

A BRAVE ENDEAVOR  
To do thy duty, what'er its worth,  
Is better than life with love  
over and love is the sweetest thing  
on earth.—Sir Hugo's Choice.

SIXTIETH YEAR—NO. 14

# HS and THAT

By G. R. A.

**ROMA, ITALY, JUNE 14, 1937**  
—Before I give you a few of my experiences and impressions of a wonderful Italy, I promised to relate an incident that happened to me in Nice, where Rotary International held its annual Convention from June 6 to 14. The particular incident I have in mind concerns the Sunday noon dinner given by the Mayor of Nice to Alfred Lebrun, President of France, which was attended by several hundred distinguished sons, together with some of the officials of Rotary International. I had received my engraved invitation for this affair while in Montreux, Switzerland. It was held in the large ballroom of the Ruhl Hotel, right on the Promenade de Anglans, in Nice, overlooking the beautiful Mediterranean Sea.

When I arose that Sunday morning, after having motored down from Montreux the two days preceding, through the lovely Swiss and French Alps, the street of Nice was packed with French soldiers, awaiting the arrival of Monsieur Lebrun, president of France. He is elected by popular vote for seven years, and cannot be a candidate to succeed himself. His officers are rather few, since the French Chamber of Deputies really runs the government. The President is something like a King, his greatest power being that of appointing and dismissing the existing political faction, now dominated by the Socialist Monsieur Leon Blum.

About every fifteen feet, on both sides of the Promenade de Anglans, the gardeners were seated. President Lebrun officially opened the Rotary Convention with a speech to the Mayor, Municipal, after which he and his party went to the Ruhl for dinner. The meal consisted of 15 courses, and consisted of five courses—two for men could eat—before one had finished the goblets, each for a wine or liquor and one for champagne. (I have come to believe that the difference between the old world and the new world is about five drinks, and if the early American citizens of the United States were accustomed to the eating and drinking traditions of this world, previous to the coming of the Mississippi River.)

The dinner went off okay; two hours were required for the eating, drinking, and two speeches, one by the Mayor of Nice, the other by President Lebrun. The latter, while speaking in French, and declaring statements beyond my comprehension, did utter some familiar words and I did gather that he was saying nice things about Rotary and welcoming the Rotarians to the bosom of his beloved country.

After the dinner, when nearly all had gone, I assisted the two photographers who were there from London, to cover the Convention. I wanted a picture of the Mayor's place at the table, where his five goblets were still filled with liquid refreshments; he had touched them up, in order to place them in the splendidly printed "programme", (Continued on Page Two)

## Youth Loses Life In Lake Gilbert

Kenneth Dickinson, son of A. J. Dickinson, 1248 Belvedere avenue, Detroit, drowned in Gilbert Lake Wednesday, at about 3:00 p. m. He was 17 years old. He was with five other youths, all caddies at Oakland Hills country club, swimming in the lake when he evidently became seized with cramps, and was under for about half an hour before his plight was discovered. Aaron S. Brown, whose home is in the lake, rescued the body, but too late to save the boy. Birmingham firemen were summoned and worked on the youth nearly an hour but were unsuccessful in restoring life.

**REV. AULENBACH WOMEN'S QUARTET TO BROADCAST**  
Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach and the women's quartet from Christ Church Cranbrook will broadcast a church program on Saturday WWJ, Detroit, at 7:15 p. m. the first four days of next week.

Mrs. Isabel Timms, First-Six Adams, will lead the quartet. Other members include Mrs. Lillian Adams, Mrs. Lula Perry, and Mrs. Florence Woolcock.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1937

## Prize Winning Picture

**CITY PARK  
FOR  
EVEN HOLIDAY**

**Record Week-End Attendance Exceeds Previous Crowds At Springdale**

F. J. Watkins, manager of Springdale Park, announces that over \$500,000 worth of picnics at the city park over the recent holiday weekend, as a capacity crowd fanned the picnic grounds.

The holiday crowd overtook the record-breaking one of Sunday, June 27. It was estimated that over 2,500 actually picnicked in various games and used the picnic grove.

Springdale has increased in respect of its business over last year in spite of inclement weather, which necessitated almost a two week delay in the opening date. Due to this delay, the park began its 1937 season about \$250,000 behind the receipts of the season before. However, Mr. Watkins has evolved a satisfactory explanation of the situation.

"In the first place," he says, "the picnic play got underway discovered Springdale this year. We've noticed a great increase in the size and number of parties which have booked the park. If a reservation is made several days in advance and the weather turns bad, the people will come anyway. And sooner or later they'll get the picnic grove a good time, since they already have gotten wet and muddy."

Best local picnic grounds for the golf course sold so far, with only one exception. The large, over \$3,414,400 has been taken in for greens fees, as compared to \$2,600,000 last year. Merchandise has netted \$149,250—exactly \$19,37 more in 1937 than in 1936. The total for the year is \$1,318,200, with \$134,715 as the figure.

All in all, if statistics are any criterion, it would seem evident that the picnic play at Springdale has been a success. Birmingham and the surrounding communities are beginning to realize the value of the attractions of our township park.

A section of the ground reserved for the picnic grove at Springdale, Wilson's Drug Store, the Shain's Pharmacy and from individual club members. A very nominal admission charge has been set and the public is urged to attend. Will organize an orchestra will provide the music.

The entire proceeds from the picnic will go to aid the club's defective vision fund. Last year, when about 500 persons were hand to eye the party, the Lions were enabled to contribute \$400 to this worthy cause.

## Bill Lynch Wins Hammer Throw

Bill Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leight Lynch, 951 Ford ave., won the 16-pound hammer throw in the recent Penn. relays. While at Baldwin high school, Cranbrook (School), and Westminster School in Connecticut, he distinguished himself in various sports.

## One Burglary Mars Holiday Week-End

One burglary and several minor infractions of the law were the only incidents to mar the holiday quiet in Birmingham during the past week-end. There were several arrests for drunk driving and for average number of complaints in various games and used the picnic grove.

At about 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, someone entered the back of the Birmingham Hotel, stole and stole about \$15.00 in bills and small change from a two story apartment. The burglar was unlocked. Police were unable to obtain any clues. This was the only crime which occurred in the city over a five day period.

## GIRL SCOUTS RETURN HOME

Eleanor and Phyllis Porter Attend Training Camp At Metamora

Eleanor and Phyllis Porter have just returned to their home at 1935 Pierce street, after attending the Girl Scout regional training camp at Metamora, Michigan. The girls were sent to the conference by the Birmingham Girl Scout Council, to attend a two week training camp along with delegates from the entire region, which included Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, National leaders headed the course, which met for two hours of intensive study each morning and afternoon.

Miss Eleanor Porter registered in the advanced class, "Training Progress," which begins with the Tenderfoot class and covers all the phases of Girl Scout activity, especially that of the leader. The older girl, the leaders affirmed that with the recent dropping of the Golden Rule, it was emphasized all through the study course that scouting trains, not only the girls, but the leaders, for the fun and personal betterment of each girl as she progresses through the ranks. It was emphasized all over the country. An effort is to be made to make the girls more flexible and to form in more on a basis of what interests each individual most.

The undisciplined ferret squad while Royal Oak avenged an earlier defeat of the season by defeating Birmingham 10-0. The star of "Lafayette" Grambus was the star of Monday's contest, leading his team to victory both on the ground and at bat. He restricted the opposition to nine scattered singles and struck out 14 batters. Birmingham's pitcher, George Hogan, fleet right fielder for Birmingham, crashed into him stealing second base.

**Team Is Crippled**  
The local squad was crippled due to the loss of its star pitcher, Bedard hurt his throwing hand while Prester was unable to play. Birmingham's pitcher turned back the locals Saturday night only after a hectic struggle in which the "Lafayette" team kept him hot water early in the game, the opponents tallying four runs in the third frame on two hits, two walks and two wild pitches.

The local connected solidly in the fifth inning to push over four runs and take the lead but Ferrelle ran wild on the bases in the sixth inning to score six times and clinch the game. Birmingham collected four runs in the seventh frame on two hits, two walks and two wild pitches.

**Powerless Pitching**  
Powerless pitching marred the pitching of Feighner, Royal Oak's star right hander, Birmingham's pitcher, who pitched a perfect game of 7 to 1. However, it was the best of brand ball played by the local pitcher in the series. (Continued on Page Two)

## Resolution Asks Cash in Advance On Special Work

City Is Unable To Finance Improvements From General Fund

A resolution, providing that no work shall be done of special improvement projects, other than the necessary legal proceedings, until the total private property share of the estimated cost shall have been paid in cash to the city, acting as agent for the special assessment district, was passed by the city commission Tuesday evening.

Adoption of the resolution is due to the fact that there is no present possibility of the city financing any proposed improvements of special improvement projects or by the sale of special assessment bonds. There have been frequent inquiries at the city offices as to the procedure of making needed special improvements.

**FIRE LOSS FOR JUNE TOTALS ONLY \$100,000**  
Fire Chief Vern Griffith, in his June summary, reports 33 alienated fires for a total loss of \$100,000. The department made four inhibitor runs during the month. The department spent over 200 hours on well inspection and 15 hours on maintaining hydrants. Business inspection took 10 hours, 281 places being inspected. About 200 places were inspected for electrical safety and 14 hours on company drill.

## CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S SOCIETY MEETS JULY 12

Both secretary and treasurer of the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children, announce that the annual meeting of the organization will be held at the Community House on Monday, July 12, at 1 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is the financial statement, consideration of reports and other items.

## JUNE REPORT TOTALS \$50,465

**Unseasonal Decline Drops Building Valuation Below '36 Mark**

Continuing to show an unseasonal decline in construction work here, the monthly building report for June shows only four new residential permits. The total building valuation for the thirty day period for the first half of the year amounts to \$672,401 or 334,938 less than the total for the corresponding period during 1936. This marked decline noted in the report for May, the valuation figure remained below that of the year until the June totals were added.

Two reasons cited for the slump in local construction are unsettled labor conditions and a fluctuating stock market. However, it is expected that by the returning to normal a decided upswing in building will be noted here during the next two months.

## "Arizona Dan" And "Cactus Bill" Serve Lize Club Members In Check Wagon Style

Yippee-ee-ee! "Arizona" Dan Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy and "Cactus" Bill Gibson arrived in town long enough to put on a cowboy show for the members of the Forest Lake country club last Wednesday. The trio is making its first trip east in a genuine check wagon, which is sort of a rolling kitchen used out west to feed the cowboys while they're out on the range—or whatever it is they get out on, when it's too far to come home for grub.

## LIONS' ANNUAL PARTY FRIDAY

Entire Proceeds Of Affair Will Aid Defective Vision Fund

Members of the local Lions Club will hold their annual "Bismarck Night" at Woodworth Gardens, on Michigan Avenue, west of Telegraph Road, tomorrow evening, July 9. Dr. J. B. Hassberger is in charge of arrangements and the sale of tickets for the affair.

## LEGALS DRIPPS TWO, WINS ONE

**Locals Lose To Ferrelle, Royal Oak By Swamp Northville**

Unleashing a savage 24-hit attack, the local American league team crushed Northville, 8 to 6, in a game Monday afternoon at Springdale Park. The game was played over three innings. Ferrelle stopped Birmingham's offense in the first while Royal Oak avenged an earlier defeat of the season by defeating Birmingham 10-0. The star of "Lafayette" Grambus was the star of Monday's contest, leading his team to victory both on the ground and at bat. He restricted the opposition to nine scattered singles and struck out 14 batters.

## Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Wright, 228 Oakland Avenue, Mr. Wright, a native of Detroit, is employed in the personnel department of the Fisher Body Co., in Pontiac; Mrs. Wright, who comes from Iowa, says they are both very fond of Birmingham, and consider it an ideal place in which to live.

## Cactus Plants Are No Help Climbing Up Side Of Canyon, Writes Norman Lyle, Jr.

Little wonder that when we finally arrived at our destination, Tucson, Arizona, we slept almost round the clock. We caught our first glimpse of the mountains of some 60,000 feet from a distance of about 100 miles away. The flat Arizona plain made it seem as if we were miles around. From any of the nearby mountains, only one can be seen, the Santa Rita range, to the east. At least six miles away, and in some cases over 120 miles distant, Tucson lies on one of these great plains, surrounded by the Catalina mountains to the north, the Tucson range to the west, the Santa Rita mountains to the south, and the Rincon range on the east. This is the desert country, cactus, mesquite, greasewood, and sandy arroyos on every side. On the lower slopes of the mountains, one might well be termed an enormous natural amphitheater.

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