—that I always get from winter is the sight of a log fire in our living room at home. I can sit before it for long periods, just watching the play and color of the flames; like watching a beautiful stretch of running water. Burning logs in a fireplace enlivens a room, as well as warm it.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

. . . In Conclusion, A Few More Mexican Impressions

Birmingham, Michigan; March 21, 1940—Since my return home from Mexico I have been asked numerous questions about the trip; questions that may interest "you all"—as they say down South—and so, in this last article, I'll attempt to include as many of them as space will permit. We arrived in Birmingham March 9, at four o'clock in the afternoon; the total mileage we put on the faithful Buick was 6,826; that's quite an amount for 29 days, 20 of which we stayed in that many different villages and cities; as I said in my first letter, going to Mexico City required seven days, with mileage of 2531; and coming home via Galveston, Texas, and Natchez, Mississippi, consumed eight days with 2704 miles registered. Not until we reached Memphis, Tennessee, the evening of March 7, did we run into rain and cold sleet; the weather from Mexico to Memphis was of summery days, coolish autumnal nights.

Grand Scenery

Thus far I have failed to emphasize the loveliness of the Mexican scenery. From the time that we hove within sight of Monterrey, Mexico, 154 miles south of the Texas border, we were in love with "south of the border country." For at Monterrey, (which means King of the Mountains), begin the grand Sierra Madre mountains of Mexico, the eastern and western sides of Mexico these mountains run southward, converging at and near Mexico City; in between them, generally speaking, lie the upper table lands, or plateaus, of Mexico, 1500 miles in length, as wide as 500 miles in places. The mean altitude of this great plateau region is 6,000 feet, more than a mile high. At Monterrey the altitude is about 1700 feet, and within the next 42 miles of motoring you elevate yourself and car to 5200 feet; 450 miles south of Monterrey your altitude will be 8200 feet, and just 56 miles before you reach Mexico City's 7400 feet altitude, you drive over the highest section of the trip, just 8500 feet high. Along this mountainous, winding route, you are going through types of vegetation in keeping with the climate resulting from the varying altitudes. Nearer sea level you will discover the luxuriant growth of tropical vegetation and fruits; at times you will find the vegetation, the pine trees, just like northern Michigan. Within a space of 20 miles of such driving on the route from Mexico City to Guadalajara you will change from thick tropical vegetation, lovely growing flowers, profusion of fruits, to thinly clad hill and mountain tops. And almost each of any trip through Mexico you will revel at the countless groupings of undulating or jagged ridges. From Mexico City to the Sierra Madres. I have driven over the Central European Alps of Italy, France, Switzerland and former Austria; they are beautiful; but they are often bare and snow clad and less lovely than the mountains of Mexico; the difference is like that of a muscular warrior done in cold marble as compared with a lovely, alive woman attired in her masquerade ball finery. There is charm and color in the Sierra Madres; you will never forget them; they, alone, are worth the trip. During the winter, or dry season, from November to about April, there is less color than during the remainder of the year, when it rains nearly every afternoon. Every possible combination of straight line and curve is represented by the Sierra Madre mountains, and you never tire of looking at them, or at the deep valleys that nestle at their bases.

Many Forest Fires

Mexican law forbids the cutting of live trees. But the burdened Indians, and the poorer Mexicans, find a way to clear the land of trees; they set fire to them; in certain areas you may see one or a dozen fires burning, no one even attempting to put them out. When they have burned over an area, the Indians come in and remove the debris, and start planting it to corn. The government makes little effort to stop these fires; it would require an army of foresters to watch the Indians—and, besides, the government probably secretly agrees that the Indians are entitled to use the device of fire to clear land for planting of their original holdings. I was told that even the black crows help to spread fires by picking up glowing sticks and dropping them in fresh, unburned areas, so that the fire will drive the lizards and edible insects into movement, and thus provide the crows with food.

Home Is Industrial Unit

While the Mexican system of producing wealth is slowly going modern, with certain commodities are being manufactured in factories, probably most of the Republic's commodity wealth is still produced by the family unit. That is to say, the Indians, and the peon Mexicans, still carry on, from gen-

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State Engineer SocietyComing to Cranbrook

Expect 250 or More At Convention Here Next Week

Between 250 and 300 persons are expected at Cranbrook Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week for the 60th annual convention of the Michigan Engineering Society. An imposing list of speakers has been secured for the conclave, which will attract engineers from all parts of Michigan.

Four engineers on Birmingham's municipal staff have been active in arranging the convention. Building Inspector James B. Baynes is chairman of the registration committee, and reservations are already coming in fast. City Engineer Harold H. Corson is chairman of the advertising and printing committee, assisted by Elmer W. Haack. Ralph A. Main is chairman of the banquet committee.

H. Augustus O'Dell, of Bloomfield Hills, is chairman of the morning session, Friday, March 29, while F. W. DuBois, 303 Baldwin avenue, will act as toastmaster

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Eccentric to Print Campaign Views Of Six Candidates

In order to assist voters in making their decisions at the polls on April 1, The Eccentric next week will print pictures, brief biographies and campaign statements of the six City Commission candidates.

Each of the candidates has been asked to submit this information by the end of this week.

The election board was announced this week by City Clerk Irene E. Hanley. The precinct workers are all women. Each is paid $6 for the day, and the chairman, $7. They are as follows:

Precinct 1, Quarton School—Mrs. Robert W. Chissus (chairman), Mrs. John E. Wilson, Mrs. Thomas B. Klingensmith and Mrs. Melvin J. Deer.

Precinct 2, Adams School—Mrs. James Cobb (chairman), Mrs. Winifred Burkman, Mrs. Pearle Taylor and Mrs. Lillian Moore.

Precinct 3, Municipal Building—Miss Betty Graves (chairman).

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Rotarians Hear Russell C. Barnes

Pointing out the available evidence relating to the military and economic strength of the nations involved in the present European conflict, Russell C. Barnes, of Birmingham, expert analyst for The Detroit News on Europe, addressed Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon at the Community House. Mr. Barnes has spent a number of years as foreign correspondent in Europe for The News, was introduced by Rotarian Dr. George B. Raynale.

The speaker outlined four possible war-time strategies that may be resorted to by Germany and England and France. One of them, an attempt on the part of Germany to wear out the Allies by maintaining a stalemate on the Western Front, is the favorite strategy that Mr. Barnes believes Hitler will use. This will be possible, though, only in the event that Germany either breaks the Allied blockade and thus is able to obtain materials for carrying on the war, or is able to get these same materials from Russia and the Balkan nations.

"I don't think that Hitler will

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Girl, 15 Years Old, Winner of Essay Contest on 'Benefits of Democracy'

Leah Davidson, 15 years old, of 191 Worth avenue, was adjudged the winner of the VFW Auxiliary essay contest on "The Benefits of Democracy." Second place went to John Bathgate, 18 years old, of 251 North Bates street, while honorable mention was awarded to Harry Mack, 18 years old, 679 Frank street. There were ten contestants.

The winner will get a prize of $5, while $2.50 will go to second-place winner. In addition, Miss Davidson's essay will go to the State contest where it will be eligible for $60 in prizes. The State winner competes for national prizes totaling $2,000.

The judges were Supt. Howard D. Crull, Mrs. Charles J. Shain and John H. Harwood, managing editor of The Eccentric. The essays were given to the judges with the names of the authors clipped from each manuscript.

Members of the VFW Auxiliary who arranged the contest were Mrs. Karl Moody, chairman, Mrs. S. A. Wilkinson and Mrs. Fred Samuelson.

The winning essay is as follows:

THE BENEFITS OF DEMOCRACY
By Leah Davidson

I am a high school student of fifteen. In my short lifetime everything that anyone could want has been given to me on a silver platter of devotion. Yet often times I am dissatisfied with my life. I desire more than I already have. I discredit those possessions of free speech, freedom of religion, and others as commonplace and that which anyone might have. The Bill of Rights, the Monroe Doctrine, the Constitution, and the Declaration of Independence are "old stuff" to me.

Yet lately I have grown more cognizant of just how fortunate I really am. Not only do I have all that my parents can give me, but today I reap the benefits of the ef-

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What Do YOU Think?

Since 1934, the Board of Education's rule has been that women teachers who marry must leave the service at the end of their contract. Is this a good rule? The present Board of Education wonders, and next Tuesday will vote on whether to retain or abolish the policy. As a matter of interest, The Eccentric this week contacted a number of residents of the City and asked their opinions on the question. Their views follow:

P. B. HOFFMAN, 1045 Suffield: I am a little rabid on this subject. I feel that the rule is very silly and I hope they repeal it. As long as a person is qualified to hold the job, what difference does marital status make? A good teacher is like a jewel and difficult to replace. I think to discharge a teacher because she is

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Lawbreaking Less In '39 Than in '38

Lawbreaking appeared to decrease in Birmingham in 1939 over 1938, according to the annual report of Police Chief John P. Hackett, submitted to City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

All offenses committed 2,151, compared to 2,331 in 1938. The biggest drop occured in violation of road and driving laws. Accidents, drunk driving and car thefts increased during the year. There was no traffic fatality in 1939, contrasted to two in 1938.

Favorable Conduct

"I believe the general conduct of the members of the Department impressed the citizens of the City, while we have received very little adverse criticism, we have several commendatory letters from residents and other citizens," Hackett wrote.

He noted also that the assignment of another officer to the detective division has speeded up the work of criminal investigation and prosecution.

Fewer non-traffic offenses were reported in 1939 than in 1938. The total last year was 206; the year before, 226. Larcenies involving property worth less than $50 accounted for 119 calls in 1939; for more than $50, six calls. There were 52 burglaries. Of the offenses, 30 were cleared by arrests; 163 were not.

Parking violations totaled 1,034, just one more than in 1938.

Drunkenness stood at 30 in 1939, for 1938, the total was 21. Drunk driving increased from 18 to 31. Grand total of actual offenses committed (including all tickets) stood at 2,151 for 1939 contrasted to 2,331 for 1938.

Auto Thefts Up

Automobile thefts took a jump in 1939 over 1938. Twenty-one

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DeMolay Holding Father-Son Banquet

The Hassberger Chapter, Order of DeMolay, will have a father and son banquet at the Community House next Wednesday night, March 27, with about 200 expected to attend. The public is invited. The Rev. W. Glen Harris will be the speaker, with the Ford German band furnishing entertainment. Harry Sevin, senior counsellor of the Chapter, will act as master of ceremonies, with Clayton Chamberlade welcoming the fathers, and Leon A. Chaminade giving the spohse. Tickets may be obtained from any member or at Wilson's.

BICYCLE LICENSES

Persons in the City owning bicycles have been asked to procure their licenses by April 1. The fee is 25 cents.

Commission on Recreation Formed Here

New Coordinating Group Set Up by Community Council

Adoption of a constitution for the newly-organized Community Council, and the formation of a new Recreation Commission to coordinate year-around recreation activities in Birmingham were two steps taken Tuesday in a meeting of Community Council members, representing the city's chief organizations.

The recreation report which consisted of suggestions for a summer recreation program for Birmingham, was adopted in its entirety with the exception of the administrative section which was amended to read that the Recreation Commission shall consist of two representatives from each of the following: Board of Education (one of whom is to be the superintendent of schools), City Commission (one to be the city manager); also the chairman of the Council's Recreation committee and three others to be elected at large.

Some of Members

Ralph Main, representing the Boy Scouts, Mrs. Julia K. Lally, of the Community House, and Bill Cole, of the Polygon club were elected as the members at large. Robert D. Lynd, of the Y. M. C. A., is present chairman of the Recreation committee and thus will be a member of the Commission.

This program differs only slightly from the one in former years, the main difference being membership this year by the Community Council rather than the Recreation Association which was formed in past years to take care of playground activities of Birmingham's young people.

As in past years the money to finance this program will be secured from the city, the schools, and various organizations throughout Birmingham.

The Community Improvement committee report, made by Mrs. Aaron H. Webster suggested the community observance of Arbor Day and also recommended the beautification of school grounds and vacant properties. Public support of the bilbroad ordinance was

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Record Crowd Turns Out to Hear Fine Concert By High School Band

By FENTON R. MATHEWS

Yes, my friends and neighbors, you were there or else you have heard of that excellent concert given by the Birmingham High School Band Wednesday evening in the auditorium. It will be referred to like the big snow of '88 and other events of similar interest.

It just seems this condition had to come to pass, this emergence or awakened interest in the music of our school system which has been kept in the background like something to be avoided. The huge success of the concert was due to two factors: the mothers of the band members and the members themselves. It was great fun to see the largest crowd in history for such an event and this is just a starter. In sequence this is how the affair worked up to the grand finale:

The Background

First, there was Arnold Berndt, the able and amazingly patient director who has wielded the baton in these parts for 13 years; he came the sincere and serious-minded young musicians who began in the grades to learn their instruments and this music business; then came the parents—I should say the mothers—of this interesting group of 54 players. The perversity of human nature is illustrated at this time by the fact that concerts which were formerly without charge drew small attendance. This time a charge was made and the place was filled. For some reason, people do not appreciate things that are free.

Showing the loyalty to this group

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To Honor Slosson At Dinner Tuesday

Prof. and Mrs. Preston W. Slosson will be honor guests Tuesday evening at a dinner in the Community House room to store of Slosson's final talk in a course of six lectures on world affairs delivered during the past few months under the sponsorship of the Community House board of directors. During the dinner, tentative plans for next year's course will be presented. The dinner at 6:30 will be served for a nominal charge.

The idea of a lecture course grew from Mrs. Charles J. Shain's desire to lessen the mortgage debt. on the Community House. She called in a cooperative group who completed plans and began ticket distribution. Guests at the dinner will be asked to give their opinions as to the type of lecture course to be presented next season.

Students home for the holidays or guests in the city may attend the lecture, either using or having tickets or at a nominal charge. Anyone wishing to attend the dinner should make reservations before Monday noon by calling Mrs. Shain, phone 207, or the Community House, phone 2406.

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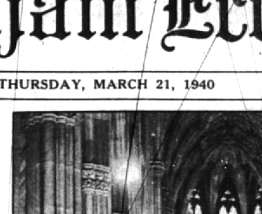
Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. adv.—tf.

CHARTER VOTE

Voters will be asked April 1 to change a portion of the City Charter. The proposal is that of ending the present practice of preparing duplicate assessment rolls every year. One of the rolls has been sent to the County Treasurer, who doesn't use it and has no room to store it. The City Commission asks voters to approve the change and save the City $200 a year.



Go to Church Easter Sunday

Expect 800 Here Tonight for Show

Hundreds of exhibits are on view today in Baldwin High School for the annual Achievement Day of Oakland County's 4-H Clubs. Miss Lola Belle Green and Nevels Pearson, assistant State club leaders, were busy Wednesday afternoon and this morning, judging the articles in wood, metal and textiles made by the boys and girls during the past winter months.

This evening, all will attend a meeting in the auditorium. There will be a style revue of clothing, and a showing of handicraft articles. Outstanding boys and girls will be named delegates to annual Club Week to be held at Michigan State College next June. The public is invited to attend the program tonight at 8 p. m., according to Miss Lola T. Dudgeon, county home demonstration agent, who has arranged the details. An attendance of at least 800 is expected.

AT LONG LAST!

It took them 12 years to make up their minds but they finally did it—they finally got married. Such was the story of a Southfield Township couple related this week by Justice James F. Simpson, of 28830 Northwestern Highway. They took out the license Jan. 3, 1928, a mere 12 years ago, but according to Hizzoner, the permit to commit matrimony still was legally good as the day it was issued Simpson believes Leap Year may have had something to do with terminating the long courtship.

Horrors of War Described to Club

Men who have been through the horror of shot and shell seldom talk about it—it's something they want to forget. But Tuesday noon at the Exchange Club meeting, Lawrence Kelly, a war veteran, and now vice-president of the new Wayne-Oakland Bank, described his feelings of Army life as a rookie.

Kelly started his talk, "Discipline," and charged that America can boys get little of it.

Parents want to be popular with their children eschew enforcing discipline, while in the schools, he said, little discipline is taught; groups because from student leaders there is always appeal to the teachers, he said.

Insist on Appeal

One thing significant about Americans is that if there is any complaint to be made, they insist on taking it to the executive at the top, Kelly said was the observance of an Oriental friend.

He implied that there was greater need of discipline for "the secret of Baldwin's success is obedience to principles or rules."

In army life, the rigid system of discipline calls for obedience of every man to the next higher in authority. Discipline is the very essence of army procedure, the speaker said.

Kelly told of his early reactions to army life; of his distaste for the discipline, the monotony, the pervading talk of sex. He then

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SCHOOL SURVEY

A written report on the analysis made of Baldwin High School last week by a group of 13 educators should be available to the public within several weeks, the group told the Board of Education in a discussion meeting held last Friday night at the close of the survey.

Students' Balloon Found in Ontario 50 Miles East

Lynn Lyle, 9th grade student at Adams School, and her science classmates were thrilled Wednesday when a missionary balloon they sent forth more than a month ago resulted in a letter from the finder.

Wednesday, Lynn (she's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lyle, 1347 Yorkshire got a letter addressed to "Mr. Lynn Lyle" telling about the find on a farm near Wheatley, Ont., 50 miles directly east of Detroit. The writer, Grant Hodgson, wrote that "my find created quite an interest in our school and community and I would be very pleased if you let me know when the balloon was released and how far you live from Detroit." He enclosed a clipping from the Wheatley Journal, the village newspaper, telling of the balloon.

The balloon, purchased at a local variety store for five cents, was filled with illuminating gas Feb. 8 and released. Lynn Lyle's name was written on a paper attached to the sphere.

LARCENY REPORTED

Two tires and a can of oil were stolen Tuesday night from the Sears Service station, corner, Hamilton and Woodward avenue. Theft occured at 8:30 p. m.

Tots Fall in Lake But Save Selves

By now, their terrifying experience of falling into Quarton Lake probably seems like a bad dream to the two six-year-old girls who went through the ice Tuesday afternoon as they were returning from Quarton School kindergarten, taking a short-cut.

The children, Sandra Henderson, daughter of the W. P. Henderson's, 556 Baldwin avenue, and Mary Adams, daughter of the W. L. Adamses, 560 Woodland avenue, have recovered without ill-effect from their immersion in the ice water.

It was a miracle that they escaped as they did, without aid. They were first seen by Mrs. L. A. Farquhar, 1016 Lake Park drive, as she was driving home from the business section. She did not hear them, but saw only their heads bobbing around in the water she believes was over their heads.

"I leaned on my horn, jumped out of my car and screamed and some how I managed to get running," Mrs. Farquhar said. "But there was nothing we could do the ice was so soft.

"We called to them to come our way, and some how they got out. Sandra fell in again but managed to save herself. When they got to shore they were hysterical and couldn't tell their names," she continued.

They were taken home by Mrs. Farquhar.

Tragedy was near, yet there was a humorous angle.

"One of the little girls, soaked to the skin, said, 'My but I'm glad I had on my water-repellant snow suit'" Mrs. Farquhar related.

One thing is certain: it will be some time before the two girls disobey their parents and venture on the ice again.

District Workers Named for Drive

Organization of the district workers for the Community House Fund drive, April 8 to April 22, progressed further with a meeting of the district chairmen and co-chairmen on Monday night. All districts were represented either by the chairman or co-chairman and plans were laid for the selection of those who are to make the actual solicitations in the several districts.

The meeting was attended by the Central Committee members and was presided over by H. Ross Mack, the general chairman. In presenting the solicitation plans, Mr. Mack outlined the system of

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City Buys Another Big Playground, Also Small One in State Land Sale

A parking lot, a recreation ground of almost seven acres, more property for the schools and several other smaller parcels of land for public use were acquired by the City and the School District in the State Land Sale of Birmingham property which draws to a close today.

Private bidding was also brisk, and the best so far in the entire Oakland sale outside of the acreage, an official at the Land Office Board told The Eccentric, Wednesday.

Property Here Sought

"The obvious conclusion is that Birmingham property must be desirable," the official said. However, about 20 per cent of the lots offered had no takers and remain in ownership of the State.

Land acquired for public purposes came "dirt cheap," in some cases, free.

Of interest to residents of the southern part of the City is the revelation that 62 lots at the corner of Grant and Bennaville, an area 500 by 600 feet, has been bought by the City for a playground or park. Not far away are the 18 lots at Emmons, Davis and Curtis, an acquisition for which was announced in last week's Eccentric. The bid of the 62-lot parcel was $9,200, but by trading tax obligations with the Oakland School District, the total cost in cash will be a trivial few hundred dollars. The 18 lots cost nothing.

Boy House and Lot

The Board of Education acquired two lots and a house west of Hill School, extending through to Southfield avenue, completing the extensive property there which some day may be used for a junior high school.

A playground is now in use. The playground was bought in 1925 at a cost of $35,000, while the two lots picked up this week will cost but $51.60. However, the former owner may meet a bid of $1,500 and redeem them. Last week, several lots were bought adjoining Torrey field on Cole street, and this week,

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City Churches Again to Tell Easter Story

Special Services Are Announced for This Sunday

Christendom's old and beautiful story dealing with the Resurrection will be retold in word, song and pageantry Sunday in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills churches. In most instances, special services are planned and preparations are being made for overflowing congregations. One church is holding two identical morning services to accommodate all worshipers.

United Presbyterian

The Rev. Joseph A. Mears, minister of the United Presbyterian church, will preach on "Christian Immortality" using as his general theme, "Great Doctrines in the Bible—Jesus Christ." There will be appropriate Easter music and a special Easter offering.

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life" will be used as the topic of his sermon Easter morning by the Rev. J. O. Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, at the 11 o'clock morning worship. Music will be under the direction of Thomas Hartle, choir director and organist.

Methodist Church

On Easter Sunday a sunrise service is to be held at this church at 6 o'clock, church school is to be held at 9:45 and morning worship is to be at 11 o'clock. The pastor's Easter sermon will be on "The Great Reality." Special Easter music will be provided by the choir. In the evening, at the young people's meeting at 6:30, a special Easter Day program will be given. Young people of the church school and the Epworth League will meet at the home of Mrs. Forrest Brown near Walnut Lake for their out-of-doors Easter sunrise meeting at 7'o'clock.

Holy Name Catholic

Special Holy Week services at Holy Name Church began this morning with 9 o'clock mass and concluded with a processional leaving the Blessed Sacrament ex-

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City Will Pause For Good Friday

Almost all business will come to a halt Friday for the customary 12 to 3 observance of the Crucifixion.

Banks, stores, the library, various shops, the Community House, and most offices will be closed. School will be dismissed this afternoon. Several drugstores, restaurants and service stations usually open, according to Walter R. Rayshel, secretary of the Retail Merchants Association.

Union Good Friday services will be held at the Methodist Church Great Vally, the sponsored by the Baptists, the two Presbyterian denominations and the Methodists. The Rev. E. L. Hughes, offering the union service for Detroit Council of Churches, will speak on "The Three-fold Crucifixion." Music will be furnished by the Methodist choir with special solo, "Holy City," sung by Victor Ulrich. The Rev. John Edward Martin will preside, assisted by the other ministers. The public is invited.

At Holy Name Catholic Church, on Good Friday, there will be the Mass of the Presanctified at 8 a. m., and the usual Try Ore services beginning at noon.

Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold a Good Friday service and Communion at 2 p. m.

St. James Episcopal Church will observe Good Friday with a cantata, "The Darkest Hour," at 8 p. m., and also the customary 12 to 3 service earlier in the day.

First Presbyterian Church will observe Communion and reception of new members Good Friday at 7:45 p.m.

Christ Church Cranbrook is holding services from 12 to 3 on Good Friday.

Jaycees' Election Set for April 1

Annual election of officers will be held by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, April 1, it was announced this week. Terms of these directors expire: Ernest Pettypiece, Edwin Deer, Russell B. Stephens, Merritt Olsen, Ralph D. Smith and Robert Hatch. William N. Smith, the retiring president, will preside at the dinner meeting.

DOLLAR DAYS

One of Birmingham's big merchandising events will be held next week, March 28-29-30—the annual Dollar Days sale.

Organized by the Retail Merchants Association, most of the city's business places will be offering special prices during these three days, not only will there be many $1 items, but also many items on which dollars of the regular price have been lopped off. Full details will appear in next week's Eccentric.