Most of us fret about things not worth fretting about. William Lyon Phelps once said: "Conduct yourself so that every time something nice comes your way, you will be pleasantly surprised about it." This does not mean to be pessimistic—rather to be optimistic; after all, most things are pleasant, even trivial ones.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

When the Duke of Windsor and his Duchess arrive in the United States, they will be feted by hundreds of America's important people; the English exile and his American wife will be the most-sought-after-couple by the most people, while they are here. Among those who will pay great social tribute to this pair are many who are crusading for human conditions that guarantee temperance and domestic fidelity. Verily, verily, when the tom-tom of mob psychology begins to beat many and strange are the feet that dance to it.

Some one truly said that men can break the Ten Commandments, but they cannot destroy them. For the truth embodied in these great Laws is as undying as the sun—and just as life-giving.

You have all heard that, occasionally, it is all right to "tell a little white lie." Is it possible that the Japanese are applying this suggestion, only on a larger scale, by telling a yellow one?

A bachelor is a lonely soul who doesn't want to be lonely and remains lonely only because he has become used to being lonely and perhaps would feel lonesome if he were not by himself. On the average, bachelors are real human beings; they are kind and sympathetic; they envy, then feel sorry for, their married fellows; they love children, do these bachelors, and make wonderful uncles; I believe that all married men would be much better husbands and fathers if they were bachelors, too.

The Education of Mr. Hyman Kaplan

Customers desiring to insure an evening of unalloyed mirth should run, not walk, to the nearest book shop and purchase a copy of "The Education of Hyman Kaplan," by Leonard Q. Ross.

Mr. Kaplan is a student in the American Night Preparatory School for Adults. When Mr. Parkhill, his teacher, heard Mr. Kaplan announce that the plural of "cat" was "Kats," he knew Mr. Kaplan had something. He had.

According to Mr. Kaplan, "the most famous tree American writers" were Jack Launchbottom, Vait Vitterman and the author of "Hawk L. Barry-Finn," one Mock Twain. But when Mr. Kaplan (who declined the verb "to fail" thus, "Fail, failed, bankrupt") wrote his first composition his true genius found expression. I feel morally obligated to reprint this composition.

My Job A Cotter in Dress Faktory

Shakespere is saying what fulls man is and I am feeling just the same way when I am thinking about mine job a Cotter in Dress Faktory on 28 st. by 7 av. For why should we slafing in dark place by laktric lights and all kinds hot for $30 or maybe $36 with overtime for Boss who is fat and driving in fency automobil? I ask! Because we are the depressed workers of world. And are being exployted. By Bosses. In mine shop is no difference. Oh how bad is laktric lights, o how is all kinds hot. And when I am telling Foreman should be better conditions he hollers, Kaplan you rediculs! So I keep still and work by bad light and always hot. But somday will the workers making Besses to work. And then Kaplan will give to them bad laktric and positively no windows for the air should come in! So they can know what it means to slafe! Kaplan will make Foreman a cotter like he is. And giving the most bad designs to cut out. Justice.

Mine job is cotting Dress designs.

THE END

—Roger Allen in Grand Rapids Chronicle.

POSSESSIONS

I have no diamonds to hoard or show
But I have seen the sun on fields of snow
I have no gold, yet none more rich than I
Whose windows open toward a western sky
I own no land, yet mine are these to see
A field of wheat, a neighbor's apple tree
I have no stocks or bonds, but in the end
I am a man of wealth, I have a friend.

(Anon.)

The Unconquerable Meek

Meekness is a thing unconquerable, provided it be true and natural, and not affected or hypocritical. For how shall even the most fierce and malicious person be able to hold on against thee if thou continue meek and loving unto him, and even in the moment when he is about to do thee wrong, he will disposed, of a tranquil temper, and concerned to show him that the wrong he intends will be to his own hurt rather than thine?—Marcus Aurelius, in "Meditation."

Editor-Legislator

Mr. Eaton

CITY REFUSES PHILP SEWER, WATER SERVICE

Commission Holds That Only Annexation Deserves Utilities Extension

Denial of a petition for sewer and water connections for his subdivision on Quarton road was made to A. I. Philp by the City Commission Monday night. Mr. Philp had asked for these connections for four houses which he proposes to construct. This area was put up for annexation to the City last spring, but was voted down by the electors of Bloomfield Township.

Under a-law passed by the last Michigan Legislature, future annexation propositions cannot be voted upon by residents other than those in the piece involved and the territory to which annexation is sought. In view of this, the Commission took the attitude that sewer and water connections for all outside territory will be extended only when annexation is a definitely assured possibility, or reality.

The Commission's attitude is to be forwarded to Mr. Philp. The particular territory is favored by the Commission for annexation, since it is said that its assessed valuation will not add a tax burden to the City. It is understood that Mr. Philp is not opposed to the annexation suggestion for his subdivision, with the exception of the area where his own home is situated.

Cents City Money

"Local history proves that Birmingham must be careful in taking in more adjacent territory," stated Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert. "We have found that in too many cases this new territory costs Birmingham's taxpayers plenty of unnecessary money. In many cases, too, we have found that improvements installed in an area prior to annexation have been inadequate to serve the residents, with the eventual necessity of Birmingham having to do the job over at the whole community's expense."

At the present time Birmingham's area covers four and thirty-hundreths acres, only about 30 per cent of which is improved. The present population is slightly less than 12,000, and existing lands are capable of supporting a population of 90,000 people, City records show.

POLICE WARN DOG OWNERS OF RABIES

Northeast Section Of City Scene Of Travels By Cocker Spaniel

Danger of a spread of rabies in the northeast section of Birmingham is sounded in an announcement yesterday by Chief of Police John P. Hackett, whose office Wednesday took into custody a black and white cocker spaniel owned by Waldo E. Fellows, of 967 Rivenoak avenue. The dog according to Chief Hackett, had been running at large for two days and, while not known to have bitten any person, did sink his teeth into a neighborhood cat. Both animals are being held in the office of Dr. F. H. Gasow, local veterinarian, for observation.

"While we do not wish to cause undue alarm about this case of rabies, we do feel that all persons in that area should be alert to any rabies symptoms that may develop in their canines," stated Chief Hackett. "It may be possible that no other dogs were infected, but I do advise dog owners to watch their pets for signs of biting, snapping, and running; if undue signs of these conditions appear, I hope owners of affected dogs will get in touch with our office at once. It might be well to keep the dogs at home, or in the yard, and watch them closely for the next week or two."

LEGISLATOR EXPOSES PLAN TO CONFUSE TAXPAYERS IN "BALANCING" STATE BUDGET

(This article, by Elton R. Eaton, editor of The Plymouth Mail, and a member of the State Legislature, appeared in the October 15 issue of his newspaper. It tells about Governor Murphy's "budget balancing" and shows how it is being done to cover up the biggest increase in political pay checks and expense accounts that Michigan has ever had.)

By Elton R. Eaton

Big things are going on in Lansing these days. Reports say the governor is "balancing the budget."

That's BIG news—so BIG that it's about time for some one to prick the bubble and see how much air there is on the inside.

So that one can get the background of the whole situation and know just how ridiculous are the efforts to fool the taxpayers at this time, it is essential to go back a few months to the regular session of the state legislature when the GOVERNOR and his cohorts deliberately threw the budget out of balance by demanding higher and higher appropriations for political henchmen and newly created political boards and commissions, and to cover up increased costs of the state government. They knew at the time just what they were doing! They knew the over-burdened taxpayers couldn't stand for what appeared to be a general sky-rocketing of salaries and other state expenses. They had promised an economical government, but they KNEW that state expenses would be higher than ever before as a result of what they were doing, therefore it was necessary to do some juggling of the figures.

So here was the scheme to fool the public—"We'll have the legislature vote bigger appropriations than ever before. Then when the legislature goes home, we'll cut them down, but still leave them higher than they were two years ago," was the way these new smooth state politicians planned.

They figured correctly. The legislature went for it with hammer and tongs. The scheme also fooled some sincere Republicans, except TWO.

The unfortunate part of this article is the fact that the writer must be more or less personal about it because of the part he played in an effort to keep the budget from getting out of balance last spring when it was in the making.

On pages 1595, 1596, 1597 and 1598 of the house journal for the regular legislative session will be found a list of some 79 amendments that were proposed by the writer which if enacted would have cut state appropriations for political job holders by millions of dollars.

What happened to them?

Well in the first place one would have thought that the writer when he offered the amendments, had committed high treason by daring to suggest reductions in the appropriation bills then pending.

As the clerk read the various slashes the amendments intended,

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TRAIN YOUTH, SPEAKER SAYS

Future Of America Lies In Hands Of Today's Young People, Says Johns

Declaring that today's youth has suffered mentally and spiritually from the ravages of the depression, and that the future of America is soon to be in their hands, Ray Johns, of Detroit, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Committee on Boys' Work, told local Rotarians Monday noon that "if you would protect the democratic institutions of this country, you adults will have to cooperate in perfecting and maintaining a practical youth service program."

Mr. Johns, who has spent many years in activities associated with young men and women, was introduced by Robert D. Lynd, secretary of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. Mark Hardin, president of the Birmingham Rotary Club, presided at the luncheon, held each week in the Community House.

Danger Can Be Averted

"Today's youth, who was subjected to the terrific realities of life—realities of unemployment and its correlative hardships," stated Mr. Johns. "Youth has been discouraged because it could not find a place for itself in the business of earning a decent living. Social evils have sprung up as the result of these conditions, and society is faced with the inevitable necessity of re-inspiring young men and women; we adults are required to take an active interest in the building up of a community youth service program. Unless we do these things, I believe, we are menaced by a youth movement that may enthrone a dictator, just as has happened in Russia, Italy, and Germany.

"But there is a bright cloud in the sky; today more and more jobs are opening to youth; more and more adults are cooperating in

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2,000 MARCHERS SIGN UP FOR FALL PARADE

Judges, Prizes And Line Of March Ready For Big Crowd

"We'll look hard at all 2,000 of the paraders, says Dr. Jack Hassberger, chairman of the Judges for the Fall Festival Parade. He has appointed his co-workers, as one of the final steps in preparation for the mammoth affair. The other two judges will be Miss Blanche Breakey and City Manager, Donald C. Egbert. They will preside over the parade on the gaily bedecked judges' stand, which will be placed in front of the Wabeek building, as in former years.

Prizes to individual marchers and to floats will be distributed at this point in the line of march. Ed Laird, chairman of the prize committee, announces that a wealth of prizes, in the form of cash and gifts, to be awarded to the estimated 2,000 marchers.

The line of march calls for the parade to start from Baldwin high school and march down Martin street to Bates; south on Bates to Townsend; east on Townsend to Pierce; north on Pierce to Martin; West on Martin to Henrietta; north on Henrietta to West Maple; west on Maple to Southfield, and from Southfield down to Martin again. The parade will circle once around the bonfire, which will be ignited on the playground, to break ranks and assemble in the line waiting for food.

Miles W. Robinson, Parade Marshall, in issuing the marching instructions to the participants, says, "I want to ask, through the pages of The Eccentric, that motorists please try to stay out of the parade. I realize that this will be a big parade and block a good many streets in transit, but it won't last very long, and it would certainly make a better parade if nothing interfered with the line of march."

Mr. Robinson also issued formation instructions to the various schools which will march, number-

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ADULTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL ONE NIGHT

P. T. A. Offers Sample 'Day' To All Parents Of H. S. Students

An evening school for parents, sponsored by the Baldwin high school Parent Teachers Association will be held at the school on Tuesday, November 9, beginning at 7:45. The project is in observance of American Education Week, which begins on Monday, November 8.

Parents will be given an opportunity to attend ten-minute classes, following exactly the daily schedules of individual students. Each class will contain enough information so that the "students" can form an idea of what their children may be expected to learn from the course.

So that the evening will not be all work and no play, a sample assembly will be given in the auditorium, and refreshments will be served. The "night school" will wind up the evening with a basketball exhibition.

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CITY'S POLICIES & OBJECTIVES TOLD BY MARTZ

Mayor Praises Improved Personnel and Finances Of Community

Vividly portraying the aims and objectives, together with recent accomplishments, of Birmingham's municipal activities, John E. Martz, Mayor, addressed members of the Birmingham Exchange Club Tuesday noon at the Community House. The Mayor, who lives on Lakeview avenue, practices law in Detroit; he was introduced Tuesday by Don Egbert, City Manager, a member of the Club.

Praises City Hall

"May I modestly submit to you my belief that right now your City Commission is composed of level-headed, practical businessmen, every one of which has had years of experience in public affairs," Mayor Martz began, "and may I further add the belief that we have, in the City Hall, a staff of men and women who are sincerely and capably discharging their respective duties. No one in our entire organization is likely to run 'hog-wild' in any of the public's business, or with the public's money. We believe that we have in operation a sensible economy of affairs; we have achieved a number of excellent public objectives in the past year and a half, and are planning progressive improvements in the future development of your City's various services to you.

"Much is demanded in a residential community like Birmingham. We submit that these services are being provided now, and more can and will be provided, but our present basic policy of conservatism must be followed for some time to come, due to the financial condition of the City."

Mayor Martz narrated the condition of the various City departments, and declared that every one of them is operating on an efficient basis. He paid special tribute to the work that City Manager Egbert is performing, since being promoted to his position one year ago, following the resignation of former Manager James W. Parry; Egbert for several years had been City Assessor. The activities of Treasurer Harold H. Corson's office also came in for commendation by the speaker, as did those of Chief of Police John P. Hackett, City Assessor Elmer Haack, and Fire Chief Verne Griffith.

No Complaints

"Since Mr. Egbert became City Manager, neither I nor any member of the City Commission have heard a single criticism of the

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ROEHM ADVISES PARENTS' CLUB

Says Adults Win Respect By Deserving It; Begs For 'Judgment'

"Parents will receive respect and obedience from their children if they deserve and expect it," reiterated Dr. Harold Roehm, speaker at the first meeting of the Parent Study Club, a project of the Baldwin high school Parent Teacher Association, at the Club's initial meeting Thursday night. Dr. Roehm addressed an attentive audience with a talk entitled "The Care and Needs of the Teen-Age Student."

He exhorted the parents to pay close attention to children from birth, since the habits they form in infancy will make or mar their whole lives. He deplored the lack of judgement displayed when parents allow youngsters to keep their own hours, and turn over the reins to them before they are normally be expected to "know what it's all about."

"When two adults marry and have a family they know right from wrong, and the importance of understanding Cause and Effect," further stated Dr. Roehm.

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MERCHANTS EXTEND THANKS

As President of the Birmingham Retail Merchants Association, I wish to thank the local public for the way in which they responded to the two-day challenge sale held in our city last week. The local retailers have been well pleased with the results of this event. They, no doubt, have made many new friends and hope that this friendship might be continued.

You, as local citizens, have been greatly impressed by the high quality of merchandise carried by your store-keeper and will find the majority of your needs may be purchased locally and with very little effort on the part of the purchaser.

Rebukes Jury

Photo by Sid Wells

Judge Heath
(David Balfeatine)

This photograph was taken of "Judge Heath" during the trial by The Eccentric court photographer.

JURY CONVICTS KAREN ANDRE OF MURDER

Verdict Arouses Court's Ire; Jurors Reprimanded (Read the Story)

By Marjorie Elaine Porter

In the silence of a hushed but crowded courtroom, Karen Andre, beautiful Swedish secretary of the late Beern Faulkner, financial operator, was found guilty of first degree murder by a criminal court jury early today as the climax of one of the most sensational trials in criminal records.

The mangled body of Faulkner was found on the street below the Faulkner building, the night of January 16, after it had been hurled from the gallery surrounding the pent house apartment he provided for Miss Andre. On examination, the body was found to contain a bullet wound in the throat. Faulkner's secretary, who was his sole companion at the time, was charged with the murder.

Judge Delivers Rebuke

A sensational note was sounded at the conclusion of the trial, when Judge David B. Heath, who heard the case, after a stern rebuke to the jury for returning the verdict convicting Miss Andre, announced his intention of having the 12 names stricken from the lists for five years. In his charge to the jury, Judge Heath had instructed them to return a verdict of "acquittal or -murder in the first degree." His rebuke caused a flurry of excitement in the courtroom.

Judge Heath had earlier rebuked Defense Attorney James B. Stevens for an outburst following a series of clashes between Stevens and District Attorney Carleton S. Flint, over admission of testimony and evidence.

The jury returned after an absence of 15 minutes. Declaring he considered it unnecessary to

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INSURANCE RAISED ON CITY BUILDINGS

Three-Year Policy Obtained For Municipal and Baldwin Public Library

Birmingham's City Commission Monday night purchased a co-insurance policy covering the Municipal and Baldwin Public Library buildings, at an annual premium of $200.40. The policy was sold by Clare Stewart, and is for a three-year period.

This policy protects the Municipal building up to 70 per cent of any loss incurred from fire, based upon its original cost less depreciation; the present figure established amounts to $90,000. The same rule applies to the Library, the present insurable value of which is set at $77,000.

The contract was made upon recommendation of City Manager Donald Egbert, and is claimed to be a better business arrangement for the City when compared to the former policy, which only covered $30,000 maximum loss for both buildings. These structures are considered practically fireproof, the greatest danger being in the combustibility of the contents.

The sentiment of the Commission was voiced by Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert, who said that "I believe we favor sufficient insurance on public property to protect the public's interest. We cannot handle public property as we would private possessions, for in the latter we often under-insure because of willingness to assume personal risk."

Auction Of Former Bank's Real Estate Nets Small Return

Receiver M. M. Ashbaugh Declares Public Sale Not Satisfactory

DEPOSITORS PROTEST

F. W. Johnson, Stockholder and Heavy Depositor, Writes to Washington

Considerable dissatisfaction is apparent this week, both on the part of the Receiver and former depositors of the old First National Bank of Birmingham, following a public auction last Friday when various real estate assets of the institution were offered for sale. The auction, held in the Community House with 200 persons present, brought much less than was expected; in several cases the prices received amounted to less than the present assessed valuation of the properties.

—Still Open to Bids

According to Murray M. Ashbaugh, Receiver for the former bank that closed March 4, 1933, he will entertain further offers for several important improved pieces of real estate, including the building that now houses his local offices, and the one containing the three stores, located on Woodward avenue, between Maple and Hamilton avenues. The former building was listed as a $90,000 asset on the books of the old bank, and is now assessed at $20,300; it brought only $9,000 at the auction sale.

The former First National Bank closed March 4, 1933, with liabilities to depositors amounting to $1,900,000. To date depositors have received 45 per cent in dividends, the last of which was made in July, 1935, amounting to 10 per cent. Receiver Ashbaugh plans to use present assets to pay off existing bank loan of $45,000. He dislikes borrowing money at interest to make another dividend payment; says that another year will be required, under normal liquidation operations, to pay next 10 per cent dividend, but will submit earlier request to Washington if depositors deem urgent in near future, and then abide by Comptroller's decision.

The three-store building, with a Woodward frontage of 56 feet, originally cost $350 per foot for the land alone, 18 years ago; it is now assessed by the City at $28,000, and brought only $18,100 at the sale last Friday.

Less Than Appraisal

"The prices offered at the sale were much less than our appraisal," stated Mr. Ashbaugh yesterday to The Eccentric. "On the whole, I am not satisfied with the prices realized. Several conditions may be the cause of this; among them are the recent stock market slump, the attendance at the sale was too small, and perhaps the time of year was off a bit.

"Some of the prices offered will be approved by myself to the Comptroller's office in Washington. Others will be held open for substantial increases. None of the bids is definite and final, of course, until Washington approves them. Already I have received offers of higher prices on some pieces."

The auction was conducted by Ben Temple, of Lynchburg, Virginia, one of three auctioneers engaged by the Comptroller to handle the liquidation of real estate held by national banks in receivership throughout the nation.

There Are Prices

Among the improved pieces of property sold, other than the two mentioned above, are a house on Brownell street for $1875, the assessment on which now stands in the City offices at $1460; Mike Harabedian purchased this, and also assumes the payment of delinquent taxes amounting to $785.

A large brick house at the southeast corner of West Maple

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PLAN TO DRESS 'MAIN STREET' FOR HOLIDAYS

Merchants Approve Project To Bring About "Spirit Of Yuletide

For the first time in its history, Birmingham is definitely assured of a colorfully lighted "Main Street" in keeping with the Christmas season. This was made possible Tuesday afternoon when local merchants assembled to approve the expenditure of $1300 on this decorative project, the funds to be raised by themselves.

"Our plan calls for the decoration and illumination of 27 of the Edison Company poles on Woodward avenue, between Oakland avenue and Frank street, and 15 poles on Maple, between Brownell and Bates streets," stated Paul Kurth, president of the Birmingham Retail Merchants' Association. "Each pole will have a huge red candle play at its top, with a light bulb, all finished in red. Extending two ways from each pole will be brackets upon which ropes of arbor vitae will be wound, inter-twined with colored lights. Also on each pole we will place a large wreath, tied gaily with a huge red bow.

"At the intersection of Woodward and Maple avenues we will arrange a criss-cross effect of lights, and from the center there will hang a large star or bell. The whole project is being planned to assist in creating a 'Christmassy' state of mind for our people."

No merchandising plan, consisting of prizes, will be offered this year by Birmingham merchants. For the past several years a plan had been in effect, and, though abandoned for the coming holiday season, a special committee is studying ideas for inaugurating some plan for next year.

The decorations will be installed by the Detroit Flag Co., and will be completed and in use from December 4 and until January4. Leonard Electric Co. was awarded the contract to wire the lights, the current for which is being paid for by the City, funds for which were granted recently by the City Commission.

'Y' HEADS SET $4,820 AS QUOTA

Annual Campaign Opens With Dinner For 71 Solicitors

The opening dinner for participants in the Y. M. C. A's. annual drive for funds, started the campaign off to an enthusiastic start, at the Community House Friday night. There are 71 men working to raise this year's quota of $4,820. According to the plan, they were to make 466 calls during the week, and present their reports at a dinner meeting under the chairmanship of Raymond Peck, at 6:30 p. m. this Friday, in the Community House.

Preceding the speeches, Wilson Jenkin led the group in community singing. The first address was made by Robert D. Lynd, "Y" secretary, in which he outlined the organization's program for the coming year.

These plans, he said, include the establishing of game room centers at the Community House and in the south Birmingham area, among other things. Mr. Lynd also outlined the growth of the Y. M. C. A. camp, Mahn-Go-Tah-See.

It was explained that the work of the organization revolves around groups of men and boys, who meet regularly with a well-rounded program. One of the salient features of this group work is the influence of the adult leader, who shares the fun and problems of the boys. Various of the group leaders were introduced to the audience, including Robert Erickson, Roland Erickson, Richard Phillips and Mr. Jenkin.

Bachtold Is Speaker

Mr. Jenkin stated that the groups, which meet regularly on Monday and Tuesday nights, are bending every effort to attain the group objectives. This will be successful, he concluded, when a uniform high level of character training is achieved.

Walter Morgan, chairman of adult recreation, made his report. He said plans included the formation of a basket-ball league and several volley ball groups.

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