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## COLLEGE LEADER TO SPEAK HERE

Dr. Harold C. Mason Guest Sunday At Service For Church Men



Dr. Mason

Dr. Harold C. Mason, president of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, is the guest speaker at the Sunday evening service of the First Presbyterian church this Sunday, Jan. 12th. As a minister, educator, and lecturer of varied experience, Dr. Mason has a comprehensive background from which to draw for his subject, "Our Depression Resources."

In keeping with an established custom the men of the church are taking over this service. F. H. Franklin, Y. C. Smith, Walter Moreland, and Emerson Brown make up the male quartet which will furnish special music for the service.

The officers of the Men's club extend a cordial invitation to all who have no regular church home to attend, and especially urge all the members of the club and their families to attend this service.

**DOCTOR ADDRESSES PIERCE PTA TONIGHT**

Dr. E. E. Hammond, who moved recently to Birmingham from Kansas City, a graduate of Washington University medical school at St. Louis, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Pierce school Parent-Teacher's association tonight at 8 o'clock. There will be musical program in charge of Miss Coryell and the social hour will be in charge of the mothers of Miss Grinnell's grade.

## Rabbi Predicts Downfall Of Western Civilization

Predicting that the press, radio and all other sources of information will soon be engaged in "the greatest mud-slinging this country has ever witnessed," Rabbi Elmer Berger of Temple Beth Jacob, Pontiac, himself opened a barrage of bitter criticism at President Roosevelt and the New Deal before members of the Exchange, Lions and Rotary clubs in fact last night's monthly group meeting Monday night, delivering what some of the listeners termed "the most courageous talk ever given here" while others attacked it as "an outlandish political speech entirely out of place in such a gathering."

Rabbi Berger in his half hour of fiery oratory predicted the collapse of Western civilization and the dominance of Japan, claimed the certainty of a European war "in two years or less," and held little hope of the "intellectual and moral awakening" which he said must come to prevent the fall of this civilization.

Making numerous additions and subtractions from "A Review of the Year 1935" delivered recently before his congregation, Rabbi Berger flattered his listeners by referring to them as "members of the select group of courageous leaders" in whose hands rests "the small island of civilization" whose "delicate shores are continually torn at by the raging seas of barbarism," threatened them with the incident of Western civilization if they present "insignificant Ethiopian struggle becomes a major world conflict," condemned the New Deal as a "starry-eyed scheme for Utopia" and President Roosevelt as "the man who stayed too long whose actions are defended by saying 'he surrounded himself with poor advisers,' and whose appeal for re-election 'will be made on the basis of his smile, his radio voice, and upon a paraphrase of Jesus' immortal words, 'For ye him, America, for he knew not what he did.'"

"It is the repercussions and the incidental events that have followed in the wake of the diplomatics of that war that should be and must be of vital significance to thinking men. With the virtual death of the oil sanctions a week ago, the League of Nations through one of its major constituents, has declared itself bankrupt. The League of Nations as an agency for peace is dead. Several months ago I predicted that the League of Nations would fail in securing peace, for they were not sanctions of peace but sanctions of war."

"As in all ideals worthy of attainment, there is no golden road to peace. Just as our government in Washington can legislate Utopia for America, as 1935 has shown, so the same year proved that in the super-government, sitting in Geneva, can legislate a warless Utopia for the world. Peace, as economic stability, can beget not in the restrictions of governments or super-governments. It begins only in the like you and me, in an increased mental and intellectual and moral vitality, sorely needed as cure for all of the ills of our modern world."

Briefly Rabbi Berger painted the preparations for war in Europe, "with the last war still unpaid. So quickly do we hasten to destruction he said."

**England Versus Italy**  
"The appointment of Anthony Eden as England's Minister of Foreign Affairs, the end of attempts to reconcile England's desire to maintain her empire with Italy's desire to build one in the Mediterranean. Spenser or later, these two interests will clash. All of Europe will smolder in the flames kindled by the friction of those two desires."

"Meanwhile, Egypt lies waiting to assume independence, evidenced by her recent demand for observance of her constitution, such as it is. Germany lies waiting to reclaim some measure of the colonial prestige she lost in 1918. France, with her cohorts of the new, small European states, created by Wilson's policy of self-determination of minority peoples, stands ready to fight with England against Italy and Germany, most probable dupes of the status quo. The selling of all the essentials of war to a boycotted Italy, is buying her stake on Mussolini's side in a capitalist war. Peculiarly enough, should Mussolini lose on the spin of the wheel, Russia stands to gain an ally nevertheless, for a defeat will cost Mussolini his power, and it is an almost absolute certainty that his Fascist state will be followed by Communism. On the other hand, Russia may lose all that she has labored for two decades to build. She has sold the soul of her Communist ideal already by grabbing at the lucrative profits of war."

"Meanwhile, with Russia thus (Continued on Page 4, 2nd)

Donald D. James, president of Walsh, James & Wasey company, recently elected chairman of the Brokers Division and vice-president of the Detroit Real Estate Board.

The 45th annual banquet of the Board will be held Wednesday, January 15, in the Hotel Statler with Col. Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, as guest speaker. He will be introduced by Gov. Frank D. Fitzgerald.

## REQUIREMENTS OF WPA INSTRUCTORS

Emergency Education Program Teachers And Students Much Restricted

Supt. of Schools C. W. Crandall today made public important requirements for prospective teachers and students in the emergency education program which will be opened in Birmingham if a sufficient number of projects and students is obtainable. Persons eligible for employment include those who were employed on the emergency education program at any time between May and November 1, 1935, or who were on relief rolls within that period. In order to qualify, however, Supt. Crandall points out that these persons must be certified through the Intake Division of the county relief administration to the U. S. Employment Service and the W. P. A.

Eligible projects include community colleges, formerly known as Freshman colleges, which must enroll a minimum of 35 students in order to be opened; general adult education, for unemployed and other adults, to study citizenship and public affairs, safety, first aid, health education, corrective study and cultural education; literacy education for all adults unable to read and write English well; nursery schools accompanied by parent education work; vocational work; vocational rehabilitation; training and education; and workers' education.

In order to be eligible for enrollment for college credit in the community college, persons must be graduates of a high school, un-

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Lee A. White, of Brookside avenue: "It is a theory of our American form of government that, given the rudiments of an education and free access to the truth, the people are equal to the task of self-government. Whether this be true or not, we Americans are steadfast in our determination to act on that premise, and the three principal agencies for the dissemination of truth—the church, the school, and the press—must accept their obligation and strive for the realization of the national ideal."

employed and eligible for relief. They will not receive credit from the Community college, but upon completion of their courses must present themselves at Wayne university for examination. Those eligible to enroll in non-credit courses of the Community college include all adults over 16 years of age.

All projects are initiated by the county school commissioner, the superintendent of schools, or their designated representatives.

## HOWARD C. BALDWIN TO ADDRESS SERVICE

The Brotherhood of the First Methodist church will sponsor the morning service next Sunday. The speaker will be Howard C. Baldwin, president of the Detroit Bar association, and prominent layman.

Special music will be furnished by the choir and a men's chorus, William Gail will also play a cello.

For the evening service at 7:30, there will be an illustrated lecture on South America. Included in the service will also be an illustrated hymn.

## WARNED DAY BEFORE DEATH

Auto Victim Says, "What's The Difference" To Identity Query

The identity of a man who was instantly killed Friday evening when struck by an auto on Woodward avenue near Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills, was determined by means of fingerprint records held by State police, who informed Birmingham police the victim's name was James Newman, address unknown. By a strange coincidence, the man was stopped by an Orchard Lake policeman the day before he was killed, and warned that he should have some identification with him. The man said his name was James Newman, giving his address as Eagle River, Mich., and when asked, "What if you're killed?" replied, "What's the difference?" When stopped he was holding a cigarette while standing in a traffic lane.

James C. Gardner, 41, of 4820 Haverhill avenue, Detroit, told the police he was driving at 40 miles an hour in the second lane of traffic when he saw Newman a short distance ahead. He swerved, but the car struck Newman, throwing him against the windshield, Gardner said.

Coroner G. Dewey Kimball investigated the accident. Detective Sgt. Earl Moody radioed a description and fingerprints to Lansing, where State police identified the victim as having been arrested numerous times. No family was located.

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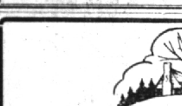
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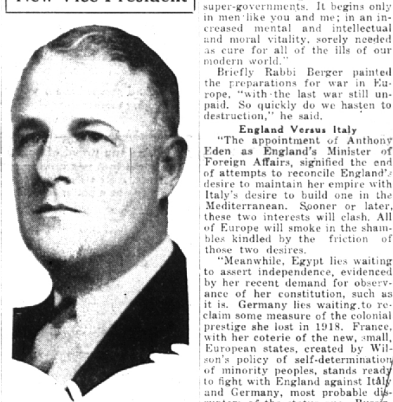
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ASSETS	
Cash on hand and in Banks	\$ 365,617.14
United States Government Securities	262,202.13
Other Bonds—	
Railroad	69,969.40
Municipal	93,308.98
Industrial	215,837.22
Canadian Provincial	30,200.00
Utilities-Operating	342,797.83
Loans and Discounts—Secured—(Secured by adequate listed collateral)	69,387.30
Loans and Discounts—Unsecured—(To Birmingham Individuals, Business Enterprises, and corporate units of Oakland County)	27,674.17
Real Estate Mortgages—(All on improved Birmingham Property)	170,843.72
Overdrafts	14.68
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	3,450.00
Accrued Interest on Bonds Purchased	1,649.51
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,652,951.31</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus Fund	14,458.55
Undivided Profits—Net (not accrued)	11,644.79
Dividends Unpaid	0.75
Other Liabilities	117.02
Deposits—	
U. S. Government and other Public Deposits secured	
By Pledges of U. S. Bonds and other securities	\$ 351,488.73
Other Deposits	1,119,788.60
Certified Checks and other Checks Outstanding	25,452.87
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,652,951.31</b>

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