

Much of the misunderstandings between people arise over friendships. Recently I observed two men straighten out a very slight dis-jointed relationship that might have developed into a lasting resentment. These men got together within 15 hours of the friendship-wiped the weed in friendship's garden.

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## VOCATIONAL TALKS ARE CONCLUDED AT ROTARY LUNCHEON

Deductions Point To The Operation Of Chance In Choosing Work

Concluding a series of vocational guidance talks by various members of the group, Rotarians listened to nine speakers all of whom had experiences that led them into their chosen field at the regular luncheon Monday noon. In the presence of President Edward H. Laird, who addressed Detroit's Colony Club Monday, F. Morse Cooke was in charge of the day's proceedings. Following lunch, Harold Webster, chairman of the vocational guidance program called on members for three minute talks relating to their own experiences. Cooke confined his remarks to answering the three questions, Did You Plan Your Career? How Did You Choose? Many Positions Have You Held, and On What Basis Did You Select Your Present Vocation? Those who spoke included Bill Oldershaw, Vic Peck, Charles Randall, Dr. George Raynal, Charles Shain, Joe Stroup, E. G. Whitner, Joe Torrence and Harold Webster. Evident from the speeches was the fact that almost all vocations were arrived at through chance with the exception of those in technical fields such as medicine. An example of how circumstances operated was illustrated by Mr. Stroup in his talk. He said that as a boy living in California he was walking down the street when the meat carrier was employed. He observed another youth with a bag filled with meat cuts, walking near him and, almost in despair, asked if there was a chance of obtaining work where the meat carrier was employed. "Told that there was, Mr. Stroup applied for and obtained a position in the meat store. From that time until now he has been affiliated in that line of business. Opposite to such a working of chance is the life of Dr. Raynal, who represents the third generation of medical practitioners in his family. He had decided upon a career in medicine as a young boy attending high school. Parental influence in the choosing of a life work may account for the vocation of Charles Shain, who explained that, as a young boy, he recalls his mother always said he was going to be either a doctor or druggist.

Acting President Cooke called for nominations for the board of directors for the ensuing year and the following names were elected: Harold Webster, Forbes Hascall, Bill Oldershaw, Mark Harding, Robert Lynd, Charles Shain, Earl Corvett, Charles James and Harold Rehm. According to Club Secretary J. B. Howarth, elections for six vacancies to the board will be held at the second meeting of the club in April.

It was announced that a tri-club meeting of Rotary, Lions and Exchange groups will be held next Monday with Rotarians acting as hosts.

**SPECIAL SERVICE AT 1ST METHODIST CHURCH**  
Palm Sunday will be observed at the First Methodist Church with special services morning and evening. At the morning service at 11:00, classes of children, young people, and adults will be received into the church membership. The sermon subject will be, "The Church We Love. Special music will be provided by the choir.

For the monthly Fellowship Service at 6:00 o'clock, a beautiful illustrated set of slides will be shown, entitled, "The Christian Dawn in Korea" concluding with an illustrated hymn. Young people and adults will gather for a light supper at 6:00 o'clock.

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"How much for a haircut?" asked the shaggy-haired boy.  
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"Haven't I?" asked the lad triumphantly. "Shave my head!"

Mussolini and Hitler continue as the two most important figures in the world scene. Mussolini's last move was dissolution of the Italian Chamber of Deputies and seizure of power. Hitler has demanded that Germany be treated as an "equal" in any peace or disarmament discussions following his renunciation of the Rhineland.

**LOCAL WOMEN ASSIST IN GARDEN EXHIBIT**  
Birmingham and Bloomfield women took an active part in the Michigan Flower and Garden Exhibition, sponsored by the Michigan Horticultural Society, which opened at Detroit's Convention Hall last Saturday.  
Mrs. Louis Kakin, president of the Bloomfield Hills Unit of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association, appointed members from her unit to assist in the booth sponsored by their organization and in the Garden Center booth. Mrs. Charles H. Welch, retiring president of the Birmingham unit, appointed three members to serve in the booth of the National Farm and Garden Association.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

New Committee Shows Trend to Trained Public Officials

THE personnel of President Roosevelt's new committee formed to make a survey of the federal government calls attention to the remarkable rise of public service career men in this country.

Chairman of this group is Louis Brownlow, director of the Public Administration Clearing House of Chicago. Brownlow has been close to the president, and several members and protégés of his organization hold New Deal posts.

Primary purpose of the Public Administration Clearing House is to improve the technique of modern government through exchange of information and experiences among cities and states—particularly those employing men especially trained for public office.

The organization is pushing the use of career men in these high posts and has met with marked success in several larger cities. It was Brownlow who, as city manager of Knoxville, Tenn., attracted national attention by giving taxpayers a 10 per cent rebate—after applying business methods to management of the city's affairs.

In attempting to put through any sort of federal reorganization, Brownlow and his aides will be trying something others have failed to get started. President Taft, Harding and Hoover had similar plans, all of which bogged down. And President Roosevelt and Budget Director Douglas in 1933 launched a re-amping which was to have wiped out some \$300,000,000 worth of overlapping in government—and didn't.

## MARINE BOOK DRIVE STARTS

Any Publication Will Be Welcomed By D. A. R. Organization

The annual drive for books to benefit the American Merchant Marine Library Association opened April 1st, yesterday, and will continue through the month, it was announced. The purpose of the drive, which is being sponsored by The Daughters of the American Revolution, Louisiana St. Clair Chapter, is to collect books and magazines, which have been read and are now lying unused in various homes, for seamen in the marine service.

Books and magazines of all kinds are needed, but a special plea is being made for Adventure, Detective, Story, Fiction, History and Technical books. The Library at South St. Marie, located in the Government Building on the Locks and known as the Dispatch Office, services not only all vessels passing thru, but also coast guard ships, stations and light houses as well. Many large families are isolated in those stations throughout the winter and for the reason children's books and women's periodicals of all kinds are included in the Drive.

The Seaman in our American Merchant Marine Service are dependent upon books gathered in this way for their extra reading matter. The books obtained are made up into small library units of 25 diversified volumes each and are routed from one ship to another, in order that they may be of service to as many men as possible.

If Birmingham residents or others have any books they may wish to donate to this worthy cause they may take them to the Baldwin Public Library or, the books will be collected if a telephone call is made to Detroit, Niagara 12-2374, Euclid 25873—University 2-2374.

## What Is The Constitution?

By RAYMOND PITCAIRN

National Chairman  
Sentinel of the Republic

It has become the fashion in recent weeks for certain public officials to say that the Constitution is fading from the current political picture.

There are those who attempt to minimize its importance by the fact that the Constitution will remain a dominant issue so long as the American people are determined to resist all efforts to curtail their individual rights and privileges.

But the Constitution is far more than a political issue. It is more than a written code of fundamental law. It is the permanent expression of the American Spirit — of the American Way of Life.

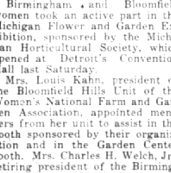
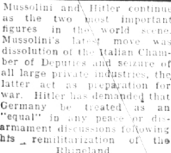
There are today—and there will continue to be—men in public office and out, who don't approve of the American Way of Life. Chastened by modern European experiments, they would like to change our basic system of government by the people to a form which places all political power in the hands of one or more officials.

The tragic evidences of lost liberties threatened war and religious intolerance which spring from such dictatorialism do not deter them. But the nations that have tried before they would like us to forget about it—and its safeguards—for a while.

But we shouldn't forget. So long as the Constitution lives, our liberties are secure. If it falls, our liberties and the American Way of Life fall with it.

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