

Down from the cold north sweeps the blizzard, to cause people to build bigger fires, to put on warmer clothing or freeze. Likewise, there sweeps over a people at times the blizzard of selfishness and lust for power—and the only preventive against chaos is unselfishness and humility.

SIXTIETH YEAR—NO. 43

AVERAGE FIRE LOSSES 48 CENTS IN LAST YEAR

Annual Report, Completed By Chief Verne Griffith, Discloses

Although property valued at \$1,101,600.00 was endangered by fire hazard during 1937, only \$5,294.95 in damages resulted, or a per capita loss of 48 cents, according to the annual report of the Birmingham Fire Department, completed this week by Verne W. Griffith.

During 1937 Birmingham's three deep wells pumped a total of 1,113,391 gallons of water into the mains, at an average per thousand gallons of water consumed of 1.113391. To furnish this supply the Lincoln well provided a vast majority of the total volume. Pumping reached its peak in August when the wells delivered 526,217 gallons of water, and required 438,847 gallons, and June 417,173 gallons.

Griffith, Chief, Members of the paid department, numbering 10, responded to 202 alarms during the year, while the volunteer members, numbering 22, responded to two alarms. Only one false alarm was received, and it was caused by a fire alarm pull station being pushed.

During 1936 property valued at \$886,500.00 was endangered, with a loss of \$109,900.00, or 12.4 cents per \$100.00, almost twice that of 1937. The largest loss in 1937 occurred during December, when property at 755 Hazelwood avenue, and valued at \$2,945.00, was damaged. A high voltage transformer, which was owned by this, stated Chief Griffith. No loss was incurred during September, when the property was destroyed in 178 of the alarms responded to, while 26 of them resulted in losses less than \$100.00.

Fire Causes
Causes for the various fires are listed as follows: Careless smoking and carelessness with fire, 20; grass and rubbish fires, 79; automobiles, 12; defective electrical appliances, 6; inhalator runs, 10; authorized runs outside city limits, 2.

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An address on the "Manufacture of Medicine" was given by Arthur Holmes, assistant chief chemist of the Park Hotel. Dr. Holmes was introduced by W. F. Thomas, Mr. Holmes traced the progress of medicine from the early days when medicine was compounded largely by trial and error method.

"Early medicine was to a great extent, associated with religious beliefs. There were four distinct schools of thought," Mr. Holmes explained, "according to the geographical location of each. Some records of the Chinese date as early as 2000 B. C. were of value in the treatment of disease."

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How to Create a Depression

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S RECIPE
By a Correspondent
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The following article has been written for "The Financial News" by a correspondent recently returned from a visit to New York and Washington.

Perhaps the most surprising fact about the present depression in American trade is that it should have taken so many people by surprise. The depression was absolutely inevitable. Neither graphs, nor economic jargon, nor statistics are required to show how Mr. Roosevelt made the depression which should always have his name. He created it by methods which were as direct as they were effective.

The power to create a state of uncertainty in which no business man or investor will incur risks is vested in the President of the United States. Mr. Roosevelt is the first President who thought fit to use that power. Every ounce of it was applied. He had other and lesser means of depressing industry. They were unwitting, but unsurprisingly used.

Of Mr. Roosevelt it may be said that he means well, but acts erratically. In a dark hour of his country's history his leadership was splendid, his brave spirit was infectious. He is a man of principle without principles. But in public life he demonstrates the truth of Oliver Cromwell's saying that "No one goes so far as he who knows not whether he is going." The President's policies revolve with the swiftness of an aeroplane's propeller. One day an inflationist, the next a deflationist. A fixer of prices who denounces his own creations, a giver of what he calls "the millionaires' bonus" who destroys the millionaires.

At the 11th annual service, the Rev. Thomas M. Harris, formerly student chaplain at the University of Michigan and Harvard University, now rector of St. Luke's and the Epiphany, Philadelphia, will be the speaker.

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CECILIA TELLS CLUB

Children's Fund Head Urges Plan of Direct Relief for Welfare Agencies

Pleading for more centralization of the many tax-supported welfare agencies, Cecilia Telles, president of the Michigan Children's Fund, addressed Birmingham residents at the Children's Fund Monday noon. Dr. Norton, who was introduced by Rotarian Harold T. Webster, is a member of a State Committee appointed by former Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald to study the problem, to the end the greater efficiency and economy may be effected in the administration of the agencies involved.

The speaker said that the Commission's report was presented during the past week to the State Legislature, bearing the support of Governor Murphy. The report, which was passed to put the plan into operation, but one phase, dealing with public assistance, or "welfare relief," has been side-tracked by a referendum question created by the group of public assistance, Poor Commissioners and County Supervisors. The Commission's recommendation upon this subject is thus held in abeyance until the voters have decided the issue at the general election to be held in November.

It is time that the taxpayers of Michigan begin to think of the problem of public assistance. The State is spending \$50,000,000 annually for direct relief to the needy. The State is spending \$50,000,000 annually for direct relief to the needy. The State is spending \$50,000,000 annually for direct relief to the needy.

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World Waiting for Youth to Teach New Lesson in Brotherhood, Graduates Told

Heads Association

The risk of making over a "war-ridden world, rotten at the center with greed, selfishness and self-aggrandizement into a peaceful and brightly leaved, as that which society hands over to the youth to teach. Rev. John D. Nelson of the First Baptist church, told the 36 graduates of the thirty-day class of Baldwin High School Sunday evening in his Baccalaureate sermon.

The Union Baccalaureate service was conducted in the First Methodist church with the Rev. Joseph A. Meary of the United Presbyterian church, presiding. The Rev. John E. Martin of the Methodist church, offered the invocation. The service was a program of musical selections and prayers. The graduates of the Baldwin High School, who were in the churches participating. His topic was "The Church of the Improbable."

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"Men lack the spirit of brotherhood," Rev. Nelson told the graduates. Science has made the world a neighborhood, but it is up to you to make it a brotherhood. It is a world that is war-ridden, a world that is rotten at the center with greed, selfishness and self-aggrandizement. But youth is optimistic. There are writers who claim that youth today has gone bitter, that youth is cynical, that youth is materialistic. True, some have. But only the fool has said in his heart, 'There is no future.'

It is becoming in youth to take the attitude that love is a joke, happiness, a mirage; good, bad, just as the cat's paw. But God is an ancient fable. When an individual takes this attitude, he is just as dead as a doornail. It is fine and noble. There is joy in love. There is permanence in good. It is the only way to find inspiration in the ideals of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Christian deplored cynicism as a destructive influence that hinders constructive thinking and is discouraging to the spirit. It is a world of public assistance and poverty. It is a world of public assistance and poverty. It is a world of public assistance and poverty.

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COMMUNISTS SEEK CONGRESSIONAL SPEAKERS SAYS

Attorney Warns Masons Against 'Widespread' Activities

That there is a concentrated effort on the part of Communists, working and doing orders from Moscow, Russia, to "take over the United States," with activities of such widespread ramifications that they permeate many phases of our national life, was the theme of a talk given by the Birmingham Mason in this country of the National Masonic night at the local Masonic temple, by Captain John Edward Polak, a practicing attorney and formerly a friend of the Court in Detroit.

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