

Reason is the Life of the Law; Common Law itself is nothing else but reason... the law, which is perfection of reason.—Sir Edward Coke.

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By G. R. A.

NICE, FRANCE, JUNE 11, 1937.—Well, here I am on the French Riviera, following six days of the annual Congress of the Rotary International, when approximately 8,000 Rotarians and their wives and families gathered from more than 80 countries in this whirling globe.

Some time ago, as my last letter stated, from Montreux, Switzerland, and tomorrow I leave by train for Marsax, 120 miles east toward Spain, from which point I board an Italian airplane for a flight over the Mediterranean Sea to Rome, in Italy. I have to take the plane because of the train congestion to Rome—unless I do so I must wait several days here, and I don't want to do that. I only have about six days between now and the time I must be in Cherbourg, France, to meet Mrs. Averill and her three children, who will arrive June 19.

My trip from Montreux to Nice was made in a private automobile. I had planned to fly from Montreux to Nice, over the Swiss and French and Italian Alps, a 12-hour non-stop trip. A Rotarian from New York City and I were on the verge of getting the plane tickets when we passed in the lobby of the Palace Hotel in Montreux to a man named Hugo Rager, of Zurich, Switzerland, first vice-president of Rotary International. He told us that his 24-year-old son, Peter, was leaving that day, alone, to motor his way to Cherbourg, France, with him. Of course, it didn't require much selling to help our decision, so, within two hours we had packed our bags, checked out of the Suisse Hotel, and were on the first leg of our 160-mile drive, by way of Geneva, Aix-les-Bains, Chambéry, Grenoble, Sisteron, Nice, and Nice-Marseilles, in about an hour to look over the new League of Nations buildings at Montreux, and I took a few snapshots of same. Many tourists were in the League's spaciuous grounds, being guided here and there. I was somewhat disappointed in the buildings, for they were not so plain, as I had supposed that these buildings, supported by most of the world's great nations, would be magnificent. I suppose plainness is okay—it's not what the buildings look like that interests the people of the world, but what is done within their walls to settle international differences.

Our young driver, Peter Prager, is used to mountain driving; the Ford Tudor sedan in which we were riding, went like the very dickens—or at least it seemed so, perhaps because it was crowded with us. We were upon narrow roads, or driving through small towns whose narrow streets and crooked crooked buildings lent the appearance of speed; there are no speed laws in rural France, and the motorist providing, of course, that he gets into no difficulty.

Up to our first stop, which was in our three hours from Montreux, we traveled on roads that were quite free from mountain roads, and at six thirty that night, June 12, we came to a town called the Bristol Hotel, at Aix-les-Bains, which means "Aix of the Baths," and being some 100 miles from the springs there to which people have come for centuries for their ailments. I had a very good night in this town for it was here, I recall, that one of our beloved Birmingham friends, Mr. J. B. Hackett, was stationed as head of a Y. M. C. A. "leave area" during the World War.

We three, (Peter Prager, Winthrop Howard, New York City Rotarian, and myself), a U. S. after we had located our rooms and washed up, went out in search of good food. It may seem here that as often as I could during the trip I would not eat at the hotel, except for continental breakfast served in my room; rather, I liked the idea of seeking out some local place where I could eat as a native; and I learned more of the habits and customs of the country. Incidentally, if a continental breakfast is desired, it is best to order it before a continental breakfast is served. I had a very good dinner, honey, marmalade, coffee or tea, if you prefer that combination.

I have recalled previously, in France especially, water at meals is given only when you order it. I had the waiter who you really want it; wine, of a thousand or more varieties, is a huge supply of grapes, which are made into wine, and we ordered a bottle of wine, which is an amber colored wine, and very sweet. The assistant waiter who brought it to us had some difficulty in extracting the cork intact; he tried three bottles, without clean success; disgusted, he inserted the corker, and turned the adjacent corker attached to it upon the bottle's neck, with great artistry, removed the cork with the least disturbance. You see, among the dining room

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## Attending Jamboree In Nation's Capitol

Twelve local Boy Scouts, pictured above, are now in Washington, D. C. attending the National Jamboree which lasts until July 8. They were photographed at Camp Brant, a summer camp of the Boy Scout Council located near Waterford, where they spent three days in training previous to their trip to the Capitol.

Those shown include, from left to right: George Watson, Hans Dandoff, George Austin, Earl Moody, and Joe Stutes, Jr. Seated on the left to right: Henry Dalquist, Jr., Dick Eastis, Arthur Underwood, Andrew Watson, Jr., James Juhl, Jr., Francis Carrette, and Hubert Tine.

Carl Wood, of Bloomfield Hills district commissioner, accompanied the boys on the train trip to Washington where they joined 25,000 other Boy Scouts.

## JUNE DIVIDEND AERIAL TESTS PASSED FRIDAY

The board of directors of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association yesterday declared their semi-annual June 30 dividend at the rate of three per cent per annum. All shareholders of the association will participate in the dividend.

Walter Morland, Treasurer-Manager of the savings and loan association, announced that the dividend represents a considerable increase as the one declared the past December, due, in the main, to continued growth of the association. The bank was organized here two years ago in June. It pays semi-annual dividends December 31 and June 30.

Clyde C. Bennett, Vice-President of the Federal Savings and Loan Association, is the secretary of the Southeastern branch of the Michigan Building Group, which is being organized in the city. The organization held its first meeting at the Birmingham Hotel last week. The local league maintains headquarters in Lansing.

## Suburban Apartment Building Completed

Birmingham's new apartment building, The Suburban Apartments, located at the intersection of Woodward and Chestnut Streets, has been completed and is now ready for occupancy, according to W. C. Scott, president of Suburban Homes, Inc., builder.

## Camera Contest Proves Howling Success

We're thinking of changing our Camera Contest department to our Aching Vex department, for the contest is proving to be a howling success, and the only interested persons seem to be those, like ourselves, who can't enter. However, there have been some changes during the past week, so you're going to have a new contest, and we hope that you and you're going to be inspired to come in an am-py way.

First of all, a regrettable typographical error announced that pictures must have been taken by a local resident within the past 40 days. This should have read: Pictures must have been taken by local residents within the past thirty (30) days. We hope that this correction will make it clear, and perhaps draw some entries. Next, we are happy to announce that those contestants whose pictures do not win a prize have a chance to win honorable mention. A money share that had not been stipulated says he'll give a free roll of film to those honorable mention winners. So that's another inducement.

So much rain has been one reason for the lack of entries. We hope so. And we hope that you

## COMMUNITY HOUSE PARTIALLY CLOSED

The Community House will suspend a number of its regular activities today, as the building is being repaired. However, luncheons, Thursday evening dinners and special parties are pre-arranged to be held as usual. The employment office will remain open but the business office will be closed. The House will completely suspend operations during the week August 1-5, during which time repairs and renovations will be made throughout the building.

## TAX BILLS ISSUED BY CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer Harold H. Corson has today issued 19,000 city tax bills aggregating \$234,000 during the past week. Mr. Corson stated that the bills for July 1937 can be paid without penalty on or before August 31. The bills are being issued in three payments, will be assessed three-quarters of one per cent for each month of default thereafter.

## REVIEWS STATE PAROLE PLAN

Former Detroit Judge Talks To Exchange Members Tuesday Noon. Judge P. W. Marsh, former Detroit judge, is today reviewing the parole plan of the Michigan Parole Board. He is speaking to the members of the Exchange Club at their final meeting of the summer.

## Patrolman Is Added

City Manager Egbert announced that a patrolman has been added to the police force and that he will report to duty on Monday. The patrolman is a graduate of the Baldwin school in 1928. He has been with the Detroit Motor Company since that time.

## FIREWORKS AT LAKE PLANNED

Pyrotechnics Will Feature 3-Day Program at Park July 3-5. In keeping with the celebration of the Independence Day holiday, the Lake Amusement Park has arranged a varied program of events for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, July 3-5. The program will feature a display of fireworks, a parade, and a picnic.

## Chief Hackett Gains Title 'Meanest Man In Town' At City Outing On Wednesday

What does Police Chief John P. Hackett think he is—mean? The Detroit free press all its energy making fun of him by giving him the title of "Meanest Man in Town." Hackett, also at a party, gave himself the title of "Meanest Man in Town" and the honor of the title.

## Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Patterson, 740 Fairfax road, The Pattersons have two sons: David, who is a junior at Ohio Wesleyan University and Donald, who will be a senior when he enrolls in the fall at Ohio Wesleyan. Mr. Patterson is general manager of the Geyer, Cornell and Co. advertising agency in Detroit.

## Attendance Jumps Second Week Of Athletic Program

An increase of nearly 100 per cent in attendance marked the end of the week in the activities conducted by the Recreation Association, according to reports received by Miles W. Robinson, director. During the last week, the attendance rolls show that 2,993 children and adults participated in the activities. An increase of 1,001 for the preceding week.

## Swimming Is Most Popular Activity as 2,993 Are Registered

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## SCHOOL ITEMS TOTAL \$33,000

Major items necessary to equip the Birmingham school system for the 1937-38 school year have been estimated at \$33,000. The items include: textbooks, supplies, and equipment. The items are being purchased by the Birmingham Board of Education.

## Merchants Defeat Pontiac All-Stars

The Birmingham Merchants' basketball team defeated the Pontiac All-Stars in the final game of the season. The Merchants won by a score of 27 to 20. The game was played at the Birmingham Municipal Auditorium.

## Local Team Is Winner Over Royal Oak, Northville Past Weekend

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