The Birmingham Eccentric

Christmas, with its red and green, its silver tinsel, and its expectant childhood, is drawing nigh. In the midst of plenty, there are millions in America to whom Christmas is a tragic scene of a world gone far afield from Good Samaritanism. There is no substitute for Love.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

When it comes to sensing the pulse of the public, and playing a game of wits to win your point over the unpredictable reactions of the mob, I doubt if any modern politician can equal President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. His present maneuvering of the nation's currency offers an example of what I mean. As yet (this is written Saturday, Nov. 25), Mr. Roosevelt has made no definite statement of his position with regard to its ultimate handling of the gold problem. He is, quite frankly, experimenting — even against the wishes of his oldest and supposedly wisest advisors. In more ways than one, he is playing a lone hand in a game that is international in scope. And he plays it with a certain quietly voluble confidence that bewilders his intimate friends. To a certain degree, I believe I know the peculiar temperament that dominates him in his present position. It was revealed to me over a year ago when, as a member of the publicity committee of the National Republican Committee, I was present at a press interview he gave at the Statler Hotel in Detroit one Sunday afternoon in September of 1932.

There were perhaps 40 newspapermen present. Also such dignitaries as Frank Murphy, Heratio Abbott, and either Raymond Moley or Louis McHenry Howe, or both—I am a bit hazy on this score. Mr. Roosevelt had just concluded a speech at the Naval Armory in Detroit. He sat in an easy chair in the Statler, looking cheerful, happy, quite optimistic over the outcome of the November election. H. C. "Hub" Garrison, of The Detroit News, asked: "Well, Governor, how did you like your reception in Detroit?" Carl Mueller, of The Detroit Times, revealed the position of his newspaper concerning when he queried the then Governor of New York: "There isn't any doubt but what, after Mar. 4, it'll be Mr. President, is there?" A reporter from Stuart Perry's Adrian Telegram wanted to know, "How can a lowered tariff rate help the American industry if such lowering will allow greater imports to compete with American labor?" To which Mr. Roosevelt merely answered, "Well, it's worth a try." Cliff Prevette, The Detroit Free Press, then asked one of the very important current questions: "Governor, how do you stand on the soldier bonus question?" To which Mr. Roosevelt smiled good naturedly and simply replied, "I'll take that up in due time." Prevette pressed the question further, asking "Don't you think, Governor, that the American people are interested in this important question?" And the New York Governor again smiled, "About the only people who are really worrying over this matter are a few editorial writers for newspapers."

At this point of the interview I rushed in where angels feared to tread, I guess, for I patted on the arm of a chair that contained the figure of Mr. Abbott, not more than eight or 10 feet from Mr. Roosevelt. Let me remember the situation, these are very nearly the words I said to the Democratic candidate for the Presidency: "Governor, I'm going to presume to speak for most of these newspapermen present and most respectfully declare, Sir, that we are here only because our jobs as newspapermen require that we be here. I have no doubt but what most of us would rather be at home reading a good book, seated in some splendid motion picture theater, or dangling our feet over the bank of a dandy trout stream. But our jobs of newsgathering demand that we attend your visit to Detroit, and relay to our readers what we see and hear. You say, Sir, that only a few editorial writers are interested in the question of your attitude on the soldier bonus. As newspapermen, we know that the whole nation is interested in this question. You are campaigning for the highest office within the gift of the American people, yet you consistently refuse to state your stand on a question which, both economically and morally, relates very intimately to the success or failure of our economic system. You are aspiring, Governor, to an office that embraces the power to call every healthy son to bear arms—yet you refuse to explain your position on this most important question of the soldier bonus. No, Governor, not than editorial writers are concerned with this question. And we newspapermen, representing hundreds of thousands of readers who support government through taxation, merely ask this question so that we can report back to them your position on the soldier bonus." I'll never forget the look of mingled surprise, delight, and determination that came over Mr. Roosevelt's face. Quickly the old smile came back; leaning his good-looking head from side to side, his jaw tilted a bit, he answered my remarks with this verse statement: "When I entered this campaign some months ago I decided

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SUIT DEMANDS CITY PAY DEBT SERVICE CLAIM

Tax Collections All Held For Operating Expenses, Plaintiff Charges

HEARING SET FOR DEC. 4

A suit to compel the City of Birmingham to pay out in interest and principal on bonds and tax notes the tax moneys it has levied and collected for that purpose was filed yesterday in Oakland County Circuit Court.

A hearing on an order to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not be issued to compel the payment will be held before Judge Frank L. Covert at 9:30 A. M. Monday.

The plaintiff in the case is Murel J. Sanerant, of Detroit. The suit was filed by Claude H. Stevens, member of the Detroit law firm of Berry and Stevens, who appeared before the Birmingham Commission last week and demanded the payment of $15,935 in principal and interest, to clients who hold Birmingham bonds and notes. The Commission refused to comply with the demand.

$225,000 Tax Levy

Mr. Sanerant sets forth in his petition that $4,705.75 in interest on bonds, $1,000 in principal on bonds, and $130,937 in principal and interest on notes is past due and owing to him. He points out that the city levied $225,563.28 on its tax roll this year, of which $67,490.47 was for debt service, and that approximately 31 per cent of the levy has been collected.

The petition continues "that within the last week a demand has been made upon the treasurer of the City of Birmingham for the payment of the several items of principal and interest set forth . . . and that at the same time there were tendered to said treasurer the bonds, notes and coupons representing said principal and interest. That said treasurer of the City of Birmingham refused to honor such demand and to pay the aforementioned principal and interest, or any part thereof. That the reason advanced by said city treasurer for the refusal to comply with said demand, was that the city intended to retain all tax collections, including collections on that portion which was levied for debt service, for operating expenses. That the Commission of the City of Birmingham has taken the same position in relation to the payment of such matured principal and interest."

Levy Too Small, Charge

The city's claim that it will become short of funds for operating expenses before the end of the fiscal year is due to the fact that it levied an inadequate amount in taxes, the suit charges.

The plaintiff further declares that a portion of the 1932 levy collected since the first of this year should be allocated to interest payments, and that collections of 1928, 1929 and 1930 delinquent taxes, against which the notes were issued, should be allocated to retirement of the notes.

Mr. Stevens' demand for interest payments last week was refused on the grounds that such payments would cripple operating services almost beyond the possibility of continuing municipal government here.

"We've cut and slashed operating costs to the point where, if we have to cut any more, we might as well shut down entirely," Mayor Harry Allen told the attorney.

Defendants named in Mr. Sanerant's suit include Mayor Allen, the six members of the Commis-

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Kidney Infection Fatal To Boy, 4½

Services To Be Held Today For Son Of Baldwin High School Music Director

A kidney infection, developing from bronchial pneumonia with which he was taken ill three weeks ago, proved fatal Sunday morning to Jimmie Berndt, 4½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Berndt, 620 Wallace street. Mr. Bergdt is director of band and orchestra music at Baldwin High School.

Death occurred in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, where the boy had been a patient since last Tuesday. He was born in Birmingham Jan. 5, 1929.

Services will be held at 3 P. M. today from the First Methodist Church, with burial in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Russel D. Hopkins will officiate. Prior to the funeral, the body will be at the G. Dewey Kimball Funeral Home.

3,000 WILL SEE GRID BATTLE

Maples, Acorns To Clash In 15th Annual Turkey Day Tilt

By DEAN BEIER

Fourteen years of bitter rivalry will stand behind the Maroon and White football team of Baldwin High School when it takes the field Thursday morning against the Royal Oak High eleven in the annual Thanksgiving Day game. The stands of Cass Field in Royal Oak, which is to be the scene of the battle, are expected to be filled with more than 3,000 fans by 10 A. M. when the game is scheduled to start. Proceeds of the game will be used by the Royal Oak Kiwanis Club for welfare relief.

The Royal Oak team that will face Baldwin will not be the same outfit that has lost five games this season. A change in the Acorns' lineup two weeks ago against Grosse Pointe put nine men into varsity play for the first time and resulted in an unexpected 12 to 6 win for Royal Oak. By placing the new men in his lineup, the Royal Oak coach benched six of his regular varsity players.

Maples' Record Is Superior

Because neither the Birmingham players nor scouts have seen the revamped Royal Oak team in action, the Maple camp is puzzled to know just what to expect. The Acorns have been scouted in some games and had been quite generally considered inferior to the Maroons. But now the story is a different one.

If a winner could be selected by comparing the records of the two teams to date, Baldwin would be clearly the choice. Their season marred by only one defeat, the Maples have five wins and a tie to their credit. Two victories and five defeats is the record set thus far by the Acorns. The eleven that represented Royal Oak earlier in the season met defeats at the hands of Ferndale and St. Clemens, both of which teams the Maroons have defeated.

The clash the first time this season the Maple varsity will be intact. Throughout the season Coach Miles W. Robinson has been without the services of one or more of his first string men because of injuries. But unless something unexpected happens before game time Thursday, the Baldwin squad will face Royal Oak with every man in perfect physical condition.

Baldwin Holds Edge

In 14 previous Turkey Day encounters with the Acorns, the Maroons have won eight, tied three

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Thanksgiving Day

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for the armed legions, marching in their might,
Not for the glory of the well-earned fight
Where brave men slay their brothers also brave;
But for the millions of Thy sons who work—
And do Thy task with joy—and never shirk,
And deem the idle man a burdened slave:
For These, O Lord, our thanks.

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for the turrets of our men-of-war—
The monstrous guns, and deadly steel they pour
To crush our foes and make them bow the knee;
But for the homely sailors of Thy deep,
The tireless fisher-folk who banish sleep
And lure a living from the miser sea;
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for the mighty men who pile up gold,
Not for the phantom millions, bought and sold,
And all the arrogance of pomp and greed;
But for the pioneer who blows the field,
Make deserts blossom, and the mountain yield
Its hidden treasures for man's daily need:
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

We give Thee thanks, O Lord!
Not for the palaces that wealth has grown,
Where ease is worshipped—duty dimly known,
And pleasure leads her dance the flowery way;
But for the quiet homes where love is queen
And life is more than baubles, touched and seen,
And old folks bless us, and dear children play:
For these, O Lord, our thanks!

—ROBERT BRIDGES.

Mayor And Commissioners Oppose Rum-By-Glass Here

The Mayor and five members of the Birmingham City Commission are flatly opposed to the sale here of hard liquor by the glass.

This opposition was to be expected from the members of a governing body which has legislated against the sale of 3.2 beer for consumption on the premises in restaurants and beer gardens, and a symposium of their opinions bears out this expectation.

As passed by the State House of Representatives Friday, Michigan's new beer bill would allow the sale of spiritous liquors by the glass in any municipality in which such sale is approved by a majority vote of the governing body within 60 days after the law becomes effective. Following failure of the governing body to act, a referendum could be initiated by petition of the electorate any time within a year.

Numerous changes are expected to be made in the bill by the Senate before it becomes a law, but if these provisions regarding sales by the glass are left as they now stand, Birmingham is almost certain to be without a public bar unless the voters demand it in a special election.

Mayor Harry Allen and Commissioners E. W. Osborne, Clarence Vliet and Arthur J. Kane are unqualifiedly opposed to sales by the glass. Commissioner Frank S. Packard is also opposed, although he would be ruled by the opinion of the majority of the electorate. Commissioner A. J. Brandt is temporarily in California, and Commissioner J. Harry McBride is in Texas, but the other five constitute more than a majority of the governing body, and are therefore able to control the issue here.

Their comments on the question follow:

Mayor Harry Allen—"I would be opposed to the sale of liquor by the glass in Birmingham. I have no preconceived notion of the manner in which liquor sales ought to be controlled, but I think the sale of it by the glass should be prohibited in a residential community like this. Perhaps the Ontario system of distribution would be the best solution, although I imagine it would work less satisfactorily here than in Canada where the people have at least some respect for law. I would have no objection to the sale of liquor by the package in dirty stores, nor by the glass in hotels."

Commissioner E. W. Osborne—"I think restricting the distribution of hard liquor for sale by the package is the way to handle the problem. Allowing its sale by the glass would simply be reverting to the old corner saloon. At least until some more orderly method of handling it is found, I would say it

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First Letter From Old Santa Arrives

Cold Weather Breaks His Broadcasting Set, But He Can Still Use Pen, Paper

Santa Claus Palace
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North Pole

Hello, Boys and Girls:

Goodness, how the months do roll around! Here it is almost December again, with Christmas just a little more than a month away, and I with just about 70 million things to do before that night we all like so well when I come dropping into your homes through the chimney.

Dolls to make, trains to put together, sleds to manufacture, dishes to box up—why, sometimes I think I never will get done, but then when I take a look at my hundreds of Brownies working so hard around my shop, and then just get down to work myself a little bit harder, I realize how much can be done in even a very short time, and I know that everything's going to turn out all right.

I had intended to talk to you by radio this year instead of writing letters every week, but do you know what happened? It got so cold up here the other day that my broadcasting set just refused to work altogether, and so I was forced to call on the editor of The Eccentric again for permission to publish my letters in his paper. He kindly consented, of course, so I'll be able to write a letter to you every week.

Send your letters in as soon as possible, telling me just what you want for Christmas, because many boys and girls wait until the last minute, you know, that sometimes I don't have time to read all of them that come in. And if I didn't get a chance to read all of YOUR letters, it would be too bad, wouldn't it? I wouldn't like to overlook them any more than you would like to have me, so please send them in as early as possible.

I was very much pleased today when I received letters from a little boy and his sister. They have written so early they must know the story about the early bird and the worm. Here is what they wrote:

"Dear Santa Claus: You have helped us every Christmas and I know you have many other children to take care of. So I am only going to ask for two things. The first thing is one pair of one-runner skates. The second is Bearkin and his treasure. And that is all. Thank you very much. Your friend, Patsy Shuell."

"Dear Santa Claus, I, Johnie Shuell, would like a pair of high tops this Christmas. This is all that I am asking for. Your Friend, Johnie Shuell."

That's fine, Patsy and Johnnie. Now you other boys and girls do like them and get your Christmas wishes in early, will you, please?

Your friend,
SANTA.

Thanksgiving Food Prices Up 5 Per Cent From 1932

The heads of Birmingham households are to be able to pass another Thanksgiving Day this year without grumbling about the grocery bills for the turkey dinner. For food prices, after tumbling in a marked recession from the sharp rise they took last summer and early fall, are back down now to a point only about 5 per cent higher than they were last Thanksgiving. And prices a year ago, it will be remembered, were the lowest they had been in some 14 years.

At the prices quoted yesterday by local grocers, in both independent and chain stores, the average Birmingham housewife should be able to serve her family of four or five members with a turkey or chicken dinner, including all or not all of the trimmings, for from $3.25 to $3.50.

Larger families and a greater number of delicacies will boost the cost, of course, but these are minimum figures and a meal that will do justice to any Thanksgiving table can be acquired for that price in local markets.

Turkeys are little, if any, higher than they were last year. Michigan-grown turkeys are selling for around 23 cents a pound in most stores, with the less popular imported Texas birds being quoted at about 19 cents. The quality of the turkeys this year, by the way, is better than usual, due to the unusually cold weather, it is reported. Chickens are being sold for as low as 19 cents a pound.

For the $3.50 figure, a family of four or five should be able to dine on soup, homemade pickles, cranberries, celery hearts, potatoes, cauliflower, bread and butter, an inexpensive salad, coffee and pie or pudding.

If the more fancy vegetables are served, the cost will rise slightly, although practically all green foods, together with canned goods, fruits and meats, are being quoted consistently at figures which are not more than 5 per cent above those of 1932.

Nut meats and candy are also being sold at prices which compare favorably with the rock-bottom figures of last year, and flowers for the table are comparatively inexpensive, as well.

HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. MacDonald and family, who moved to Birmingham recently from Flint, and are living at 211 Pilgrim road. They have three sons, Lorne, 12 years old; Kenneth, eight, and Weldon, six.

Mr. MacDonald is associated with the General Motors Corporation.

Thanks Day Preacher

Rev L. Earl Jackson

THANKSGIVING SERVICES SET

Jackson To Preach At Union Meeting In Presbyterian Church

All Birmingham churches will observe Thanksgiving Day Thursday morning either by joining in a union service to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, or by holding special services of their own.

The union service, which will begin at 8 A. M. to allow those attending it to see the Birmingham-Royal Oak High School football game at Royal Oak later in the morning, will bring together the combined congregations of the First Presbyterian, First Baptist, First Methodist, United Presbyterian and Embury Methodist Churches.

The sermon will be preached by the Rev. L. Earl Jackson of the Baptist Church, whose subject will be, "The Things that Remain." The Rev. W. Clarence Wright of the First Presbyterian Church will preside, and the Thanksgiving Day proclamation will be read by Robert D. Lynd, secretary of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A.

Collection to Charity

The Rev. Dr. Russel D. Hopkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will offer the prayer of Thanksgiving. The musical program will include the singing of Handel's "Oh Lovely Peace" by Mrs. Manley Tyson and Mrs. Imogene Davis, members of the Presbyterian Quartet. The collection taken at the service will be divided between welfare needs and the Red Cross.

At St. James' Episcopal Church, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at two services Thursday morning, beginning at 8 and 10 o'clock.

A special Thanksgiving mass, including the benediction, a prayer for civil and ecclesiastical authorities, and a short sermon by the Rev. Fr. J. W. Cotter, will be held at Holy Name Church, beginning at 9 A. M. The regular 7 o'clock mass will be held as usual.

Thanksgiving Day at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be observed with the annual Thanksgiving service at 10:30 A. M.

Lutheran Service

There will also be a Thanksgiving service at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, beginning at 9:30 A. M., in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Theodore Wuggazer, Jr.

At Christ Church Cranbrook, Thanksgiving Day will be observed as usual with the traditional Festival of Ingathering, in which all children of the church school will take part. The service will begin at 11 A. M.

For the Festival, the participants are costumed as Chinese,

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Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

Justice of the Peace H. Augustus O'Dell of Bloomfield Hills is in a fine fix. He has a nice big 275-pound bear—dead, of course—but he doesn't know what to do with it.

While hunting near Alpena last week with Laurence P. Smith of Bloomfield Hills and a party of Detroit friends, Judge O'Dell brought Bruin down with a well-aimed shot as the latter was lumbering through a swamp. That was comparatively easy, but the matter of disposing of it is something else again.

"It was the first bear I ever saw, and frankly I'm stumped to know what to do with it—or rather how to do it," the judge says, hinting he'd appreciate a little professional advice about how to proceed. Bear is a nice lot of juicy steaks. In addition to the bear, each member of the party got a deer.

At least one person in Birmingham still considers the payment of taxes a serious obligation. City Manager James W. Parry has found. That person is an 84-year-old woman who has been receiving help from the welfare department. Recently, through the liquidation of a previously frozen asset, she came into possession of $200, and offered immediately either to reimburse the city for her welfare assistance or to pay her city taxes, which amounted to $46. Mr. Parry advised her to pay the taxes, which she did, despite the fact she will probably be forced to seek further welfare aid when her present resources are exhausted.

The Community House will be closed all day Thursday, according to Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president of the Community House Association. Stores, banks and the postoffice will, of course, also be closed as usual.

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57 Local Welfare Dependents Start On CWA Projects

City Asks For $12,375 For Development Of Parks

HOLDS 50 JOBS

An application for $12,375.20 from the Civil Works Administration fund with which to finance a program of general park development, including beautification of the River Rouge, was filed Monday by City Manager James W. Parry with the Oakland County CWA Board.

If approved, the project would provide 15,620 man-hours of labor, furnishing work on one section for 30 men for 19 weeks, and on another for 20 men for nine weeks.

The application is the fourth to be filed by Birmingham. The other three include one for an Adams road relief sewer, in the amount of $25,686; another for a sewer along the old Grand Trunk right-of-way between the River Rouge and Madison avenue, $19,549; and the third for a tree planting project on several streets in the city, $4,178.

Sewer Projects Approved

The two sewer projects have already been approved by CWA officials. The sum of the four applications is $61,788.20. The four projects together would provide jobs for 183 unemployed men for a period of from nine to 18 weeks. The total number of man-hours estimated in the four projects is 80,888.

Numerous other projects are under consideration by city officials for qualification under the CWA program. An application is now being prepared for a municipal garage and warehouse, which would be located on the new Grand Trunk right-of-way, providing a suitable property trade could be effected with the state.

The warehouse would be erected at a cost of about $25,000. Preliminary plans place the cost of materials about $2,500 above the figure which would allow the project to qualify under the CWA stipulation that at least 70 per cent of the total cost of all projects must go to labor. The Commission last night approved Mr. Parry's suggestion that the city agree to advance the $2,500 in order to make the project acceptable.

Sewer Projects Begin

Work was begun yesterday on the two sewer projects. A group of about six men started preparations for the manufacture of cement piping, all of which will be made here. Mr. Parry said the number of workers employed on the project would probably reach 12 by Wednesday, and 40 by next week.

Projects which would give employment to a few "white-collar" workers are also being studied, and Mr. Parry told the Commission last night that an application in these projects would probably be filed some time this week. The projects include a revamping of the special assessment accounts in the treasurer's department, continuance of work on a series of record maps begun by the engineering department, which was forced to drop the project over a year ago, and possibly the conducting of surveys on a refunding program and municipally owned lighting and power plants.

CWA funds are distributed as 100 per cent federal grants, the municipalities not being asked to participate in any way in the cost.

Planning Body Approves

Approximately 80 per cent of the cost of the park development program is represented by labor, Mr. Parry said. The project, which was approved by the Planning Commission Thursday night, contemplates the clearance of underbrush and debris from the entire city-owned portion of the River Rouge valley, and the planting of about 2,000 trees and a quantity of shrubbery in the valley.

Other phases of the program include the razing of the block of city-owned houses in the Civic Center between the Municipal Building and the Library, and the landscaping of that block and of the property in the rear of the Library; beautification of the center parkways and side lanes on Woodward avenue, and clearance and beautification of Baldwin Park and of the lot on which the Derby well is situated.

Clearance of underbrush and other work on the project could be begun within a day after the application was approved, Mr. Parry

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JOINT SERVICE CLUBS TO HEAR TRAVEL TALK

Roy Plumb, of Hamtramck, a nationally known chemist and leading Rotarian of this district, will address Birmingham's three service clubs, Lions, Rotary, and Exchange, next Monday noon at the Community House. Mr. Plum, who will be brought here by the Rotary Club, will talk on recent experiences in South America.

19 County Projects Give Employment To 1,200

SCHOOLS ASK AID

First tangible benefits of the Civil Works Administration program in Birmingham were felt yesterday when 57 local welfare dependents went to work on a job of repairing West Maple avenue.

The Birmingham men were among approximately 1,200 welfare dependents who started work on 19 different county projects. The men will work 30 hours a week, receiving 50 cents an hour, and their employment will remove them completely from the welfare lists.

In addition to the Birmingham men employed, five men went to work from Bloomfield Township and 34 from Troy Township.

Each municipality in the county has been assigned an initial quota of jobs to be filled by work on the first CWA projects approved last week. Birmingham's quota is 114, half of which was filled with yesterday's assignment of 57 jobs to welfare dependents. Jobs in the second half of the quota will go, not to welfare dependents, but to registered unemployed men.

Registration has not yet begun in Birmingham, but will probably begin within a few days, according to Gordon Van Camp, who is temporarily in charge of the third region in the new county welfare system, of which Birmingham is a part. Assignment of jobs to men is being made through the local welfare units.

Projects on which work was begun yesterday, in addition to the West Maple avenue job, included repair work in East Maple, Cooley Lake and Baldwin roads, and the Rochester and Krohn drains in Royal Oak and Royal Oak Township.

Schools Ask $36,613 For Repairs

A grant of $36,613.83 from Civil Works Administration funds for repairs and decorations on Birmingham public school buildings is requested in an application filed Friday with the Oakland County CWA Board.

The project provides for 28,301 man-hours of labor for skilled workmen, and 2,644 hours for unskilled workmen. It would put seven unskilled men to work for 60 days, and 78 skilled men for an equal length of time, it is estimated. Of the total estimated cost, $25,519.40 is for labor, and $11,094.43 for materials.

Subject to approval of the Board of Education, the proposed program has been outlined by Superintendent Charles W. Crandell as follows:

Painting, finishing, plastering and glazing in all six school buildings, $27,256.55; construction of a new roof for Hills School and roof repairs on all other buildings, $1,837.97; metal window adjustments at Baldwin School, $1,040; interior changes, including the installation of partitions and the removal of the running track, at Baldwin School, and the preparation of a room for band and orchestra use at Hill School, $3,941.31; refinishing 600 desks, $600; miscellaneous repairs in five buildings, $1,938.

Goodfellows Club Opens 'Toy Week'

"Toy Week" opened yesterday in Birmingham, with members of the Goodfellows Club launching a concentrated drive to collect used and abandoned toys to be repaired and distributed to poor children at Christmas time. Toys may be left at the fire hall in the Municipal Building, where the repair work is being done, or they will be picked up by members of the club at the homes of any persons calling the fire department.

Dolls are being collected and dressed by Miss Eleanor Miller and her sewing students in the Birmingham schools, and by a group of women headed by Mrs. Harry S. Stark of 755 Vinewood avenue.

GRADUATES TO HEAR OLIVET'S PRESIDENT

Mid-year commencement exercises for Baldwin High School graduating seniors will be held in the Baldwin Auditorium on the evening of Jan. 25, it has been announced by Principal Melvin C. Hart. The speaker will be James King, president of Olivet College. The graduating class will number about 30, members, Mr. Hart said.

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