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By G. R. A.

Many an unsuspected autobiography of food, clothing and shelter, by the utterance of a few uncontrolled spoken words. Some of them have been beautiful, but too many, alas! have not been so lovely.

Line by line, each of us writes upon his countenance something of the "inside story" of his life.

Of all earth animals, man alone is said to be the only one that can smile. The fun of laughter. Why doesn't some intelligent educator get up a course of laughter—a course that really would teach more of us how to enjoy the humorous side of living.

Here's a great thought, uttered by a chap named Gilkey: "Death is merely an instant of apparent defeat in an eternity of brave advance."

When an irresistible force meets an immovable body on the modern highway, another victory is scored up for the foolishness of mankind.

Turkeys that escaped execution at Thanksgiving are probably aware that their necks are not safe until Christmas and New Year's have slipped by.

Many a man's powdered shoulder offers silent proof that much of women's beauty is only skin deep.

Until people have an abundance of food, clothing and shelter, it is utterly foolish to say that we have over-produced. And, until we have over-produced, it is just as silly to talk about 30-hour weeks for labor.

By nature, I am not a pessimist; I have been labelled a super-optimist on many occasions. But, as I observe the apathy of the average citizen toward government, and observe the equally dangerous spendthrift inclination of so many of our public officials, I am constrained to make this observation: some day in the not distant future, both citizens and officials change—the free Constitutional government that we now have, disappear, and some sort of limited oligarchy, will be substituted in its place.

It is a well known axiom that "what is everybody's business is nobody's business." When that axiom becomes a literal truth, then people prove themselves unwilling and unable to govern themselves "by and with the consent of the governed." That is, in fact, the definition of dictatorship. And when dictatorship exists, perhaps dictatorship is not so much a government by citizen apathy and inertia, but an inefficiency and extravagance in public office on the part of those we elect.

"I watched them tearing a building down, a gang of men in a busy town. With a ho-heave-ho and lusty yell. They swung a beam, and the sidewalk fell. I asked the foreman: 'Are these men skilled?' He said: 'No, they're just a bunch of boys who had to build.' He said: 'I laugh and said: 'No, indeed. Just common labor is all I need. I can easily work in a day or two.' What builders have taken a year to do."

And I thought to myself as I went my way, Which of these roles have I tried to play?

Am I a builder who works with a care, Measuring life by the rule and square?

Am I a shapely man who needs to a well-made plan, Patiently doing the best I can, Or am I a wrecker, who walks Content with the labor of tearing down?"

—Kiwana Magazine

He who has a thing to sell And goes and whispers in a well Is not so apt to get the dollars.

As he who climbs a tree and hollers!

—ANON.

AMERICAN LEGION  
DECORATING CITY.

The American Legion this week is beginning the decoration of its city business section with Christmas trees. This is an annual affair. All merchants are particularly interested in the decorating and are urged to further decorate their premises with evergreens and ornaments or light their trees.

THE ECENTRIC IS A CHRISTMAS GIFT. We have printed up some of the year's subscription, enclosed in this issue. Please send your subscription to the Eclectic office, telephone 11 for further information.

2,000 CHILDREN  
RAISE VOICES  
IN CAROL FETE

Annual School Christmas Programs of Music Open To Public

MRS. CORYELL LEADS

Two thousand children will blend their voices in the singing of old Christmas carols throughout Birmingham schools during this and the coming week. Six programs, making up the annual School Carol Festival, have been arranged by Mrs. Edith Roach Coryell, head of the music department. Each program, built around the story of the First Christmas, will include solos, special numbers and chorus work, and will be accompanied by a trio consisting of Mary Binkle, piano; Francis Allen, violin; Bill Gail, cello. A reader will tell the story of Christ's birth at the program proceeds.

The first of the programs was held Wednesday at Pierce school. On Dec. 17 the Barnum grades and junior high will present their program; on Dec. 18 the Barton grades and junior high; on Dec. 19 the Adams group. All three programs begin at 7:30 p. m. On Dec. 19 at 1:15 p. m. the Baldwin junior high program will take place, while on Dec. 20, at 1:15 p. m. the Baldwin senior high program will appear.

A special play, "The Birth of Christ," will be given in costume, from 150 to 500 children will take part at a time, Mrs. Coryell estimates.

The public is cordially invited to attend any of the programs.

GREAT MENACE  
ADAMS' TOPIC

Vice President Of Advertising Firm To Address Public At Noon Monday

James R. Adams, vice-president of MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., will address members of the Birmingham Rotary club at a luncheon meeting on Monday, Dec. 16, in the Birmingham Community center.

Mr. Adams, a resident of Birmingham, is nationally known as an advertising executive both as an advertising executive.

PUBLIC INVITED  
Men and women of the community are invited to attend and hear Mr. Adams' speech, starting at 12:45 o'clock Monday noon. Admission is free.

As a speaker, his last appearance before the Birmingham Rotary club was made in 1930.

His subject, "The Great Menace to the Nation," will be an analysis of present day economics. It will be the nature of the subject to an address, "A Look in the Crystal Ball," which he delivered before the Birmingham Rotary club in Philadelphia and which was carried by the Red Net.

In his "Crystal Ball" address, Mr. Adams predicted the business recovery which is now becoming a reality.

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BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

Donald Katter, three-year-old son of Mrs. John Katter, is recovering from a fractured skull and facial lacerations received in a fall a week ago Monday.

William Melroy, of 168 East Brown street, is the "W. M." who was awarded third prize in the Parent Division of the War Essay contest conducted by this newspaper a short time ago.

In a recent dress contest conducted by a metropolitan newspaper, a Birmingham American Legion post won a \$10 prize. The dress was awarded to the local unit and its name, but was made by the unit president, Mrs. James Gorden.

The Tatterton Marionettes are coming to Birmingham the Monday after Christmas, which would be December 20. After a presentation of "The Glowing Bird" children will be allowed a peep behind stage to see the puppets.

"Don't Fail To Do YOUR Part In The Goodfellow Campaign"



His Pennies Will  
Help Goodfellows

Billy Has Been First Paper Boy For Six Years

For the last six years Billy Pennies has been saving his pennies to help the Goodfellows. This year it's a different story. The first copy of the Goodfellows edition sold each year at this time to help buy toys and clothing for Birmingham boys and girls who otherwise wouldn't have a very merry Christmas.

Billy's real name is Gaylor Forster. He is 12 years old and lives at 1501 North 1st street.

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YPSI CHOR  
HERE FRIDAY

Presents Christmas Program Before Large Audience At Baptist Church

Before a near capacity audience in the First Baptist church last evening, the Ypsilanti Normal Choir of 150 trained voices under the direction of Dr. Frederick Alexander presented a program of Christmas carols, church compositions.

From Russia, Germany, France and England, and concluded with Bach's B Minor Mass. John Challis and Robert Lacombe were soloists for the program, while the Madrigal club presented several folk tunes during the interlude.

Dr. W. Lloyd Kemp, who arranged for the concert, was organist.

Following is the program presented:

Agnes Dei ..... Kalinikov  
O Prince the Name of the Lord ..... Tschernikov  
Salvation is Created ..... Tschernikov  
The Three Kings ..... Lowsky  
Mid-Winter ..... Basquey  
The Holly and the Ivy ..... Gustav Hald  
The Coventry Nativity Play ..... Gustav Hald  
The Three Kings ..... Peter Cornelius  
Baritone solo ..... Mr. Lacombe  
Chanson joyeuse de Noel ..... Sarabande in B flat  
The World is Flesh and Blood ..... Charles Gounod  
(Final: "The Redemption")

INTERLUDE  
Tower Hill ..... Old English  
A Farmer's Song ..... Sweet  
The Rose Tree ..... Somerset Folk Tune  
Heartsease ..... Old English  
All Creatures Now are Merry ..... Old English  
Minded ..... John Bennett  
It is ne, le divin Enfant ..... Old French  
Duet—Miss Ashley, Mrs. Gray  
Ritornelli for Clarinet—Mary Curtis, Philip Haddrell  
The King's Hunt ..... Dr. John Ball  
Sarabande in B flat  
Two gavottes in G minor ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
Duet—Miss Ashley, Mrs. Gray  
Interim  
Sanctus, from the B minor Mass ..... Johann Sebastian Bach

POLICE REPORT SHOWS  
30 ARRESTS IN MONTH

Thirty arrests for misdemeanors were reported by the Birmingham police department for the month of November, including four for drunkenness, one for driving under the influence of liquor, one for larceny, six for reckless driving, two for speeding and eight for illegal parking. A total of 16 homes were watched, 20 accidents noted, and one felony, for breaking and entering recorded.

FUNDS RAISED  
FOR FRESHMAN  
COLLEGE HERE

H. J. Pontit Informs Council Of WPA Action For Education Work

URGES ACTION AT ONCE

In a letter to Sup't. of Schools H. J. Pontit, assistant director in charge of education projects and the planning division announced that funds have been allotted by the Works Progress Administration for nursery schools, workers' education, vocational education, technical colleges, literary and general adult education. "All persons who were employed on the emergency education program between May 1 and November 1, 1935, or were on relief in any time between the above dates, are eligible for employment under the new program," the letter said in part.

Sup't. Crandell informed The Eclectic that all who can qualify for instructors under these divisions should get in touch with him immediately, by telephoning 495 or calling at the offices of the Division of Education. Those interested in enrolling as students in a freshman college here are also asked to call Mr. Crandell at once.

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KINGWOOD SCHOOL  
PAGEANT SUNDAY

Students Will Present "The Christmas Flowers" And Carols in Evening

"The Christmas Flowers," a pageant play, will be presented by students of Kingwood School, Cranbrook, in the school auditorium Sunday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p. m.

The play, written by Miss Helen Hosp, taking part in the pageant will be a group of 75 and 80 grade girls, assisted by the older students of the Drama Club.

"The Christmas Flowers" will be presented by the Glee Club, and readings from the Bible, which will be illustrated by Christmas tableaux on the stage.

In the group of younger girls taking part in the play, will be Mary, Jean, and Jeanette, and Parker, Doris Mendelsohn, Rosemary Wilson, Ann Kuttman, Jean Winslow, and Jeanette, who will appear as children in the play.

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Seek \$1,000 To  
Bring Christmas  
To Unfortunates

Chief Goodfellow

Birmingham Men Peddling Special Editions Of The "GIVE ALL YOU CAN"

"Give all you can," the Goodfellows club of Birmingham, urges today, as men from all walks of life drop their work to peddle special editions of The Eclectic and other local papers as their share in the annual Goodfellow campaign, funds from which will go to carry out the Goodfellows' pledge, "No child without a Christmas."

Firemen, postmen, policemen, merchants, members of lodges and veterans' groups, professional men and laborers, have turned "newspapers" for the day, and with their sacks and Goodfellow coats will be on the streets of Birmingham, urging everyone to "buy a pupah!"

Money raised in today's paper sale will go for food, clothing and toys to be distributed among Birmingham youngsters who are on year count on the Goodfellows to make the Christmas a merry one.

Through the help of the City Hall, the Goodfellows hope to make every poor or underprivileged child in Birmingham happy when "the best holiday in the year" comes around. Many a little girl will find a pretty doll on her tree or in her stocking, because Mrs. Harry S. Stark, assisted by a number of women and the girls in the high school have been working for weeks, dressing and wrapping dolls which have been donated.

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