

The whole world listened in this week as England crowned its new King, George VI. It was a historic moment, and his family's ascent in cultural relations. Our nation would do well to become a respectful, loving, and loyal President of the United States.

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# T-H-S and THAT

By G. R. A.

For the next 12 weeks, folks this column may, or may not, be filled with material from my portable typewriter; the reason for the temporary absence may be because, on May 20, I am sailing from New York on the Cunard White Star Line's Carinthia to attend the annual Convention of Rotary International, which this year will be held in Italy, from June 6 to 11. Because this event takes place at the expiration of my year as Governor for the 66 Clubs in the 23rd District of Rotary International, I have determined to make the trip.

The Carinthia will arrive in Cherbourg, France, May 29, when a special train will take our passenger list to Paris for one day, thence on to Montreux, Switzerland, where all the present and elect-officers of Rotary International will hold an Assembly for five days; then to Nice for the convention.

Sailing from Quebec June 12, on the Empress of Britain, will be Mrs. Averill and our three children, Bill, 17, John, 15, and Robert, 13. I will meet them in Cherbourg June 18 and then the family will start out for a six-week automobile trip through France, Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, and England, sailing for home July 30, and arriving in Montreal August 10, at the headquarters of the Rotarians of New York. Immediately following the Nice Convention I intend to spend about six days in the city of York. Immediately following the Nice Convention I intend to spend about six days in the city of York.

During my absence the editorial column of this newspaper will be filled with material from some of my Michigan newspaper friends as "guest editors." I know that you will enjoy their offerings—a refreshing relief from the editorial of the staff I have been giving you.

During the trip, of course, I'll send some copy back for this column.

Until the middle of August, then, I suppose I ought to start in some of the European chatter and say, "au revoir," "auf Wiedersehen," "so long!"

## PEACE CONFERENCE DRAWS 150 WOMEN

### Four Local Residents Are Participants in 2-Day Assembly

"Paths to Peace" was the subject discussed at a study of 150 Michigan women attending the two-day conference at the Detroit Y. W. C. A. last evening.

Mrs. John K. Ormond was general chairman of the state-wide movement. Mrs. Fred Farrar, state president of the Detroit Y. W. C. A., presided at the closing luncheon meeting.

Throughout the conference it was repeatedly stressed that peace is an objective has now interested so widely spread a group in the world that attention must be given to a least common denominator for efforts to further that objective.

Addresses were delivered by Benjamin Gerig, of the League of Nations Secretariat; by Prof. John Hayden, of the University of Michigan; and by Prof. Frederick Stossion, also of Michigan's faculty.

The conference passed a resolution in closing making it an international day for the promotion of peace and the technique for preventing world peace were presented to the conference's attention.

Members attending the conference were urged to observe a peace parade, held in Detroit on Mother's Day—Sunday, Over 700 motorists took part in the parade and a number of interesting floats were exhibited. The parade will be an annual event on Mother's Day.

SPRINGDALE CLUB HOUSE ROBBED MONDAY EVENING

## ENDS OWN LIFE

### Former City Prosecutor Shoots Self Tuesday At Home

Funeral Service will be held at 2 P. M. today from the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home for Norman C. Orr, former Oakland County prosecuting attorney, who killed himself early Tuesday morning when he fired a bullet from a deer rifle into his head at his Pleasant Ridge home, 2 Woodland Park Boulevard. He was dependent over continued ill health and declining police and sheriff's officers had searched for him. Reports of where he had been were conflicting. It was reported that Orr was an avid sports Monday until he learned of the divorce action against him. He purchased shells for his rifle in a Royal Oak store the same day.

Coroner Donald Bell stated that Orr killed himself about 1 p. m., having placed the rifle under his chin and pulled the trigger while lying in bed. The discharge brought Mrs. Orr and their children, Shirley, 19 years old; Brackie, 18; and Wilson, 15, to the scene.

Orr was born in Bay City 43 years ago. His family moved to Beaver in 1917. Orr graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1925 and was an Oakland County assistant prosecutor for three years. He was elected prosecutor in 1930. Defeated for reelection in 1932, Orr was elected circuit court commissioner two years later. He then moved to Pleasant Ridge, establishing offices in Royal Oak. He opened a law office in Pontiac early this year after having been defeated for reelection as circuit commissioner.

Due to arthritis, Orr had been unable to give close attention to his law practice, which resulted in before the grievance committee of the Oakland County Bar Association in an evitable result. He was produced entirely by pupils of the law firm, and the vocal sections were very creditably rendered.

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## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE ON FRIDAY

### A free lecture on Christian Science will be presented Friday evening at 8 p. m. in the Community Center, 1000 Woodward Ave., by Dr. J. D. Davis, of Chicago, Ill., a member of the board of lecturers in inter-religious relations. The Free Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.

Miss Elizabeth Otterman will introduce Dr. Davis. His subject will be "Christian Science: Its Healing Message To A World." The public is cordially invited to attend the lecture.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—Earl G. Potter, president of the Birmingham school board.

"When my daughter, Jean Alice, failed to correctly spell the word 'Whiffet,' meaning a small puff of smoke, I was in the final round of the Detroit News Metropolitan Spelling Bee. Each contestant previously had won the district title in the section where they attended school."

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## HILLS BUDGET FOR \$53,750 EFFECT JULY 1

### City Commission Approves 1937-38 Figure Past Tuesday

An operating budget totaling \$53,750 was approved for the coming year by the Bloomfield Hills city commission at their Tuesday evening meeting. The city does not have a debt fund.

The new budget is almost \$9,000 in excess of the current budget but an anticipated surplus of \$14,000 will permit a lower rate than the one in effect at present. The board of review met Saturday to complete its study of property valuations and thus enable a tax rate for the coming year to be established. The rate for the new year probably will be in the neighborhood of \$15 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Operating expense includes cost of maintenance, fire protection, and maintenance of the highway department. The city commission voted \$64,000 into the new budget for highway equipment including a new grader, truck, and tractor and snowplow.

Only \$31,400 of the 1937-38 budget will be raised by direct taxation of property. The balance will be made up from sources of revenue which include delinquent taxes, bonds, and the anticipated surplus of \$14,000. In 1936, \$32,940 was raised by taxation.

A contract to surface Lone Road from Woodward Avenue to Cranbrook Road was let by the city commission Tuesday evening to the Birmingham firm, Taylor Brothers and Sons. The contract provides for a square yard was submitted by the local contractors.

## SCHOOL CONCERTS MARK MUSIC WEEK

### Vocal and Instrumental Programs Presented in Five Buildings

National Music Week was observed by the public schools in Birmingham this year with combined vocal and instrumental school programs.

Some seven hundred parents, and patrons of Pierce and Barnum Schools attended the concert at Barnum School on Tuesday evening, May 4.

Members of the Birmingham Exchange Club, meeting at the Community House Tuesday noon, passed a resolution that letters be written to the Detroit News, Mr. Brown, and Postmaster James B. Farley, urging that Birmingham be given greater consideration for the national spelling bee.

A letter will also be sent to the Rotary and Lions Clubs.

Prizes were awarded to the winners of the season's play in the inter-club contest. The winners were: Fall with five teams, each of which was composed of four men.

Winners were as follows: Highest individual score, J. H. Sheridan; Highest team, Captain Ernest Bartraw, Dave Levison, N. P. Shaw, Pat Sheridan; Second team, Captain Howard Johnson, Robert Allen, Ralph Bricker and James Taylor.

## "A Small Puff of Smoke" Prevents Jean Potter From Winning Spelling Bee Title

"A small puff of smoke" momentarily clouded the mind of Jean Alice Potter, 13, daughter of Earl G. Potter, principal, Kingswood School for girls, Friday night when she spelled "Whiffet," a word which she had learned in the Detroit News Metropolitan Spelling Bee, and after standing for three and one-half hours correctly spelling words that would trip many adults, she missed on the word that makes the difference between a "whiffet"—permitting Iris Fern Jenkens, student at Coolidge School, Ferndale, to become the winner.

Forty-eight girls and eight boys were entered in the spelling bee, which was held annually in the Coliseum at the State Fair grounds. Each contestant previously had won the district title in the section where they attended school.

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only a quartet of other pupils, finally going down to the word "virulent."

As a reward for her excellent work in the spelling bee, she received a medal and a 19-volume World Book Encyclopedia, with an endowment to hold it. Previously, she has been awarded a dictionary and two medals for winning grade and district spelling bees.

Seconds after the winner had correctly spelled the word "whiffet," Jean Alice turned to her, grasped her hand and like a true sportswoman congratulated her. "You were the best speller," Jean Alice said.

Judges in the spelling bee included Marquis Shattuck, director of language education in Detroit schools; S. J. Roth, superintendent of Michigan's Lutheran schools; and Cora L. Haas, Washtenaw County school commissioner.

Thousands of school children filled the flag-draped coliseum, and the cheering of the thousands of spectators was heard from the Kingswood and district bee titles. In the Detroit finals she remained in the running with

## Legion Baseball Team Meets Tonight

Aspirants for positions on Birmingham's Junior American Legion baseball team are asked to attend an organization meeting at 7:15 p. m. tonight at the American Legion Home on Woodward Avenue.

Gordon Bailey, who is in charge of arrangements for the team, stated that names of all youths attending will be taken and practice dates will be arranged so that the team will begin regular work-outs about the middle of June.

Last year the Legion team enjoyed a successful year, winning five games and losing three Royal Oak last year's winner in this district, Rochester, Farmington and several other cities comprise the district league. Five veterans are expected to bolster this year's local squad.

## LIONS APPOINT 5 STATE DELEGATES

### Representatives To Attend Three-Day Convention At Kalamazoo

The Birmingham Lion's Club will designate five delegates to the annual State Convention, to be held this year at Kalamazoo, Mich., May 24 and 25.

With the first meeting, on Sunday afternoon, a busy three days it is to be held at the Kalamazoo Gull Lake, near Kalamazoo, boasts the largest forest of B. Roats of any inland lake in the country, and will be riding and golfing days, as well to entertain delegates.

Edward Kingsley, International President of the Lions Clubs, and Frederic Snyder, well-known news editor of the Birmingham Post-Tribune, will address the convention. There will also be panel discussions, in which the various Lions officers will participate.

Birmingham's official delegates are B. A. Green, J. J. Kelly, W. H. Emmer, and Fred W. Moore, and Dr. A. L. McNaughton. A group of members which is expected to equal if not surpass that number, is planning to spend one more days at the convocation.

## CLUB AIDS FIGHT FOR POST OFFICE

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## FRANKLIN ANNUAL KITE DAY MAY 22

### George W. Smith Offers New Flying Cup For 5th Lively Test

Franklin's fifth annual Kite Day, sponsored by George William Smith, will be held Saturday, May 22, from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the village green. Mr. Smith will present a new silver cup to the winner, the first prize having been the bronze cup of the same competitor, Carlton Everett. Carlton won the cup in 1935, the previous year's champion, and again in 1936. The winner for 1934 was Bobbie Wise, and he has been the champion since then to have his name engraved upon the trophy.

The Franklin Village green is always the scene of this pretty contest, when boys from Bloomfield, Birmingham and Franklin try to outdo each other in picking the best home-made kite. Entrants are judged on the basis of originality of design, workmanship, and behavior in flight and altitude reached. Although the most sought-after prize has been the silver cup, a name engraved on the cup, which is donated by Mr. Smith, there will be first and second prizes awarded for each division.

Many of the contestants every year are boys from the village. Some of the little ladies have constructed their own kites. Just as you, however, and they plan to make it hot competition for the boys.

## TOY FACTORY OWNERS SEEK ZONE CHANGE

### Detroit Manufacturers Ask Hearing To Establish Assembly Plant

A resolution, calling for a public hearing Tuesday, June 1, on the question of revising a section of the present zoning ordinance to permit establishment of a light manufacturing plant in a section of the city prohibiting such a business, was adopted Monday evening by the city commission at their regular weekly meeting.

The resolution was passed after C. W. Emmer and S. H. Hammes, of Emmert-Hammes, Inc., Detroit manufacturers of toys, appeared before the council requesting permission to move their business from its present location to a site near the intersection of South Woodward Avenue and Chapin Street.

Under the zoning ordinance the proposed site is restricted to stores, shops and other small businesses. The public hearing will determine whether the property in question may be rezoned to permit establishment of an assembly plant for toys.

The company specializes in producing five flying models of toy airplanes, which it wholesales to large department stores throughout the country.

The proposed plant would be L-shaped and one story in height. Both wings of the building would measure about 104 feet in length with the width running about 40 feet. The company would employ about 40 persons during its peak production period preceding the Christmas season.

Mr. Emmer and Hammes are located in the former factory on Buckingham Road while Hammes is resident of Knox Street. Their Detroit company has been in operation since 1934.

City Casing is Down

City Manager D. C. Egbert reported to the commission Tuesday that the casing of the city's fourth well has been completed to a level of 123 feet and that the Payne-Northwell oil company, Ind., contractor, already has started work on the inner casing which will extend down 177 feet.

It is expected that the well will be completed by the end of June in time to supply volume of 1000 gallons of water per minute. The commission agreed to assess the cost of the well at \$12,000.

## GOLF CLUB GETS FIRE PROTECTION FOR \$250

### City Commissioners Monday Approve Contract With Birmingham Golf Club \$250 For Fire Protection

City commissioners Monday approved a contract with the Birmingham Golf Club for fire protection during the next 12 months. This action was taken after the club had petitioned the council for protection.

City Manager D. C. Egbert stated that the club building was estimated to be worth \$55,000 with a similar amount for the clubhouse. The club is usually outside the city limits is usually given at double the normal rate.

The commission agreed to assess the club at \$250.

## De Loss Walker Explodes A Few Economic Theories In Address Before Men's Club

### By E. C. Whitney

To those who are wont to accept the adage "everything comes to him who waits" the words spoken last night by DeLoss Walker, lecturer, aviator, and economist, at the Men's Club dinner in Christ Church, must come as a bitter pill. For the speaker told his audience of 200 men that God put the things we need in the ground then left them up with a key and threw it away, at the same time giving us the potential power to dig it up and pick the land and reap the wealth in the earth.

"Did you get man on earth, surrounded him with problems and then gave him the ability to solve them? That's right, I think so," the speaker asserted. "God never gave man a problem that he couldn't solve. Happiness is faith. God is just, and he will give you what you ask for if only we will work for them."

Pointing to the maxim, long ago proved by psychologists, that men usually do the things they get more money. But how? Those proclaiming leadership in the noble fight don't know the answer.

"Economics is a confusing subject to the untutored. They mistake money for wealth, and get more money. But how? They have not yet learned that everything is bought with a price."

"We would be wise in learning that the price of anything is what it costs to produce it." (Continued on Page Two)

J. B. HOWARTH & SON, Real Estate National B. Building

## Baldwin Brass Trio Adjudged Superior

Adjudged "superior" by Harold Branton of the University of Chicago, in state wide competition last Saturday in Ann Arbor, the Baldwin Brass Trio, directed by Arnold W. Berndt, qualified, with the trio from the Harbor, for the national competitive event of the same nature that will be held at Columbus, Ohio on Saturday.

The trio is composed of Frank Pabody, Harold Jones and Robert Sofferberg who have played together only one year. On Saturday they will play Steinhauser's "Culver Falls." In an attempt to earn a similar high rating by their judges.

## DISCUSS PROGRAM FOR LEISURE TIME

### Recreation Commission And Guests Meet Tuesday On Topic

Theodore Brutell, of the Detroit Recreation Department, spoke on constructive recreation activity by means of supervised recreation at a meeting of the Birmingham Recreation Commission. Representatives of many local organizations attended. Howard D. Crull was in charge of the assembly.

Mr. Brutell, who was introduced by Wilmer E. Moody, pointed out that people with modern and efficient methods of operation in industry and transportation now have greater leisure time and are clamoring for some constructive recreation.

"They want physical activity, and they want cultural education, also the speaker said."

"You can keep youths and adults out of beer gardens and other street bawling places. Give them supervised recreation at playgrounds, in community centers, and in clubs. Encourage them to participate in amateur dramatics, group singing, festivals, and other constructive activities."

Motion pictures, tracing the life of a delinquent child by social agencies to combat juvenile delinquency, were shown following Mr. Brutell's talk.

Following the session was given over to informal discussions and questions.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL EXTENDED AGAIN

### Board Will Publish Names Of All Contributing \$5 Or More

At a meeting of the Community House board of directors on Monday evening it was decided to extend this year's annual Roll Call for another week and possibly longer. This action was taken by the board in view of the insufficient pledges and cash contributions made to date.

A financial report on the drive shows that up to yesterday \$6,610.32 has been taken in. Of that amount \$3763.82 is in cash with the balance pledged. The budget for the 1937-38 fiscal year as set up, requires \$10,000 for meeting all expenses.

James S. Haswell, president of the House, stated that the board Monday decided to publish the names of all persons or firms who have contributed five dollars or more to the Roll Call. Lack of space prevented the publishing of the names of all contributors.

Mrs. W. G. Byers, general chairman of this year's campaign, announced that the "committee" is still canvassing certain sectors of the city not fully covered by the club building drive, and that late contributions are coming in from this source.

The special gift committee also has not completed its work, and it is reported that several substantial contributions are expected this week.

## On Return Leg of Non-Stop Flight

### SPANS ATLANTIC Flier and Companion Cover 3,600 Miles Going Over In 21 Hours

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Mrs. Rufus Jones, chairman of the Community House Thrift Shop committee, announces today that storage bags are ready for distribution to the public. The city whose owners may have available usable articles discarded during Spring housecleaning.

Mrs. Jones explained that the bags will be delivered to homes wishing to contribute any usable articles if the givers will telephone 2466 and ask for them. Afterward the bags will be sent and the articles will be stored in readiness for the Thrift Shop opening, October sale in its new quarters.

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