

The power of example is perhaps the greatest force in human conduct. Whether we are in the presence of children, or adults, everything we do creates a reaction upon those around us. Most of us have many faults—and life's biggest job is to correct them, and to avoid others.

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Toller Seems A Pawn
The Toller told to pay his union dues. He gave his title to pay his union dues. He trusted those who led his cause, because he wanted better pay—then came the news. That union leaders fought to lead them. Each striving for the right to lead the pack. The other sighed a sigh, his spirit sad. His footsteps slowed, his tired brain and brawn. Both wearied of the age-old struggle—for, within his own ranks he seemed but a pawn.

I haven't heard authentic information on the subject yet, but I am beginning to wonder if the vogue of red ink government bookkeeping has been determined by optical apparatus as easier on the eyes than black ink.

Now Madame Perkins comes out and says that she is opposed to Communism. Her utterance came while she was conducting a controversy over the deportation of labor-leader Harry Bridges, who is to be incarcerated in a federal penitentiary. It is possible that the Madame is now trying to burn the bridges behind her.

EXCHANGITES HEAR TALK ON REARING INFANT INDUSTRY

Note here Detroit's Free Press is published in thousands of readers about Freddie Thompson, the new Tiger pitcher. What is to be done with Thompson's contemplation of life's perplexing problems and to wander about in the streets, and the drama of baseball. Even if they outrun him, the "base" seems to be in the hands of the "base" men. Such is the power of nine young men over the Prophets.

After 24 hours spent in Lansing one day last week, with the Reverend Fitzgerald, and General Brown, Attorney General Read, and several members of the Michigan Legislature, I come to the belief that the biggest job confronting the first month or two of the administration of this State is especially true when the incoming administration supplants one of an opposite political party.

It seems that everybody and his uncle, grandfather, niece, cousin, and aunt who voted the Republicans in September and November of 1938 want a JOB—held as it seems you would agree, too, if you visited Lansing and observed the waiting lines in each of the State's stock exchanges. If you saw the stacks of letters and telegrams that come from every section of Michigan. Perhaps, as well Service gets the word, and practical foothold in State government, this problem will be greatly overcome by the State which would save State officials many a headache.

'Program For A Sound Life,' To Be Theme Of Address Here By Noted Philosopher

By Adeline Cooke (Librarian, Baldwin Library)
Dr. Harry Allen Overstreet is coming to Birmingham. To read in his books his interpretations of the philosophy and psychology of everyday life is to be refreshed and to gain an impetus toward more effective living. Whether in the professional or social life, or as parents, citizens, or just as human beings. But to have an opportunity to listen to Dr. Overstreet, to hear him tell personally what he is thinking, that will be deep luxury. The theme of the lecture he is to deliver at Baldwin High School the evening of Feb. 3, is to be "A Program For A Sound Life." These days of perplexity and insecurity, we welcome the ideas of a man who has thought through the problems and who has not afraid to be somewhat revolutionary. Perhaps it will be more serious as he was in his earlier book "The Hand during Quest," in which he ex-

MAYOR GETS FIRST TICKET

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Bait And Fly Casters Will Meet On Friday

Birmingham's new Bait and Fly Casting Club, formed here Jan. 12, when a group of boys and men met in the Barnum school gymnasium, will hold its next public meeting Friday evening, Jan. 26, at 7:30 o'clock. This new club, which is being sponsored by the Birmingham Rotary Club, has plans to hold regular weekly meetings, lectures and practical casting instruction to be given by experts from the Detroit Bait and Fly Casting Club.

According to Ralph Main, a member of the local delivery committee, increased interest is manifest since the first meeting, and a large turnout is looked for on Friday night.

At the previous meeting in spite of the storm that enveloped the community that evening, 50 men and boys were present in the Barnum gym.

PASTOR TRACES ORIGIN OF 'AMEN' BACK TO BIBLE

[Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles prepared by Birmingham pastors in local churches, which The Eccentric is offering to its readers.]
The Rev. Glen Harris of the First Presbyterian church, chose Sunday for his sermon subject, "The Matthew of Prayer." In the text, Corinthians 1:20, "For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and Amen. Unto the glory of God by us." Mr. Harris said:
For centuries religious people have seated their prayers with the four letter word, "Amen." In the English translation of the gospel which we use, the word "Amen" is used in the prayer of Jesus sealed with this word. No word is more used in our religious life today. We seal our prayers with it. We conclude our hymns with it. We manifest our belief in an expressed statement by saying, "Amen." Our dogologies with it. It has been admitted to better living conditions.

ADAMS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL IS LIONS' SPEAKER

Principles and changes in present-day elementary education, with emphasis on the situation in the Adams school, were the subject of a talk by W. F. Thomas, principal of Adams school, to the Lions Club at the Wednesday meeting held at the Adams school. Mr. Thomas pointed out the marked changes in education, remarking that educators today follow two definite and different paths of thought. He said that Birmingham followed a "middle-of-the-road" policy in regard to education, being neither too advanced nor too slow. The unusual advantage of modern education, in the opinion of Mr. Thomas, is that the subjects are adapted to the lives of the students, making learning a matter of interest, rather than of compulsion. The club offered congratulations to Clara Scribner on the birth of a son, and to Vernon W. Griffith, on the birth of a daughter. Two new members, H. Dean Yacub and George Rex McIntosh, were also introduced at the meeting.

NAME PATRONS FOR BIRTHDAY BALL BEEFIT

Leading Citizens Head List Of Guests For Party To Aid Paralysis Victims
Many of Birmingham's civic, educational and business leaders will appear on the guest list of the President's Birthday Ball, to be held at the Community House on Monday evening, Jan. 30, under the auspices of the city's five service clubs for men and women. The local contribution towards the fight against infantile paralysis will be held simultaneously with similar affairs throughout the nation.

Mayor John E. Martz and Mrs. Martz head the patrons for the Ball. Others will be Mr. and Mrs. Lutz Henack, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Kane, Ray A. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer E. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ayler, Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Egbert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Kinnison, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Buttrick, Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Crull, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Hecton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dalee, Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Shain and Miss Marian Hawkins.

INDIA, THEME OF TALK TO ROTARY BY PASTOR'S WIFE

An interesting and informative talk on India, revealing its history, its people, its progress and its present, was given by Mrs. Martin Monday night at the Community House by Mrs. John Martin, wife of the local Methodist minister, appeared on the program. With charts and colored pictures, Mrs. Martin held the interest of her audience for 35 minutes.

Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore B. Merrill of 832 Larchdale drive, The City, who is a student at Cranbrook School.
Mr. and Mrs. Merrill have been traveling about in their car, their last home being California. Mr. Merrill is a member of the national staff of the University Credit Company, and is currently connected with their Detroit branch.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE ANNUAL REPORT

Members of the Birmingham Fire Department have nearly completed work on the annual report, according to Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith, who says the report should be ready for inspection by next week. An interesting feature of the 1938 report is the fact that the loss per capita is almost exactly what it was for the preceding year, with a slight decrease. In 1937, the loss per capita was .48, while the 1938 loss will be about .47, Mr. Griffith said.

DEATH COMES TO LOCAL PIONEER IN REAL ESTATE

A career of public service, beginning back in the days of large lumbering operations in Northern Michigan, and extending to the modern days of the city's real estate development, ended with the death of Wilbur William McAlpine last Monday evening in the Florence Crittenton Hospital in Detroit. Mr. McAlpine, who was in his 65th year, had been a resident of Birmingham since 1912, when he came here to engage in the real estate business.

Born in Oakland, N. Y., Feb. 22, 1853, Mr. McAlpine came to Michigan at the age of 12 years. He was interested in coal land with his mother and father. He made his home in Midland, where he was engaged in the manufacture of shoes, operating his own factory. He became interested in civic activities in the community, and helped draft the original charter of the Village of Highland Park. He was elected first president of that village. During this and subsequent terms of office, many major public improvements were installed in the village. While in Highland Park he also became interested in real estate subdivision development. He moved back to Detroit in 1902.

From 1905 to 1912 Mr. McAlpine was interested in coal land development in Alaska and made several trips there during this period. He was also interested in the real estate business in the local community, operating practically in Royal Oak and Oakland County.

Mr. McAlpine continued his activities in the real estate business until 1931, when he and his wife moved to California, where she died in 1933. Mr. McAlpine then resided with his son Wilbur and daughter, Mrs. Virgil Lockrow, who survives. He also has two grand children.

U. OF M TELLS SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Applications are now being received for undergraduate scholarships to the University of Michigan. Both boys and girls are eligible for the competition. All applications should be in the hands of the committee by March 1 of this year, and winner must enter the University for the beginning of school in the fall of 1939, unless illness or some uncontrollable circumstance prevents.

The only rules are those requiring that the applicants be in good standing in their high school graduating class, and that there must be a genuine need of financial aid. There will be no substitutions after the winners have been named; unfilled scholarships will remain vacant for the entire year.

Applicants should write to their local chairman of the Scholarship Committee, giving the names of the last three and list extra-curricular activities, such as church or Scout work. Mr. Robert F. Watt of Hanna street is chairman of the Birmingham committee, assisted by Mr. Charles E. Lewis and Mrs. Melvin J. Kates. Letters of application should contain full details, the committee will send only four candidates to the University. Winners will be given their acceptance by the University. Winners will be chosen from consideration of applications and by ranking among the 75 highest in the state, in the state of Michigan.

PLAN LIFE TO AID MARY, PASTOR URGES

Baccalaureate Sermon Is Timely 'Challenge' To Youth of Today
"The world never needed men and women who will pay the price in sacrifice for the good of mankind, as it does today," the Rev. John E. Martin, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist church, told members of the January graduating class of Baldwin high school in his baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening in the First Presbyterian church.

Dr. Martin's subject was "The Challenge of the Hour," based on the Biblical narrative of the young man who refused to dispose of his worldly possessions, give the money to the poor and follow the teachings of Christ.

"I have come to ask you what you will do to help the world's needy," Dr. Martin inquired of the 65 members of the class. "It is the intent of Christ that a man should use his resources for the good of his fellow men. So with your resources of education, what do you intend to do with your life?"

"Two groups of men are found today who do not do their duty to bless mankind, and that is just as insistently bent every energy to curse mankind. By their fruits ye shall know them."

Modern Psychology
Dr. Martin recognized that what you do with your life is a challenge to the rest of the world. He said that the psychology of our modern schools is that we think, "I am going to become a doctor, a lawyer, a businessman, or a politician. I do not think of the possibilities that challenge you to be of service to mankind."

"The individual who would make his life more fruitful for good and service to his fellow men should direct his life toward that end," Dr. Martin advised the graduates.

"Sometimes I wonder if youth thinks that life can be enriched by absolute indifference to the laws of health, sobriety, honesty and integrity," Dr. Martin said. "It cannot be done. Put your hand in the plow, and do not look back. It does not fail you. Neither will life fail you if you indulge in luxury, idleness, and waste of your life, it will yield you a harvest, but it will not be that of enrichment of a personality."

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Northeast Section Will Be Used By City As Play-fied

After three hours of debate in which a delegation of more than 70 Birmingham residents took part, the City Commission Monday night voted to purchase for \$8,000, 15.00 acres in the northeast section of the city as a playground or park. Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert cast the single negative vote against the purchase. Mayor Martz did not participate in the discussion, but because of his personal connection with one of the owners. The decision of the Commission was made after a hearing closed a discussion which began two weeks ago, when the land was offered as a park site to the city by the owners, W. Knox Papperton and Mrs. T. B. Smith, through their representative Louis Hassall. In response to the Commission's request that Birmingham residents express their views on the purchase, the following groups of a week ago and Monday, were attended by representative groups.

OVER-HEATED FURNACE CAUSES \$10,000 BLAZE

Fire, said to be caused by an over-heated heating system, broke out Wednesday at 1228 Southfield road, causing an estimated damage of \$10,000 to the building and contents. The building was occupied by the family of E. M. Wakefield of the first floor, and by the Mitchell family on the second. In the apartments at the time of fire were Mrs. Mitchell, her husband and two children. Mrs. Mitchell was injured in a cost-ly accident; Mrs. Wakefield, and Mrs. Mitchell's daughter, were discovered when smoke was noticed coming through the floor. The fire was extinguished by the occupants was injured, as all were able to escape from the building before the blaze burst through from the basement floor.

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Behind the desire for new uniforms is the deeper one of placing the band on a high plane to the end that some may not only learn to play, but that all students will obtain a greater appreciation of the value of music.

As one of the methods adopted to raise the needed funds, the committee Monday night agreed upon holding a public subscription hand concert in the high school auditorium Wednesday evening, March 1. It will be one of Birmingham's largest musical events. The full score of the orchestra was shown in all of its magnificent colors in the "Les Fleurs Pales du Souvenir" by the composer, a relatively unknown Belgian composer whose untimely death at the age of 24 brought to an abrupt close a promising career. The score to this number, which has never before been performed in Birmingham, was acquired by Mr. Johnson about two years ago, while staying in Paris. The soft and delicate tones of the flute were heard woven through the number and (Continued on Page 2, Part 1)

By Nellie Hurley Minifie
That college students think of more than dates, football games and double chocolate sodas was conclusively proved to a large Birmingham audience Tuesday evening at the Community House when members of the University of Michigan's Symphony Orchestra presented an evening of chamber music as the final concert in the series which has been sponsored this winter by the Birmingham Musicale.

The fifteen members of this musical group, under the leadership of the Music School of the University, are students who are defraying their expenses for their education either by assisting in clerical work in the music department or by acting as teachers in the school.