submitted by The Eccentric to candidates for village president and commission will be found on Page 2, Part 3.

Effective Rally

Grace, Vogue's star forward, scored seven points for the Fellowship Club was able to sink a single field goal or free throw. The clubmen had extreme difficulty in breaking through the end of the defense until near the end of the second quarter when a brief but effective rally put them in the running and led to the score 13 to 8 at half time in the Cleaners' favor.

Smith Ties Score

Smith tied the score against the count with a side shot, but Ladd put the Fellowship Club in front on a combination with a field goal from beneath the basket with two minutes to play. Judson sank a free throw, but Hollinhead's logjam attack broke through an easy field goal to cut the Fellowship lead to a single point, 19 to 18.

\$325 RAISED IN 'Y' CAMPAIGN

Evans Team Takes Lead In \$2,000 Emergency Drive

Approximately \$325 had been raised up to today in the \$2,000 emergency drive for the Y. The Y. campaign was headed by Rev. Henry S. Evans well in the lead of the campaign.

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Committee Studies Township Abolition

A committee to study the possibility of abolishing townships to bring about a more centralized form of government was appointed Tuesday night by the Property Owners Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board. It is composed of Draper Allen, W. E. Blythe and F. K. Lord.

GOODFELLOWS CLUB DISTRIBUTES COKE

Fire Chief Vernon Griffith announced last night that the Goodfellows Club had secured a quantity of coke for distribution in 100 pound sacks to indigent families to carry them through the present cold spell. The sacks will be distributed free of charge to the old in the Municipal Building.

ELECTION EXTRA

The Eccentric will issue an election bulletin Monday night shortly after the full returns are in. The extra will carry complete tabulations of the voting by precincts, and will be the first published announcement of the results of one of the most important elections in village history.

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