

The United States celebrates the Fourth of July because it was on this day that we decided to throw off the oppressive yoke of Old England and date ourselves as a nation that "inaction with representation" is a policy opposed to the attitude of course.

SIXTY-THIRD YEAR NO. 13

Methodists Here to Have New Pastor

Redford Minister And Dr. J. E. Martin To Exchange Pulpits

If love speaks to neighbor as he loves himself, the first would eat the sabbath. The spear stay on the wall. Then everyday would gladden And every eye would be glad And God would pause to listen And life would be divine.

—Joseph Newton Matthews.

The City of Happiness is in the State of Mind; and the happiest of human hearts is always located on all sides by the doing of good deeds for others.

Birmingham's public schools closed this summer with an operating deficit of \$5,000.00. That's not a healthy situation.

Birmingham and vicinity raised \$3,110.00 for the Red Cross; its quota was exceeded by \$300.00. Just another bit of proof that people in this nation are ready and willing to give some of their money for help to other people—even though these beneficiaries live far across the sea. The Red Cross is assuredly an enterprise that symbolizes humanity at its sacrificial best.

According to the federal census report for 1940, Birmingham now has a population of 210,000 people, all living within the city's slightly more than four square miles. This is an increase of 134,000 or 150 per cent, over a census taken ten years ago. In 1920 less than 4,000 people lived in Birmingham, but specifically classed as a village. Population growth in and near Birmingham continued because Birmingham is recognized as one of the most desirable of Detroit's northern suburbs, so far as residential and cultural advantages are concerned.

To Outlaw War, The Causes Must Be Outlawed

All my life I have sought to construct a deep conviction that to stigmatize slavery as a crime assured if one perceives and holds fast to eternal Truth. By Truth I mean those enduring qualities of goodness that make for peace and goodwill among individuals, among individuals, among nations, and amidst the staggering bewildering and confusion on the surface that appears in this world. I still believe that Truth is unchangeable; that Truth, as a sort of garment, is the best garment one can wear. The wars of today have not been created by Truth, but by the collective actions of millions and millions of little and big wrong-doings of individuals and even of nations. It is in my opinion, but a definite result of this wrong-doing, a kind of pot-boiling when the excess of human wrong-doing gets a chance to simmer away from the human scene.

A friend of mine, a chap with the international viewpoint of peace, said to me the other day: "I don't believe that 100 nations can settle their differences around a table, instead of upon the battlefield; in fact, they are driven for a thousand years to attain this state, but eventually it will come." To which I replied: "Yes, I agree that some day the conference table will supplant the battlefield; but some day when the peoples of this earth become sufficiently civilized to settle their differences by compromise, the need for such settlement will largely be eliminated; when nations arrive at peace, it is by means of bullets and battles, they will practically eliminate the very need of a conference table—for by that time they will have become unselfish and decent enough to have avoided the accumulation of millions and millions of individual and national wrong-doings, and thus have wiped out the basic causes of war."

For the condition of war is like unto a crop that was sown by a man; into the soil of his own consciousness he has poured selfishness, unfairness, exploitation of others, greed, thirst for power, and a vast abundance of hatred, suspicion, mistrust, and finally the use of brute force upon fields of hate.

Rev. W. Glen Harris Rides Engine Cab

Satisfying a long-held ambition, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, rode in the engine cab of a steam locomotive as he sped on his way to Texas on Tuesday. Mr. Harris left Monday and will return here to preach July 7. Somehow, he secured a pass from the Beaverton railroad to ride the engine from Kansas City to Topeka.

Harris, and his daughter, Cherry, are accompanying him. While in Austin, Texas, Mr. Harris will preach a sermon in the old home church.

Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. Almon C. Hovey, 231 Oakland avenue? The Hoveys have been active in the Boy Scouts of America, with their two children, a daughter, 16, and a son, 12. They are interested in research for Reichhold Chemicals, Inc. of Ferndale. He is a member of the American Chemical Society.

Will Exchange Positions

The REV. CHARLES C. BECKER (right) formerly of Calvary Methodist Church, Redford, will exchange pulpits with the REV. JOHN EDWARD MARTIN, present Methodist pastor in Birmingham.

An Editor Confesses His Defeat

(Editor's note—The first of the summer street dances was held last Friday night. Below is a report of the affair. If the reader can understand it, the editor can understand it.)

Rotary Club Here Sponsors New Club

Birmingham Rotarians were justly proud Monday evening when they nearly unanimously sponsored the advent of a new Rotary Club. More than 200 Rotarians from 15 clubs in this city's 15th District of Rotary International were present at the charter presentation, made by District Governor Ernest Chapelle, of Ypsilanti.

Exchange Head Names Chairman

Committee chairman were announced by J. B. Minton, new president of the Exchange Club, in the final formal meeting of the special session Tuesday at the Community House. Except for semi-annual meetings, the club will be held on a regular basis.

Men of Holy Name To Welcome Priest

John E. Moore has invited about 25 members of the Holy Name parish to meet Rev. David J. Duncan, the new pastor, at 10:30 p. m. on Wednesday evening. The informal gathering is to welcome the new priest and acquaint him with some of the men of his church.

2 Birmingham Men Named by Bond Club

Two Birmingham men were elected to the directorate of the Red Cross War Relief fund, and the total from these two districts nearly one-third of the Oakland County total. It was revealed Monday night at the annual meeting of the county board. Staff assistants at the meeting included: S. J. Saunders, Bloomfield Hills; Mrs. William Lambert, Anna Belle Smith, and Mrs. H. E. Sutton, Birmingham; and Mrs. Howard C. Conover and Mrs. Ruth Saunders of Bloomfield Hills.

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City Imposes Ruling on Air Conditioning

Fear Heavy Water Consumption May Result in Shortage

Special permission of the City Commission will hereafter be necessary before any person may install new machinery to use water for air conditioning purposes. It was voted Monday night at a meeting of the City Fathers.

City Directory Distributed Here

Birmingham's largest and most complete city directory, including two entirely new features, is now off the press and being delivered to subscribers by the Polk & Co. Co.

Designate Home Owners

In the street (pink) section of the directory the publishers have inaugurated a symbol to designate owner-occupied homes, thus distinguishing them from rented property.

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Community House Curtails Program

Mrs. Julia B. Lally, hostess, announces that the Community House, following a curtailed program, will remain open through July every day except Saturday, and will be open evenings by appointment. The House will close Aug. 1 and will re-open after Labor Day following re-decorating.

The Eccentric Out Early Next Week

Because Independence Day, July 4, falls on Thursday, The Eccentric Out will be held on Wednesday, July 3, at 10 p. m. on Wednesday morning. Employment of advertisers and news sources is asked in preparing their material a day before the event. The cost of advertising will be 4 p. m. Tuesday.