Strong and Weak Points of High School Listed in Survey

These are days when personal courage is needed more than at any time in the history of America. Europe's battling tends to spread fear over the whole world; yet need we in this country do more than set up proper defense against our own shores? Let's prevent fear from overcoming our reason; let's stay out of this war.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Fred D. Keister, Jr., editor of The Ionia County News, laments the passing changes of the years in this fashion:

"Ten years ago, if a fellow walked down the street with a bottle of whiskey in one hand and a $20 gold piece in the other he would have been arrested for illegal possession of the liquor. But today if the same chap walked down the street with the same things in his hand, the G-men would be after him for illegal possession of the gold and he would be permitted to keep the liquor."

Hitler Hates, Hatefully

Decency, honor, character keeping one's word — these are qualities that Adolf Hitler scorns with a contempt greater than any leader the world has known in many generations. His latest inroads into Holland and Belgium, contrary to his recent utterances that both countries were safe from such pillaging, prove that Hitler's word isn't worth the breath required to utter it. I have just finished reading the most nauseating book ever to get into my hands, titled "The Voice of Destruction," by Hermann Rausning. Rausning was former head of the Danzig Free State, a close confidant of Hitler's when the latter came into power seven years ago. The book quotes Hitler through dozens of pages, revealing the utter lack of character in this modern madman of Germany. Many times I had to lay the book aside, for it gave me a kind of intellectual vomiting spell—the contents are so hard to believe; yet Rausning, at present a refugee in France, knew Hitler intimately, and what he has written in his book is so revealing that Hitler will go down in history as the most diabolical leader in several centuries; Hitler hates everybody and everything.

Good Work, Judge Ferguson!

Citizens of Michigan owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Judge Homer Ferguson and his aides, for the work they are doing in Detroit to expose wrongdoing in public offices. One evening I met and briefly talked with Judge Ferguson about this work. The Judge is a soft-spoken chap, but deadly serious in his outlook upon the responsibilities of his office. "What you are doing is worth millions of dollars in public confidence," I told the Judge. "Aside from whatever may be accomplished in punishing offenders, you are doing much to restore the public's confidence in government." The people will always rally to the support of officials who have the personal courage to smash evil." A local man, Guy Jensen, of Kenesaw avenue, is doing splendid work behind the scenes for the Ferguson jury; another chap who deserves credit for his work is Chester O'Hara, who heads the legal staff in this activity.

Cities Are What Men Make Them

"Cities are what men make them,
Wherever those cities may be,
Whether out on the desolate desert,
Or set by the surging sea.
Though they cleave to the breasts of mountains,
Or nestle by rivers broad,
Cities are what men make them,
On the land that is given of God.

"Cities are what men make them,
What men demand they shall be,
Slothful, sloven, sleepy,
Progressive, beautiful, free.
If the hearts of the builders are noble,
In one with the day and the need,
They build unto grandeur and greatness,
For thus it was ever decreed.

"So take up your work as you find it,
Nor grumble at what you have not,
Be one of the men to make greater,
The place where you have cast your lot.
If the ocean shall threaten to whelm you,
Build a dyke that will laugh at its might.
Cities are what men make them,
Who are willing to labor and fight."

(Author Unknown)

Discipline In Schools

Lack of fair discipline, as reported in this newspaper several weeks ago, brought forth the reaction of the chairman of the Board of Agriculture of Michigan State College, William H. Berkey, publisher of The Cassopolis Vigilant, ought to know something about modern educational trends, and here's what he wrote:

Last Thursday evening in Lansing we picked up a copy of the evening State Journal and read an *(See THIS AND THAT, Page 2)*

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Drive Started by Red Cross to Get $1,400

William Coit Allee Named Chairman Of Relief Campaign

A concerted drive in Birmingham to raise $1,400 for the national $10,000,000 Red Cross War Relief Fund will be started within a few days, it was announced Wednesday by William Coit Allee, who has been named Birmingham chairman by D. R. Wilson, of Pontiac, chairman of the Oakland County Committee.

Persons who wish to contribute immediately may mail checks to Mr. Allee, at his home, 756 Henley drive, or money may be left at The Eccentric office.

Forming Organization

Meanwhile, an organization is being perfected to conduct a thorough canvass of the city. The following four district chairmen have been appointed by Mr. Allee, and a fifth is to be named at once:

LEE M. FARR, 507 Linden road
MERRILL ADAMS, 516 Kenneshaw
MILTON F. MALLENDER, 1386 Oak
GEORGE D. MILLER, 948 Fairfax.

In announcing these names, Mr. Allee declared that he chose them *(See RED CROSS, Page 2)*

Symphony Records To Go on Sale Here Friday, Saturday

A music appreciation sale of records designed to bring greater understanding of good music to families in Birmingham and the surrounding country, will be opened by leaders of the civic, cultural and educational life at the Community House on Friday.

The local sale will continue through Saturday and if sales warrant, will be held over next week.

The campaign, sponsored and conducted by the National Committee for Music Appreciation of which Howard Hanson, noted composer and director of the Eastman School of Music is chairman, is headed here by Mrs. D. L. Tate, president of the Birmingham Musicale.

The campaign of the national committee calls for no contributions. This program provides for the wide public distribution, at a very small cost, of 12 complete symphonic masterpieces in recorded form.

These 12 symphonies, recorded by the world's great orchestras and conductors without profit or royalty, were made with the understanding that they be distributed only through educational or civic service agencies on a non-profit basis.

The result is that symphonies by Schubert, Beethoven, Bach, Mozart and other immortals are now available at $1.59, with a slightly higher price for deluxe albums.

The masterpieces which are to be distributed are Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B Minor; Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor; Wagner's Preludes to "Die Meistersinger" and "Parsifal"; Bach's Brandenberg Concertos No. 2 and 3; Debussy's "Afternoon of a Faun," "Clouds," and "Festivals"; Haydn's Symphony No. 99 in E Flat Major; Tschaikowsky's Symphony No. 4 in F Minor; Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in G Major; and Franck's Symphony in D Major.

Honor Society Gets 24 Members

The annual National Honor Society initiation was conducted by the Cooley High School of Detroit Monday morning, May 20, at Baldwin High School auditorium. The 24 neophytes were called from the audience and the selections of the faculty were kept unknown until the actual initiation.

Students chosen for honor society membership were: January 1940, Ted Snyder, Lorne MacDonald, Margaret Hadjisky, Cecelia Eby, and Clifford Harvey; June 1941, William Tighe, Richard Gilbert, Robert Cole and Jeanne Burton; June 1940, Phyllis Allen, Faye Anderson, John Bathgate, Cameron Biggers, Lucille Chamberlain, Gordon Eis, Sue Wood, Franklin Spohr, Gertrude Rogerson, Jane Follis, Richard Harvey, Russell Fiefler, Marion Kirk, and Ruth Navin; January 1941, Doris Franklin.

To be chosen for the honor society a student must be in the upper one-third of his class in scholarship. He must have a good record of service, be of good char- *(See HONOR, Page 2)*

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Get Drinking Water; Mains to Be Flushed

Birmingham people are advised today to draw a container of drinking water before Friday evening, because of extensive flushing of the water mains which will occur then, according to City Manager Donald C. Egbert. During the flushing period, iron rust clouds the water in some areas and makes it unpalatable.

There has been no general flushing of the mains since January.

New Civil Service Drive Is Backed by Women Here

A drive to secure signatures for an amendment to the State Constitution reviving a genuine merit system civil service is being organized in Birmingham by the League of Women Voters, it was revealed Wednesday.

Mrs. Anthony Woina has been named chairman of the campaign to secure petitions bearing at least 500 signatures, and 15 aides have been appointed to assist in the drive.

"Michigan HAD one of the finest civil service set-ups in the country before its emasculation by the last legislature," Mrs. Woina declared. "Other states repeatedly copied it in whole or in part."

"If you are anxious to replace the present spoils system with the merit system, we ask you to support this proposed amendment to the Constitution," Mrs. Woina said in a statement to the public.

The assisting committee is composed of Mrs. Paul L. Penfield, Mrs. William E. Essery, Mrs. Stanley Spiegel, Mrs. E. C. Coil, Mrs. Wilber U. Johnstone, Mrs. Angus D. McLay, Mrs. William Coit Allee, Mrs. Draper Allen, Mrs. J. N. Hadjisky, Mrs. H. S. Burlingame, Mrs. Lee A White, Mrs. Sidney Oviatt, Mrs. Frederick B. Smith, Jr., Mrs. John K. Ormond and Mrs. Eric F. Hyde.

Veterans, Aides To Sell Poppies

Birmingham War veteran groups and their auxiliaries will conduct annual Poppy Day on Birmingham streets this Saturday.

Mrs. Glenn Moore, president of the Birmingham unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, has named Mrs. A. D. Cooley chairman of her committee. The Legion Auxiliary members will be assisted by the Legionnaires themselves.

A full day of activity has been planned by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Commander Edwin Minks has announced.

Mayor John E. Martz has issued the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Buddy Poppies and the Memorial Poppies are universally recognized as the official memorial flower of war veterans, and

WHEREAS the 19th annual sale of poppies will be conducted in the City of Birmingham on Saturday, May 25, under the auspices of the Charles Edwards Post No. 14 American Legion, and Post No. 2646 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and

WHEREAS the entire proceeds of the sale throughout the country will be devoted to the humanitarian and philanthropic purposes of veteran care, child welfare and the relief and assistance of disabled and needy veterans, and

WHEREAS the purpose served by the annual poppy distribution of these organizations are patri- *(See POPPY DAY, Page 2)*

5 Candidates in Contest for School Board

Nominations Close Saturday at 5; Election Is June 10

Five candidates who are definitely in the race, and rumors that three others are considering candidacy, enlivened this week the election for Board of Education which will take place June 10. Saturday at 5 p. m. is the deadline for filing nominating petitions.

Wylie R. Groves announced last week. Four others are now in the race. They are:

JOHN W. KNECHT
H. ROSS MACK
DR. JOHN P. WOOD
DWIGHT C. BALDWIN

Following are biographies of these four in the order in which their announcements came to The Eccentric:

H. Ross Mack

Mr. Mack at first was not interested in the race, as it was reported in The Eccentric two weeks ago. However, he declared that friends had persuaded him to run.

Mr. Mack lives at 1160 Lake Park drive, and has been a resident here the past three years. He is married and the father of three children, two of whom attend Quarton School and one, Baldwin.

He is in the advertising profession as vice-president and general manager of the Fred M. Randall *(See CANDIDATES, Page 2)*

Annual Pet Parade Saturday at 1:30

Saturday has been set aside by St. Elizabeth's Guild of St. James Episcopal Church for its annual pet parade, an event that bids fair to attracting many hundreds of children and their pets.

The parade will line up in front of the Baldwin Public Library and will proceed at 1:30 p. m. down Martin to Pierce, up Pierce to Maple, west on Maple to Chester street to pass in front of the judges' stand that will be erected there.

More than 500 entries have been made for the parade alone, a spokesman for the guild said this week.

Among the unusual pets that have already been registered for the parade are: Shetland pony, entered by Bruce Maynard; worms, Cynthia Copeland; rabbits, Helen Bradley; pet raccoons, Connie Young; chicken, Carol Hall; turtle, George Allen; yellow cat, Fanne Kebec; Great Dane, Jane Bartholomew; alligators, Rachel Kirn and Dickie Shaw; pedigreed Collie dog, Dorothy Atkinson; rats, Celeste Grubbs; three goldfish and an Alaskan husky dog, Alfred Mocker; black kitten, Nancy Heacock; two black cocker spaniels, Mary Chritton.

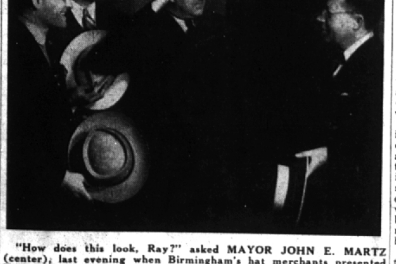
Judges for the parade will be Mrs. Graham John Graham, Mrs. George T. Hendrie and L. N. Pyle.

The parade is but one feature of the annual fair to be held that day by St. Elizabeth's Guild which promises a hurdy gurdy, pony rides and movies for the children. Leonard Redford, Jr., who made the Buchanan Alaska trip last summer, will show colored movies of his trip.

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing on the proposed budget for Bloomfield Hills will be held at the City Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the commission room at Bloomfield Hills.

BOOST STRAW HAT DAY



"How does this look, Ray?" asked MAYOR JOHN E. MARTZ (center), last evening when Birmingham's hat merchants presented Hizoner with a new skimmer in honor of Straw Hat Day, which is Saturday. Ray is RAY PECK. On the left are WAYNE MORTIMER and CLARE SCRIVEN, manager of Dickinson's. (Eccentric Photo)

Eagle Scout Awards Break Records

Bill Roberts, Newell Wright — Bill Crim, Albert Hirsch — Norman Porter, Jack Crim — Fred Lawton, George Austin — Fred Jeffers, Sid Wilkins

11 Eagles, 8 in One Troop to Get Badges In Court of Honor Here Friday Evening

The presentation of Eagle badges to 11 local Scouts will be the outstanding feature of the annual Spring Court of Honor, which will be held at the Community House tomorrow night at 7:30. Eight of these 11 boys are from Troop B-5, which is considered one of the most outstanding Scout Troops in the Detroit Area Council. This is the largest number of Eagles ever to be presented at any one Court of Honor in this district.

"For any one troop to get eight Eagle badges at one time is very rare," William F. Church, an assistant executive of the Detroit Council, said Wednesday. "I wouldn't say it has never happened before, but I can't remember when."

Highest in Council

Birmingham, he said, stands highest in the whole Detroit Council in advancement. Thirty per cent of registered Scouts are at least First Class, whereas the Council objective is 20 per cent.

Those boys receiving this highest award are William Roberts, of 383 Harmon, son of Dr. F. J. Roberts of Detroit, Troop B-5; William Crim, Jr., B-5 and Jack Crim, B-4, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crim of 176 Linden road; Norman Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Porter of 1035 Pierce, Troop B-3; J. Fred Lawton, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Lawton, of Berkley, Troop B-5; Frederick Jeffers, son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Jeffers of 660 Suffield, Troop B-5; Newell Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Wright of 243 Aspen road, Troop B-5; Albert Hirsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Hirsch of 1169 Lakeside road, Troop B-5; George Austin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Austin of 615 Westwood drive, Troop B-5; and Sid Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wilkins of Lincoln road, Troop B-5; and Bob Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Williams, 952 Wimbleton, Troop B-1.

In addition to the 10 Eagles pictured above, Bob Williams, Troop B-1, is the 11th to achieve the high rank. He shied from the camera.

Other High Awards

Other high awards which will be awarded tomorrow night are the Gold Quill Award and the Col. George Psalm Award. Scout Jack Dunn, Troop B-7, will receive the Gold Quill while Scout Bill Roberts, of Troop B-5, will receive the Psalm Award. All other awards for advancement will be recognized and many badges will be presented.

Chairman of the court is Wil- *(See EAGLES, Page 2)*

City Wins Case Involving $25,000

The suit filed by the Collateral Liquidation Corp. against the City of Birmingham seeking to avoid payment of taxes this year on lots purchased at the recent "Scavenger" sale, was dismissed by Judge H. Russel Holland in a hearing held Monday at Pontiac. If the injunction asked had been granted, taxes lost on these and other lots would have totaled $25,000, it has been estimated.

Although the hearing was to have been concerned only with a temporary injunction, Mayor John E. Martz, working gratis for the city, asked for a dismissal of the case, and his motion was granted over the objections of the plaintiffs' attorneys.

The corporation had contended that it should not be taxed on the current real estate contracts covering the lots it purchased have not yet been received from the State Land Office Board.

Mayor Martz argued that when the auction was held, and a down payment made on the contracts, this act constituted a bona fide transaction within the meaning of the state tax laws, and that the taxes should be paid. He advanced other arguments, and Judge Holland agreed with him.

The corporation indicated it would appeal to the State Supreme Court, but yesterday, Mayor Martz had not yet received any notice of appeal.

A test suit covering this same point has been filed with the Supreme Court by the City of Pontiac.

W. Maple Sidewalk Delay Explained

A new angle on the delay of sidewalks to be built on West Maple avenue in front of and near the Coryell property was revealed at the City Commission Monday evening when another complaint was received over the delay.

Because property near Coryell's is subject to an FHA lien, a right-of-way release must be secured, and that delay prevented Contractor Perry Grimshaw from proceeding with the work last fall, it was said. Grimshaw is now in a veterans' hospital in Chicago. Action will be sought from Grimshaw's bonding company. The government release has been promised but has not yet arrived.

The sidewalk was demanded for the protection of school children.

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

Eccentric Out Early Next Week

Because Memorial Day is next Thursday, the usual time of publication for The Eccentric will be advanced to Wednesday morning, May 29. Society and club news should be in by Monday noon. The cooperation of advertisers and contributors is asked in preparing their material a day earlier.

Memorial Day Parade Scheduled

Plans for the annual Memorial Day parade next Thursday were announced today by Richard H. Dewey, commander of the American Legion, and Edwin Minks, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Besides the parade, an important part of the day will be the decoration of soldiers' graves with flags in seven cemeteries. As in other years, the City Commission appropriated $50 for that purpose, Monday night.

Participating in the parade will be war veterans, auxiliaries of the two veteran groups, the Junior Auxiliary of the Legion, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, war nurses headed by Mrs. Oscar Peterson, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and their affiliated groups, and the High School Band.

Bruce G. Booth will be parade marshall. More details will be revealed in next week's Eccentric, to be issued Wednesday morning.

640 To Take Part in Jr. High Festival

The Junior High School Music Festival will be presented in Baldwin High School auditorium Monday night, May 29, at 7:45 by approximately 640 boys and girls from Barnum, Adams, and Baldwin junior high schools.

Directed by Victor Ulrich, vocal music instructor, assisted by Harvey Goodrich, Baldwin Junior High School counselor, and produced with the cooperation of Ray H. Bechtold, principal of Baldwin High School, Miles W. Robinson, and William F. Thomas, principal of Barnum and Adams junior high schools respectively, the festival will include costumed folk dancers as well as singers.

School Registration Closes Sat. June 1

The Board of Education announced that registration of qualified school electors will continue until 8 o'clock on Saturday, June 1. Previous notices have stated the deadline to be Tuesday, May 21.

All persons new in the district, or for other reasons not registered to vote in school elections, may register each week at the Board of Education offices in the Hill School building 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. and on Saturdays until noon.

America Can't Stop Warfare in Europe Journalist Tells City's Service Clubs

It is ridiculous to think that America can stop the warfare which has been marching over Europe for thousands of years, Charles A. Wells, journalist and world traveler, told Rotary, Exchange and Lions Clubs in three talks given Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at noon. Wells is speaking nightly at the Baptist Church this week, except Saturday.

"You can try to stop Hitler if you want to," he said, "but it is foolish to think that you can stop the fighting which has been going on for so many years that historians can't find out when it started."

No War Advice

Wells, in his speech, offered no advice as to whether America should or should not enter the war, but privately he is opposed to intervention, he told The Eccentric reporter. "If I take sides," he said, "people dismiss what I have to say with the statement, 'Oh, you're pro-Nazi' or pro-something else."

The speaker related that for 15 years, during which he has been writing articles and drawing cartoons for many newspapers through the United States, he has spent several months of every year traveling in Europe and Asia. When the war broke out he was in Poland.

"I saw the Polish and German farmers bringing in their grain after the harvest, sitting as comrades together in the village. It seemed impossible that there could ever be war between these people, but a few weeks later every one of them was dead. None of these people wanted war.

Germans Argue Defensively

"As soon as I got to Berlin I talked with the editor of Berlin's largest newspaper, a man whom I knew both in America and Europe. Before I could open my mouth he began to argue. They forced us to do it' and he told of the Poles forcing Germans to build a canal, after which they beheaded the Ger- *(See WELLS, Page 2)*

Give Results of Survey at High School

Outside Educators Score Library, Praise Faculty

Strong points and shortcomings of Baldwin High School were reviewed this week in the report of the extensive three-day survey made here in March by a group of 13 educators invited here for the purpose.

Prepared under the supervision of Dr. Edgar J. Johnston, head of the University of Michigan's Bureau of Cooperation with Educational Institutions, the report showed how Birmingham compared with the national average in the opinion of the outside school men who used a fine-tooth comb in investigating the curriculum, quality of the teaching staff and administration, the school plant, and other considerations.

Briefly, Birmingham scored well in most, but fell down in several instances, particularly in the quality of the library and the scattered location of athletic facilities.

One interesting conclusion was that Birmingham, with its high proportion of well-educated adults, desires high standards which the people are not always willing or able to pay for.

Following are listed highlights of the report as gleaned from the document by The Eccentric in the brief time available this week before publication: (The comments are not necessarily listed in the order of their importance).

General

1. Thirty pupils have withdrawn in the past year with no information at hand on the reason.

2. Almost half of the graduates do not continue in college, make necessary continued development in the curriculum and guidance program to fit the needs of these students.

3. Birmingham has excellent cultural and educational facilities nearby, such as the Arts Institute and the Cranbrook academies. A bulletin on field trips prepared by the Baldwin faculty was commended.

Curriculum

1. On the whole, the curriculum neglects to some degree the in- *(See SURVEY, Page 2)*

Raise More Cash for School System Women Conclude

Birmingham teachers can be paid better and the schools can be improved only if more money is raised through taxation, it was concluded informally at a public meeting of the League of Women Voters held Tuesday evening at Baldwin High School.

"The public must be sold on the need for more money," was the summary of Mrs. John K. Ormond, League president who acted as chairman. About 60 were present, including League members, Lee E. Joslyn, Jr., president of the Board of Education, J. Mark Hardin, retiring secretary, John Harvey Rosso, treasurer, Supt. Howard D. Crull, and a Mr. Lyons, representing the Board's accountants, Fischer, Van Tiffin & Ross.

The need for better accounting the public with facts about the schools was discussed and this brought the admission from Mr. Joslyn that "Public relations are our weakest point."

A highspot of the meeting was an expression from Mrs. W. F. Tighe, 519 Hanna street, who declared: "Our teachers are much underpaid, especially in a city like Birmingham where living expenses are so high. Some of our teachers hardly have 15 cents in their pockets. I know one teacher who goes out and serves as a cook week-ends to supplement her income. But we can talk about these things as long *(See CASH, Page 2)*

Wanted . . . a
DOG HOUSE

Mrs. Schjolin of 348 Aspen ran the following Classified ad in a recent issue of The Eccentric.

WANTED: One medium dog house, must be in good condition. Phone 1940.

We quote Mrs. Schjolin: "I received seven answers Thursday, first one about 10:30 A. M., and four more on Friday. My needs were indeed satisfied."

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