

A cheerful person is God's gift to a troubled world. Cheerfulness includes optimism, and faith, and the ultimate goodness of things. I suggest that we have a "National Cheer Day," a time each week to cheer and give thanks for faith and optimism. One is asked to "cheer UP" never down.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Merely killing time is just like killing yourself—for time is the essence of life, isn't it?

By not saying what you haven't got to say, you'll be saying what is in your mind, anyway.

Talk about fish! Why, in Nevada, you can get a divorce after having only one day of marriage. To get the benefit of the cheaper divorce license to catch a fish must live six months. Something gets "hooked" in both cases.

American slogan on election day by beneficiaries of the New Deal: "Roosevelt, we're here!"

Slence is golden, they have said for years—and if the New Deal would go in at least this gold standard, what a time of convenience would be in business conditions in the United States!

All of us humans could take a lesson from the ordinary pig. It always comes to the point and then it goes back to the point, but never really crooked.

The politician says: "I can give you prosperity if you elect me." The statesman says: "I can lead you to prosperity if you follow me, but otherwise I can't give you very much."

In the old days when the curfew rang at nine o'clock the kids ran to the park and then went to bed. Nowadays they look upon that curfew as the time to go out.

Imagine Benny Goodman, the "swing king," being "baptized" by Howard Crosby. He would manage to get a kind of music from a harp!

You who have read this newspaper long enough probably are inclined to speak a little more aggressively in prosecuting the cause of better government. I am not at all inclined to speak my neck out on issues I believe to be of a controversial nature—even to the point of alienating myself from certain groups I believe to be wrong at the moment. (Of course, I'm not vain enough, either, to think that I am always right, I must confess, when some issue is at stake and I just hang out almost complete apathy and disinterest of those who should be interested to rectify a public wrong. Why should I get all hot and bothered about it? And then I say to myself, anyway, you'll be right enough of the time to maintain the confidence of your readers. I don't want you, I just hope they'll be charitable enough to believe that your intentions are good. I don't want to keep on going. I hope I'll never become a "scold," though. (And I do have a few suggestions for accomplishments for the public good that help me sleep soundly as soon as my head touches the horizontal.)

"Is a trout fisherman ever really in a hurry to catch a fish, he makes?" That's a fair question. My own answer is that he isn't. He knows that he can't catch a fish to get fun and happiness from his fishing. Your ordinary trout fisherman in Michigan cannot go out, day after day, and catch 15 trout, the legal limit. But if he creels half that number, he is well satisfied, especially if they run fairly large. But to go out and catch the limit with comparative ease makes him dissatisfied—or at least it did me two weeks ago on the Great Saugatuck river, and I just happened over on three consecutive days I caught 15 Rainbow trout, running from eight to ten inches in length. I was a little bit disappointed, but I was not disappointed. I was just happy. I was just happy. I was just happy.

NEW TEACHER
Miss Lucile Dewar, a teacher in the public schools of Flint, Michigan, for the past six years, has accepted a teaching position in the secondary department of Birmingham. She will teach English and Latin at Baldwin High School.

COMMITTEE ASKS COOPERATION OF SCHOOL BOARD
Cooperation of the Birmingham Board of Education in an indoor winter recreation program for young people was sought by the Birmingham Street Dance Committee in a letter to Board members. The letter was read Friday evening at a regular meeting.

The letter invited the school board to attend the street dance held at Adams Square last evening, and the subsequent dances on Friday evenings Aug. 19 and 26. It also stated in part: "The response of the hundreds who attended the first dance at the Barnum School Court last Thursday night and the enthusiasm of the young people, who do most of the actual work, have convinced the committee that we are initiating a social program much needed in this community. If the board is so inclined to cooperate, we would like to have the school board remove the accusation that our young people have to go to beer gardens and other commercialized places of amusement, outside of Birmingham, because we offer no opportunity for social dancing at prices they can afford."

"Already these young people have asked to have the program continued after school hours, later moving the dances indoors for the winter. In our minds there is a definite responsibility on us to ask for your earnest thought and attention to this recreational need of our community."

Supervisors Accept Committee Report
The Oakland County Board of Supervisors has given its approval to the report of the county equalization committee, in which the committee equalized the City of Birmingham at \$1,342,361. This figure exceeds the valuation as set by the Board of Assessors at \$563,941, according to Elmer W. Haack, City Assessor.

THREE CARS INVOLVED IN WOODWARD CRASH
An accident involving three automobiles at Woodward Avenue and Hazel street was reported by police Monday evening when a car driven by A. T. Dennyman, 1005 Grand street, Royal Oak, crashed into the rear of an automobile driven by G. D. Cartiss, 718 Riverside street, Royal Oak. Cartiss car was knocked into a third car operated by Walter Armstrong, 298 Southfield street. No one was injured in the accident although considerable damage was done to the cars.

Supt. Crull Gives Reasons For Concern About School Finances

When 400 Michigan school executives met in Lansing Monday to protest a drastic reduction in school funds from the \$28,000,000 appropriated, said to be contemplated by Gov. Frank Murphy, Birmingham's Superintendent Howard D. Crull, was a member of the gathering, as was Louis M. Randall, business manager of the local Board of Education.

The resolution, sponsored by the Michigan Education Association, laid plans for a state-wide movement to prevent the reported cut of approximately \$12,000,000. They also proposed a compromise figure of \$5,000,000, offered in place of a greater cut.

A resolution demanding \$25,200,000, or 90 percent of the total appropriation of \$28,000,000, was unanimously adopted. This amount, it was indicated, would be expected in addition to the Primary School Interest Fund. It is the same as the schools received during the past year.

At the suggestion of The Executive, Mr. Crull made a report of the meeting based on his observations, in the belief that Birmingham parents will be interested to hear the result of the gathering first-hand, and that Birmingham schools may be affected, from their school executive.

In a letter to George R. Averill, publisher of The Executive, accompanying the report, Mr. Crull stated: "It is my opinion that unless every parent and interested citizen becomes informed on the question, there is some action that we will find ourselves with serious problems in maintaining the present level of education in Michigan in the very near future."

Mr. Crull's report follows: "The Executive Committee of the Michigan Education Association called a meeting on Monday of this week at the Hotel Olds in Lansing, to discuss the problem of state and local school financing for the coming year. County Commissioners of schools, School Superintendents and presidents of boards of education were asked to attend."

The meeting was called to order by H. W. Ransom, president of the M. E. A., and superintendent of schools in Grand Haven. Following a prayer, the attendance, coming from all regions of the state, many came from the Upper Peninsula discussion of the whole problem, some pertinent facts were presented. While his comments were brief, they, however, indicate the general condition.

State Appropriation
"During the session of the Legislature the State Aid Appropriation for 1937-38 was \$28,000,000. This was a record for the interest fund of \$15,300,000 for the same year, making a total of \$9,700,000 in excess of what is expected for the education program in the state last year. However, a ten per cent and six per cent cut in the coming year would reduce it to \$41,100,000 or \$2,800,000 below the estimate. This cut was made in order to obtain better conditions and in order to assist in the coming year."

School Calendar For Year 1938-39
Because of the number of cancellations of school days, the Education office regarding the opening of school, Superintendent H. D. Crull has asked The Executive to publish the calendar for the approaching school year. It is presented here in convenient form as a matter of reference for local parents.

All Michigan schools will open for the new semester Monday, September 12, at 1 p. m. The complete calendar follows:
First Semester begins—Sept. 12, 1938
M. E. A. Region Six Convention—Oct. 29-31
Thanksgiving recess—Nov. 24-25
Christmas recess begins—Nov. 26, Dec. 22
School resumes—Jan. 2, 1939
Commencement—Jan. 26
Second Semester begins—Jan. 27
Spring recess begins—April 7
Good Friday—April 7
Spring recess—April 7-10
Commencement—June 15
School closes—June 16

Street Dance Proves Young People Know How To Give Party And Enjoy It
By Nellie Hurley Minifie
If you think the warm summer nights held by the young people you haven't reckoned with those who attend the community dance sessions held weekly.

Hot sultry nights don't seem to hamper the dancing at the Adams School they went swinging and trucking until one o'clock, speculate whether an ambulance service would be necessary to remove them when they fell from exhaustion. But never fear they don't fall. They keep whirling and dancing until the music stops and then they shuffle their feet and walk extremely unhappy until it begins again. This young generation they shuffle their feet and walk short of a broken leg will stop them, it appears.

The enjoyment the young people were reaping from this party was a just reward for the hard work and hours of preparation they had put into the affair. If was their party in a true sense of the word, for they did

LIGHTNING IS CAUSE OF FIRE IN RESIDENCE

Blaze Partially Destroys Attic Due To Delay In Sending Alarm

The storm Tuesday with its heavy downpour, was responsible for fire in one Birmingham home, and for ignition trouble which delayed the fire department in reaching the scene. The residence of John Groener at 704 Tottenham road was struck between 12 and 12:15 p. m., when lightning hit a soil pipe in the roof, and smoldering started the partitions of the building.

Fire was not detected until 1:30, when the family noticed smoke coming from the chimney in the attic and sent in the alarm. Because of the delayed alarm, the fire made considerable headway, destroying about 20 per cent of the attic, it is estimated, before the fighting equipment arrived.

When the fire truck, equipped with the booster pump, was sent out, ignition failure due to the heavy rain, caused it to return to headquarters. The truck is one of the new type, equipped with a booster pump to replace, according to Chief Vernon W. Griffith, a smaller booster pump. The truck is sent in response to the alarm.

Occupants of the house at the time of the fire, were Mr. Groener, his wife, Jean and Corine and his mother, Mrs. Camilla Groener. The family moved to Birmingham from the town of Beverly Hills, a suburb of Chicago. Damage to the residence was estimated at \$100. Clothing and other articles stored in trunks in the attic, valued at approximately \$100 was destroyed. The valuation is estimated at \$200.

Aug. 24 Final Date For Registration
Warning has again been issued by Irene E. Hanley, city clerk, that all who wish to vote in the general Primary Election to be held Sept. 15 must register by Aug. 24.

Registration can be made in the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building at 8 p. m., or at the home of Mrs. E. Hanley, who have not already registered or who have not voted since November 1, 1934 will be required to register in order to vote on Sept. 15. If a voter has moved since his last registration he must either apply in person to the City Clerk's office seeking a transfer or mail Mrs. Hanley a signed request for such transfer.

All citizens who have reached the age of 21 and who have reached the 1934 registration date and in Birmingham 20 days are eligible to vote.

MIRIAM BROWN RESIGNS POST HERE
The resignations of Miss Miriam Brown, physical education teacher at Baldwin High School, and Mrs. Annette B. Burke, physical education teacher at Adams School, were accepted "with regret" by members of the Board of Physical Education at a meeting Friday evening.

Miss Brown was the first physical education teacher to be engaged by the local school system, teaching first at Barnum, later at Adams, and finally at Baldwin High School. She has been identified with Birmingham schools for the past nine years.

Mrs. Burke has been a teacher here for the past two years.

Have You Met?
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Oler of 839 Woodland street, Birmingham, have two small children, Betty, who is five years old and John, who is two years old.

Mr. Oler is a former member of the Birmingham Board of Education. The family resided in Detroit before moving to Birmingham. Mrs. Oler explained that the main reason for the change was because of the children. They like their new home very much, she said. "And so our parents are very happy and contented here."

MAKE A LIST OF THE THINGS YOU own and sell them through the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. It is a good way to get rid of old things and make money. Telephone 11, before 11 a. m.

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TOY FORCES ORGANIZING FOR RALLIES

Committee Includes Men And Women From Every Unit Of County

Plans for at least one and perhaps two Oakland County political rallies at which the Toy Forces, candidates for Governor at the Sept. 15 election, will be the main speakers, are being formed by a committee of men and women from every area in the County. The rallies are scheduled for Aug. 25 and Aug. 30.

Mr. Toy, former crusading Wayne County legislator, Attorney General of Michigan and Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court, is leading the Toy Forces in Michigan to combat the attempts of the New Deal to operate from Washington, and to eliminate spoils politics from the country. Mr. Toy has declared that he will not be tolerated if he is elected Governor.

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KINGSWOOD GIRL WINS NATIONAL POETRY HONORS
National recognition has been bestowed on a poem written by Mary June Hartwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hartwick, of 175 Oakwood, according to word received by The Executive from the American Magazine, York, Pa., for 1937-38, out of over a million who registered for the competition.

The poem, which followed the common theme of the contest, "Myself and America," was among 25 similar efforts by young authors which received special attention from the judges. The winner will receive a cash award and a certificate.

Following the general theme of the contest, submitted were samples of short stories, poems, articles and creative art. Articles proved the most popular field with 14,000 entries, and with poems coming second. The contest was open to high and preparatory school students in the United States or any of its possessions.

Mary June is a member of the Kingswood High School, and her poem, "Myself and America," was among 25 similar efforts by young authors which received special attention from the judges. The winner will receive a cash award and a certificate.

Board Authorizes School Tax Levy
A school tax for the year 1938-39, in the amount of \$230,910.00, was authorized Friday at a meeting of the Birmingham Board of Education. It is to be levied upon the property in the city of Birmingham, and the amount of \$107,204.50 is allotted to debt service with a rate of 6.5 mill.

The Board determined that this amount, the sum of \$128,702.23 with a rate of 7.5 mill is appropriate for the operating budget, and that \$107,204.50 is allotted to debt service with a rate of 6.5 mill.

The municipalities included in the District are the cities of Birmingham, Bessemer, Prichard, Wetumpka, and the townships of Birmingham, Prichard, and Safford townships.

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