To an almost complete extent, your thoughts are revealed in your actions and activities among people. The good and true thought you think becomes the good and true act you do for another; the evil finds expression in a like manner, too. "As you think you are."

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Impelled by what appears to be a sincere desire to bring "social justice" to the American people, by upsetting the "money system" that has placed more than 90 per cent of the nation's wealth in the hands of 3 per cent of its people, President Roosevelt is quite radical in his maneuvering. When the depression struck the country four years ago, this wealth was in the hands of a few people; they were the creditor class, and under existing laws and customs they were entitled to the protection of the State—providing, of course, that they could "control" the State.

Then along comes Roosevelt and the "New Deal." The "New Deal" seems to have had no predetermined plan behind it, other than to distribute wealth more equitably. So President Roosevelt maneuvers a friendly Congress through many experiments, now eventuating in the taking over of all the "gold" upon which most of the nation's currency is based. Billions of dollars are appropriated for various expenditures; much of it, notably the CWA, is necessary to prevent winter revolution. More billions are asked for of Congress—billions that are merely "borrowed" by virtue of the Federal Government's credit.

These billions, it is President Roosevelt's hope, will be paid back when industry is "primed," and profits again accrue to human endeavor. My own belief is that the magnanimous Federal Government is going to be very much disappointed in human nature; the professors who live in worlds of theories will yet learn that mankind still wanders through the predatory jungle of human selfishness and greed—and this merely means that the Federal Government's philanthropies will in the end be unable to do what is expected of them. That will mean more philanthropy from Washington in the shape of more and more PWA's, CWA's and similar "dignified doles."

In the end, the Federal Government's credit will become exhausted. Printing press money, (with no gold metal backing), will be resorted to. Then, when enough of this cheap money is issued for Government to "repay" its own creditors, the administration at Washington will return to a "gold" basis, with a mixture of silver, perhaps, to give "character and integrity" to the national currency. In the meantime, of course, there will have been a fairly peaceful re-distribution of wealth within the nation; debts and their attendant interest charges will have been very largely cancelled through the use of "cheap money," which will be available to all. It will be a sort of national bankruptcy—providing a place to "start all over again."

While this predicament that I am outlining may not come (which I pray will be the case), it is very, very possible. And this is the greatest reason, I firmly believe, that prompts President Roosevelt and his financial advisors to obtain possession of that most universally acceptable basis of all man-made currency, "gold". And, as far as the great and general welfare of the nation is concerned, I agree with those who hold that the gold, as a basis for currency of the future, should be gathered in by the Federal Government. Truly, as far as the bewildering world that human beings create is concerned, it is crazy and cock-eyed!

Glancing through a recent issue of the Congressional Record, I learn that the pilot of one of the six planes that flew from San Francisco to Hawaii was one Lt. James K. Averill, born in Champlain, N. Y., in 1904. My own forebears came from that section of York State—wonder how many times removed from Adam this Pacific-hopper and myself are?

Seldom do you find two persons who think exactly alike on a majority of life's situations or problems or principles. Indeed, many people think quite differently upon commonplace affairs. There are many reasons for these variations of thought, of course. Which reminds me of the story of the Arkansas farmer, who reacted as follows to his increased prosperity; in a letter he wrote to the El Reno American, he thus described his rise in worldly possessions:

"Well, since I sold the little farm in Arkansas I have prospered. You know we always lived in that little one-room shack, but I came to East Texas and bought a farm, and pretty soon I leased it to an oil company and was sure lucky. They hit a big oil field on the place and now I have a big house here in Alte. It has six rooms.

"There is one we don't do anything but eat in, one we just sit in, two rooms we don't do anything but sleep in, one room we don't do anything but cook in, and there is one that is all white, that has a place you can wash all over, and even in the corner there is a place where you can wash your face and hands in, and over in the cor-

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CITY'S TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT NETS FUND $160

Birmingham Joins Nation In Celebrating A Birth To Aid A Cause

BALL ATTENDED BY 400

With an enthusiasm which brought approximately 200 couples to the Community House Birmingham responded Tuesday evening to the invitation extended throughout the country to hold and attend a Birthday Ball in honor of the 52nd birthday anniversary of President Roosevelt.

As a result, this city will be able to send to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, created by President Roosevelt for the relief of sufferers from infantile paralysis, at least $160. This sum was estimated Wednesday on incomplete returns, and when all figures are received, the total will probably exceed this amount slightly.

The guests which crowded into the Community House represented virtually every group and circle in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, including churches and organizations as well as those interested chiefly in the social side of the affair. The music of Del Delbridge stimulated the gaiety appropriate to a birthday ball, and the decorations provided a festive background for the event. Arranged behind the orchestra were great red, white and blue letters, each bearing a picture of Mr. Roosevelt and together spelling the words, "Our President." Above these was hung a large portrait of the nation's Chief Executive. In addition, the stage of the auditorium was artistically banked with an arrangement of potted plants and greenery.

At 11 o'clock, the sound of a voice familiar to millions of American citizens, transmitted over radio amplifiers, brought a hush to the dance floor. In silence, the guests at the President's Birthday Ball waited to hear the personal message of their honor guest, Franklin D. Roosevelt, as he talked to the nation from the White House.

Acting as the official host for Birmingham at the Ball was Mayor Harry Allen, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

The party began at 9 o'clock and continued until shortly after 1. Those who did not care to dance showed their enthusiasm for the President and the cause by attending and playing bridge at tables provided especially for such guests.

STATE HEAD TAX DUE ON MARCH 1

Oakland Residents Have Until That Date Also To Register Clerk Says

Oakland County residents have until Mar. 1 to register for payment of the $2 state head tax, as well as to pay the tax itself, according to Lynn D. Allen, county clerk.

In some counties, registration was compulsory before today, Feb. 1, but here it will continue until the deadline for actual payment a month hence, Allen said.

Registration and receipt blanks have been distributed to each of the city and township treasurers in the county.

"City and township treasurers are collecting the tax in their own municipality," Allen said, "and they have been asked also to register those persons who come to pay their tax and who have not already registered. City and township treasurers are not compelled to take the registrations, but if any persons are refused service by their local treasurer, they may register at the county court house any time up to Feb. 28 which is the last date also for paying the tax."

The registration was to have been taken by enumerators last fall, but was not completed because of lack of funds, Allen explained.

Treasurers in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township are all registering for and collecting the tax at present, and payments are reported extremely slow. Only $90 had been paid in to the Birmingham treasurer's office yesterday.

Every person 21 years old or over must pay the tax, unless he or she is an inmate of a state or municipal institution. The money goes to the state's old age pension fund.

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Graduation Speaker

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Dr. James King

28 SENIORS TO GET DIPLOMAS

Olivet President Will Address Baldwin Mid-Year Graduates Tonight

Final honors for the Baldwin High School February graduating class will be paid this evening when the 28 members of the class will receive their diplomas at the annual mid-year commencement exercises in Baldwin auditorium.

Pictures of the graduates will be found on Page 2, Part 2.

Dr. James King, retiring president of Olivet College, will be the chief speaker. He will address the seniors on "The Tragedy of the Educated Man."

The program, with Ray A. Palmer, president of the Board of Education, presiding, will open at 8 P. M. with the entrance march of the class. The march will be played by A. Stanley Rosso. The invocation, to be given by the Rev. Dr. Russell D. Hopkins, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, will be followed by the salutatory address of Fred W. Boynton, Jr.

Wayne White, class president will present the class gift, a sum of money to the student loan fund, and the gift will be received by Mrs. Lee A White, president of the Birmingham Scholarship Fund Association.

Joe Steffee, a member of the class, will offer two vocal selections, and these will be followed by Dr. King's address. The class will be presented for graduation by Principal Melvin C. Hart. The awarding of the diplomas by Superintendent Charles W. Crandell, and the valedictory address by Elizabeth Sears will conclude the program.

The list of graduates follows:

Robert Franklin Aldrich, John M. Allman, Harold Atwell, Frederick Walter Boynton, Jr., Frederick Tisdale Cushing, George W. Flower, Howard E. Foote, Henry Charles Forester, William F. Guckeberg, Clark Doane Matthews, Roy Bates McCutcheon, Jr., Wilbur M. MacDonald, Rex Oberbeck, Arthur Peters, C. Jackson Sitta, Joseph William Steffee, Wayne E. White, Margaret Alice Brooks, Marvel Jane Carson, Carol Collins, Mary Winifred Marceline Granger, Florence Elizabeth Jones, Martha Mildred O'Neal, Edith Ruth Rainey, Jean Mildred Ransier, Esther L. Schultz, Elizabeth Preston Sears and Elizabeth Louise Wood.

Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

Just one more instance to show how the world grows smaller day by day. A few months ago, The Eccentric published a book on fly-fishing for Paul H. Young and Company, Detroit sports goods dealers. One day this week, Mrs. P. W. Guest, 640 Brookside drive, received a letter from a brother in Seattle, Wash., in which he informed her he had just purchased a book on fly-fishing, and that he had been mildly astonished to find that it had been published by The Birmingham Eccentric.

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If it isn't one thing, it's another. Now that double-parking on West Maple avenue between Bates and Pierce streets has become somewhat less common with the posting of signs and increased vigilance on the part of the police, motorists are parking their cars overtime with more frequency than before, says Chief John P. Hackett. When the cold wave passes and traffic becomes heavier, a campaign to enforce the 30-minute parking limit will be launched, he said.

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Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon were given amusement when Harry E. Bissett and Forbes S. Hascall put on a program in which each Rotarian was "quoted" on a New Year's resolution. Another novel feature was that of having Dr. Herbert E. Moore, president, Charles B. Randall and Mr. Bissett recite from memory Rotary's six objects. Next week the club will meet Tuesday noon with Lions and Exchangites in the regular monthly joint meeting of the three organizations.

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Mrs. Dan Parks, 588 Pierce street, is cheering for the Rochester High School debate team, of which her daughter, Miss Merel, is the coach. Of the debates held thus far the Rochester team has won three, and has but one more victory to gain to be acclaimed champions of the district.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson of Oakland avenue are calling in their friends to witness the amazing spectacle of the re-birth of their discarded Christmas tree. The tree, which was left standing in a pail of water after the holidays, has grown more than an inch since that time. It hasn't shed

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Bandits Slug Fire Chief, Loot City's Office Safe

Moore Recovering As Police Press Search For His Assailants

While state police, sheriff's deputies and city police departments throughout southeastern Michigan were combing the area for his assailants, Fire Chief Russell V. Moore of Bloomfield Hills was rapidly recovering last night from the effects of being slugged and burned Tuesday afternoon when two thugs looted the city's office safe in the Barbour Building and escaped with an unknown amount of cash.

Chief Moore is apparently suffering no more serious effects from the attack than a bruise on the back of the head and a slight burn on the side of his face, although he may be confined in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital for several days.

Meanwhile, despite the widespread police search, no trace had been found of his assailants. William A. Putnam, Bloomfield Hills police chief, hinted yesterday that he was working on a promising clue, but declined to go into detail.

—Courtesy Detroit News
Fire Chief Russell V. Moore

Putnam Off Duty

Chief Moore was in attendance alone at the city offices Tuesday noon. Bloomfield Hills firemen all take their turns at police duty, and on this day Chief Moore was replacing Chief Putnam, it being the latter's day off.

Norvil B. Farrell, deputy clerk and deputy treasurer, was out to lunch when Moore's assailants entered. Moore saw only one, but every indication is that there were two.

"This one walked up to me and asked if this was the right place to pay taxes," Moore said. "I told him it was, but that he would have to wait until Norvil came back from lunch. That's all I remember."

Slugged from behind, apparently by the member of the pair Moore failed to see, the fire chief slumped face downward to the floor. A lighted cigarette he held in his mouth ignited a pile of papers on the floor, and flames were burning around his face when Dr. Thomas N. Horan, of Cranbrook School, Bloomfield Hills city health officer, entered the building and discovered Moore lying unconscious on the floor.

Checks Not Disturbed

City records from a safe in an adjoining room were thrown about, and a sum of money belonging to Chief Putnam was taken. He refused to disclose what the amount was. No city funds were missing, according to Farrell. About $1,100 in checks from taxpayers, made payable to the city, were untouched, as was $10 in cash in a nearby desk drawer.

Moore described his assailant as being about 25 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weighing from 165 to 170 pounds. He was neatly dressed in a grey hat and curly coat, and appeared to be of foreign extraction, Moore said. He had never seen the man before.

Because of the time at which the robbery was staged and the familiarity the thugs showed with the office layout, Chief Putnam is convinced they were well acquainted with the routine and surroundings before entering. No one saw the men either enter or leave the building. The offices are on the second floor.

Chief Moore is the father of six children. He lives with his family at the corner of East Long Lake and Woodward avenues.

LIQUOR STORE OPENS FRIDAY IN PONTIAC

Oakland County's first state liquor store will open for business Friday at 111 North Saginaw street, Pontiac. This announcement was made yesterday following appointment by Frank A. Picard, State Liquor Control Commission chairman, of the staff which will be in charge of the store.

EUROPE'S WAR PERIL PAINTED

U. Of M. History Expert Likens Present Situation To That Of 1914

The nations of Europe today are veritably walking on a razor's edge, and their present position is even more precarious, because more uncertain, than it was in the years immediately prior to 1914, Dr. Preston W. Slosson, professor of history at the University of Michigan and an eminent authority on European affairs, told an audience of nearly 400 persons in the Community House last night. His address was the first of a series sponsored by the University of Michigan Club of Birmingham.

The belief that another great conflict is to break out in Europe is as strong now as it was preceding the World War, but the difference, Dr. Slosson said, lies in the fact that whereas at that time many persons could and did predict where it would start and what the actual alignment of forces would be, no such prediction is possible now because of a complication of entanglements and a multitude of social and economic factors which might serve to divide the continent into any one of several possible combinations of warring nations.

Danger Then And Now

"If the danger in 1914 was like that of two railroad trains rushing together at a speed of 60 miles an hour," he said, "the danger today is like that of a fleet of ships drifting in a fog, not knowing where they are going nor what will happen next."

The only certain factor in the situation is that if war does break out, France and Germany will be on opposing sides, he added.

War is not inevitable, however, the speaker declared. Much of European political unrest is in reality economic unrest, and with business conditions now definitely improving on the continent and in England, just as they are in the United States, the war tension may be relieved. This improvement may have such a far-reaching effect on the spirit and attitude of the various nations as never to cause Germany and Japan to re-enter the League of Nations, Dr. Slosson said.

"The great need now is to throw every force and effort toward those things making for co-operation, and against those things making for selfish nationalism," he asserted. "If we can bridge the present crisis, there is a great possibility that we will go on to permanent peace."

United States' Part

An open forum discussion at the close of the regular lecture gave Dr. Slosson an opportunity to argue that the United States should take a leading part in this movement for co-operation among nations.

Asked where this country fits into the European picture, he pointed out that although the United States is free from foreign entanglements now as it was in 1914, no nation is safe from war until the whole world is safe.

"The last time it was submarines," he reminded his audience.

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HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Denney, who moved to Birmingham recently from San Diego, Cal., and are living at 139 Pilgrim road. Formerly they resided in Huntington Woods, and have spent several summers at Pine Lake. They have a 10-year-old son, Jack.

Mr. Denney is connected with the Campbell-Ewald Company, national advertising agency.

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COMPTROLLER WILL BE ASKED FOR BANK DATA

Seeley Agrees To Forward Commission's Request To Washington

2ND RESOLUTION PASSED

Thad D. Seeley, receiver of the First National Bank, has agreed to forward the City Commission's request for information regarding the costs of his receivership and the progress of liquidation to the comptroller of the currency in Washington, D. C.

This announcement was made yesterday by City Manager James W. Parry following a conference with Mr. Seeley over a letter addressed to him the day before, containing a second resolution adopted by the Commission Monday night.

In reply to the city's first resolution, passed the Monday before, Mr. Seeley informed the Commission that he had no authority to disclose the information asked for, but gave no indication that he would forward the request to the comptroller.

"With further reference to the request of the City Commission for information as to the conduct and progress of the receivership," Mr. Parry wrote to the receiver Tuesday, "the City Commission at its meeting Jan. 29 adopted a further resolution as follows:

"'Moved by Commissioner Hulbert that the manager be instructed to embody in a letter to Thad D. Seeley, receiver of the First National Bank of Birmingham, the reasons for our resolution requesting information on the expense of operating the receivership and information on the present status of income from the liquidation of assets to date, that we may have some appraisal of when we may look for a dividend as well as the termination of the receivership, and that the receiver be requested to forward copies of the two resolutions to the comptroller of the currency.'

"City funds deposited in the First National Bank by authorization of the Commission are public funds and it is the Commission's business to know as much about their status, how they are being handled and the expectancy as any

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Seeley Is Rebuked For Calling City's Resolution "Silly"

The first reaction of Thad D. Seeley, receiver of the First National Bank, to the request of the City Commission for information regarding the receivership has drawn the ire of Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert.

When first informed of the Commission's original resolution last week, Mr. Seeley branded the request as "about the silliest thing I ever heard of," and told the Commission to "go to the comptroller for their information."

In a letter to the editor of The Eccentric, Mr. Hulbert takes the receiver sharply to task for his remarks, and in turn criticizes Mr. Seeley for employing a close relative as one of his assistants. The relative referred to is Lloyd S. Linton, Mr. Seeley's son-in-law.

Mr. Hulbert's letter follows:

To the Editor:

I cannot agree with Mr. Seeley in his statement that the request of the Commission of the City of Birmingham is "silly," and take exception to his characterizing it as such. It is my opinion the request was reason.

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Invited To Stay

Charles W. Crandell

ANNUAL HOUSE MEETING SET

Conduct At Parties May Be Aired; New Directors To Be Chosen

The conduct of guests at Community House parties may be discussed, and possible means of eliminating proven sources of undue noise and disorderliness may be suggested at the annual meeting of the Community House Association to be held at the House at 8 P. M. Monday.

When charges that high school boys and girls were intoxicated and boisterous at the Alpha Omega Fraternity's New Year's Eve party were brought to the attention of Mrs. L. N. Pyle, president of the Community House Association, she publicly invited any person holding complaints of any nature against the House or the conduct of its affairs, to air them at the annual meeting.

Five new members of the Board of Directors will be elected at Monday's session. The five who have been nominated are Mrs. Robert W. Chissus, Mrs. Harold Blood, Dr. John S. Lambie, H. Kenneth Bingham and Howard D. Crull. Other nominations may be made from the floor. The nominating committee was composed of Mrs. Fred W. Johnson, Mrs. Norman Lyle, Clarence Vliet, Charles J. Shain and Dr. N. Weir Burkman.

The retiring directors are Mrs. H. J. Klingler, Mrs. F. B. Etter, Mr. Shain, Lloyd B. Reid and James Lee Oliver. The Board includes 15 members, each of whom is elected for three years.

Immediately after the election of directors at Monday's meeting, the Board will convene to elect officers of the Community House Association. The Association includes all persons who have contributed to the support of the Community House during the past year.

Tax Payments Here Reach 26 Per Cent

Slightly more than 26 per cent of Birmingham's total 1933 state, county, and school tax levy had been paid yesterday, it was announced at the city treasurer's office. Total receipts were $65,801.19, of which $39,958.22 had been collected for the Birmingham schools.

City tax collections up to yesterday amounted to $80,411.23, which is about 35 per cent of the $226,000 levy. The city will hold the rolls for collection until Mar. 1.

BOARD OFFERS CRANDELL NEW $5,000 CONTRACT

School Superintendent Declines To Say Whether He'll Accept

FOR ONE YEAR ONLY

Charles W. Crandell, superintendent of the Birmingham public schools, has been extended a contract at a salary of $5,000 for the 1934-35 school year, it was learned yesterday. Mr. Crandell refused to commit himself as to whether or not he would accept the contract.

The resolution authorizing extension of the contract was adopted unanimously by the Board of Education at a secret session following a special meeting Wednesday night of last week. The resolution was moved by Earl G. Potter, secretary of the Board, and seconded by John S. Black, trustee.

Asked yesterday whether he would accept the contract, Mr. Crandell declined to answer, or to discuss any of the details.

"I was not at the meeting and was not aware that the matter was to come up at all," he said. "The first I knew of it was when I read the minutes of the meeting. That's all I care to say."

Ray A. Palmer, president of the Board, said yesterday that the Board "had no idea of adopting the resolution for the new contract" when it went into executive session. The members did intend to discuss the question, but did not expect to bring it to a conclusion at that time, he said.

No announcement was made of the Board's action following the meeting. The resolution appears in the minutes on file in the Board of Education offices, but the minutes of each meeting are not published until after they are approved at a subsequent meeting.

Mr. Crandell has been superintendent of the Birmingham schools for the past two years, coming here on a two-year contract from Monroe where he had been superintendent since 1925. His salary this year is $5,175. In 1932-33 he received $5,750.

HONORE FINISHES WORK ON MURAL

Painting Hung On Corridor Wall At Baldwin High Clears Daughter's Tuition Debt

The mural painted by Paul Honore, noted Michigan artist, to enable his daughter, Ethelmary, to be graduated from Baldwin High School next June, was placed on the west wall of the ground floor corridor of the school yesterday under the artist's own supervision.

Painted on canvas 12 feet long and 5 feet high, the mural was placed against the wall just to the left of the entrance to Baldwin Auditorium.

The painting shows two groups of students, four in each group, filing between two massive pylons, representing the gates of learning. They are walking in the direction of a large city whose skyscrapers and smokestacks form the background of the mural, and are symbolic of commerce and industry.

Hovering in the clouds over the city is the winged horse, Pegasus, representing creative inspiration and promise. Figures on the pylons symbolize the various fields of

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Insistence On Truth Best Curb For War Propaganda

What about world peace? Are we drifting unavoidably into another world conflict? Is it possible to outlaw war entirely, and if so, what can we do to help?

These are some of the questions to be dealt with in a series of written talks about ourselves and world peace by Mrs. Charles J. Shain, prominent Birmingham clubwoman and student of international affairs. Mrs. Shain represented the Michigan Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Michigan League of Women Voters at the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in Washington, D. C., in January. The first of the series follows:

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HOW TO MAKE UP ONE'S MIND

By MRS. CHARLES J. SHAIN

The average person wants to do the best by his country that he can. Ordinarily he doesn't want this obligation to invade his personal affairs very much. They are too immediate and pressing to permit of his spending much time on anyone else or anything else. If he could only do just as he wants, the less he saw of his government, local or national, the better he would like it. But there are times when he gets stirred up enough to take a hand in what is being done, and to wade in and clean up some unpleasant business, but when that is done he sinks back into his general indifference.

Mrs. Charles J. Shain

But there is a growing number

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