

As I drive about the countryside, and observe the makeovers of trees and lawns, the beautification of places I am moved to melancholy. For as I adjust my mind to the coming Spring, I see here, here, here, here, new centuries as of old, and I am unable to wait more patiently the winter's passing.

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These thoughts, and others frankly spoken by Birmingham Rotarian Dr. Herman Boyce at the Community House, were made by Dr. Boyce at the annual meeting of the Children's Center, a section of the Michigan Children's Fund, set up several years ago by Senator James C. Watson, of Detroit, and Mrs. Pearl L. Hill, all of Birmingham.

Mr. Lamb, known as "Jack," was a machine inspector for the last eight years. He was employed the past year by the Detroit Ford Motor Company. Born in Troy Township 46 years ago, he had lived in Birmingham since 1918.

He leaves his wife, Pearl Hawken Lamb, a son, Dalton H.; his mother, Mrs. Rose Lamb; a brother, Harris A. Lamb; and two sisters, Mrs. Robert K. McClellan and Mrs. Pearl L. Hill, all of Birmingham.

Mr. Lamb's death was caused by a meningitis, non-contagious form of the disease. He was taken ill at 4 P. M. last Thursday and was removed to the hospital early in the evening, and died two days later.

Mr. Lamb was a member of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. and A. M. Masonic rites were held at the grave.

ROTARIANS SHAPE CONVENTION PLANS

Committee Intent On Making Conference At Cranbrook Big Success

Plans for the splendid 23rd District Conference for Rotarians are being developed rapidly as March 25 and 26, the dates of the affair at Cranbrook, draw near. Members of the Birmingham and Pontiac Rotary Clubs, in cooperation with District Governor Ross Bonstetter, are lending every effort to insure the great success of this annual event.

Through the courtesy of Mr. George G. Bonch, donors of the 12 million dollar educational plant nearby, and with the devoted assistance of various officials of Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools, the Brookside School, Christ Church, the Institute of Science, the Academy of Arts, and the Cranbrook Foundation, these in charge of the conference believe it will be the most successful ever held in the district.

Harold A. Fitzgerald, the Rev. William Marbach, and Howard H. Faust of Pontiac, together with F. Mose Cooke and George B. Averill of Birmingham, comprise the executive committee in charge of the conference. Mr. Fitzgerald, who is general chairman, spoke briefly at Birmingham Rotarians Monday night, urging their continued enthusiastic support in making the affair successful.

Dr. P. B. Fisher, of Detroit, John Nelson of Toronto, former president of Rotary International,

and several other famous leaders will support the program. The 23rd District embraces the eastern half of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan and the western half of Ontario, extending as far as London.

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The solicitors will begin their work as soon as the contractors and material men have an opportunity to sign the agreement, Mr. Sheridan said. The latter, who was appointed last week to succeed Ralph C. Moulthrop, resigned, as chairman of the F.H.A. committee, has agreed to handle the job without pay. Other members of the committee are also volunteering their services, and there will be paid workers except the solicitors.

Mr. Sheridan's office is being used as headquarters for all F.H.A. activities here. Information about the Act and the provisions of its administration are available there.

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Seeks Relection As School Head

E. J. Lederle, Oakland County superintendent of schools, who is a candidate for re-election on the Republican ticket at the May 4 primary, has of late been teaching certificate from Central Michigan State Normal College, an A. B. degree from the University of Michigan, and has done graduate work at Chicago and Columbia Universities.

He has served as principal of grade schools at South St. Marie, superintendent of Bart Township public schools on Lake Superior, superintendent of schools in Royal Oak and Eastland, and summer school instructor at Central Michigan Normal College.

He has been president of the State Association of County School Superintendents, is married and the father of two children. He is a member of the Royal Oak Presbyterian Church, the Detroit Lodge, and the Pontiac Kiwanis Club.

ENLIST BUILDERS IN FHA CAMPAIGN

Paid Solicitors To Inform Home Owners Of Better Housing Plan Benefits

An effort to enlist all Birmingham building contractors and material men in a uniform Better Housing program here has been started by the local F.H.A. committee, under the supervision of J. H. Sheridan, new chairman of the committee.

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GUILT PLACED IN HOLDUP TRY

Convicted As Accomplice, Pontiac Man To Be Sentenced Monday

Raymond Godfrey, 36 years old, of the Milner Hotel, Pontiac, was sentenced Monday for complicity in an attempted holdup which occurred in front of Wilson's Drug Store here the night of Jan. 5. Godfrey was found guilty last Monday afternoon of aiding and abetting Judge Goodie H. Rogers. The trial began Friday and was heard by Judge J. J. Lynn.

The intended victim of the holdup was J. J. Lynn, of 32250 Seneca drive, Beverly Hills, a Fisher Body Corporation engineer. Godfrey's accomplice, James O'Brien, 21 years old, also of the Milner Hotel, has pleaded guilty in justice court here to charges of attempted robbery armed, and will probably be returned to Michigan State Prison at Jackson, from which he was on parole at the time he was arrested.

According to O'Brien's story, the two held up Lynn just after he had entered his car as it was parked in front of the drug store. Instead of throwing up his hands, Lynn shoved the gun aside when O'Brien pointed it at him, kicked O'Brien back into the street, and drove off to the police station. O'Brien and Godfrey were arrested a short time later as they stepped off a bus in Pontiac. The gun was found in O'Brien's possession.

On the stand, Godfrey denied he had any knowledge of the attempted holdup until after the pair was arrested. He testified he came to Birmingham with O'Brien at the latter's request, and that O'Brien told him his purpose in coming was to collect some money from a debtor here. Godfrey said he was eating in a lunch room on South Woodward avenue when the attempted holdup took place, and denied he even suspected O'Brien's real motive in coming to Birmingham.

Chief of Police John P. Hackett was one of the witnesses for the prosecution. O'Brien also testified against Godfrey, freely confessing his part in the attempted holdup, and implicating Godfrey.

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Car Rams Truck; 2 Injured, Driver Fined

Two men were injured and a child was fined for reckless driving as the result of an accident Friday evening on Woodward avenue in front of the T. R. Donovan estate in Bloomfield Hills. The accident occurred when a car driven by Harold A. Pearsall, 23 years old, of Rochester, Mich., crashed into the rear of a truck and trailer driven by Stanley Collins, 38, a driver for a Detroit transit company. Pearsall, uninsured, was fined \$25 for reckless driving by Justice H. A. O'Dell. Two passengers in his car, Eldon Schram, 19, and Oliver Wallace, both of Rochester, were hurt and were taken to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac. Schram suffered severe lacerations on the face and head, and Wallace was cut and bruised about the knees.

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