

A man's word often counts more than his money. Persons who make good promises to give a certain advantage often find themselves making promises that they cannot keep. From promissory things; failure to keep an appointment is one of those broken promises, symbols of irresponsibility.

SIXTY-FIRST YEAR—NO. 2

and THAT
By G. R. A.

An approach to the current methods used in public schools to teach children can be satisfactory when made unconditionally, and with some knowledge of the facts. In the time to time, as we all know, criticism is directed toward many of the "frills and frumps" of education by adults—a majority of whom are parents themselves. The best of education is to increase (and informed persons admit, honestly, that from the national income standpoint, we ought to spend more on education and less on crime prevention and child care) and yet it has not the average level of teachers' salaries does not increase; school buildings are added to, and they have to be paid for; depression comes upon us and we grumble about paying for bonded debt. We do all of these things, because, being human, we commit plenty of mistakes.

In the first place, considering Birmingham public schools system, I think the "system"—not the local school authorities—is entitled to criticism; fairly—because it is known that the local school officials want such criticism. But it gets us no place to make whole. The cracks upon the system are in my personal opinion that Howard D. Crull, superintendent, together with the trustees of the local schools, is trying to do a competent job for our growing city. What is lacking is cooperation from parents; cooperation not only on the problems within the schools, but also in the guidance of children when under the parental roof.

There seems to be so much pointing in the past decade or so parents have shied away from some things. What is lacking are the abilities that are a legitimate part of parenthood. The automobile, the radio, the television, the increase in reading material, have combined to disrupt the quiet home where a family unit can be placed abroad for sending to the nearest regular airport, stated Mr. Byrne. "At that time various officials will be present to participate in the ceremony."

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It is, in my opinion, quite foolish for parents to expect the school and the church to accomplish the building of youth character. The foundation of this character must be built in the home. At best, the school can give the child the facts, with abstract information—although they are endeavoring to bring into the child's life the relationship contacts that tend to give them polish. But, like a diamond, the character must be polished on the earth, and only cut and polished by others, so only that in the privacy of the home, and in the school and the church, and in rare instances—can only try to polish the human being entrusted with the polishing of the child.

My own observation and criticism of our public schools is that they have been and are being created and demanded by the colleges and universities, in the belief that the child will obtain his education. That means, then, that 85 per cent are thrown into a world of reality without adequate preparation; the educators themselves admit this fact, and answer it largely by saying: "But how can we prove to parents that their children, at an early age, are not capable of going to the college? The inalienable American right of every parent to hope that his boy will obtain a college education."

And that is really the vital question. For, you see, it isn't merely a matter of financial ability of parents, and their ability to pay, but that others the educator; he knows that often the children of wealthy parents are going to get real value from college, whereas many children of poor parents get good scholars, and able adult leaders.

And it takes something that public-supported school officials know their right now to tell, in a blank, either the rich or the poor that their offspring should not go to the first or secondary school. In a recent conversation with Superintendent Crull, of the Birmingham schools, he said: "The things we are undertaking today, and to some degree accomplished, are not the outcome and results of immature judgment based upon emotional appeal, but rather the teaching of an accepted method and the best possible way of doing it. We are concerned with our youngsters." (Continued on Page 2, Part 1)

Color of Gown Should Form 'Restful Contrast' in Room, Alden Dow Advises

The art of self-expression through color contrasts and harmonies was expounded to Birmingham women by Alden Dow, noted architect of Midland, Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the local branch of the American Association of University Women. Mr. Dow carried the art of color arrangement and application into home decoration in the course of his address.

White, which, she should know something about color, hazarded random guesses. Mr. Dow produced bits of each of well-known colors in different fabrics, and how difficult it is to carry color in the home.

"No room ought ever to be done in one color," Mr. Dow told the women. "There are three nerves in the eye which record the colors of red, green and blue. Too much of one color causes a strain on the nerve. For this reason, contrast and variety in color schemes should be used."

The last word in color monotony, Mr. Dow pointed out, is to choose a gown the same color as the background. The result is likely to fatigue the eye, and the result that of submerging the personality of the individual.

If you want to stand out in a room, choose a color of restful contrast," Mr. Dow advised his listeners. "If you have a pleasing face and form, wear the color opposite to your complexion. But wear the color of your complexion to give a neutral effect if you wish to emphasize your eyes or some other feature that is particularly good. As an example babies should wear pink instead of blue, as it is the color nearest the shade of their pink and white skin tints. Always aim to use all of the color-nerve so that they may receive such a rest."

Mr. Dow illustrated how the same theory applies to home arrangement and decoration. He traced the development of architecture from times of the Greek and Roman days down to the present.

AIR MAIL TO OBSERVE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

In observance of the 20th anniversary of the use of the airplane in the handling of United States mail, plans are being made here by Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne to engage Birmingham in a program for the week of May 15 to 21. Already the local Exchange Club has signified a willingness to sponsor certain phases of the observance, said Mr. Byrne yesterday, and he also expects to win the honor of contributing to the program with an essay and a poster contest.

The program includes arranging for an airplane to land on some field very close to the city, and to have the local air mail be placed aboard for sending to the nearest regular airport, stated Mr. Byrne. "At that time various officials will be present to participate in the ceremony."

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CHURCHES PLAN UNION SERVICE GOOD FRIDAY

Birmingham churches will pause in their usual activities to commemorate the death of Christ. Collaborating in a union service to be held in the First Baptist church, will be the Baptist, Methodist, First Presbyterian, United Methodist, United Presbyterian churches.

The Rev. J. O. Nelson of the First Baptist church will officiate. The service will begin at 12 noon, and close at 1 p. m. An organ prelude, "Largo" by Dvorak, will open the service, to be followed by the Invocation. The opening hymn will be "Beneath the Cross of Our Saviour," and the prayer will be by the Rev. E. Martin of the M. E. church, with reading from the Scripture, and the benediction by the Rev. J. O. Nelson.

The Rev. Joseph A. Mears of the United Presbyterian church, will pray at the Good Friday service. His title will be "It Is Finished." Included in the service will be a solo by Mrs. Mary Elliott, "There is a Green Hill Far Away," and an arrangement of "Olive's Brow" for the Offertory. The hymn "The Old Rugged Cross," followed by benediction, will close the service, which will be "Lenten Postlude" by Koch.

Student Musicians Will Compose and Arrange Own Concert at Cranbrook

A program of student compositions and arrangements, under the patronage of a student director, will be presented at Cranbrook School, at 8 p. m. Saturday, in the auditorium. Kenneth Cole, music instructor at the school, is sponsoring the concert, states that so far as he knows, the Cranbrook band is the first high school organization in the country to produce a concert of this type. It rises out of the minds of the students, taken by those who will perform.

H. Wylie Hitchcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hitchcock, of Lowell County, is the conductor of the band. He has studied conducting for two years, so Saturday's appearance will not be his first. He is also the composer of part of

ASK FOR APARTMENT

Swanson Plans Structure To House 200 Families At Cost Of \$1,300,000

J. Robert F. Swanson of Lone Pine road, who maintains an office as architect in Birmingham, Hills City Commission Tuesday evening and requested permission to erect an apartment building at a cost of approximately \$1,300,000. The building proposed by Mr. Swanson would accommodate 200 families, and would occupy a site in Bloomfield Hills on East Long Lake road, east of Woodward avenue near the Grand Trunk commuter station.

LIONS DONATE TO 'HOUSE' AND 'RECREATION'

At the regular monthly business meeting of the Birmingham Lions Club Wednesday, members voted to give financial support to two major local projects. A sum of \$50 was appropriated as the club's contribution to the annual Roll Call of the Community House, which also was voted to contribute \$30.

HOUSE ROLL CALL TO BE EXTENDED

The annual Roll Call for the Community House, which was to have terminated April 11, will continue to give all those desiring to, an opportunity to contribute. Rice A. Howell, general chairman, declared today.

"Due to illness and the inclemency of the weather, our reports so far have been incompleted," stated Mr. Howell, said, "we decided to continue the drive until everyone can be reached, and our reports can be complete. We are particularly anxious to have all solicitors report at the meeting on the earliest convenient."

POLICE REPORT SHOWS ACTIVITIES FOR PAST MONTH

One felony, 289 misdemeanors and 18 juvenile arrests are included in the report of the Police Department for the month of March, according to the report of Chief Police Donald C. Egbert by Chief of Police John P. Hackett.

The felony reported is breaking and entering, and of the juvenile arrests, seven were for breaking and entering, and one for larceny.

Of the 289 misdemeanors included in the report, 102 were for violations of road and motor vehicle laws, 157 for illegal parking, and 29 for driving without a driver's license or motor vehicle laws. Two arrests were made for drunkenness, and one for larceny.

Rotary Directors Name New Head

Charles B. Randall, a charter member of the Birmingham Rotary Club, was elected president for the coming year at a special meeting of the newly elected directors, held here Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Randall, who has been a member of the local club for the past 14 years, succeeds Mark Hardin to the office. Mr. Hardin automatically became a new director and vice-president.

SPARKS DAMAGE ROOF AND ATTIC CONTENTS

Sparks from a chimney sent the Birmingham Fire Department to the home of Harry Reynolds, 207 High street, at 1:40 Wednesday morning, in response to a general alarm. The sparks ignited the roof of a dormer window on the east side of the attic, and the fire spread to the roof and attic contents. Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith later estimated the loss to be \$10 to the building and \$10 to its contents.

Mayor Of Hills

Bloomfield Hills Commission elected Luther D. Allen mayor, at a meeting held Tuesday evening. George Roehm was elected mayor pro tem and treasurer. Harry J. Klinger was named highway commissioner, and Clarence E. Otter, police and fire commissioner. Mrs. Angus L. McLay, retiring city attorney, former clerk, is city attorney for Bloomfield Hills.

WOMEN VOTERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

Mrs. Frederick B. Smith, Jr., was elected president of the Birmingham League of Women Voters at the annual meeting held Monday at the Community House. Mrs. Angus L. McLay, retiring city attorney, former clerk, is city attorney for Bloomfield Hills.

BAILEY REVEALS PRIZES IN MODEL PLANE CONTEST

The first three prizes to be awarded in the Birmingham Model Airplane Contest sponsored by the Birmingham Exchange Club are announced by J. E. Mullen, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. The contest will be staged May 4, 5 and 6.

CHILD CARE IS THEME OF P.T.A. CLASS

The care and training of babies and young children formed the discussion topic at the fourth meeting of the P.T.A. class, held here Tuesday evening at Adams school on Monday afternoon, and are open to any interested parent.

Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry C. Webb, 25 Vaughn road. The family recently returned from Virginia Park, for 18 years.

MRS. ROBINSON RE-ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD

Women Should Have Voice in Educational System A. A. U. W. Told

The belief that Birmingham women should have a voice in the administration of the local school system through membership on the Board of Education, led Mrs. Loren T. Robinson of 340 Wilmont drive to announce her candidacy for the Board at the coming election in July. Mrs. Robinson, a member of the A. A. U. W., was selected to serve as Mayor for the coming year at their regular meeting Monday night of this week. Frank S. Packard, also re-elected a Commissioner last week, was selected to serve as Mayor pro tem.

ROTARY IDEALS ARE THEME OF TALK TO CLUB

Verne Snyder, prominent member of the Wayne Rotary Club, was guest speaker before Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon at the Community House. He was introduced by Mark Hardin, club president, and spoke on the subject of "Rotary—A Philosophy of Life."

PUBLISHER LAUDS COMMUNITY HOUSE

Praise for the activities of Birmingham Community House sounded last week when J. E. Mullen, publisher of The Linden Leader, wrote in his newspaper: "Our work is being carried on by its numerous members. Why, it is a sort of a national organization, for every body who makes it the center for all kinds of parties. During 1937 we have had 14,027 persons use the Club. In the third year sale, which benefits the Oakland County Association for Crippled Children, 2,416 articles were given out of the welfare association. It's an every hour of the day and every day of the week enterprise. Go back half a century and you would find anything to equal it."

Tag Sale Will Aid Crippled Children

Mrs. Gordon L. Bailey has been appointed chairman of the annual Tag Day for the benefit of crippled children. The tag sale will be held at the school Tuesday, May 11, and the proceeds will go to the Crippled Children's Association. The tag sale will be at the Hudson Cleaners' office, on the corner of Woodward and East Maple avenues. Members of the Girl Reserves association will act as saleswomen.

Traditional 'Chapels' Are Revived For Members And Guests Of Baldwin P.T.A.

New members of local Parent Teacher Associations witnessed a revival of the old "chapels," presented by original members, at the regular meeting of the Baldwin P.T.A. on Saturday night. The exercises were presented as part of the regular program, and were among the Birmingham Associations, in preparation for a report to the national P.T.A. Council in 1938, opened the "chapel" with the Lord's Prayer. Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools, explained the Boy Scout Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Crull was inducted into the P.T.A. Council in 1928, opened the "chapel" with the Lord's Prayer. Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools, explained the Boy Scout Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Crull was inducted into the P.T.A. Council in 1928, opened the "chapel" with the Lord's Prayer. Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools, explained the Boy Scout Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Crull was inducted into the P.T.A. Council in 1928, opened the "chapel" with the Lord's Prayer.

Re-Elected Mayor

Mayor John E. Martz, re-elected last week for another three-year term as a member of the City Commission, was again selected by his colleagues to serve as Mayor for the coming year at their regular meeting Monday night of this week. Frank S. Packard, also re-elected a Commissioner last week, was selected to serve as Mayor pro tem.

Meeting Here Friday

More than 150 local taxpayers attended a public meeting Friday evening at the Birmingham Auditorium. The meeting was the result of current confusion over publication by State Auditor-General George T. Gundry of the delinquent tax roll, wherein certain pieces of property are sold at a public sale in Pontiac May 11.

Spring Vacation In City Schools To Start Friday

"Spring vacation for the Birmingham Schools begins Friday, April 15, and lasts one week. Most of the students of Baldwin Junior and Senior High School will remain in Birmingham on most of whom school vacation trips have been planned.

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TAX LEVY NETS 74 PER CENT OF TOTAL AREA

Birmingham property owners whose 1937 summer and winter taxes have not been paid, will, from now on, be required to make payment at the office of County Treasurer Charles A. Sparks, in what is necessary because Harold H. Carson, Birmingham treasurer, last Saturday returned both tax rolls to Mr. Sparks, in custom with State laws governing the handling of delinquent taxes. Added to the four percent penalty on delinquent taxes of an additional three quarters of one per cent for each month of delinquency. According to Mr. Carson, the City's 1937 tax levy brought in collections amounting to \$188,200, or 74.15 percent of the total levy. The year before taxes collected amounted to \$126,838 percent of the summer levy.

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