

There was more "helping hand" activity in this community Monday than at any time this winter. It was a transformation of the winter into a season of good will, as all helped one another to get their cars out of snowdrifts. It does go to show, in an emergency, people are willing to assist others—even strangers. The world needs more snowdrifts.

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THIS AND THAT

If all the knots that men and women make upon their race we transform into snowdrifts that lifted higher every one. The earth, and all upon it, would then be a cheerful place. And everybody—you, who would have a lot more fun.

It does an adult good to mix and mingle with hundreds of today's youth—especially upon the campus of college. The Michigan State, at East Lansing, had three days of last week were spent by the Michigan Press Association for its annual convention sessions of which are always held in the city. The reason is that the Michigan's smaller newspapers, come closer to rural life that it does to urban activities. Birmingham and vicinity, too, has many boys and girls to the M. S. C., many of our youths also claim it as their Alma Mater.

Many new buildings are going up on the campus, including several large dormitories; the federal government is aiding in the construction of these projects. The student population is increasing year after year and the football team for some years has kept the College on the map.

Because the Association's sessions were held in the M. S. C., many of our youths are privileged to come to the college and the enthusiasm of youth, for so many young folks congregate there during the winter. It is a deep study, not so deep, then, in planning their social life, as to be in the something of a hustle to meet places. They are pretty high in school, and the football team reported. Many of them come from homes in very ordinary financial circumstances, and are required to work at various assignments. It is good to be thrown into the world of youth for a few days.

Socialization of the use of money has been a thing in this country ever since 1933. Socialization of medicine seems from the first, and the law is no one can say when and where it will stop. We are now living in the "era" of the "manage."

With the philanthropic abundance of a New Dealer giving away money, Mother Nature has scattered the snow in a heavy wearing apparel over much of Michigan's landscape. Hundreds of people are being kept from their walks and drive ways. It was something to record for recalling next July.

American liberty is not a quality of life that was fought for and won. It is something that was obtained in those days, of course, and it can be lost in a few brief years. Make no mistake about that, for the free press of this country is one of the most of that criticism comes from politicians and professional men. They will claim that his newspaperman is 100 per cent clean and perfect; the same can be done by a lawyer and judges, doctors, and even preachers. The important thing to remember is this: American newspapers, as a class, are cleaner and better than any in the world today. That, indeed, is something to be thankful for.

"The world never needed men and women who will pay the price in sacrifice for the good of mankind," said Rev. John E. Martin, in a theistic pastor, to the Baldwin high school graduating class last week. That always has been the plain truth. The only real barrier to that class lie in their own apathy, indistinct, laziness, and selfishness. They can become as great as their dominant ambition; as small as their controlling desire."

While we know that he never likes to receive a bill for his various voluntary fire services to the community, we can't let this week go by without asking our folks know that a sincere, purposeful, and excellent local general insurance agent is available. (Continued on Page 2, Part 1)

PER CAPITA LOSS BY FIRE DROPS IN YEAR

Floods, Explosions—Among Emergencies Handled, Chief Reports

Fire loss of 47 per capita in Birmingham for 1938 is the lowest recorded in the past six years, according to the annual report of the local fire department compiled by Chief Vernon W. Griffith for the year ending December 31. This figure is one cent less than that of a year ago. Birmingham's record in recent years in 1931, at 16, rising to 47 in 1932, with an increase in subsequent years to 47 in 1938, when it returned to the low figure of six years ago.

During the past year Birmingham Fire Department has had to cope with situations other than fire. Chief Griffith writes out: "Our department has in the past year handled some of the most difficult cases such as floods, explosions, and outstanding incidents, faced since its inception." The report continues:

Outstanding Fire
The outstanding single fire of the year occurred at 1112 Beanna-ville street, where \$12,000 worth of \$2,800, and one life the report.

JOHN STORM, JR. DIES SUDDENLY WHILE AT PLAY

A fractured vertebrae, believed to have been caused by a fall from a tree, was the cause of the sudden Friday morning of 10 year old John Storm, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Storm of 792 Fairfax road.

Teachers' Club To Present Speaker

Birmingham residents will have an opportunity to hear Dr. Harry Allen Overstreet, head of the philosophy department of the City College of New York, on Friday evening, Feb. 3. He will be presenting a paper, "The Teacher's Club for a Speaking Life," at eight o'clock, in the auditorium at Baldwin High School.

Godfrey Strelinger Heads Orchard Lake

Godfrey Strelinger of 1283 Dorchester road was elected president of Orchard Lake Country Club at the annual meeting of the club, held Thursday evening, Jan. 26. Two other Birmingham men served with Mr. Strelinger as club officers during 1938.

CAR RECOVERED
George Wilshire of Purdy street reported to police Sunday that a car which he had been driving was stolen from his home at Sterling Supply Company, 447 East Fort street, Detroit, had been recovered in front of his Purdy street home by Sheriff's agents. The car was recovered Sunday by the Sheriff's department.

Youth Rolls Own Morals, Speaker Tells Graduates

"Youth today rolls its own morals," Dr. Paul L. Thompson, president of Baldwin High School, declared in an address which ironically rebuked modern youth for its lack of character today, and concluded with a plea for self-discipline.

Dr. Thompson was invited to be speaker at the graduation exercises of the January 1939 class of Baldwin High School, last Thursday evening in the school auditorium. Dr. Thompson addressed an audience of approximately 700, including the 64 members of the class, one of the largest winter classes in the history of Baldwin High, their parents and friends. He was introduced by Charles Kinnison, president of the Board of Education.

"Young people today feel they can take the world apart, and put it together after dinner," Dr. Thompson informed the audience.

'KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR OF SNOW,' GRIFFITH URGES

A warning against carelessness in the home and an appeal for cooperation in keeping fire hydrants free, was voiced today by V. W. Griffith, Chief of the Birmingham Fire Department. His warning is embodied in a statement following investigation of the cause of the fire at the residence of the fire department on Wednesday last week. Although the cause was thought to be an overheated furnace, the investigation disclosed the fire was due to careless act.

Chief Griffith's statement follows: "As I supposed the fire which resulted in a considerable loss at 1258 Southfield road, was not started by an overheated furnace. A follow up investigation proved that it was started by a person in a wicker chair near the fireplace and wrapped with a newspaper and put them in a wicker chair. The wicker chair with two open clothes chutes in the basement, which extended up to the second floor, was lying on the floor. The wicker chair had been moved by the time Mrs. Underhill could remove him to the upper floor. The fire broke out in the house. Private funeral services were held at the residence Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the home of Mrs. John Storm, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Storm of 792 Fairfax road.

SCOUTS POSTPONE DINNER IN PLANS FOR OBSERVANCE

The Boy Scout dinner, which was to have been held on Friday, Feb. 3, at the First Presbyterian Church, has been postponed to the Court of Honor in June, Ralph A. Main, District Scout Commissioner, announced this week. In place of the dinner, Scout Sunday, on Feb. 12, became the most outstanding date on the calendar of those interested in Scouting.

TWO BITTEN BY DOGS DURING PAST WEEK

Mrs. Charles Harris, 175 West Lincoln reported to police Friday that her dog had bitten Allen McGrew, 14, of 1320 Davis street, on the night of Feb. 27. Harris was ordered to keep her dog tied up in a kennel and had not been vaccinated. The night old Ann Snyder of 761 N. Broadway reported that her dog was bitten by a neighbor's dog on the night Saturday, police authorities said, by a dog owned by David E. Kramer, 144 Martin street. Kramer's dog was bitten by a child when she walked through the yard.

CLUB OPENS CONTEST

Birmingham Club members' attendance contest, the winter season to play hosts to the winners. The contest will feature baseball games this spring. Captains of the three teams are: Birmingham, J. H. Pennerman, and Cliff Lawson.

RESIGNS APART FROM CAUSE OF GAMBLING, SAYS PICKERT

Detroit Commissioner Flays Public Tolerance Of Games Of Chance

Scathing denunciation of the average citizen's apathy toward the evils of gambling and liquor were made by members of the Birmingham Exchange Club Tuesday afternoon at the Community House when Brig-Gen. Heinrich A. Pickert, Commissioner of the Detroit Police Department, addressed them. Mr. Pickert included in his general arraignment of gambling and liquor the games of bingo, keno, and the giving of door prizes as an inducement to sell people tickets to various shows.

"Your average lodge, club, or church that holds such games of chance, in my opinion, are an indescribable harm to the community of which they engage in these so-called harmless games," Pickert stated. "The Commissioner of the National Exchange Club, with the approval of the National Board."

Rice A. Howell of 588 Southfield road, has been appointed district governor of the National Exchange Club, Birmingham, Farmington, Fentdale, Hazel Park, Pontiac, Port Huron and Royal Oak.

KINNISON HANDS RESIGNATION TO SCHOOL BOARD

Resignation as a member of the Birmingham Board of Education was tendered that body Tuesday afternoon by Charles S. Kinnison, of Hawthorne road. Mr. Kinnison was elected to his second three-year term in June of last year, but has been serving as president since that date.

In a brief statement, Mr. Kinnison said that he has been in Birmingham for a long time. But he has been reluctant to resign any of the positions he holds, the show-down finally came. So I decided to give up the activity that has proven the most satisfying, and the most burdensome. I must have more personal rest."

News of Mr. Kinnison's resignation came as a surprise to the community, for he has for years been identified with many phases of local activity, always on the side of constructive improvement. He has been an aggressive influence for betterment of the local schools, and has served on the board of directors of the Pierce Field track club. Quentin Platter, president of the Varsity Club, accepted the gift. Invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Warner L. Dornbush, pastor of St. James' Episcopal church.

BURTON M. PHEATT EXPIRES AFTER COLLAPSE MONDAY

Burton M. Pheatt, 49 years old of Half Moon drive, died Wednesday at 8:30 p. m. in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital. Pheatt, who has been president of the Board since May, 1931, had been in poor health since July, 1932; and William A. Dale, who has served since February, 1932.

REV. WUGGAZER CITES PRECEPTS FROM ST. PAUL

The Rev. Theodore Wuggazer, Jr., pastor of the Redeemer Lutheran church, has been requested by The Eclectic to contribute this week a series of sermons delivered in local churches. Rev. Wuggazer chose for his text Sunday, a passage from Roman 12, 17-18: "Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

CLAUDE WALKER NAMED TO BOARD FOR SAFETY MEET

Claude E. Walker, production manager of The Birmingham Eclectic was notified this week of his appointment to the board of directors of the State Wide Safety Conference which will be held at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit Friday, Feb. 22 and 23.

MEN'S CLUB TO FETE FATHERS AND SONS

Their annual Father and Son Banquet will be held by members of the Men's Club of the First Presbyterian Church on Friday evening, Feb. 10, at the Church.

HEADS DISTRICT CITY AS SNOW TRAFFIC

Snow Caravan Clears Eighty Miles Of Roadway, After Blizzard

Birmingham awoke Monday morning to find itself in the grip of a blizzard which swept across the eastern and central states, burying highways, crippling traffic and isolating communities by walls of snow.

Snowfall in Birmingham was estimated to be close to nine inches. A steady downfall, and high wind which scattered drifts combined to add obstacles to the work of digging out the city.

The snow caravan of 12 plows, six trucks, a grader and a tractor and 10 to 12 men equipped with all types of snow machinery, worked the city and worked all day long. The caravan of plows, trucks and tractors, led by City Manager Ernest said, was as fast as the snow could be cleared.

DECREASE NOTED IN ENROLLMENT FOR NEW TERM

Enrollment in the Birmingham schools, as shown by the registration Monday, the first day of the new semester, was 263, according to Howard D. Crull, superintendent. This was a decrease of 15 students from last semester's figure, which was 266.

Trucks Dump Snow

Because of the depth and weight of the snow, the storm was one of the most difficult to cope with in recent years, City Manager Harry A. Laughlin, reported that the snow dumped in city trucks, the snow taken from the city's main thoroughfares, was piled up suddenly in being dumped on the new postoffice site and on the new Super Highway site-offway, Mr. Egbert said, the snow dumped by the storm to the city is that of removing the snow.

Organsist Will Give Recital At Christ Church

E. W. Hill, recently appointed as organist at Christ Church Cranbrook, will give an organ recital in the Church at four o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 5. Miss Lois Chapman, noted soprano soloist, will appear on the program with him.

Eccentric Again Honored

Two signal honors were paid The Eccentric last week in East Lansing at the annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association, a State-wide daily and weekly organization consisting of over 300 establishments.

First prize in the variety and excellence of its commercial printing displays was awarded this newspaper and printing office. "The Eccentric probably ranks first among the entire nation's weekly press in volume, variety, and excellence," was the comment that went with the award.

In the contest for advertising typographic excellence, sponsored by The Detroit Aderf Club, The Eccentric was placed second. The contest was won by The Pontiac Daily Press. When Hal G. Trump, of Franklin, presented the Aders Aderf Club the announcement at a large banquet in the Old Hotel last Thursday night, he said: "Our committee found it difficult to choose between The Daily Press and The Eccentric in this contest. So next year we are going to have one class for the dailies and one for the weeklies."