

Error is the force that welds men together; truth is communicated to men only by deeds of truth.—Coul Totelet.

SIXTIETH YEAR—NO. 15

STREET PRESS AND THAT

By G. R. A.
VENICE, ITALY, JUNE 17, 1937—This is being written in the Royal Danieli Hotel, right on the famous water front of the most famous bay that separates this from the famous Lido, or long island, stretch the waters of the Adriatic Sea. In Italy, Venice is spelled Venezia; there probably is a whole world of just like it . . . not a carriage on it, not an automobile, and where we are accustomed to see asphalt, brick, or concrete roads, here all you see is water. As I sat in the hotel dining room last night with two Rotarians, one from Kansas and the other from Oklahoma, one of them facetiously remarked: "Boy, it sure looks like we're going to have a flood in this town."

But before I get into the subject of Venice, I ought to tell you that I left Rome on a fast express three days ago, to make the four hour overland trip to Florence, a city of art treasures, known all over the world, and perhaps second to Rome in treasure. (The French will claim that the Louvre is the world's greatest museum for art; the settlement of that question is beyond me. Undoubtedly, however, Florence and Rome contain more of the purely Italian and Roman and Venetian art treasures than any other city in the world. The stuff in the Louvre was done by outsiders, and much of it was done by artists who were not from many victorious armies in days gone by.)

Our trip through the usual beautiful Italian country, low mountains, flat or terraced farms and orchards and vineyards, many of them of sugar cane, through tunnels through which run the European railroads, and they are a constant reminder of the Italian, in many places, of using gobs of cheap concrete to hold up the roofs of the buildings. We found the orderly arrangement of clean cut stone, many of them being of the same color as the monuments, or the facades for beautiful buildings. They build these centuries over here, it seems.)

Just as Rome is called Roma, a masterpiece of the Italian people, the chief reason why Florence has contributed so much of art to the world is because of the wealth and influence of the Medici family, a family which, for several centuries, operated the banking system of much of Europe, and as a consequence had much money to bestow upon culture. From Florence, Michelangelo first saw the light of day. Here, too, Dante was born and lived to 37, also spent part of his life here, and many of his works adorn the galleries. In Florence Galileo lived, and from the land and age people he gained inspiration and knowledge for the astronomical and scientific data he gave to the world. And in the cathedral church in the town, St. Mary's of the Flowers, located in Florence, you will find the bronze statue of Dante, Michelangelo, Rossini, Galileo—pictures of which I took on my morning with my camera.

Unlike the art museums of Rome, in Florence you may take your camera wherever you wish to; and I was fortunate enough, in Florence, to photograph and take pictures of the artists who were painting right in the galleries. These artists, both men and women, would take their easels and benches in front of some masterpiece which they sought to copy—some of them making miniature on sheets of ivory, others making large ones on canvas. I saw one. (Continued on Page Two)

Presenting A One-Act Play Entitled, "Our Local Windows Don't Come Up To Scratch"

The headlines for this week's district might be "Birmingham's Windows Don't Come Up To Scratch," or "How to Get Rid of Pains Without Pains." But here hangs a tale—the tale of Birmingham's first victim of heat prostration this summer, and how the city took him to the tailor, as well as to the cleaners. This place may be farther north than the visitor's native Chicago, but weather-wise we had Saturday, no more than in which to play golf.

The famous Birmingham brand of hospitality is at the root of all our troubles. It is the reason why is the guest of C. F. Dick, 907 Henrietta street. Mr. Peterson wears the hottest pair of Saturday playing golf. Returning to Birmingham, he stopped at Matthew's Tailor Shop, on East Maple avenue, to collect a suit which he had left there. It wasn't any cooler inside than it had been on the links, and employees in the shop noticed that the customer had a definite fever.

He got through the door, but before he could reach the sidewalk, those in the vicinity of the store

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1937

Gifts and Messages Deluge R. T. Stanton on Birthday

R. T. Stanton, a veteran of nearly 40 years in the field of advertising, celebrated his 88th birthday Monday at the home of his son, Donald T. Stanton, at 182 N. Mohegan. Long distance telephone calls, boxes of fruits, flowers and hundreds of telegrams, including congratulatory messages from President Roosevelt and Walter P. Chrysler, continued to arrive throughout Tuesday.

"Heaven, I never knew I had so many friends," exclaimed the retired executive, who includes among his personal acquaintances almost all of the leaders of advertising in this country today.

Clear-eyed and keenly alert to modern trends, Mr. Stanton revealed the secret of his buoyant health. "You know," he remarked with a twinkle in his eye, "I once visited the Fountain of Youth in St. Augustine, Fla., imbibing some of that magic water. I've felt young and frisky ever since."

Mr. Stanton, who served as Western advertising representative of Century Magazine for 20 years, was born in Galt, Ontario, July 12, 1849. Before he was 15 (Continued on Page Two)

LIBRARY GAINS 4,000 NEW BOOKS

Annual Report Also Shows Net Increase Of 1,778 New Books

An increase of 4,096 in circulation and a net gain of 1,778 books is shown in the annual report of the Baldwin public library for the fiscal year, July 1, 1936 to June 30, 1937. Total operating expense for the year amounted to \$12,925.07. The library's revenue, made up from delinquent tax payments while the debt service on library bonds is paid out of the city's general fund.

The total number of books at the close of the present fiscal year was 16,928 as compared with 15,150 for the previous 12 months. Books added by purchase amounted to 1,277 while 198 were gifts and 299 were placed on the shelves from the rental department. Four books were donated to the library in exchange for the increase of books including 502 adult non-fiction, 530 adult fiction and 748 juvenile books.

Circulation reached 80,243 for the year of which 76,717 is credited to the Baldwin library. 2,766 were the Pierce School Library and 760 to the Adams School. Adult registrations were 899 while juvenile registrations were 360 and non-resident registrations were 19 for the year. The purchase of 211 new registrations were 1,008. Total registrations for the year were 5,950.

The library report shows \$633.61 collected in fines and dues and \$11.50 for rental of the auditorium. The library's operating expenditures amounted to \$449.02 for a net balance of \$189.02 for the purchase of new books for the rental shelves.

102 To 96

By E. G. Whitney
A proposal to increase a mill tax levy for schools in this district was defeated Monday. It means that our educational system here will have to sink further into the red for the coming fiscal year. The proposal would have raised the millage rate from 102 to 106. The proposal was defeated by a vote of 102 to 96.

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Hold County Fair At Milford Aug. 11-14

The annual Oakland County Fair at Milford will be held on August 11-14, inclusive, this year. The association has been reorganized and inaugurated this year, there will be no admission to the grounds. In spite of the fact more money was spent for entertainment and premiums than for several years. The association is confident that the fair will be a success.

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West Pointer

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Five bicycles, of various colors, shape and age will go on the block and the highest bidder in each instance will become the possessor of the indispensable vehicle of youth . . . a bike.

"Cash on the line, boys," says the chief.

Permits Alterations Where Cost Exceeds 50% Of Valuation

An ordinance, amending the building code to the extent that alterations in excess of 50 per cent of the assessed valuation of existing buildings in the fire zone may be made, providing automatic sprinkler systems are installed, was passed by the city commission Monday evening. Previously, the building code required that buildings must be rebuilt in conformity with fire zone restrictions if the alterations exceeded the assessed valuation of the property.

Over 200 At Annual Lions Party Friday

Over 200 members of the Lions Club, their wives, and guests attended the organization's annual Birmingham Night at Westwood Gardens the past Friday evening. Funds derived from the affair will be used to aid the Lions' defective vision fund.

PROGRESS OF RAIL TRACED

Speaker At Lions Luncheon
Billy Regard, of WMBC, Detroit, spoke to members of the Lions Club at the luncheon at the Community House, D. A. Green presided at the meeting.

Inclement Weather Delays All Activities Save Swimming

Last week's high temperatures restricted the activities of the Recreation and Leisure Department, such as tennis tournaments, have been postponed until more favorable conditions, and a large reduction in attendance necessitates reduced activities.

Griffith Fish Fry Draws Hungry Guests

Fire Chief Vern Griffith spent his vacation at Black Lake. He brought back 12 live pike. He was a fisherman he was. He held a fish fry at Springdale Park. The fry was a success. There wasn't enough fish.

Annual State-wide Novice Tennis Tourney Is Sponsored Locally By The Eccentric

Plans are again being made for the fifth annual state-wide novice tennis tournament, which this year will be sponsored locally by The Birmingham Eccentric, co-sponsoring with The Detroit News. The tournament is open to all players in Michigan who have not won a major tennis title. It is a novice and amateur affair, conducted by the supervision of Hubert G. Johnson, department supervisor of the Detroit News. The State Finals are to be held at Springdale Park, Detroit, on Saturday at 1:00 P. M. on Saturday August 7.

Albert Jones' Case To Circuit Court

Albert Jones, 4971 Linndale Avenue, Detroit, former local resident, was arrested Monday by the Detroit Police Department on a warrant sworn to by Herbert W. Anderson, of Lapeer, who alleges that the defendant failed to make a settlement on a number of art objects valued at upwards of \$50 which he had been commissioned to sell over two years ago. Jones' personal bond of \$1,000 was continued.

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CYCLISTS WARNED TO OBEY TRAFFIC LAWS

A warning to youth who ride bicycles on city streets, ignoring traffic signals is issued by Police Chief John P. Hackett. He charged that such violations may lead to serious injury since cars and trucks may not see the cyclist in time to avoid collision.

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