The business of planning your life is something like the business of planning a meal; you don't want bread and meat alone, nor do you find hunger satisfied only with pie and cake. But whatever you eat, you like it properly seasoned—and what you do in life is better if seasoned with simple kindness.

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Birmingham Allotted $155,000 Postoffice Building

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Suggestions by the Michigan State Police that greater safety will result on our highways by cutting the speed of automobiles to fifty miles per hour, contains practical sense, of course. But equally, perhaps more so, is the need for cutting out some of the types of drivers that sit behind the wheel.

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At the next session of Congress laws may be enacted to regulate the hours and wages of industry throughout the nation, even presenting regulations more drastic than under the deceased NRA. All of which suggests but one thing: the United States is rapidly drifting toward the Totalitarian State. Private enterprise will be stifled; pioneering by individuals will be finished; groups will be in the saddle—groups too often dominated only by the lust for political power and prestige.

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"Henry Ford deserves a licking," shouts Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile workers," and we propose to give it to him." What a lovely, American attitude, for a former preacher to have! Mr. Martin's declarations bear the earmarks of a man whose mind is on the borderline of fanaticism. Certainly, labor is entitled to its share of the world's goods—but to indict the man who really gave the world the automobile, with its millions of jobs, is to be an ingrate, it seems to me.

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Father Charles E. Coughlin tells the British people, recently in London, that they are right in not paying Uncle Sam their war debt. If he qualified it on the basis that they shouldn't pay if they can't, that is one thing; but to tell them they should repudiate an international debt—even though incurred during time of war—is to tell them that business morality is not worth living up to. But, then, Father Coughlin is still a young man, ambitious, playing to the crowds, and what he says isn't always worth listening too.

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Did you notice that fine group of local boys who make up the Baldwin High School football team, published in last week's Eccentric? Various emotions impel those boys to try "to make the team," of course, but we hope the finest will be that of the common aim of "pulling for Baldwin," as a symbol of the American public school system. Here's hoping that coach George Wurster produces many victories with his team—and also that its defeats will be only on the score board, not in the hearts and heads of the boys themselves.

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To be sure, the new school hours inaugurated by Supt. of Schools Howard Crull may require the boys and girls to get up a bit earlier—but that fits in with life itself, doesn't it? When they leave school to enter work, most of them will have to rise early to reach their jobs. Cooperation of parents in this new plan will help in the educational processes of our schools.

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City Treasurer Harold H. Corson states that current taxes are being paid with more than usual promptness. That means that more people have money, and that they appreciate the fine community in which they reside.

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Well, summer is gone with the usual flight of time, isn't it? Last Sunday afternoon I built our first wood fire in the living room fireplace, and it felt good, and looked good, too. I used to think that sitting before a fireplace, and watching the flames consume the wood, was a waste of time; even though it was mighty fascinating—like looking at water in a fast moving river, or plunging over a waterfall. Then I came to the conclusion that looking at a fire was like going through an art gallery; for the cheerful blaze of wood logs burning in an open fireplace makes for an ever-changing picture, both in outline and color. So now I can just sit and revel in the picture of an open fireplace, and consider not a single moment wasted time.

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I may be over-glorifying the sense of smell, but it is only because I walked this morning in a world of odours. The greatest of the senses, of course, is not smell or hearing, but sight. What would not any man exchange for that: for the faces one loves, for the scenes one holds most dear, for all that is beautiful and changeable and beyond description? The Scotch Preacher says that the saddest lines in all literature are those of Milton, writing of his blindness.

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START PLANS FOR FESTIVAL COMING WEEK

Charles Shain Again Named To Head Hallowe'en Affair

Charles J. Shain already has held a secret meeting with the spooks and goblins by way of arranging a bigger and better Hallowe'en Festival this year than the two highly successful affairs of the past.

Mr. Shain, for the third successive time, has been named general chairman of the festival which last year attracted nearly 2000 youths in the city. Definite plans for the annual affair will be worked out next Wednesday evening when the chairman will confer with members of his committee meeting with a group of high school boys and girls who will serve as representatives of the city's youth. Assisting Mr. Shain will be S. O. Wylie, Bell who again has agreed to provide the beef for the mammoth barbecue, Joe Stroup, who also will serve again as chef for the festival, Ray Bechtold, Baldwin principal, Robert Lynd, Y.M.C.A. secretary, and several others to be appointed.

A letter has been forwarded to the city commission requesting a contribution for the affair and it is expected that the civic clubs again will contribute funds to defray expenses. Individual contributions also will be gladly accepted by the committee, Mr. Shain said.

Festival Proves Popular

The past year's festival proved an overwhelming success with the crowd of 2000 youths being handled without a hitch. Eighty-six fathers assisted in handling the barbecue. A parade through the center of the city opened the affair. Afterward, the barbecue was served on the Hill School grounds near a huge bonfire. A free motion picture in Baldwin's auditorium and a dance at the Community House concluded the evening's entertainment.

START ANNUAL DRIVE OCT. 10

City, Township Divided Into Sections For Red Cross Roll Call

The annual Roll Call for the Birmingham branch of the American Red Cross will be held October 10 through 16, according to the local Roll Call chairman, Mrs. H. H. Corson. Birmingham and a part of Bloomfield Township have been divided into five sections, which will be organized under the directions of five committees and their leaders. These latter include, Mrs. Bernard L. Snyder for the section east of Woodward; Mrs. Elmer G. Fremont, the north and Quarton section; Mrs. Donald McGraw's territory is between West Maple and Quarton road, west to the Township line; Mrs. M. D. Watts, the south west

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Pupils Express Approval Of New School Day, Hoping It Means Less Home Study

In response to questions put to them by The Eccentric, the parents and pupils according to the local Roll Call chairman, Mrs. students generally have expressed their approval of the new school hours. (Wherein secondary grades, from the 7th through the 12th grades begin at 8:30 instead of 9 a.m. and have one hour instead of an hour and a quarter at noon.) This week The Eccentric presents the views of a cross section of the students themselves, pupils chosen at random as they came out of the building Wednesday afternoon.

Ed Wolfe, 782 Pierce street—"I think the new hours are all right. When we get under way I'm sure there won't be even half as much home work to do. The shorter noon hour isn't bad either, and I don't have to come to school any earlier than I always have."

Jane Jones, 12660 Buckingham road—"In time, I think the new hours will work out very well. The shorter noon hour is quite inconvenient, for me at least. I think the hours may cut down on part of the home work—perhaps."

John Furlong, 1115 Buckingham road—"The new hours are all right except for the noon hour. I have to go way over by Adams and grab my lunch and then tear back here. I suppose it'll cut down on home work though. I hope so."

Winnie Watkins, 952 Ridgedale avenue—"There's nothing for us to do in the study halls. The short noon hour is okay I guess. I think the new idea will cut down on home work but we probably can't consult our teachers because they'll all be busy when we have this free time."

Bill Conway, 844 Hazelwood avenue—"I'm sure the increase in hours will lessen home work, but I don't think we'll have an opportunity to consult the teachers. The shorter noon hour is inconvenient, at least I find it so."

Melva Milby, 1283 Buckingham road—"The study halls are so full that lots of students have to stand up or lean against a wall, and so noisy that nobody could get any studying done in the extra hour or so. I'm new here this year but I didn't think this school is run as well as the one in Royal Oak. The short noon hour doesn't bother me any because where I come from we only had half an hour."

Diggins Farrar, Kennesaw road and Poppleton avenue—"The short noon hour cuts just enough off our time to make it an unhappy idea. I suppose the longer hours mean less home work though."

Educational Supervisors

—Photo by Arnold

Here is the group that will supervise the education of your children during the present school year. Two new faces are among those pictured, Ray Bechtold, fifth from the left, being the new Baldwin principal and W. T. Thomas, extreme right, new Adams School head. Bechtold succeeds Melvin C. Hart while Thomas replaces F. Morse Cooke.

Others in the picture include, left to right, Supt. of Schools Howard D. Crull, Pierce Principal John Springman, Miles W. Robinson, Barnum School principal, and Miss Madgeline Frederick, Quarton principal.

House Is Seeking Employment Head

Applications for the manager of the employment office of the Community House are still being received and considered, according to Mrs. Julia K. Lally, House director. The Board of Directors of the Community House met Monday night, but came to no decision regarding the filling of the position. The temporary manager is conducting the affairs of the office until such time as a permanent one is appointed.

The Thursday night dinners, from 6:30 to 7 p. m. are to be held again this year, and the first one will be tonight. It is requested that reservations be telephoned in as early as possible, in order to facilitate the buying of supplies and to insure the chances of getting a reservation. The service clubs, Rotary, Lions and Exchange are now holding their regular weekly luncheon meetings in the House.

REPORT FOR AUGUST SHOWS $2 FIRE LOSS

The Birmingham Fire Department's regular monthly statement, issued Wednesday for the month of August, reports comparatively few calls and almost no fire damage done for the month. The department answered nine alarms, one of which involved the inhalator. The estimated loss on buildings from fire was only $2.00, and there was no monetary loss on the contents of buildings. Well inspection involved 31 hours of work for the department, and fire prevention work occupied 14½ hours.

PETTY THIEVES ARE BUSY HERE

Roach, Clark Residences And Pierce School Entered

Another epidemic of petty robberies kept the victims, the lawbreakers and the police department busy during the past week, the most important night from this standpoint being that of September 12. At that time, a burglar broke into the home of Richard Roach, on Birmingham boulevard, by means of a living room window. The loot included a dozen silver spoons, nine silver forks, a pair of silver sugar tongs, $5.00 in cash and a box of miscellaneous articles valued at $75.00.

It is thought that the same person or persons were the ones who broke a window in the Pierce school lunchroom on the same night. The desks of all the teachers were thoroughly ransacked, but up until the time the incident was reported to the police, nothing has been missed. No arrest

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Exchangites Hear Medical Chief Talk

Dr. John S. Lambie, chief medical officer of the Fisher Body corporation, spoke to Exchangites at luncheon Tuesday noon in the Community House. Dr. Lambie talked on the personal problem of the laboring man as related to health and economics. He presented the story of the enactment of the compensation law and told what corporations are doing to build up the goodwill of people afflicted with occupational diseases.

Howard Wendorph, vice-president presided in the absence of Rice Howell, president. Guy Jensen, program chairman, introduced Dr. Lambie announcing that the speaker next week would be John C. Winters, attorney, whose subject will be "The Arrest, Trial and Conviction of Jesus Christ from a Lawyer's Viewpoint."

DINNER MEET OCT. 22 FOR SCOUT LEADERS

The first regular meeting of the Birmingham District Committee of Boy Scouts will be held next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Community House. The program will open with dinner and will be followed by a discussion of the year's plans for scouting here in addition to a report from the group of scouts who attended the national jamboree at the capitol this summer. All scouters and members of the District Committee are urged to attend this initial assembly.

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'38 ESTIMATE FOR WELFARE IS $729,130.00

Budget For County About $50,000 Under Past Year's Sum

Oakland County's welfare commission, at a dinner meeting in the Fox and Hounds Inn Tuesday, approved a tentative budget of $729,130 for the 1938 fiscal year but took no action on the problem of providing education for 38 children, charges of the state, who, with their parents, form the welfare tent colony northeast of Royal Oak on the 13-Mile Road. County Welfare Administrator S. S. Skelton and the commission expressed concern for the schooling of these children but stated they felt the school district (Lanphere School in School District No. 4 fractional, Royal Oak Township) and the state were responsible.

The new budget, about $50,000 under the current figure, provides for the handling of mother's pension cases, aid to the blind and dependent children, in addition to general relief cases. It is estimated the average monthly case load will be 1760.

Estimated state and federal monies will make up two-thirds of the revenue with local units furnishing the balance of $242,545. Although the budget is based on 100 per cent collection, Skelton estimates that delinquent tax payments will nearly offset failures to pay taxes allotted the new budget.

The 1938 budget will be submitted to the county board of supervisors which will either adopt or revise it sometime in October.

Housing Problem Acute

Skelton said the welfare housing problem in the county was acute and that nine families faced eviction proceedings in the courts at this time.

"The only solution appears to be a continuance of tent houses throughout the county," the administrator said. "We have 18 near Royal Oak, eight at Elizabeth Lake and, altogether, about 26 tent houses and an equal number of tents in use and families occupying them have made no plea. In fact, a number of them have asked to be placed in the tents for the winter."

The commission approved purchase of six more tents to care for additional families during the winter. Skelton will obtain bids on insulating all tent houses and this work will get under way at once. He said it costs about $270 to construct a tent house with insulated floor and walls, in addition to providing a stove, door and window. Insulating the present tent houses and equipping them with stoves will cost $84.60 each, he added.

Present at the meeting, in addition to Administrator Skelton, were Edgar Downs, chairman of the commission, Fred Smith, vice-chairman, W. T. DeBaets, chief accountant for the commission, and Mrs. Gertrude Barrett, secretary.

'Y' DIRECTORS MEET TONIGHT

Initial Fall Assembly At House Is Called By Dr. Ormond

Dr. John K. Ormond, chairman of the board of directors of the local Y. M. C. A. organization, announces the initial fall assembly of the board tonight in the Community House. Directors are asked to be present at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. Ormond will call for reports on the association's part in the local recreation program this summer and on work accomplished at Oakland County's Y. M. C. A. Camp Mahn-Go-Tah-See, Loon Lake, at which about 100 Birmingham youths were enrolled. In addition, plans will be discussed for the opening of school Y clubs and for the promotion of the annual Cranbrook Older Boys and Girls Conference, to be held at Christ Church, Oct. 16.

Directors include: Dr. Ormond, chairman; Ray Peck, vice-chairman; Oscar Peterson, treasurer; Joseph Dalley, secretary; W. E. Moody, chairman of the finance committee; E. W. Seaholm, chairman of the camp committee; and Arthur J. Brandt, Norman Grubbs, E. W. Allen, Y. C. Smith, Paul Averill, Walter Morgan, Miles W. Robinson, Merlyn Smiley. Robert Lynd is general secretary of the association.

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Club Speaker

Franklin E. Morris

Oakland County Prosecutor Franklin E. Morris spoke on, "Crime and Cooperation" Monday noon at the Rotary assembly in the Community House. Details concerning his remarks are found elsewhere on this page. Mr. Morris is a member of the Ferndale Rotary Club.

CRIME CONTROL IS DISCUSSED

County Prosecutor Morris Speaks To Rotarians Monday

Curtailing America's annual 15-billion dollar crime wave and the consequent lessening of local law violations largely depends on the development of greater parental guidance in the rearing of children and increased interest and cooperation in the matter of law enforcement on the part of individual citizens, Franklin E. Morris, Oakland County Prosecutor, told members of Birmingham's Rotary Club at their first fall meeting in the Community House Monday noon. J. Mark Hardin presided at the session with E. G. Whitney serving as the day's program chairman.

Prosecutor Morris cited several instances within this county where existance of these conditions not only hampered but prevented his office from carrying out prosecution of guilty parties. Instances are known where car thieves and

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Have You Met?—

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ross Mack, 1160 Lake Park Drive? They have three children, Hugh, who is 14, and a student at Baldwin High School this fall, and Grace and Helen who are nine-year-old twins and enrolled in Quarton school. Mr. Mack is employed by the Fred M. Randall advertising company. Mrs. Mack, who explained that they are acquainted with many people here in Birmingham, feels sure they are going to find it an ideal place in which to make their home.

LIONS SEEK EYE GLASS FRAMES TO AID NEEDY

The Lions Club appeals to residents of the city to contribute discarded eye glass frames to the club in order to aid the civic group in furthering their work in handling needy defective vision cases here. Persons wishing to donate frames are asked to get in touch with Mark Bearss at the Wabeek Pharmacy or notify any member of the club.

Wurster's Warriors Ready For Berkley Here Friday In Opening Football Clash

Coach George Wurster's Maroon warriors will take the field against the powerful Berkley eleven Friday afternoon at Pierce Field in the opening gridiron test for both squads.

A well conditioned, alert and aggressive machine will carry the colors of Baldwin High into the fray. Intensive training coupled with many long, hard scrimmage practices have fitted the youthful stalwarts for a season of gruelling encounters. To date, only one casualty has resulted in two weeks of training. Ted Snyder, a rather light but speedy back adept at tossing the pigskin, sustained a broken shoulder bone the past week.

Berkley is expected to provide plenty of opposition. The visitors are last year's Class B league champions and the team returns here with many of the veterans of the '36 squad. Despite last year's loss to the opening opponents, Coach Wurster feels confident his charges will show plenty of speed and power. One thing Baldwin has developed this year is a potent scoring punch and the new mentor has not relied on an aerial attach as his only weapon.

A newcomer to the Maroon lineup is expected to help fill the gap in the line caused by graduation. He is Don Patterson, Dayton, Ohio youth, who has shown plenty of ability as a flankman. The veteran Junior Forester also is counted on as a bulwark in the center of the line.

Line-up

The probable starting line-up for Baldwin Friday includes:

McCarthy, Left End
Eade, Left Tackle
Clark, Left Guard
Forester, Center
Colgrove, Right Guard
Pollock, Right Tackle
Patterson, Right End
Bedard, Quarter
Carey, Left Half
Etter, Right Half
Scolaro, Fullback.

To Seek Bids On New Site At Once

Two Year Fight For Ample Quarters Brings Assurance Of Adequate Postal Facilities Here Within Next 18-24 Months

Two years of concerted effort on the part of public spirited citizens, groups, and Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne, aided by the cooperative efforts of Senator Prentiss M. Brown and Representative George A. Dondero, has been rewarded with the announcement this week by the United States Treasury Department that $155,000 has been made available for the purchase of a site and construction of a new postoffice building in Birmingham. The Treasury Department will seek bids on a suitable site at once.

The new structure probably will be ready for occupancy within 18 months, or not more than two years. Its exact location is not known as yet, final selection of the site being left to the federal postal authorities, in cooperation with the needs and feelings of local residents. The government's lease on the building now occupied by the postoffice here does not expire until November, 1938.

Congress recently authorized a new public building program with 319 projects, principally postoffices, included and appropriated seventy million dollars for buildings approved by the Treasury and Postoffice Departments. Michigan benefited to the extent of $1,440,000. Of the 12 new postal buildings allotted to the state only two, Highland Park ($300,000) and Detroit (Fairview Station) $280,000, exceeded the sum to be spent here.

Efforts Rewarded

Two years ago Postmaster Byrne appeared before the city commission and asked that body to consider offering the federal government a park site as an inducement for a new building. No action was taken on this proposal due to circumstances beyond the control of the council.

Following this initial effort, public spirited citizens took up the fight, Ralph I. Coryell in particular, carrying on a continued correspondence with postal officials at Washington and keeping alive the question.

Late in 1936 Byrne, at Washington's request, made a general survey of conditions here, reporting on population figures and the rate of growth. He was aided in compiling this last estimate by the public utilities who placed the city's population at 17,000 in 1947. This information was turned over to postoffice officials at Washington.

The Exchange Club took up the agitation this past spring, sending Senator Brown, Representative Dondero and Postmaster General James Farley resolutions urging establishment of a new building here. Other copies were sent to the two remaining civic clubs and individual members of the Exchange group were asked to write or wire their concurrence. The Eccentric also took part in stirring up interest in the project, orinting a number of stories outlining the progress effected at the time.

In a letter to Senator Brown, S. W. Purdum, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, pointed out that in considering the selection of projects under the authorization, the representations which Brown submitted in behalf of the Birmingham project were given careful attention. Purdum said that records showed that local postal receipts had increased from $28,564 in 1925 to $56,844 in 1936.

The increase in receipts, coupled with the fact that the present quarters under lease here are insufficient for the proper conduct of business led authorities to grant the $155,000 allotment, Purdum wrote Senator Brown. He said, further, that the Treasury Department will proceed immediately with the preparation of advertisements for sites and all properties offered will be given careful consideration.

After a site has been selected, the Procurement Division of the Department will prepare plans and specifications for the building and again advertisements will be issued calling for construction bids. The assistant Postmaster General said the structure would prove adequate for many future years.

Washington Controls

"Personally, I have nothing to do with the selection of the site, or the letting of the contract," Congressman Dondero said yesterday, when interviewed in his office in Royal Oak. "This matter is entirely in the hands of the Postoffice Department in Washington. Inspectors trained in this phase of the work will handle the determination of the site. Advertisements will be made for the best possible site for the structure, the total cost of which averages between 25 and 30 per cent of the entire appropriation. In selecting a location, it is the practice of the Postoffice Department to pick one located where it can be of the best service to the people; such a site also has to be located where the problems of delivery and parking are met satisfactorily."

When completed and occupied, Birmingham will boast its first

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MERCHANTS MEET TONIGHT

The annual business meeting of the Birmingham Retail Merchants' Association will be held at 8 p.m. tonight in the Community House, according to President William G. Olsen who strongly urges all members to attend. Election of officers for the ensuing year and a discussion of plans for the coming holiday season will come before the association at the assembly. The nominating committee appointed by President Olsen has selected names of likely candidates for office although others may be offered from the floor at the session, it was announced.

BALDWIN HAS STUDENT GAIN

Increase Of 29 Noted With Registration Not Yet Completed

Registration is still in progress at Baldwin, with 705 names listed to date. This is a slight increase over last year's registration, and it is estimated that the increase will be larger before the registration is complete. Two weeks from the opening day of school last year, there were 676 pupils registered. This year's figures will

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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Carleton E. Ashby of Cooley Beach drive, Pontiac: "I just returned from a Western trip to Oregon, Washington and Yellowstone National Park. It's wonderful country, but I saw enough mountains to last the rest of my life. I think Grand Canyon in Yellowstone Park is the greatest wonder of the Park. I never thought it could be as beautiful as it is."