There is within all of us a spark of the "divine calorie" which, properly fanned by the experiences of humankind, should make us glow with a warmth capable of keeping out all of life's cold-ness.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Elton R. Eaton, publisher of the Plymouth Mail, suggests that you who make out income tax reports to the federal government, adopt the following formula relayed to him by some chap in Nebraska:

"He lists as dependents one wife, a sedan car, three goldfish and two children. He then multiplies his grandfather's age by six and seven-eights, subtracting his telephone number. Next he adds the size of his hat and subtracts the number of his auto license tag. After these preliminaries the rest is easy. Deducting $1,000 for keeping his wife for a whole year, he divides the remainder by the number of lodges he belongs to, multiplied by the number of windows in the house, divided by the size of his shirt. This gives his gross income which, after dividing by his chest measurement, and subtracting his blood-pressure, gives the act amount he feels he owes the government."

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We were approaching a cross road, narrower than the one we were on. Asked my little son, John: "Does the wide road have the right-of-way?" A proper answer for so little a growing mind, thought I, should be: "The cautious road has the successful right-of-way, John—for that kind of a road is kinder to automobiles, and to those who ride in them."

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The sun rises East, the Sun rises West—most sons when they rise don pants and a vest. Most sons in these days of high speed and times gay never sit in their rooms 'til the break of the day.

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Al Capone, from his quarters in a Chicago jail, last week became big-hearted and offered $10,000 to help the Lindbergh's find their baby. The beer-masher even admitted a willingness to lead a search for the lost child. It is possible, of course, for a fella like Capone to be moved by the predicament of Lindy and his wife; but it is quite incongruous, too.

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Writing in The Rotarian, monthly magazine of Rotary International, James Pohlman offers these heartening views upon the subject: "Consider The Sparrow." If you want to be lifted up . . . up . . . upward from the doldrums, just spend a few minutes filling your thoughts with the inspiration that gripped Mr. Pohlman as he said:

"In the midst of a driving snow storm with drifts piling high in the streets below, a dozen or more sparrows gathered in the shelter just outside my office window, singing lustily. The wind and cold were entirely powerless to silence their song, for it came up from within, a part of their nature. And, singing, they forgot the storm. Their song silenced the wind and shut out the cold.

"Nothing in existence is so important as attitudes! By them we fill life with happiness or wretchedness. They make all our friends and enemies for us. As a result of them life becomes a constant triumph or uninterrupted woe.

"All the rewards and real disasters of life are by-products of our attitudes. If we extend the open hand to the world it will give us friendships. If we stick out our jaw and clench our fists, life becomes a succession of blows, some of which are more than we can stand.

"He who takes the attitude of suspicion toward all men peoples his world with enemies and threats. He who trusts the world finds it rewarding him with friendships and confidence. He who looks for faults in his fellow-man is never disappointed, neither is the man who looks for virtues.

"The prophet of Galilee, the wisest student of life that mankind has ever known, once said, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is within you', and He might have said with equal truth, 'The Kingdom of Hell is also within you', for that which makes life heaven or hell is not outside, but inside each of us.

"We cannot be happy by trying to be. It is only as we try to be something else that we discover happiness has come as a by-product. As we forget our own happiness and give ourselves to certain great attitudes we find that happiness has crept in on us unawares.

"Nor are we failures because of forces outside of us which are beyond our control. We become failures only as we lose our mastery over our own attitudes.

"'I have observed', said a salesmanager who had overnight over more than a thousand men, 'that the man who comes home whipped at night, is the man who went out whipped in the morning.' It was not his customers, his territory, nor his price list that defeated him, but his own attitude.

"And the significant thing is

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TAX DEADLINE EXTENDED AS SCHOOL RELIEF

4 Percent Penalty On Winter Levy Waived To April 1

COLLECTIONS ARE POOR

With the Birmingham schools threatened by the possibility of being forced to pay their teachers in scrip or go on half-day sessions for the rest of the term, the deadline for paying winter taxes in Bloomfield Township without further penalty yesterday was given one last extension to April 1.

The extension was granted as the result of continued disappointment in the tax payments made up to Tuesday, Mar. 15, when the rolls were to have been closed and returned to Pontiac as delinquent, with a 4 percent penalty added.

In view of the fact that both the school district and township are in especially straitened financial circumstances, arrangements have been made to accept partial payments from any property owner who is unable to pay his entire bill, according to Mrs. R. Margaret Plumstead, Bloomfield Township treasurer.

Schools May Suffer

Only $29,165.75 was collected from Mar. 1 to Mar. 15, Mrs. Plumstead said, including state and county as well as township and school taxes. School taxes alone amounted to only about $14,000, she said.

The total collection up to today, dating from the time payments were first made in December, has been only $508,204.28, whereas the levy itself amounts to more than $1,300,000. Last year's payments exceeded $700,000.

That the schools will suffer a serious handicap which may result in drastic curtailments of the teaching force unless this tax delinquency is materially lessened was admitted by members of the School Board at a meeting last week, after they had listened to a statement made by a committee of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board in which immediate reductions in operating expenses were recommended and the Board criticised for not having made them a month ago.

$60,000 Needed

At that time it was estimated that at least $60,000, in addition to the cash already on hand, would be needed if the schools are to remain open on the present schedule until the end of the regular term on June 15.

Scrip payments to teachers, shortened teaching sessions and a bank loan were discussed as possible ways out of the difficulty in the event tax collections continued to fall short.

VICTIM OF GUN WOUND IMPROVES

Woman, In Poor Health, Fails In Attempt To End Own Life

A slight improvement in the condition of Mrs. Jack Hart, 833 Henrietta street, was reported late yesterday at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, where she is being treated for a self-inflicted gun wound, resulting from an attempt to end her own life as she lay in bed Sunday morning.

Ill health was believed to be the motive for the act. Mrs. Hart, 40 years old, had been practically an invalid for the past 10 years, police said, and had been forced to undergo several operations during that time.

Mrs. Hart's seven-year-old daughter and housekeeper were eating breakfast downstairs when the mother, lying in an upstairs bedroom, pressed a .38 caliber revolver beneath her right temple and fired. The bullet penetrated the skull and entered the pillow on the other side. Mrs. Hart's husband, a travelling man, was away on business at the time.

BOYS BLAMED FOR FIRE IN GARAGE

Small damage was caused by fire early Saturday afternoon in a garage in the rear of 312 Hamilton street, originating in a pile of shavings in one corner of the building. Fire Chief Vernon Griffith said he believed the blaze was started by boys.

HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Grant Cherry, Jr., and family who moved to Birmingham Saturday from Glencoe, Ill., and are now residing at 381 Wellsley drive. The family includes two daughters, Barbara Jane, 15 years old, now a student at Baldwin High School, and Elizabeth Ann, 11 years old, who is attending Quarton School.

Mr. Cherry is head of the investment brokerage firm of Cherry and Company, with offices in Detroit.

SCRIBES LINK CLERK TO KIDNAPING PLOT

Reverberations of the Lindbergh kidnaping case reached Birmingham yesterday in a somewhat humorous manner.

Chief of Police John P. Hackett was called on the phone by no less than three Detroit newspapers which had heard, through some unexplained manner, that Paul Medinger, former Fitch store clerk now under arrest for embezzlement, was suspected of implication in the kidnaping plot.

Medinger was arrested in Jersey City a few days before the baby was stolen, but Chief Hackett assured his questioners he was satisfied the prisoner had no connection with the case.

$5,000 FIRE RAZES HOUSE

Three Departments Fight Blaze In Bloomfield Village Subdivision

Three fire departments battled for nearly three hours Tuesday afternoon flames which nearly destroyed a two-story frame house on the corner of Covington and North Cranbrook roads in Bloomfield Village subdivision, causing damage estimated at more than $5,000.

The house was occupied by the family of William B. Brewster, which moved there only a short time ago.

It was owned by the Barnes Development Company.

Firemen blamed a defective chimney for the blaze, which broke out at about 3:15 P. M. Bloomfield Hills Village, Bloomfield Township and Pontiac departments responded to the alarm. The Birmingham department was called, but was unable to respond because the house is located outside the village limits.

The flames had gained considerable headway before firemen arrived, and members of the family and neighbors were frantically attempting to carry furniture to safety. Practically all of the downstairs furniture was saved, but bedroom furnishings upstairs were destroyed along with practically the entire second story of the house. Damage to contents alone was estimated at $1,000.

COMMUNITY HOUSE TO MARK BIRTHDAY

Reception, Musicale, Dance Planned For 2nd Anniversary In New Home

The Birmingham Community House will open its doors to the public today with the invitation to join in the festivities planned in observance of the second birthday anniversary of its new home.

The afternoon will be devoted to a reception and tea with Mrs. F. B. Etter as chairman, assisted by a committee including Mrs. Warren Pease, Jr., Mrs. F. W. Shuell and representatives from local churches and organizations. Among those who will pour are Mrs. J. R. Adams and Mrs. J. E. Moore from the Altar Society of the Holy Name Catholic Church; Mrs. Theodore Wuggazer and Mrs. Clarence Raymond of the Redeemer Lutheran Church; Mrs. John Patrick and Mrs. F .W. Niedenfuhr of the Ladies Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church; Mrs. Otto Beier and Mrs. W. T. Cushing of the First Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Burt A. McDonald of Christ Church Cranbrook; Mrs. J. W. Parry and Mrs. T. A. Schoney from the First Methodist Episcopal church; Mrs. Lee A White, representing the Girl Scouts, and Mrs. Harold S. Gray, the Girl Reserves; and Mrs. Harold E. Middleton and Mrs. W. B. Brown of St. James Episcopal Church.

Mrs. T. Melbourne Roberts and Mrs. Edgar L. Bailey will be in charge of a musical program to be given in the afternoon.

Invitation is also extended to the public to attend a dance in the evening, of which Mrs. Joseph P. Little is chairman. Mrs. H. J. Klinger, first vice-president of the Community House Association, will serve as general chairman of the day.

ADJOURNMENT SEEN FOR TOWNSHIP MEET

The annual meeting of Bloomfield Township, scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 22, will probably be adjourned until a later date in view of the extension of the deadline for tax payments which will make it impossible for the treasurer to settle with the Township Board until after April 1, James V. Bayley, township clerk, said yesterday.

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Remains At Helm

HARRY ALLEN

By a majority of 152 votes, Mr. Allen was re-elected village president in Monday's election over Harold T. Ellerby, whom he also defeated two years ago.

VOGUE WINS CAGE TITLE

Cleaners Whip Fellowship In Overtime Period For 'Y' Crown

With a whirlwind finish in a five-minute overtime period, the Vogue Cleaners won the 1932 championship of the Y. M. C. A. basketball league by scoring a well-earned 21-19 victory over the Fellowship Club quintet in the third and deciding game of the title series in Baldwin High School gym last night.

After trailing all the way, the Fellowship Club soared into an 18 to 18 tie with the Cleaners just as the regular playing period ended. Vogue jumped to the lead a minute after the opening of the extra session, and was in no danger of losing from then on.

Fellowship appeared to be badly beaten during the first three quarters, being forced to resort continuously to unsuccessful long shots for inability to break through the opponents' defense. Superior height and weight of the Cleaners was an important factor in their victory.

With the score 18 to 14 in Vogue's favor, the Fellowship team braced valiantly toward the middle of the last period, and tied the score on two breath-taking long shots—one by Berger from the center of the floor, and the other by Schwarze nearly three-quarters of the way back and with but 25 seconds to play.

Grace played his usual brilliant game for the Cleaners, while Ladd

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Famed Choir To Sing Here Apr. 7

Border Scottish Chorus Of 110 Voices Scheduled For Fund Benefit

The Border Scottish Choir of 110 trained voices, renowned in this country and Canada for the general excellence of its programs, will give a concert in the Birmingham Community House Thursday, April 7, under the auspices of the Birmingham Rotary Club, it was announced yesterday by club members.

Proceeds of the concert will go to the Community House Milk Fund for undernourished children.

The Border Scottish Choir, an organization of many years' standing in musical circles, is conducted by H. Whorlow Bull, himself a Rotarian, and sings entirely without instrumental accompaniment.

The choir has been heard on numerous occasions over the radio, as well as on the concert stage. It appeared with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in a "pop" concert on Mar. 5.

FURNITURE STORAGE
159 Brownell Phone 7 14-F4 —Adv. 21tf

BANK RECEIVER SHOWS PROFIT

Lee Issues Statement Of First State Savings' Condition

A profit of $5,281.95 for the receivership of the closed First State Savings Bank of Birmingham in the period from its closing on June 15, 1931, to Feb. 29, 1932, is shown in a statement of condition issued to depositors today by Charles W. Lee, the receiver.

A total of $508,344 has been collected to date on the assets and receiveries made, on stock assessment and earnings on assets, the statement shows.

Total disbursements amount to $404,565.08, including an item of $297,016.43, covering notes payable and rediscounts with correspondent banks at the time the bank closed, and on which the securities of the bank had been pledged as collateral. As the loans have been paid in full, including interest of $3,223.29, the securities are in the possession of the receiver, the statement said.

There has also been retired by the receiver on mortgages on other real estate a total of $10,684.80, which includes payment in full of the land contract due on the bank building. Interest on these mortgages and on the land contract amounted to $1,793.19.

The statement also shows that preferred claims totalling $52,924.99 have been paid, and that all taxes on property owned by the bank have been met in full.

Only $10,183.53 had been collected up to Feb. 29 on the 100

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Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

There seems to be no solace at all in these days of depression. While the home of William B. Brewster in Bloomfield Village subdivision was still burning almost to the ground Tuesday afternoon, this Wanderer learns, three real estate agents collared the unfortunate man in an attempt to lease him a new place of abode. Apparently Mr. Brewster didn't particularly mind, for one of the three closed the deal, and rescued furniture was carried directly into a moving van.

There is nothing quite like the excitement which prevails around a newspaper office on election night. The Eccentric, for instance, was jammed to the doors for nearly two hours Monday night, from the time the first returns started trickling in until the election bulletin was off the press. Several made themselves highly useful by answering the scores of telephone calls that came in for results. Don Jordan, pencil in hand and hat pushed back on his head, was particularly efficient; the Taylor brothers, Jack and Jim, were appropriately nervous with nothing to be nervous about; and Dr. Jack Hollister, was, as usual, quite unconcerned about all the goings-on.

Publication of the bulletin itself revealed a sure-fire political prognosticator in the person of Walter Morgan. The Kmart manager, bless'm, who had "cuts" of Harry Allen, T. B. Smith, E. W. Osborne and Walter Connelly in the forms and a partial proof of the page, bearing pictures of the eventual winners, complete two hours before the polls closed!

The yard and garden beauty which characterizes Birmingham and the Hills will be well repre-

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BARGAIN RENTALS
Five 6-room home, all latest, 2 baths, large lot on corner, $100 month, or will rent furnished for $125. On lease. Another 6-room house on corner, lots of shade and shrubbery, 3-car garage, $60. Half double 6-room house, $40. Another, $25. 6-room cottage, $25. House in terrace, $35. Another, $25. 4-room lower duplex, heated, $25. Call or phone us.
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CLERK'S GUILT ALLEGED AS HEARING OPENS

Signed Confession Introduced Against Medinger, Facing Life Sentence

HAS SERVED 3 TERMS

Sets of duplicate records he used in embezzling funds from the David Fitch clothing store where he formerly worked as a clerk, and a signed confession of his guilt were introduced Tuesday as the examination of Paul Medinger, 34 years old, opened before Justice of the Peace Floyd S. Buck.

The examination represented the opening move of the prosecution to put Medinger behind bars for life under the terms of the habitual criminal act as a fourth offender. That he has previously served three prison terms, one on a federal charge, was revealed Monday by Chief of Police John P. Hackett.

The examination was continued until next Tuesday to give the defense opportunity to negotiate with friends and relatives of Medinger in the East. In the meantime, it was indicated, police will check further into the former clerk's record.

The confession of his guilt in the case here, signed by Medinger and introduced at the examination, was obtained by Assistant Prosecutor Edward J. Fallon in the presence of Chief Hackett and Detective Joseph F. MacGregor. It quotes Medinger as admitting he embezzled about $2,500.

The testimony Tuesday centered about several specific checks Medinger is said to have intercepted at the store and substituted for cash when sent to make bank deposits for his employer. David Fitch, proprietor of the store, Chief Hackett and D. Love, an auditor called in to check over the store's books, were the witnesses.

Medinger's bail was set at $5,000, two sureties, and was not furnished. He was returned to county jail to await continuation of his examination next Tuesday. Medinger was arrested in Jersey City, N. J., on Feb. 24, a week after he had disappeared from Birmingham.

According to Chief Hackett, Medinger's record includes a 10-month term in Maryland State Penitentiary in 1921 for obtaining money under false pretenses, 27 months in the same institution when convicted for embezzlement two years later, and 27 months in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for using the mails to defraud, for which he was convicted in 1926.

'Y' DRIVE $1,000 SHORT OF QUOTA

Closing Date Extended To Friday; Hart's Team In Lead

With slightly less than $1,000 raised to date, only two days remain in the current Y. M. C. A. emergency campaign in which the goal is $2,000.

The drive was to have closed last Monday, but was extended to 6:30 P. M. Friday in order to give campaign workers ample opportunity to interview all prospective contributors. A banquet in the "Y" building will be held tomorrow night when final results of the drive will be tabulated.

The most recent compilation gave the team captained by Melvin C. Hart its first lead since the drive opened a week and a half ago over the rival group of campaign workers, in charge of Rev. Harry W. Evans.

The campaign, funds from which will be used in maintaining the work of the Y. M. C. A. in Birmingham, is intended as a supplement to the regular drive last fall, which fell short of its quota.

Allen, Osborne, Smith, Connelly Election Victors

Ellerby Beaten By 152 Votes; Brisk Campaigning Marks Balloting As Incumbents Suffer Two Defeats

NEW MEN TAKE OFFICE MONDAY

Two new faces will appear at the Village Commission table Monday night when the six members and village president, elected last Monday in the most heated campaign of the past five years, will convene for their first session.

They are E. W. Osborne, local Ford distributor and president of the Exchange Club, and Theron B. Smith, realtor and former village president and commissioner. They led the field against four other opponents.

Harry Allen, incumbent village president, was returned to office for a second two-year term by a majority of 152 votes over Harold T. Ellerby, whom he defeated in 1930 by a scant three ballots.

Connelly Wins

The third Commissioner elected was Walter L. Connelly, the only one of three members of the present Commission successful in seeking re-election.

Osborne, running for his first public office, although he led in only one precinct—the third—polled nearly 100 more votes than Smith, his nearest opponent.

Osborne's total was 936, Smith's 858 and Connelly's 847. Charles E. Lewis ran fourth with 805, J. Harry McBride fifth with 789 and Dr. Fred L. Tucker sixth with 687. Lewis and Tucker are incumbents.

Allen's lead was definitely established in the third precinct, where he defeated Ellerby by 103 votes, and his election was virtually assured in the first where his majority was 137. Allen also won the second precinct, while Ellerby was victorious in the small fourth and fifth.

Clerk Reappointed

Miss Irene E. Hadley was re-elected village clerk without opposition. Rumors, current during the morning of election day, that a sticker candidate was to be in the running against her, proved to be without foundation, and she polled all of the 1,528 votes cast for the office.

Mrs. L. N. Pyle, with 1,340 votes, and Russell Gore, with 1,318, were also unopposed in their candidacies for re-election to two-year terms on the Library Board.

Campaign activity centering around the village president and Commission elections reached its highest peak in recent years, rivaling in intensity the interest and feeling which prevailed when the "blue sky" ordinance which would have prohibited Sunday motion pictures in Birmingham, was defeated in 1927.

Relatively disorganized until the last three days before the election, the campaign eventually developed into a clear-cut battle between the incumbents on one side and the four opponents on the other.

Campaign Cards Out

Campaign cards with the names of Allen, Lewis, Connelly and Tucker linked together were distributed about the village Saturday, followed shortly afterwards with campaign literature for an opposition slate as represented by Ellerby, Osborne, McBride and Smith.

Friends of both groups were especially active Sunday and Monday, soliciting votes by telephone and personal visit. Monday afternoon, a committee of 12 girls of high school age boarded north-bound Grand Trunk commuter trains at Royal Oak to campaign for the incumbents.

Friends of the opposition were on hand at the Grand Trunk station and at bus terminals to meet the passengers as they alighted.

During the day, several hundred two-page mimeographed documents, captioned "Re-elect The

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Wherein Village Manager Parry Grants A Point

By ALLEN TENNY

Village Manager James W. Parry knocked the ashes out of his pipe, arched his legs up over the writing drawer on his desk, and pushed four fingers through his hair.

"Your point", he said, "is well taken. I believe you're right."

The point, bluntly put, was whether or not village equipment should be used for attempting to elect somebody to public office.

What It Was

It all came about as the result of a two-page document which was issued Monday from the Municipal Building, just as electioneering was gaining momentum. It was headed "Re-elect the Present Commissioners", and its appearance on the streets together with the knowledge of whence it came, created a small furore of comment, gossip, rumor and speculation.

"The record of the present Commission and President who are up for re-election has been a constructive and sound one. . . ." it began.

"An alert and businesslike handling of village affairs can be assured by re-electing the present Commission", it ended.

In between were several paragraphs devoted principally to statistics on the village's financial condition. The document was mimeographed.

"On the village's mimeograph machine", said Mr. Parry with no trace of hesitancy.

Asked who wrote it, he mentioned "a certain group in the north end", and named two individuals, one especially.

"You might say he was responsible for the actual writing of it, more than anyone else, although the statistics came from me and records available in the village offices", he said.

Facts, And A Tax Rate

"The financial data were simply statements of fact. I feel it is one of my functions to give out information whenever it is asked for."

He was careful to explain one statistic that is not yet a "statement of fact", but undoubtedly will be. That was the 1932 tax rate, indicated in the document at $12.50, or $1 lower than that of the last two years.

The tax rate for this year has not been set—cannot be until the new Commission takes office and adopts a permanent budget.

"But from all present appearances the rate will be $12.50, or lower," Mr. Parry said. "That is

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All-Star Cagers Slated To Meet Triple A Outfit

Arrangements were completed yesterday for a basketball game between the all-star team selected from members of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. league and Dr. Toole's Triple A team of Detroit, to be played Tuesday, Mar. 29, in the Barnum School gym.

The Toole team was described recently by a Detroit sports writer as probably the best amateur squad which ever performed in Michigan, and promises to prove conclusively the mettle of the "Y" league all-stars, who were chosen by managers and officials of the loop, and whose names appeared in last week's Eccentric.

The second all-star team will furnish the preliminary in a game with either the winner or runner-up in the Oakland County amateur tournament, now in progress.

Proceeds of the games will be used to start the organization of a village athletic association which would sponsor teams and leagues in all sports.

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