This week brings the annual occasion for Thanksgiving Day celebration. If there is any one thing we ought to do on that day (aside from eating, plentifully of food), we ought to reveal a deep gratitude for the eternal and natural laws of Nature's God that makes life grow from the good earth.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

If there is any one concern that should be the immediate and pressing problem of human beings in this world of difficult situations, it seems to me that it is this: how and what shall be done to outlaw war? For this perpetual menace to human happiness and safety is again gnawing away at the vitals of every nation, and, unless present strained situations are relieved throughout the world, again we will witness the wholesale slaughter of millions of human beings—not only the youth that is conscripted for the front, but men, women, and children who remain back home, who will be killed and maimed because of the modern use of airplanes in the machinery or armament.

You may recall that the World War took as its toll the lives of thirteen millions of men; that it injured and crippled and shell-shocked many millions more; that its cost in money exceeded three hundred billions of dollars; and that in our own country we spend a major portion of all federal taxes in the payment for past wars, and preparation for others; that the world today is more powerfully armed, spends more annually, than it did in 1914. You read this information and probably shrug your terrified but what can **we** do about it?" And if we can, and do, ask this last question about it all, and if we claim to be intelligent human beings, then **we can do something about it** if we will only pause in our uninterrupted hurry and bustle of superficial things, and bend our energies to a practical solution of war.

Oh, I know that there are many contributory causes to the making of war; there are ancient national hates and jealousies; there are incompetent leaders at the heads of various governments; there are economic maladjustments between nations, and the apparent need for "expansion"; there are the same situations between nations that arise within the neighborhoods where you live—but in a so-called civilized State these differences are **settled in ways other than by murder, aren't they?** Can't we pattern a **settlement for international disputes after the methods of arbitration** and compromise that we use within each nation?

In the last analysis, I believe, international differences will be adjustable when human beings are able to operate under a system of economic law that will allow for the greater distribution of the world's wealth; but this, as a solution, is far off; in the meantime, then, can't nations make progress toward peace by adopting plans that will make for international understanding, good-will, tolerance, and friendship, by dedicating themselves to sincere group study of the problems involved? Can't for instance, people be made unwilling to flee to arms if they are friendly to other nations?

War is the politician's admission of ignorance in the settlement of international problems; war is the chaos into which so-called statesmen flee for refuge when they appear unable to find bloodless solutions—and thus, you see, war is possible only because of the dumb willingness of each nation's prospective army and navy personnel to be called to the battlefields. Now, Friends, don't get the notion that I am an unalterable pacifist; I accept the fact that when situations worse than war arise, war is the best immediate way out. But, for the settlement of economic problems, history vigorously proves that nabody wins in the modern international conflict.

There are many things that I could suggest that you do to make for longer intervals of peace—perhaps enduring peace. From time to time in this column I shall suggest them. But for this week, suppose you accept this one: write to the Ambassador, in Washington, D. C., of each of these countries, France England, Germany, Japan, and Italy, and ask each for the name of some parent in his respective country; then write a letter—brief or long—to each of these parents, setting forth your own reasons for the outlawing of war as a national policy. After this exchange of correspondence, bring your letters to The Eccentric office and I will see that your subscription to this newspaper is extended for one year free; if you do not yet subscribe regularly, I will give you a year's free subscription. I'm offering this

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When Sunday draws to a close if you are in the mood for meditation and quiet, we invite you to "Worship in the Hills" at Christ Church Cranbrook. Vespers 4 p. m. Dr. Warren Pickett, preacher. Carillon Recital 3 p. m. —Adv. 35

COUNCIL PICKS D. C. EGBERT AS CITY MANAGER

City Assessor Selected To Replace Parry In Important Post

Donald C. Egbert, city assessor and building inspector here since 1933, was named city manager at Monday night's meeting of the city commission in the Municipal Building. He succeeds James W. Parry who resigned two weeks ago to accept a position as director of in-service training of municipal employees in a newly created department of the Bureau of Government at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Mr. Egbert, who conducted the affairs of the assessor's office in an efficient manner, came to this community from Stuart, Fla., in 1929 and was employed in the city's engineering department. Four years later he was appointed assessor, also serving as building inspector. He is a registered civil engineer and his intimate knowledge of this city's municipal affairs will greatly aid him in taking over his new position.

The commission took no action on the appointment of a successor to Mr. Egbert nor did they fix the city manager's salary allowance. It is expected that these matters will be handled at some assembly of the commission in the near future.

Parry Paid to Jan. 1

At the suggestion of Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody, the commission, in accepting Mr. Parry's resignation, agreed to pay the retiring city manager's salary until January 1, 1937. Mr. Parry's resignation was effective December 1.

Mayor John E. Martz, speaking for the commission, commended Mr. Parry on his long and faithful service to this city and expressed the wish that he prosper in his new work. Mr. Parry left for Ann Arbor Tuesday morning to assume his new duties.

GRIFFITH WARNS OF FIRE HAZARDS

Check Your Heating Plants To Eliminate Danger, Chief Advises

During the first cold snap of the winter all cities and villages usually suffer their largest fire losses and this is contributed largely to the fact that some of the heating plants in the homes and business places have not been made ready for winter uses, warns V. W. Griffith, chief of the local Fire Department.

The Fire Department requests you to check your heating plants to see if any of the following hazards exist so that any possibility of a heavy fire loss in your home may be removed:

(1) Discontinue any practice of putting ashes in paper or wood boxes or against wooden partitions. (2) Check smoke pipes to determine whether or not they are solid and free from a heavy deposit of soot. (3) Replace broken dampers and draft doors. (4) Always remember to close the furnace drafts before leaving home for any length of time. (5) If any combustibles, such as screen frames or boxes have been piled near the furnace or smoke pipe, move them a safe distance away. (6) If your heating plant is automatic and it has not been working properly, call your service man and have it properly adjusted.

Unique Show, 'Punch's Circus' To Aid The Community House Fund

"Punch's Circus," an entirely new kind of puppet production, will be seen locally on Saturday morning, December 12, when the Community House presents the show in the auditorium of the civic center to raise money for their annual Christmas fund. Mrs. W. C. Beyers, general chairman of the project, announced that the hour-long performance will be put on under the management of Mr. Paul McPharlin, resident of Birmingham, who is recognized as an authority on the designing of puppets and the production of puppet shows.

Mrs. Beyers stated that tickets for the circus will go on sale this week and that Bob Eade has been appointed chairman of a committee which will enlist the aid of school children throughout the city in selling admission cards. To stimulate this work the Community House will offer several awards to children who turn in the best sales record.

Instead of the usual string-operated figures, or the old Punch and Judy figures now familiar to almost everyone, the circus to appear here will use puppets worked from below by rods, strings and the puppeteer's hands, in a semi-circular stage eighteen feet around the rim. There will be one-

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SUCCEEDS PARRY

Donald C. Egbert

Mr. Egbert was named Birmingham's city manager, succeeding James. W. Parry, at the city commission meeting Monday night in the Municipal Building. He assumed his new duties Dec. 1.

COLOR EXPERT WILL LECTURE

Illustrated Talk Will Be Given at Cranbrook Pavilion Friday

Herbert T. Strong, color expert of New York City, will present an illustrated lecture on "Revelations in the Realm of Color," at the Cranbrook Pavilion on Lone Pine Road Friday evening, December 4, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. He will give his lecture under the auspices of the Cranbrook Institute of Science.

The array of color and design displayed in nature, lavish though it appears with ordinary light to the unaided eye, can be infinitely increased and varied by the use of ultra-violet rays, and such instruments as the polariscope and the microscope. Mr. Strong will use these means to show the beauties of natural phenomena. Crystal formation viewed by polarized light and magnified on the screen 200,000 times will be seen as a veritable kaleidoscope of color. With ultra-violet light, fluorescence in minerals will be demonstrated, previously drab-looking minerals being made to glow with intense brilliance in gorgeous and characteristic hues. Birds, butterflies, minerals, gems and coral will be used to illustrate various color phenomena.

It was announced that the public is cordially invited to attend.

Attention has been called to the fact that many merchants are not giving out Good Will campaign coupons with each fifty cent purchase. While this situation is unquestionably an oversight it is suggested that customers ask for coupon when they are not issued by the local stores following a purchase.

HAVE YOU MET?

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Bronson

and their two daughters, Katherine 14, and Mary 12. Mr. and Mrs. Bronson are taking up residence at 319 Henley Road, having moved to Birmingham from Grosse Pointe last month.

Mr. Bronson, a graduate of the University of Michigan and a native of the Empire state, is advertising director of the De Soto Motor Car Company. Mrs. Bronson is a native of this state.

Paul McPharlin

Mr. Mcharlin, recognized as an authority in the production of puppets and puppet shows, will present his "Punch's Circus" at the Community House, Dec. 12. The civic center is sponsoring the show to raise money for their Christmas Fund.

URGE PATRONS TO COOPERATE IN YULE RUSH

Byrne Urges Local Mailers To Study Regulations and Avoid Delay

With the approaching Christmas rush, Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne asks the cooperation of Birmingham residents in preparing and mailing their yuletide packages and letters. To end patrons Mr. Byrne has prepared detailed information for their guidance. "If packages are carefully wrapped, addressed accurately and plainly, and posted with the necessary amount in stamps there is little chance of their being delayed or lost in handling," he said.

Regarding postage, Mr. Byrne requests mailers to prepay postage fully on all mail matter. The rates are as follows:

First Class—letters and written and sealed matter, three cents for each ounce except local letters, which are two cents an ounce at letter-carrier offices. Government postal cards, one cent each; private mailing or post cards (including greeting cards in the form), one cent each.

Air Mail—Six cents for each ounce or fraction thereof, anywhere in the United States, including Alaska and also to Hawaii when sent by steamship across the Pacific Ocean. Airmail rates to Hawaii, Guam, and the Philippine Islands over the Trans-Pacific air mail service are 25 cents to Hawaii 50 cents to Guam and 75 cents to the Philippine Islands for each half-ounce or fraction of a half-ounce. The air-mail rate between Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands of the United States, or the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and the United States is 10 cents for each half ounce or fraction of a half ounce, and between the United States, Puerto Rica, Virgin Islands of the United

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OFFICIALS STUDY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Educators Make Three-Day Inspection Tour Of Baldwin High

Baldwin high school is one of eight in Michigan and one of 200 in the United States participating this year in a "Cooperative Study of Secondary School Standards." The Michigan schools were recommended by the State Committee of the North Central Association. In connection with the study a visitation committee spent the three days prior to Thanksgiving carefully inspecting every phase of the school program. Visiting members included: Dr. Frank C. Jenkins—State Dept. of Education, Jackson, Mississippi; Dr. John P. Lozo—Formerly principal of Reading High School, Reading, Penn.; Mr. Joseph Cocas — Principal, Central High School, Detroit; Mr. Wesley Dumbleton, and Mr. Earl Mosier—Dept. of Public Instruction at Lansing.

The purpose of this study is to perfect standards by which the work of a school may be judged and has nothing to do with a school's rating or accrediting. The Baldwin High School has been continuously accredited by the University of Michigan since 1898 and by the North Central Association since 1912.

In conformity with the purposes of the Cooperative Study no formal statement was made by the committee relative to their observations in the local school. Before a meeting of the teachers, however, both Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Lozo expressed themselves as being "very favorably impressed with the caliber of work being done in the class rooms and in all school activities. We like the atmosphere of informality and the spontaneity with which your pupils respond. Surely this is one of the finest student bodies we have ever seen."

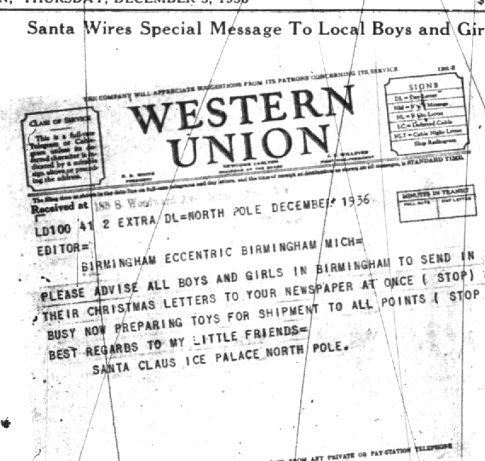
Final Meeting Of Bridge Class Today

The sixth and final meeting of the Community House Free Bridge School will be held at 3 P. M. today in the Civic Center building.

At this last session members of the class will be instructed ways to signal strength and weakness to partner while defending a hand. In addition, opening and following leads against the declarer will be taken up and such points as unblocking, setting up a long suit for discards, guarding and creating entries to dummy, finessing and cross-ruffing will be discussed.

To date, the bridge group attending the lectures have taken up honor tricks, biddable suits, opening bids of one of a suit and one no-trump, responses by partner of the opening bidder, forcing bids, overcalls, doubles and other bids.

Santa Wires Special Message To Local Boys and Girls



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MINUTES IN TRANSIT

TELEGRAMS MAY BE TELEPHONED TO WESTERN UNION FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PAY-STATION TELEPHONE

Back in 1932 Santa Claus, like the rest of us, felt the effects of the depression and he economized by mailing us a letter advising children here to write their Christmas cards as time improved the old gentleman stopped up his satisfaction several days, sending us a special delivery message.

This year, with business booming, St. Nick realized the necessity for prompt action so he wired us the above telegram yesterday.

Things are humming at Ice Palace, North Pole, right now. Santa recently sent out a confidential bulletin to newspapers stating that his staff was taxed to capacity turning out shiny, new toys and he urged the editors to cooperate by getting children to write their Christmas letters at an early date. Many of the local school kiddies already have sent in their messages, listing their requests and their letters may be read on Page seven of this issue of The Eccentric.

CLASSES WILL EXHIBIT WORK

College Groups to Display Work at Adams and Barnum Schools

An exhibit of the work accomplished by the local Community College classes in knitting and sewing will be placed in the Adams and Barnum Schools Wednesday, December 9, from one to five o'clock in the afternoon. All interested in this work are cordially invited to attend and refreshments will be served, William E. Lantz, college director, announced.

Visitors to the school displays will be impressed with the interest manifested in the work, Mr. Lantz asserted. Under the direction of competent instructors young and old work diligently at their tasks, some realizing a long-deferred ambition while others are adding to the technical knowledge already mastered.

Director Lantz pointed out that most of the work in the class is strictly individual, each member of the group being permitted to do the things most appealing to him. Some of the work done in these classes, he said, is as fine as that turned out by big shops in Detroit and other cities as each instructor is skilled and experienced in the subject taught.

Classes Resumed

The Community College classes are in full swing again after a short vacation at Thanksgiving.

Miss Ernestine Buckley of Detroit, formerly instructor in Shorthand and Typing in the Community College Unit at Southwestern High School in Detroit, is now in charge of the classes in Shorthand any Typing in the Birmingham Community College.

Girls in the Health Education class are desirous of securing a number of games with other girls' groups. Interested groups should communicate with Mr. Lantz.

The local unit held its first convocation Wednesday evening with the following program beginning at 9 o'clock: Refreshments, an old-fashioned sing, open forum, election of class officers. Representatives from the Community College office in Detroit were present.

COUNCIL MEETS DEC. 9 TO DISCUSS CITY ZONING

Mayor John E. Martz has called a special meeting of the city commission for Wednesday evening, December 9, in the Municipal Building to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance. This suggested ordinance was originally conceived in 1931 and the final draft made in July, 1932. It provides for a planned development of the community with residential and business restrictions, regulations for locating billboards, junk yards, etc.

WALTER FLANNERY, HILLS RESIDENT, DIES IN N. Y.

Walter Flannery, of Bloomfield Hills, died last week while in New York city on a business trip. Mr. Flannery, stricken with pneumonia, was 44 years old at the time of his death.

He was automotive manager of the Radio Corporation of America, was previously associated with the Vanadium corporation and the Ford Motor Co., and served with distinction in the World War. His widow, Hilda Fagan Flannery and five children survive.

For as little as 25 cents you may insert a CLASSIFIED AD in the columns of The Eccentric. Try one when you want to buy or sell, locate a house or sell one, or for hiring a maid. Telephone 11 before Wednesday noon each week. —(Adv.)

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3 HOMES ROBBED SUNDAY MORNING

Armed Prowler Is Observed While Stealing $90 From Residences

Approximately $90 in cash was stolen from three homes on Dorchester Rd. early last Sunday morning, when a man believed to be a negro, entered the residences and ransacked drawers and wallets in full view of the occupants of the bedrooms. That the marauder flashed a small nickle-plated revolver probably accounts for the fact that he escaped arrest, although observed stealing in two of the three houses.

At the home of George Shupert, 1184 Dorchester, the prowler took a wallet containing between fifty and eighty dollars from a dresser drawer and escaped. After Mr. Shupert saw him, through a back window. Going on to the home of S. H. Knowlton at 2100 Dorchester, he stole a wallet containing five dollars, and, from a small purse, he took about $6.50. Mr. Knowlton notified police officers as soon as the man left the house.

Though the man was not seen at the home of Charles Randall 1250 Dorchester, and though he left no finger prints, it is believed that he took a dollar from the writing desk in this home some time during the night.

J. W. Parry Honored By City Employees

About eighty city employes and their families gathered at Springdale Park Friday evening to honor James W. Parry who resigned his position a city manager to become director of the inservice training of municipal employes at the University of Michigan. With Mrs. Parry, Mr. Parry was the guest of honor at a turkey dinner served by the women of the Eastern Star organization, after which games and dancing were participated in by all present.

Harold H. Corson, city treasurer, presented Mr. Parry with a very beautiful watch, as a testimonial of appreciation of his services, by the city employes. Mrs. Parry was presented with a bouquet.

Mr. Parry took up his duties in Ann Arbor the 1st of Dec.

SCHOOLS PLAN YULE AFFAIRS

Over 1000 Children Will Be Presented By Vocal Music Dept.

Upward of 1000 children will participate this year in the Christmas Programs to be presented by the Vocal Music Department of the local public schools. These programs will be presented in all of the schools and will include pupils in grades 4 thru 12. In the Adams and the Barnum Schools pupils from grades 4 thru 9 will comprise the chorus, while in the Quarton and the Pierce Schools, the chorus will be composed of the 7 and 8 grades 4 thru 6. A program will be presented at the Baldwin High School on the afternoon of December 18th and will consist of pupils in the chorus group from that building.

The story to be presented this year takes place on Christmas Eve at the home of the Hamilton Family. The American children are honoring, with a party, the foreign born of a large city. During this party they tell the Christmas story of their native land. The programs promise to be most appropriate for the Christmas season.

Edith Roach Cotrell, vocal music instructor, is directing the work assisted in the respective buildings by other members of the teaching staff. The schedule of programs for the respective buildings is as follows:

Quarton School, Tuesday Evening, Dec. 8; Pierce School, Friday Evening, Dec. 11; Barnum School, Tuesday Evening, Dec. 15; Adams School, Thursday Evening, Dec. 17; Baldwin H. S., Friday Afternoon, Dec. 18.

All programs are scheduled to begin at 7:45 o'clock, excepting the Baldwin High School which will be given in the afternoon. All parents and patrons of the school are urged if possible to attend one of the programs.

EMPLOYEE FORMS HAVE 50% ERRORS

Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne Urges Care in Filling Out Applications

Fifty per cent of the employes' application forms, SS-5, recently issued through the local post office as the first step under the Social Security Act, are being filled out and returned to Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne incomplete and incorrectly compiled. As a result, Mr. Byrne calls particular attention to questions No. 1, 3, 10, and 16 on the forms.

Question No. 1 should be answered by giving the full first, middle and last names of the applicant if a man. In the case of a married woman, the full first name and maiden name should be given with the husband's last name. Question No. 3 requires the father's full name. Question No. 10 requires the mother's **full maiden name**.

Initials will not suffice for any of the above questions. All questions should be answered; if the mother's full maiden name is not known be sure to write "unknown" for that particular question. Regarding Question No. 16, enter your signature as you usually write it in signing other documents.

"The importance of answering all questions correctly can not be too strongly stressed," Mr. Byrne stated, adding that, "It is on the basis of this information that the individual accounts are set up by the Social Security Board."

FIRST CHECKS TO DEPOSITORS READY MONDAY

Purdy Says All Dividend Payments To Be Made Alphabetically

First payment of checks to depositors will be made December 7, according to Receiver C. Henry Purdy of the First State Savings Bank, who last week announced that the closed financial institution would pay its seventh five per cent dividend, amounting to $80,000, to over 3000 individuals who had accounts to their credit in the bank when it went into receivership over five years ago.

Mr. Purdy stated that all checks would be mailed out in alphabetical order, the initial set beginning with ABC. They will be drawn on the Wabeek State Bank and may be cashed there or at the depositors' own bank. He stressed the point that checks will not be cashed at the office of the receiver.

In announcing the alphabetical mailing order, the receiver asserted that following the issuance of checks to depositors whose names begin with ABC, others will be sent out in the order listed here: December 8, DEFG; December 9, HIJKL; December 10, MNOPQR; December 11, STUV; and on December 12, WXYZ.

This $80,000 dividend is the fifth paid out since Mr. Purdy became receiver in March, 1934. Funds for the payment were collected through rents, payments on the sale of property, interests, and payments on indebtedness, in addition to other revenues. No fraction of the money was borrowed from any other source to facilitate the dividend, he pointed out.

RITTER'S LICENSE IS REINSTATED

State Liquor Board Lifts Ban On Beer Store Past Week

Appearing before the State Liquor Control Commission in Lansing last week, Arthur Ritter, proprietor of Ritter's Beer Store, 297 East Maple, succeeded in convincing that board that he had operated his establishment within the regulations prescribed by law and as a result his license, revoked on October 30 along with that of the Birmingham Retail Beer Store, owned by Joseph Woodward, was reinstated and Mr. Ritter has reopened his place for business. The liquor commission took no action on the license of the other store.

"I intend to continue to do my best to eliminate any and all drinking that is attempted any place near my establishment," Mr. Ritter asserted. "Violators, on my complaint, will be subject to arrest."

Mr. Ritter stated that he explained to the liquor board that he had cooperated to the best of his ability with the local police in an attempt to curb drinking near his business and that he would close the rear entrance of his place if it was deemed necessary. He said that the board agreed with him that there should be no objection to a local beer store when there are a number of other places here licensed to sell the beverage.

The licenses of the two beer stores were revoked by the liquor board after the Birmingham commission had passed a resolution urging that body to take such action. City officials had nothing to do with the reinstatement proceedings.

FAMOUS HUMORIST TO SPEAK HERE DEC. 15

Thurman L. "Dusty" Miller, humorist and philosopher, nationally known as a post-prandial speaker, will come to Birmingham Tuesday evening, December 15, to address a dinner assembly put on by the Exchange Club.

The dinner will be given at the Community House beginning at 6:30 P. M. and members of the upper two civic clubs, guests, and their wives have been invited to attend.

ONLY **19** *Shopping Days Before Christmas*