Discouragement, of course, comes to each of us, just as dark and dreary days come to earth—but beyond the clouds are the warm and helpful beams of sunlight, ever trying to break through. Human discouragement, leavened with faith and patience, is bearable—if we hold on . . . hold on . . . hold on.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

As I write these lines Monday evening of this week, within four blocks of my desk an important meeting is being held—by the Birmingham Board of Education; they are holding a special meeting to discuss the question: What about secret societies in the Baldwin Public High School? I don't know what conclusions the Board will arrive at. But I do hope they will face the issue squarely and fearlessly; whatever they do will be found in another column on this page, I expect. Their first problem, of course, is to determine whether or not, within the terms of the State Law, secret societies exist; if they do not, then proof of this fact should be offered. If they do exist, then it seems to me that the Board can do nothing except to take whatever steps are necessary to outlaw them. In the meantime, Folks, let's all of us keep our shirts on and, with reason and cooperation, work together.

There is an old newspaper axiom that "when a dog bites a man, that is not news; but when a man bites a dog, that IS news!" Well, I suppose that thought can be projected into other realms. For instance, when a man buys a lady, or ladies, flowers, that is not news; but when a lady, or ladies, buy a man flowers, that IS news!"

And, Folks, this latter is exactly what happened to me Thursday afternoon of last week. In The Eccentric was an editorial, praising the activities of Birmingham's Saturday Club. During the year I write many comments, quite a few of them commending persons or organizations for their achievements; seldom does an editor get many commendations from the public for such things—but he goes ahead and writes them, anyway, knowing in many cases that people are grateful, even though they say nothing to him about it.

So, upon my return from lunch last Thursday I found, on my desk, a long paper box, easily recognizable as a floral piece. I opened it and what do you think I found within? ORCHIDS, Folks, real golden-colored ORCHIDS! In a tall, slender metal vase.

And with them was a note that read: "Orchids to you, from the Saturday Club Committee. We mean the editorial today." The note was signed by five well known Birmingham ladies.

Thank you, Ladies, thank you for those forget-me-nots. They were daisies, I assure you; I rose to new enthusiasms for Saturday Clubs; gracefully will I accept the bitter with the sweet; may flowers always bear your thanks; and may phlox of them descend upon editors; foxgloves shall not silence my fingers as they play with words upon my typewriter, neither shall silence e'er seal my tulips as they shout the value of Saturday Clubs; though I'm not an aster or a marigold, my poor trumpet vine shall cry always: "Thank you, Ladies, for those magnolias orchids!"

Until something is done about it, I suppose that every six months Michigan will ponder the advisability of building a bridge across the Straits of Mackinac. Figures of the 1937 tourist business between the Upper and Lower Peninsulas reveal the startling fact that more people and cars were carried across on the ferries than ever before. My own idea of building that bridge would be to construct a huge barracks at Mackinac City, another at St. Ignace, and remove some of the State's prisoners to the spots; have them engage in the work of obtaining rock to dump into the Straits, using a suitable fill upon which a road can be surfaced; leave an open space in the center for a bridge span. It might require a decade or more to do the job, but the prisoners would be kept busy (so necessary for morale), and the State could get the job done at the least expense.

The Weekly Press

The American weekly newspaper is a product peculiar to our own soil and genius—it does not exist in any of the other nations of the world. The part it plays in the development of the nation is common knowledge. Its influence upon the habits and thought of the people is generally known. Of democracy, as we know it, survives, it will be constantly renewed from the crossroads—it will not be saved from Chicago, New York or Washington. If Italy, Germany or Russia had a rural press, free to speak the thought and convictions of its people, it would turn their dictatorships wrong-side-out and upside-down overnight. A healthy and prosperous weekly press is vital to the preservation of the American ideal of a free government.—Clayton Rand.

It has been said that figures don't lie, but some liars figure. To gaze upon the scarcely draped figures of some of the modern girls, though, is it wrong for a man to wonder if his wife's dressmaker's bill always tells the truth?

Noted Name Makes News Once More

Baldwin is a famous name in Birmingham! It is a name that recalls the strong-minded public spirited Martha Baldwin donor of many gifts including Baldwin High School and Baldwin Public Library. There are parks and a street bearing the name, so that Baldwin's in B'ham have a tradition to uphold.

Miss Baldwin

And now there is a new member of the clan, she is Miss Leah Baldwin, the new librarian at Baldwin High School library. Miss Baldwin was engaged to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Margaret Zearley, a month ago. Until Monday when Miss Baldwin began her duties at Baldwin High School, she was medical librarian for the Michigan Department of Health at Lansing.

Miss Baldwin received her A. B. degree from Indiana University. She has taken graduate work at DePau University, and in the school of Library Science at Columbia University. She has been in the field of public school education since 1917, and is a member of Phi Lambda Theta, honorary educational sorority.

RITES ARE HELD IN MAINE FOR CENTENARIAN

Mrs. Emily Spear Abbott, who passed the century mark in 1936, died Sunday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Edwards of 520 Aspen road. Mrs. Abbott was born in Warren, Me., Sept. 14, 1836.

In her 100th year, Mrs. Abbott returned to Maine, to take part in the Spear family reunion, held in the house built by her grandfather, where she was born, and in which she became the bride of Joseph Abbott. Mrs. Abbott was the oldest living member of the First Congregational Church of Rockland, Me., where funeral services were held. Burial was in Acorn Cemetery in Rockland.

For the past 35 years, Mrs. Abbott had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, coming to Birmingham with them seven years ago. Other members of the family surviving include four grandchildren, Mrs. J. Rodney Weeks of Birmingham, William O. Abbott of Winnett, Mont., Robert Abbott of South Portland, Me., and Joseph Abbott Edwards of Detroit, and five great-grandchildren.

MRS. ROSSO IS RE-ELECTED AS COUNCIL HEAD

Mrs. John H. Rosso will serve a second term as president of the Birmingham Parent Teacher Association council it was revealed, following the annual election of officers, held Tuesday night at the Community House. Others who will serve with Mrs. Rosso include Mrs. Merle P. Bailey, mother vice-president; Dr. Bernard W. Carey, father vice-president and Mrs. Charles W. Crandall, teacher vice-president. Mrs. Howard Tuggey will act as secretary and Claude Walker as treasurer. Harry Breitmeyer is the new secretary of the Council.

During the business meeting which was also held Tuesday night, Mrs. Rosso was appointed delegate to the state convention, to be held at Battle Creek, May 4-6. The date will also mark the 20th anniversary of the Michigan Congress of Parent Teacher Associations.

—Box Springs Repaired and Recovered Royal Mattress. Birmingham 1-0789. 23tf

Birmingham Resident Describes Impressions Gained On Southern Trip

By Ralph I. Coryell

The first visit to any locality brings out two of the essential differences of that section as compared with the home of the visitor. The first visit of Mrs. Coryell and myself in the south was no exception. We found that the weather was two or three weeks advanced from normal during the middle of February, but no doubt recent colder weather offset that to some extent.

Kentucky and Tennessee indicated that business was not far from normal and in Georgia, the cotton sections were hit by the low price of cotton, but diversification of crops helped the state otherwise.

In Florida they are experiencing a new high in tourist travel, at least in this decade, but the majority of the tourists are spending moderately.

St. Petersburg proved to be a busy town, with a normal population of 44,000, greatly expanded during the winter season. To us it seemed that the older people predominated here, probably because they have been coming back longer. We saw a baseball game between two teams of the Three-Quarter Century Club (men over 75 years of age), where excitement was rife.

St. Petersburg is well provided for entertainment and the Shuffleboard fans were putting on a bitter contest while we were there. Fishing experts were well accommodated by wily fishing captains who always knew where a few big fish were left from some former foray.

Smaller Houses Sellint

In St. Petersburg, as well as in other Florida towns, streets and subdivisions were laid out with abandon in the '20's, and building has a long way to go to catch up. At present the special assessments on certain streets in the outskirts represent more than the value of the lots. However, building is going ahead in sections and the

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VOTE LIGHT IN TOWNSHIP PRIMARIES

Republican Caucus Called For Saturday, March 12, In Bloomfield

Balloting was light Monday when spring primaries were held in Troy and Southfield Townships. In the former, the vote was said to be lightest in a number of years. Bloomfield will hold its annual Republican Township Caucus Saturday, to nominate candidates for the spring election on April 4. The Caucus will be held at the Township offices on East Long Lake road at 3 p. m.

In Troy Township, Martin Stumpf, the only Republican candidate for the office of supervisor, polled 245 votes, against his two Democratic adversaries, John Barrett, who received 112, and John McGrath, 103. Glenn Ladd, Republican, the only candidate for the office of clerk, received 258 votes.

John Truesdell is the Republican, and Roy Meader, the Democratic, candidate for the office of Township treasurer. For Truesdell, 232 votes were cast, and 166 for Meader. Jacob Attenberger, Democrat, received 157 votes, as the unopposed candidate for Highway Commissioner.

Three Republican candidates, George Brown, receiving 130 votes; Raymond Ferguson, 92, and Jay Teachout, 50, opposed Norman Barnard, who polled 166 votes as the only Democratic candidate in the contest for Justice of the Peace. For the Board of Review, Jay Chatfield, Republican, received 203 votes, against the 171 of his Democratic opponent, Frank King.

Four constables were to be nominated on each ticket, from a field of nine candidates. Republican nominees include John Beach, 137 votes; William Renshaw, 217; LeRoy Weaver, 158, and Irvin Yanke, 164. Appearing as candidates on the Democratic ticket were Fred Maitrott, 122; Elton Maitrott, 93; George Keem, 102; Sam Brandon, 144, and Edgar Burgess, 167. Elton Maitrott is automatically eliminated.

In Southfield Township, the only contest was for the office of supervisor, with three Republican and one Democratic candidates contending. Jacob Arevich, incumbent, polled 279 votes, with Anthony Odoi second with 189 votes, and James B. Wood, 110. The name of Charles Bilkovsky was written upon the Democratic ballot, as the only candidate for the office. Mr. Bilkovsky received 10 votes.

The only other name appearing on the Democratic ballot was that of Elkanah H. Brill, candidate for Justice of the Peace, full term. He polled 15 votes.

Mrs. Fannie Adams, incumbent, was unopposed as candidate for the office of Township Clerk, polling 515 votes. Votes cast for Albert Johnson for the office of treasurer, totaled 479. Albert Jacobs as Republican candidate to fill a vacancy for Justice of the Peace, received 400 votes. For the full term of Justice, Richard Larges, receiving 399 votes, was the Republican opponent of Mr. Brill. Voters cast 223 ballots for Richard Thomas, and 237 for James W. Stephens for the Board of Review, for which one candidate was to be nominated. William Driesner, polling 360 votes, was the only candidate for constable.

Have You Met?—

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Gustafson, 927 Madison avenue? They are among the more recent arrivals in Birmingham.

Mr. Gustafson, who was graduated from the University of Michigan, is an experimental engineer, associated with the Holly Carburetor company. He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Mrs. Gustafson is also a graduate of the University of Michigan, where she was affiliated with Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Heads Junior Play

Miss Chissus

Roberta Chissus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Chissus, 1168 Cedar drive, has been named general chairman for "The Mulberry Bush," Junior Girls' play, to be presented at the University of Michigan, March 23-26. Miss Chissus is prominent in many undergraduate affairs at the University, where she is a junior.

Other Birmingham students who will be in the cast include Jane Brode, Virginia Osterman and James Talman. The coming play will be the first time in 30 years that some of the roles will be assumed by men.

CHIEF'S REPORT SHOWS RESULT OF FIRE AND FLOOD

Loss by fire in Birmingham during the month of February is estimated at $7412 of which $213 represents damage to buildings, and $12900 damage to contents, according to the report prepared by Chief Vernon W. Griffith for City Manager Donald C. Egbert. The bulk of the loss, the report notes, occurred at the home of Latta W. Porter of 251 Baldwin avenue, and was caused by a delayed alarm due to the absence of the family. The total amount of resulting damage is estimated at $300.

During the month, the fire department answered 14 silent and one general alarm, the report shows. The general alarm was occasioned by the recent flood, and was sounded as a precaution to prevent the outbreak of fire which might have occurred through lack of lighting.

Birmingham firemen spent 13 hours and 4 minutes in actual fire fighting and flood duty, according to the report. The number of hours devoted to flood work and special details involved is shown to be 221 hours and 42 minutes. Partly in connection with the flood work also were the 225 hours devoted to fire prevention, as given in the report. During the month, 23 hours and 35 minutes were spent in hydrant inspection, and 15 hours and 26 minutes on well inspection, the report shows.

CRANE ATHLETES WIN LETTERS IN WINTER SPORTS

The list of Cranbrook students who will receive letter awards for their athletic activities during the school's winter sports program includes the names of many Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills boys. Presentation of the actual awards will be made in June, as part of the program attendant upon graduation week. A list of the sports and those who have won their letters follows.

Basketball: Evan J. Parker, manager; Ray Rode, captain; Latham Broadwell, Duane Crosthwaite, William Hudson, Charles Martindale, William Smith, Harold Miller and William Mead. Mead's home is in Birmingham.

Fencing: Richard Morgan, captain; Robert Franklin, William Slocum, Charles and William Sells and Charles Van Dusen. Van Dusen is also a local student.

Hockey: Edward Larchen, captain; Arthur Bull, Wylie Hitchcock, William Lewis, Jack Pierce, Robert Seiler, Thomas Talman, Colin John, manager; Robert Benbelt, Bradley Hunter, Robert Porter, David Proctor, Henry Vihlein and James Weeks. This sport attracted many local boys, the first eight on the list being those from the surrounding vicinity who will receive letters.

Wrestling: George Fremont, captain; Jack and Robert Bird, Bruce Craig, Otto Kern, Edward Wilson, Morrison Ctte, manager; Robert Skinner, William McLachin, Fredric Dye and James Bush. The first six names on this list are those of local students.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Dr. W. Lloyd Kemp, local physician: "To me, a great church is not a matter of materials, stone, design, etc; rather it is an edifice, however humble, in which a great soul preaches the Word. A great preacher can regenerate and revitalize human beings."

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SURVIVOR OF LUSITANIA IS SPEAKER

Mrs. McDougall Narrowly Escaped Burial With 90 Other 'Dead'

An intimate detailed narrative of the sinking of the Lusitania on May 8, 1915, by a German submarine torpedo, was given Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon at the Community House by Mrs. Alice McDougall, of Ferndale, one of the 350 survivors of the disaster. She was introduced by Rotarian Ray M. Cook.

Mrs. McDougall, who was born in London, England, had come to the United States in 1912, to join four brothers located in British Columbia. When England entered the World War, one of the brothers returned for army service and a year later, on May 1, 1915, she embarked from New York on the Lusitania, bound for England.

Fired Torpedo

"About two o'clock on Friday, May 8, when within 40 miles of Queenstown, Ireland, I was seated in the ship's dining room with a few other passengers, and we were so happy to be at the end of our voyage that we started to sing 'Not far away lie the green hills'—when a terrific shock shook the ship," stated Mrs. McDougall. "At first we thought we had struck a rock, but within a few minutes the Lusitania turned over on her side, the lights also had made way, while in her large enough to drive a carriage through. Most of the passengers were below the promenade deck, in their staterooms. But immediately all who could, started for the upper decks, while the swishing waves washed everywhere. Most of the stateroom portholes were open, which allowed the water to get into the ship so rapidly.

"We made our way out of the dining room, through the maze of tumbled furniture, flowers, rugs, tables, and rising sea water. Then the ship started to right itself, but again it was struck by another torpedo—the second within 15 minutes of the first. The position of the leaning ship made it practically impossible to lower lifeboats in

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LOCAL STUDENTS ARE HONORED IN MSC PROGRAM

The names of seven Birmingham residents were included in the list of outstanding students at Michigan State College, in the annual Spartan Achievement Day" program, held at the college this morning. Lists of students who made high scholastic records during the 1936-37 school year were read and special prizes and awards were announced.

Included among those honored at this morning's convocation were Betty and Barbara Sears, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Sears of 1051 Ridgedale avenue. Betty is now a senior and Barbara is a sophomore, the former majoring in home economics and the latter in liberal arts.

Betty Spinning, another honoree, is also a sophomore. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe C. Spinning of 816 Knox street, and a home economics major. Charles Chenoweth Fletcher, the only local man to be honored, is an applied science major. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Fletcher of 652 Bloomfield Court.

Harriet Brelsford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Brelsford of 212 Pilgrim road, and Amy Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Harrell of 748 Waddington road, were similarly honored. Both were freshmen at State last year, in liberal arts courses.

The remaining name on the list is that of Lucille Hallett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hallett of Tucson, Arizona. The family formerly resided on Mohegan avenue, Birmingham, and Miss Hallett completed her sophomore year at State last June.

BIRMINGHAM ARCHERS PLAN BUSY MONTH

The district archery meet, which will be held in the Birmingham Range on the night of Friday, March 25, is of special interest to members of the Birmingham Archers club. The meet will be open to everyone in the district who is interested in the sport. Nelson Reid of the local club, is putting up a trophy for the occasion.

March will be a busy month for local archers. Tomorrow night they will attend a meet of the Detroit Archers, to be held in the Stormfeltz-Lovely building in Detroit.

The regular monthly novelty meet of the local group is scheduled for Friday night, March 18. Dean S. Firth of Franklin is chairman for the occasion.

Walter Parmenter 'Clipped' In Annual Necktie Party Given By Exchange Club

STUDENTS WITHDRAW FROM SECRET SOCIETIES

Birmingham high school students affiliated with secret societies were said to be withdrawing their memberships today, or making tentative plans to disband. Some of the groups were reported to be considering reorganization to comply with the statute governing high school fraternities and sororities.

Action on the part of the students followed a meeting of representatives of the societies involved, late Tuesday. Leaders of the various groups met earlier in the day with school officials. The Eccentric learned, and were given the opportunity to make their own decisions as to what policy would be adopted.

School authorities confirmed the report that conferences were held with leaders of secret societies, and that the "outgrowth is satisfactory."

BOARD DISCUSSES FRATERNITIES AT 3-HOUR SESSION

After a three-hour session at a special, closed meeting of the Board of Education Monday morning, Earl G. Potter, president, announced that no decision had been reached as to what stand the board will take in the matter of high school fraternities and sororities.

The meeting was called to give Board members an opportunity to discuss points involved in conference, it was announced by Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools. The board convened at 8 p. m., and at 11 p. m., was still deliberating behind closed doors.

A delegation of high school boys, headed by Norman Lyle, Jr., appeared early in the evening, and requested permission to "sit in" on the board meeting. They were informed by Charles A. Kinnison, that the board wished to confer privately. After a brief conference with Mr. Kinnison, the boys left.

Although still in session, Mr. Potter announced at the close of three hours of debate that the Board had no statement to make at the present time, but would within a week.

"The Board expects to have a statement to make next week," Mr. Kinnison corrected, "but there is no decision that can be discussed at the present time."

The Board of Education spent Monday evening in special session in consideration of high school secret societies," Mr. Crull stated. "They will continue to spend the next few evenings studying the policy and collecting pertinent information the results of which will be forthcoming next week."

School officials have requested officers of the six secret societies involved to hand in a complete current list of all members, with the view to determining their respective legal status. The State Law forbids, it is said, that any organization whose membership consists of 51/or more per cent of school students is illegal, but one whose major roster is composed of persons not attending school, is legal.

The fraternities and sororities involved include Alpha Omega Town Club, M. S. C. P., Beta Beta Sigma, Coronet, and Sigma Lambda.

Gift Chairman

Photo by Arnold

Mr. Laird

Edward H. Laird of 363 George street was appointed chairman of the special gift committee of the Community House Roll Call, Wednesday at a meeting of the Steering Committee. Mr. Laird's appointment followed the resignation of Clyde C. Bennett from the post.

"Captains are now being appointed and lists compiled to be used during the Roll Call. If everyone in Birmingham will do his bit during the drive, we anticipate reaching our quota with out difficulty," Rice A. Howell, general chairman, announced today.

If you observed one or more Birmingham business or professional men walking about downtown streets Tuesday noon without neckties, or with neckties that did not harmonize with their general habiliament ensemble, you may be sure that they were members of Birmingham's Exchange Club.

The situation was created when Maurice Olsen, local automobile salesman connected with the Winningham-Chevrolet Co., presided over what officially is known in Exchange circles as "Necktie Day." And this is the way it works.

A week ahead of time each Exchangite is told to be prepared, at the next meeting, to exchange his necktie with the chap who sits at his right. A prize is awarded to the one who appears with the gaudiest neck decoration—which Tuesday night fell to Walter Parmenter. The prize was a necktie, dig.

Your reporter was unable to get complete data on the neckties of all present; one reason is that he is not sufficiently acquainted with color combinations to identify all of the varying blends and hues. But when the whole exchange was over, he saw:

Mr. Allen Wood resplendent in a red-sash, scarlet affair—probably used to tie up floral decorations. (Come to think of it, it was about that color.) Parmenter sported the first prize (with.) "Bob" resembled—in the vicinity of his neck—the gleaming crimson front of a fire truck.

Will Sheridan had an easy job with his "exchange," for it was one of those bows already tied, with a hook to fasten its ends with.

Wm. Roy Howell emerged with a flaming red-white-yellow affair that merely hung about his neck; he probably failed to tie it because he didn't want to burn his fingers.

Then we see Joseph Byrne who, the only chap present seem to remove his collar and insert the "gift tie"—and the collar wasn't collar enough.

Another Exchangite whose tie resembled a part of a fire truck was Ralph W. Bricker, Detroit Edison Co. manager here.

(Whether Mr. Bricker will happen next year is anybody's guess.)

SCARLET CASES NOT ALARMING, KEMP ADVISES

Birmingham has no cause for alarm because of a recent increase in the number of scarlet fever cases, according to Dr. William Lloyd Kemp in charge of the city's health department. The number of cases reported is not unusual for this time of year, Dr. Kemp declared in an informal statement.

"Although the number of cases of scarlet fever reported during the month of February showed a slight increase, there is no cause for alarm," Dr. Kemp said. "It is not in any sense an epidemic, and the number of cases now on record is about normal for this time of year.

"Schools are being carefully checked by the school nurse and the health department and no precaution is overlooked. It is equally important for parents to watch children closely for any symptoms characteristic of the disease. A list of such symptoms was sent home to the parents through children attending school.

Dr. Kemp stressed the importance of isolating children showing signs of "acute respiratory infection," such as colds and sore throats. Where such symptoms occur, it is advisable to observe the child closely for the appearance of a rash, he advised.

Travel Talks Will Continue At Church

Miss Blanche Avery is the next movie operator in the series currently presented by the First Methodist Church. She will speak at the church at 7 p. m. on Sunday, with movies showing her journey through France, Germany and Poland. The lecture covers the present "trouble zones" in Europe, including the Baltic States.

The lecture will be the first of two to be given by Miss Avery. On Sunday evening March 20, she will speak and show movies about her travels through Sweden, Norway, England and Scotland. The general public is welcome to attend these lectures.

In the morning, the Rev. John Edward Martin, pastor of the church, will preach the second in a Lenten series of sermons at 11 a. m. His subject is "The Birth of a New Age."

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SITE FOR NEW POSTOFFICE DISCLOSED

Structure To Have Frontage On Martin Street, East Of Baldwin Library

Birmingham's new United States Postoffice will be located on the eastern half of property now owned by the St. James Episcopal church, and will be bounded on the south by Martin street, the east by Bates street, and the north by West Maple avenue. The property, with 140 feet frontage on Martin and West Maple, is 206 feet in depth.

The new Postoffice will face Martin street, slightly east of the Baldwin Public Library. The Treasury Department at Washington has agreed to pay $25,000 for the site. The remaining part of the total $355,000 federal appropriation is for the building itself reported to be one story high, 77 feet wide and 100 feet long.

For many weeks the government has been negotiating for a local site, and finally concentrated on the one it purchased and one in the rear of the Wabeek Building, facing Bates street, which was offered for $15,000. Originally, St. James' church officials asked $35,000 for their property, but the government held out for the lesser figure.

The house now located at the corner of West Maple avenue and Bates street, Birmingham's original Community House, will be moved, according to officials of the church, and made a part of the church house next to the church edifice.

Completion Date Unknown

Definite details from the Treasury Department at Washington, with regard to the plans for the new Postoffice, and the probable date of its completion, are not known at this time, although The Eccentric has written for information. The lease on the building on North Woodward avenue now occupied by the Postoffice expires on November 30, 1938.

"The new and larger Postoffice should make it possible for us to give even better and more efficient service here," stated Postmaster Joseph Byrne, whose staff has been doing an able job to date. "The larger quarters will make it possible to dispatch each receipt of mail with more dispatch due to the cramped condition of present quarters. Besides, we expect to add another carrier to the service."

Postal receipts since Mr. Byrne was appointed here in July of 1933 have shown an annual increase from $47,730 in 1933, to $51,369.20 for 1934; $55,750.51 for 1935; $58,915.84 for 1936; and an all-time high of $64,841.29 for the year ending December 31, 1937.

COMMISSION APPOINTS OSBORNE SUPERVISOR

E. W. (Cy) Osborne, local Ford dealer, was appointed one of Birmingham's Supervisors by the City Commission Monday night, to serve out the unexpired term of the late John S. Black. The term expires April 4. Osborne is a former member of the City Commission, and well posted on local problems, in the opinion of present City officials.

Other Supervisors representing Birmingham on the Oakland County Board are Luther Heacock, David Levinson, Robert K. McClellan, and Elmer Haack.

RED CROSS CLASS TO HEAR TWO SPEAKERS

Mrs. T. W. Jackson, Chairman of Staff Assistance Corps of the Oakland County Chapter of the American Red Cross will lecture at the second meeting of the class of Staff Assistance Corps which will be held today at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Community House. Mrs. Jackson's topic will be Chapter Organization.

As a special feature of the morning's program, Miss Harriet Wilkins, a representative of the Red Cross on the staff of the Midwestern Area will talk on disaster work. Miss Wilkins is at present situated at Mt. Clemens where she is working on flood relief.

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