As a man, I try to inject into my contacts with others the idea that international peace can endure only when a majority of every nation's population has food, clothing, and shelter. Therefore, it seems to me that the best peace activities should include the promotion of hunger for economic truth and law.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

"A FISH THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY"

FOR a number of years
I HAVE spent many days
ANNUALLY trout fishing
ON Michigan's various
STREAMS. To me, trout
FISHING—especially
FLY-FISHING for 'em—
IS the greatest of sports.
LIKE all trout fishermen,
I HAVE always dreamed of the
JOY of catching a large trout
AND landing it on a 4½ ounce
FLY rod, with light line and
LEADER. Every bend in a river
IS a possible Great Adventure.
EVERY cast is flirting with
AQUATIC lightning. Eight months
EACH year, between trout seasons,
IS a period of trying time—trying
BECAUSE a trout fisherman can't
FISH for trout. So the trout
FISHERMAN eagerly awaits each
SEASON'S opening. April 25 found
ME on the Little Manistee River,
OVER near Ludington, Michigan.
THE day was cold and windy; so was
THE next day—hardly a fish
APPARENT. Only occasional rises.
THEN came Monday, April 27, 1936.
I selected a favorite spot on
THE famous Pere Marquette River.
FOR four hours I fished both dry
AND wet fly methods; not a single
RISE. I came, in my waders, to a
SPOT on the river where an old
BRIDGE had been, during the old
LOGGING days; a bit of it still
REMAINED; against it were piled
VARIOUS lengths and kinds of driftwood.
IT created, with the help of the
RIVER'S strong current, a deep
POOL, an ideal location for
BIG TROUT. Here, anyway, I had
INTENDED leaving the river to walk
BACK to the car. I snipped the two
WET flies from my Paul H. Young leader and—
(Please excuse me, you true purists)
I decided to fasten a small size Pfleuger 2-0
COLORADO spinner, without any
WORMS (oh, restore me partially
TO your good graces, True Purists)
AND I cast that tiny spinner
INTO the maw of the pool's
CURRENT. Fifty feet of my HDH
HALFORD double-tapered line
SLID through the guides of my
PAYNE rod; nothing happened.
I RETRIEVED my line and made
ANOTHER cast into the Realm of
FISHERMAN'S Expectation & Hope.
THIS time I allowed sixty feet
OF line to go down the river
IN search of a customer. Well,
IT happened! For the next 25
MINUTES I endured a
MIXTURE of numerous emotions,
WADED, ran, plunged, climbed
AND did everything but swim down
A half mile of the fastest and heavy
PERE Marquette River. When I
FINALLY ceased my activities,
AT my feet, on the bank of the river,
LAY an eight and three-quarter
POUND Rainbow trout, a trifle over
28 inches in length. My third fishing
DAY of the 1936 season had given
ME the kind of a fight and a fish
THAT trout fishermen the world over
EXPECTANTLY look forward to.
I'M having the fish mounted. I'll
PROBABLY enter it in one or more
FISHING contests. But something
HAS happened inside of me regarding
TROUT fishing. I'll always hope to
LOVE its adventurous romance, but
RIGHT now I make this vow, and hope
TO ever keep it: from henceforth
NO Michigan trout over 20 inches in length
WILL ever succumb to my tackle.
IF one or more such trout ever
RISES to my lure, I promise to
LOOSE him and let him go back to
HIS own domestic habitat, to live
OUT his span of life, to outwit
THE skill of some other trout
FISHERMAN whose HOPE impelleth

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NATION'S BEST PROS WILL TEE OFF HERE SOON

Qualifiers For The National Open Are Expected To Play In Tourney

Plans governing rules for play, penalties for violations, handling of the crowd, entrance fees and many other details relative to the True Temper Golf Tournament, offering $3500 in prize money, to be held at the Birmingham Golf Club on May 27, 28, 29, were discussed Monday night at the club when representatives of the Professional Golfers Association and directors of the club met. C. D. Wessels and H. C. Bosch formed the committee that represented the Birmingham Golf Club while Mortie Dutra, PGA General Chairman for the tourney, and Frank Sprogel, Chairman of the PGA publicity committee, represented the association. Most of the nation's leading golfers are expected to compete for the prize money.

The PGA committee announced that admission for the three day open tournament, at which leading professional golfers from all over the United States will participate, will be $1.00 plus tax for one day or $2.50 plus tax for the entire three-day competition. It was stated that Babe Ruth, famous as a baseball player and himself a good golfer, may compete in the play here.

Handling of all eating arrangements, press accommodations, securing of gallery guards, policing the event and granting concessions was assigned as part of the local club's responsibility. The golf association will care for contacting the entry list, getting out all publicity, and arranging for gallery charges, etc.

Officers of the Detroit district of the National PGA will be extended an invitation to serve as honorary judges during the tournament, Mr. Dutra said. In addition, it was announced that those professionals who qualified for the forthcoming National Open will be invited to stop over here and compete in this match. Approximately 150 of the country's leading professional golfers are expected to tee off on May 27, the opening day of the tournament.

Amateur-Pro Tourney

Midge Murray, instructor at the Birmingham Golf Club, announced that an amateur-professional tournament will be held on the club links the afternoon of Monday, May 25. The match will serve as a tune-up for many of the country's leading professionals, who will enter the True Temper Open starting May 27. In this preceding match pairings will be by drawing from a hat. Professionals will draw their amateur partners from names placed in a hat, all non-professionals to be members of the Birmingham Golf Club. H. C. Bosch will serve as general chairman of this tournament.

Winners to be Decided

Final decision on the winners of the Detroit News free golf school will be made at the Birmingham Golf Club Monday evening, May 25, 6 o'clock at which time it is expected that such famous golfers as Bobby Jones, Lawson Little and Jimmy Thompson will assist in judging the winners.

SPRINGDALE PARK OPEN FOR SEASON

Municipal Recreation Center Offers Facilities For Varied Sports

Springdale Park, a municipally owned and operated recreation center, was formally opened to the public, May 1, according to a recent announcement. F. J. Watkins, superintendent of the park, states that extensive improvements and repairs to the buildings and grounds have been made and everything is in readiness for the sports lovers who throng the park each season.

The park, located one mile North of Maple Avenue and East on Strathmore Road, offers the public free tennis courts, shuffle board equipment, croquet, horse shoes and three soft ball diamonds. In addition, there is available the splendid nine-hole golf course. The charge to play on it is extremely reasonable, being barely sufficient to maintain costs of operation and upkeep. The club house is available for dinners, dancing and other recreations.

Recent improvements to the park facilities include installation of a women's cloak room, a new fence around the entire property, reconditioning the club house and other improvements. Additional repairs, alterations and additions are being considered, it was said.

The golf course is now in excellent shape, Mr. Watkins asserted. The greens have been thoroughly conditioned and fairways improved by the removal of a tobogran slide and other obstructions. As a whole, the course is hard and fast, it was said.

The park is open daily, including Sundays, from early morning until play is completed.

WAITING

With the shadow of time
Growing long 'round her chair,
While the silver of age
Weaves its crown in her hair,
With eyes that grow misty
From memories she knew,
Your Mother sits waiting—
Just waiting—for you!

And she dreams of a day
By a tender hope blest,
When she waited to hold
Her first babe to her breast.
And now in Life's twilight,
She dreams the past through—
With arms that are empty
And waiting—for you!

—Marjorie Elaine Porter

NATIONAL BANK BLDG. SOLD FOR $50,000 CASH

Receiver Cooley Of Defunct First National To Use Fund For Dividends

Purchase of the stone building occupied by the Birmingham National Bank, located at the corner of North Woodward and Hamilton avenues, was jointly announced yesterday by Charles E. James, president of the bank, and H. R. Cooley, received for the former First National Bank, original builders and owners of the edifice. The price stated is $50,000.00, in cash. Approval of the transfer has been given by the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, and only awaits final ratification by the Court, which is expected to take place in a few days, it was said.

"We have been negotiating for the sale of this property for quite a time, and are glad to announce its completion," stated Mr. Cooley. "Proceeds from it will greatly assist my office in preparing for another dividend to the old depositors. The sale does not include the stores and offices located next to the bank building itself, which we shall continue to keep in our trust for the benefit of the depositors of the former First National Bank."

Mr. James recently went to Washington to confer with government officials regarding the sale. "Our growth and stability since the new bank was organized and opened June 15, 1933, prompted our Board of Directors to take the action necessary to effect the sale," stated Mr. James. "We have been paying an annual rental to the receiver, of course, but have felt for some time that we should seek to own our own quarters for all future time. We want to thank our many depositors for their wholehearted support of our institution since it was opened, and assure them that we shall bend every effort in the future to make our organization of continued service to the community."

Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Ross and their two year old daughter, Janice, who are now residing at 1412 Maryland Avenue. They moved to Birmingham yesterday, coming from the District of Columbia. Mr. Ross is patent attorney and is now affiliated with General Motors Company in Detroit.

Mrs. Ross, who is a native of Florida, replied to the question of how she liked our city with, "Well, you know it's a bit colder up here than in either Florida or Maryland, but I think Birmingham is an ideal residential city, all in all. We have subscribed to The Eccentric to keep in touch with all the local news."

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Mrs. Charles S. Kinnison, 348 Hawthorne Road, "I wonder if we realize just how important the Community House is to our village. Truly, it is, 'The Heart of Birmingham'."

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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Mrs. John Black, President of the Woman's Club here, "Not only does the Community House offer a splendid service to Birmingham but to the county as well. It has been a very real factor in the success of the monthly meetings of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs. Women from all parts of the county enjoy its delightful atmosphere and friendly hospitality. Possibly, too many people take the Community House for granted and would not be cognizant of its value unless it was taken away."

ANNEXATION OF LAND STUDIED

City Commission Asked To Take Over Tract In Northwest Section

The possibility of annexing a tract of land in the Northwest section of the city, which will be made over into a restricted subdivision in the near future, was discussed by Birmingham's City Commission at their session in the municipal building Monday night. Several other matters of importance were also brought to the commissioner's attention. Mayor John E. Martz presided at the meeting.

The land tract under study is bounded by Pilgrim, Lake Park, Oak and Redding Roads and is, at present, owned by A. I. Phillips of Quarton Road. A delegation of four men, representing the concern interested in the subdivision development, appeared before the commission to discuss the proposed annexation. At next week's meeting of city officials a detailed report on the matter will be sub-

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CITY OFFICIALS TO LOSE JOBS MONDAY

Twelve Municipal Positions Will Be Filled By De-Molay Order

Twelve city officials will enjoy a double treat Monday. First, they will be relieved of their jobs throughout the day while the local DeMolay chapter takes over the operation of important municipal offices in celebration of National Civic Week, sponsored by the order. Then, to round out a perfect day, all of the officials will be invited to attend a banquet at the Masonic Temple that night. There will be short speeches followed by entertainment after which the DeMolays will take part in the regular city commission meeting at the City Hall.

Members of the chapter who will hold office for the day include: Milton Freeman, Mayor; James Bell, City Manager; Walter Ashley, Clerk; Lloyd Stanley, Treasurer; William Bowden, Police Chief; Fred Gibson, Fire Chief; Jack Moore, Justice of Peace; John Black, Accesser; Duane Ross, City Engineer and Building Inspector; Jack Emmerson, Head of Water Department; James Heacock, Public Works Superintendent; Junior Timm, Head of Health Department.

3 ADDITIONAL TEACHERS TO BE EMPLOYED

School Board Lays Plans For Coming Year's Schedule

Birmingham's Board of Education last plans for next year's school term Monday night when it approved Superintendent Charles W. Crandell's proposals on the coming year's school calendar, hiring of three additional teachers, and class schedules. In addition, the board agreed to engage Mr. R. R. Richards and Company of Detroit to audit the financial books and accounts of the board for the current year. Earl G. Potter presided at the meeting.

The school calendar, as approved, provides for the beginning of the Fall term on September 14, 1936. Holidays and meetings are provided for and first semester commencement is scheduled January 28, 1937. The second semester will start February 1 and close on June 12 with 11 days being allotted for the regular Spring recess.

The board approved the addition of a seventh grade teacher at Quarton School to care for the heavy enrollment in that class. Also, another seventh grade teacher for Barnum School was authorized. Due to the increased demand for commercial work and social science, together with an anticipated increase in enrollment at Baldwin High, the board approved placing two former part time Baldwin teachers on full time to handle these subjects. It was further agreed to employ a teacher for both the sixth grade at Pierce and the fifth grade at Barnum School.

Class Plan Approved

A plan for the rotation of classes throughout the day was likewise approved. It lengthens the school day for the junior-senior high school one hour and it permits planning, counselling, individual attention and flexibility in schedule. It also conforms to restrictions imposed financially. According to the adopted plan, class roll will start at 8:40 o'clock in the morning. There will be six class periods of 51 minutes each with a homeroom period lasting approximately half an hour. The school day will terminate at 4 o'clock.

It was agreed by the board to have the auditing firm of R. R. Richards and Company go over the board's books and accounts following the completion of the current school year.

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE MEETS IN ROYAL OAK

Announcement is made that the Republican Service Men League of Michigan is holding a rally Saturday evening, May 16, at the American Legion Hall, Main and Fifth streets, Royal Oak. Former Governor Wilbur M. Brucker, Dr. R. N. Ashley, state president of the league, Leslie J. Moody, secretary of the league, and Glenn Dorn, legal advisor to Governor Fitzgerald, will address the gathering.

All Republican Service Men are urged and invited to attend the meeting.

CAPTAINS AND AIDES WILL BE HONOR GUESTS

Half-Way Point In House Drive To Be Marked With Luncheon

Captains and their workers in the $10,000 life saving drive for funds to operate Community House for the coming fiscal year will attend a luncheon Friday noon as guests of the House. Mrs. Rufus Jones, General Chairman of the Women's Division of the drive, has charge of plans for the luncheon entertainment. She announced that Rev. W. H. Bates, pastor of the Baptist Church, will address the gathering on Community House activity. The luncheon will mark the half-way point in the drive, which ends May 16.

During the luncheon there will be a roll call of each captain and her team members, to indicate at a check up on work accomplished to date. Those captains of teams which have completed ten per cent of the assigned calls will be singled out for special honors.

In connection with the various committee's efforts to stimulate interest in the drive, an essay and slogan contest has been scheduled for the junior and senior high schools of the city. The essays, not to exceed 100 words, and the slogan, which must not be over 10 words, will be written on "What the Community House Means to Me." The student winners of this contest will have their works published, it was announced.

Mr. Forbes S. Hascall, Mrs. W. W. Raymond and Mrs. Fred Nellinger have been designated as the slogan judges. Essay judges will include Mrs. William Ecorse, Mrs. Lee White, and Mrs. Darby Taylor.

Students Addressed

The importance of "Keeping The Heart of Birmingham Alive" has been used as the subject of addresses made to school students recently by a group headed by Mrs. Forbes S. Hascall, who has charge of the Speakers' Bureau. Others in this group include Mrs. Fred Farrar, Mrs. Charles J. Shain, and Mrs. H. S. Burlingame.

The drive, now only three days old, has aroused widespread interest and support among local citizens. The spirit of cooperation is marked by the enthusiasm shown and they are giving instantaneously of their time. In an effort to promote a greater cooperative spirit, the house has instructed its workers that each team to ask those they contact for any criticism or suggestion that would help the Community center. Mrs. Raymond stressed the standard of service and helpfulness. Such remarks will be carefully noted, it was said.

Thermometer Gauges Progress

Through the splendid cooperation of local firemen, a huge thermometer has been constructed and erected at the corner of Woodward and Maple Avenue, directly in front of Wilson's Drug Store. The progress of the drive is recorded, results of the previous day's work tabulations being scored daily at 5 o'clock.

EVIDENCE HEARD IN HOTELING CASE

Arguments Will Be Made Before Judge Lederle's Court Today

The case of T. C. Hoteling, former assistant postmaster here, charged by the government with embezzling funds, came to trial yesterday in Judge Arthur Lederle's court in the Federal Building, Detroit. Forbes S. Hascall, Municipal Judge here, and Leon and S. Coyne, represented Mr. Hoteling at the proceedings, while the case for the government was presented by Assistant District Attorney M. G. Miner.

All evidence on both sides was presented and the prosecution and defense rested their cases at yesterday's proceedings. Arrangements will be made by the jury before noon at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Following, the case will go to the jury, which is composed of nine men and three women.

On September 20, 1935 the case was originally brought to court before United States Commissioner Stanley Hurd. The arrangements for the trial of the case made before him. The case was then presented to the grand jury and the indictment returned by Judge Arthur Lederle last February last. At that time the case was set over for fixing of the trial, which was made May 6, yesterday.

A large number of leading citizens of Birmingham were present to testify as character witnesses yesterday. Mr. Hoteling said: "The judge limited the number to be sworn at five and my attorneys selected John Hackett, Dr. Fred Crawford, James W. Cobb, Charles J. Shain and Mrs. Thelma Bailey as witnesses for me."

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New Tax Laws In 1937 To Relieve Homes Of Burden

Rep. V. J. Brown, Chairman, Tax Committee, Reveals Future Plans In Talk Here Tuesday Night

PROPOSES CONTROL OF PLATTING

"Michigan's delinquent tax problem, menacing as it does the very security of government, as well as the security of real estate, must be met on the basis of equitable adjustment, not cancellation. Michigan must somehow manage to determine the manner in which un-needed lands are subdivided and sold, to the end that in the future special assessments may not be pyramided through speculative activities of real estate companies; Michigan must find a way to obtain revenue, either through additional sales or gasoline taxes, or by a possible future income tax, or by greater taxing of personal property, so that the present burden of taxation on real estate may be lightened through returning our schools, roads, etc., such additional moneys that may be collected by the State."

There are some of the salient points made here Tuesday night at the Community House when Hon. Vernon A. Brown, of Mason, Ingham County, chairman of the House Legislative Tax Committee, and also chairman of the Legislative Council's special taxation committee, told the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board. The meeting, attended by 50 local citizens, including a number of City, township, and county officials, was presided over by Clyde C. Bennett, president of the Real Estate Board. Mr. Brown, who is also published of The Ingham County News, was introduced by George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric.

V. J. Brown

Three Great States

For over an hour Mr. Brown took his interested audience on a tour of Michigan, revealing it in reality as three great States, each with its own economic and taxation problems. He divided Michigan into the industrial and metropolitan areas, agricultural, and finally he pointed out the fact that a quarter of its 50,000,000 acres consist of waste unforested and burning area.

In making our tax survey of Michigan during the past winter, our committee decided to investigate each area, and to keep our minds open to the whole problem," stated Mr. Brown, who has been a member of the Michigan House of Representatives for the past eight years. "Our committee is composed of men from every section, representing every possible interest. We have held hearings all over the State, concluding just a few weeks ago in Detroit. As the result of these hearings, our committee, through the Legislative Council, is going to recommend some very definite remedial measures for the next Legislature when it meets in January. We realize that, unless some adjustments are made in present tax burdens, Michigan will, within five years, own half of its vast area, thus creating a tremendous problem.

Opposes Cancellation

"Our committee, while it favors the creation of adjustment boards throughout the State, is opposed to outright cancellation of delinquent taxes. But we do feel that, where property has accumulated to great a certain point, the burden on the tax roll of the various units of government.

"Oakland, Monroe, Macomb, and Wayne Counties constitute a great portion of the delinquent tax problem facing Michigan. In Detroit,

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DELEGATES TO LAUNCH PEACE DRIVE, MAY 13

Two-Day Conferences Will Be Held In Detroit And Pontiac

A two-day conference in Detroit, May 13-14, featuring nationally known speakers, and a similar meeting in Pontiac during the same time, likewise offering prominent men as speakers, represents the launching of the Kinney-Kemp Peace Campaign, a branch of the Kinney Peace Conference, non-sectarian and non-partisan organization, nationwide in its scope, and functioning for the purpose of keeping the United States out of war and to develop public opinion to support peace legislation and powerful policies.

Dr. Charles J. Shain, student of international affairs and leader of a local international relations class, is a member of the steering committee of the Kinney-Kemp Peace Campaign. George R. Averill is a member of the Detroit Metropolitan committee of the Emergency Peace Campaign. Committees of Arrangements and Management in the American cities.

"Twenty-seven members of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs have agreed to take up and advance the peace project," Mrs. Shain stated. "They have appointed two representatives each to form a committee to attend the Pontiac two-day conference. Three nationally recognized speakers are scheduled to address the delegates on various phases of the peace problem. Private Peace, famous writer and lecturer, speaks at the mass meeting next Thursday night, which will conclude the conference."

Mrs. Shain arranged to attend both the Detroit and Pontiac sessions, serving as a member at large from the central steering committee at the meeting in the latter city. She spoke to the Pontiac Minister's Association the past Friday night on "Mother's Day as Peace Day," in order that the conference gathering there might be publicized through the pulpit.

"As far as Birmingham is concerned", Mrs. Shain pointed out, "the League of Women Voters, the Birmingham Women's Club and the University Women's Club are behind the peace movement and lending their support."

The Detroit steering committee has adopted for its campaign platform advocating neither extreme pacifism nor militarism by supporting the ideal that "there must be no profit in the dangerous and to give them the facts underlying the problems of peace." Conferences arranged in other cities in Michigan include Battle Creek, Ann Arbor, Muskegon, Mt. Clemens, Jackson, Pontiac and Saginaw.

Speakers of international note who will address the Detroit campaign include Preston W. Slosson, University of Michigan history prof., Harold R. Peat, Chicago, known as a "Private Peace" author and lecturer, George F. Bauer, foreign trade secretary of the Automobile Manufacturers Association, Br. Honorable George Lansbury, of Great Britain, Rabbi Louis L. Mann of Chicago and Kirby Page, author and lecturer of New York.

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