Wallace, Democratic Nominee, to Speak Here Next Thursday

We hear a lot these days about the break-down of self-reliance in our youth, so necessary to the preservation of the American way of living. Personally, I admit that today's youth ought to be more valiant defenders of honest individualism; but when I compare youth with the average of adults, I am not surprised that youth is more interested in fun and frolic than in serious living.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

France Fell Because of Rotten Leadership—

Do you know, deeply and consciously, just what would happen to you in the United States if newspapers, magazines, radio, and any other customary method of communicating thought were made impossible by legislative decree? Do you know that if this terrible thing were to happen that you and I would be under the lash of dictatorship, with all its human sadistic hazards?

A few days ago I heard Orrin Kaye, Lansing newspaper man, tell of his experiences in Europe during the past year, especially of the German conquest of France, the taking of Paris, where Mr. Kaye witnessed the whole tragic German victory. Mr. Kaye stated that when France entered the war against Germany, France immediately created a Propaganda Ministry, with complete controls over the press, radio, and magazines. For nine months, explained Mr. Kaye, the French people were told by this Ministry that France was impregnable, her Maginot Line undefeatable; the French people were told that Germany was weak in military strength; that France, allied with Britain, had nothing to fear from her ancient enemy.

Well, now we all know that this Propaganda Ministry was dealing out plain lies. We also know that France's top-flight officials and leaders were, for the most part, pretty rotten persons to be entrusted with the national destiny.

French people were not able to learn the actual truth, for the simple reason that its newspapers, magazines, and radio were under government control. So France went down, to become the vassal State of Germany.

This same situation could exist right here in the United States, if freedom of the press were lost under bureaucratic federal control. You recall last summer, for illustration, how President Roosevelt, in a radio speech to assure the American people that their defense affairs were strong, used such words as "on hand or on order." Because we do have a free press in the United States; because statistical data is available to inquiring reporters, and to members of Congress, the President had to stick to the truth—even though his "on order" phrase sought to imply more than the facts.

We do not condemn Mr. Roosevelt too strongly for this verbal trick, if we are to consider that he sought, honestly, to allay unnecessary fears about our military situation; but his use of the words definitely proves that a public official tends to stray from the cold facts—and can you imagine what an actual dictator would do under the circumstances, where the press was muzzled, when the Congress (like the present impotent Reichstag in Germany) was unable to speak its mind?

So we again remind you, Folks, of the value of a free press in the United States; it is sister-brother to those quintuplet rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights of the U. S. Constitution: the others being free speech, freedom of religious worship, right to petition the government for redress of wrongs, and right to assemble.

This Chap Has Lived Well For Eight Years

In less than eight years a certain distinguished American politician has been paid, from the *(See THIS AND THAT, Page 2)*

Large Crowd Hears Emmett Lavery Talk

Emmett Lavery, play right and one-time scenario writer for the movies, was enjoyed by a capacity crowd at the Community House last evening—the first of a series of lecture programs to be presented by the Men's Club of Holy Name Church.

Speaking on the subject, "After Hollywood, What Next?," Lavery said that "Hollywood is not a community or a post office but a state of mind . . . The stage and screen are as different as day and night."

He added that the cinema is the eighth wonder of the world from a technical standpoint, but an atrocity from the standpoint of history. In search for the maximum box office appeal, history is distorted without a qualm. Pictures are basically dishonest because neither history nor the original author are ever paid any attention, he declared.

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1,183 Men Register in City for Draft

Henry Wallace to Speak Here Next Thursday

Vice-Presidential Nominee to Dine With His Sister

Democratic adherents in Birmingham are already at work on arrangements for the visit of Henry A. Wallace, democratic vice-presidential nominee to the city on Thursday, Oct. 24. Wallace, who is scheduled to speak in Pontiac at 5:15 o'clock, will dine privately at the home of his sister, Mrs. Angus D. McLay, 715 Wimbleton, and will make a public appearance locally from 7:30 to 8 o'clock.

The site for the Wallace speech has not yet been decided on, but at the City Commission meeting Monday evening, when permission was asked to hold the demonstration, the use of the high school front steps was suggested as the most likely spot. The general co-chairmen, Henry M. Foley and J. Mark Hardin, will select the spot within a few days, and will announce their committees.

Wallace will be ushered through the state in an automobile caravan which starts at Grand Rapids, and when he leaves Birmingham at 8 p. m. for his speech at Olympia stadium at 9 p. m., many Birmingham Democrats are expected to join.

Representative groups from surrounding areas will come to Birmingham to take part in the affair, which will include a parade and a gathering at which the candidate will speak. Draper Allen, Democratic nominee for the office *(See WALLACE, Page 2)*

Hallowe'en Party To Have 60 Prizes

With Hallowe'en only two weeks away plans for the annual city-wide party have advanced into the final stages as shown by Wednesday afternoon committee meeting held at the Community House.

Parade marshal this year will be Dr. G. E. Marin who will have the assistance of Howard D. Crull, Wilson Jenkin and Malcolm Tindall. Working on the food distribution committee are Ray Smith, Ray H. Bechtold and W. F. Thomas, Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn is in charge of collecting the food.

As pulls stand now the parade will cover much the same route as last year and will be led by the Baldwin High School Band and two out-of-town organizations. Prizes will be distributed for unusual costumes including prizes for the largest ears, the biggest nose, the queerest hands, the best animal costume, totaling nearly 60 prizes in all. Mrs. Merle P. Bailey is chairman of this prize committee and has the assistance of Mrs. Edward Lair and Miss Ruth Poucher.

The marchers will adjourn to Hill School grounds where they will be given barbecues, apples, candy and cider, milk or ginger ale and later the younger children will be shown movies at the school and the older group will have a dance at the Community House.

Local Girl Meets Double At College

Life was fairly simple for Winifred Louise Watkins, attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton J. Watkins, of Ridgedale avenue, until she went away to school.

She was young and popular and life held no perplexities for her—no problems. But that's all changed now. Today she's nearly reached the end of her patience and she's not too sure that life is worth the effort any more!

It started the day she arrived in Fredericksburg, Va., late in September, to begin her college career at Mary Washington, and came face to face with Winifred Lucille Watkins, of Richmond, Va.

Winifred, it seems, is also a freshman, is cute and a brunette just as is Birmingham's Winifred Watkins. A bit confusing but the situation still isn't critical. However, there is more to come:

The girls are both the same height, both brunettes, both wear bows in their hair, both think *(See COLLEGE, Page 2)*

Red Cross Starts Roll Call Nov. 4; Leaders Revealed

Nov. 4 in Birmingham will see the start of the annual Red Cross Roll Call drive in this city according to plans laid Friday afternoon at a meeting at the Community House.

There are few changes in leadership throughout the city. The northwest section will be headed by Mrs. L. M. Woolson with Mrs. George Jeffers and Mrs. Fred J. Zoellin working with her. Mrs. R. J. Waterbury will be in charge of the section west of Southfield and south of Maple.

Other Leaders

The section south of Maple and between Woodward and Southfield has four captains: Mrs. David W. Hawksworth, Mrs. Harold Strong, Mrs. Victor Ogden and Mrs. Ernest Shipman. Three captains will work in the section east of Woodward and they are Mrs. Manley Bailey, between Woodward and Hunter boulevard, between Hunter and Adams, Mrs. Carl Heussner, and that section belonging to Birmingham east of Adams will be captained by Mrs. Walter Lipps and Mrs. Ronald Scott.

Mrs. W. H. Knowles, of West Lincoln avenue, is aiding this year in the distribution of Roll *(See RED CROSS, Page 2)*

Child's Wheel Chair Awaits First User

A child's wheel chair, available for loan in and around Birmingham, still awaits its first user, it was revealed this week by Richard H. Dewey, of the American Legion. The invalid chair was donated to the post here by the Oakland County 40 and 8 Voiture, the Legion's honor organization. Sixteen chairs were given to posts in the county. Persons wishing to borrow the chair may do so by contacting Carl Eley, Legion commander, or any member of the Charles Edwards Post.

United States Not Now at Peace, Slosson Declares in Opening Lecture

By FENTON R. MATHEWS

The United States is not at peace. The nation is not neutral but is a non-belligerent, Professor Preston W. Slosson told the first audience of the Community House Lecture Forum series Tuesday evening. He warned that if fifth column and spy scares are carried far enough, this nation will lose its head and panic will result.

Attendance at the lecture, first of the series of six, was estimated at 400. Three other nationally-known speakers are to appear, Dr. Vera Dean, of New York, Nov. 19; Dr. Frederick L. Schuman, of Williams College, noted liberal writer; and Professor Walter Leaves, of the University of Chicago. These three will alternate with Dr. Slosson, professor of history at the University of Michigan, during the rest of the series.

Spoke With Humor

Dr. Slosson spoke with his usual humor.

In acknowledging his introduction he commented about the nominating speech pertaining to himself and remarked that, like most candidates, all that had been said concerning him was good but that the introductory speaker neglected to state that his mother spent five years in prison.

However, his mother was the chaplain of the prison.

Our nation with myriad lecturers, analysts, commentators, and prognosticators sounding the diapason of war, trouble and disturbance will not permit any nation to gain poise or reason; but for those so concerned, the analysis of Prof. Slosson will compare favorably because he is as fair as can be desired and intelligent enough not to reveal all that he knows.

Among his comments, he stated that original wars were concerned with the principle of nationality, and smaller nations were created *(See SLOSSON, Page 4)*

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Political Rally for all Parties Next Tuesday

Public Is Invited to Hear Candidates At Community House

Fifth annual non-partisan candidates' meeting, a project of the Birmingham branch of the League of Women Voters, is scheduled for 7:30 Tuesday evening, Oct. 22, at the Community House.

The meeting hour has been moved up one half hour to accommodate the score of candidates seeking federal, county and state offices, each of whom will be allotted equal time.

Students Invited

Ray H. Bechtold, principal of Baldwin High School, stated this week that he would like to see a large representation of high school students at this meeting for he felt that it is an excellent lesson in democracy.

The meeting is under the general chairmanship of Mrs. John K. Ormond, president of the League, Mrs. William E. Essery is chairman of the ushers' committee and assisting her are Mrs. Frank S. Packard, Mrs. Roy B. McCutcheon, Mrs. Joseph A. Byrne and Mrs. Katherine Williams.

Mrs. Anthony J. Woina is chairman of the publicity committee and working with her are Mrs. Paul L. Penfield and Mrs. Edith McKinney. Mrs. Wilbur U. Johnstone is in charge of floor arrangements and registrar of candidates will be Mrs. Lee A White.

In Charge

Conducting the meeting will be Mrs. Ormond, Mrs. Stanley Spiegel, Mrs. E. C. Coil, Mrs. Penfield and Mrs. Johnstone.

Music will be provided by the High School Band under the direction of A. W. Berndt.

INVITE NEW VOTERS

New voters, "21-ers," are especially invited to attend the candidates' meeting next Tuesday, Mrs. Ormond said this week in a public invitation issued through The Eccentric.

William Vinton Killed in Crash

Services were held in Detroit Monday afternoon for William Vinton, 19 years old, Cornell University student whose home is at 950 Waddington road, Birmingham. The youth was killed last Friday night near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., when the automobile in which he was riding with a school mate skidded off the road and overturned. They were en route to the Cornell-Army game.

Rites were held at the Hamilton funeral establishment in Detroit with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

William Vinton had been a resident of Birmingham since 1932, coming here with his parents, Mr. *(See CRASH, Page 4)*

Teachers Convene; Pupils Get Holiday

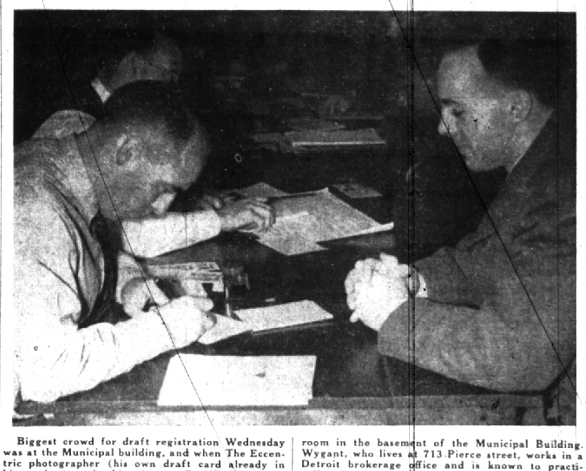
Birmingham's public school teachers, and those in the rest of Oakland County, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Washtenaw Counties, are meeting today and tomorrow in the annual Region Six conference for the Michigan Education Association, held in Detroit.

The result is, briefly, no school. Purpose of the conference is for teachers to get together and discuss their problems—to brush up on educational technique.

In one of the many conferences, John Springman, principal of Pierce School, Birmingham, will act as chairman at a meeting of elementary school principals. The time is 11:45 a. m. Roy E. Robinson, principal of Liberty School, Highland Park, will give a talk on "The Implications of Radio in Education."

Victor Ulrich, instructor of vocal music will be very much in the spotlight. When the convention opens and closes in Cass Tech High School auditorium, he will lead the great assembly in singing "America" and "God Bless America." The auditorium will be darkened, and a spotlight centered on a flag on the stage.

Boy Scout Leader Gives His Answers



Biggest crowd for draft registration Wednesday was at the Municipal building, and when The Eccentric photographer (his own draft card already in his pocket) took this picture, DAVE WYGANT (right) was giving the answers to JIM BAYNES, city building inspector serving as one of the registrars. Others sat along the table in the voting room in the basement of the Municipal Building. Wygant, who lives at 713 Pierce street, works in a Detroit brokerage office and is known to practically all of young Birmingham as a Boy Scout leader. He has applied for a commission in the Naval Reserve.

(Eccentric Photo).

YMCA Drive Will Begin With Dinner Friday Eve

Birmingham, possessing one of the oldest YMCA groups in Michigan outside of Detroit, soon will again begin its annual campaign to raise the necessary funds to keep this valuable work going in the community. Friday evening in the Community House is the time for the kick-off dinner when more than 100 officers and workers will meet to fire the opening gun in the appeal.

The goal this year has been set at $3,800, according to Young C. Smith, chairman of the Finance Committee. The entire drive will be consummated from Oct. 18 to Oct. 28, it is planned by Ray H. Bechtold, principal of Baldwin High School, who has been appointed "general" in charge. Supt. Howard D. Crull and Harold Kuder, secretary of the Wabeek Corporation, have agreed to act as "majors."

Campaign Captains

Kuder revealed that J. B. Minton, Robert C. Peck, W. F. Thomas, Dr. J. J. Reilly, William Olsen and R. Jensen will act as captains of his division and Howard Crull indicated that Miles W. Robinson, Wayne Mortimer, Raymond Peck, John Springman, Ralph Main and Manley Bailey are to be the captains of his division. Each captain is selecting six or more workers for the campaign.

The whole organization, including 100 or more men, will have *(See YMCA, Page 4)*

State Police Officer To Address Clubs

Lieut. Harold Mulbar, of Michigan State Police, will address a combined meeting of Lions, Rotary and Exchange Clubs next Tuesday noon. Mulbar has been in charge of investigations of Fifth Columnists, Reds and other allegedly subversive groups operating in Michigan. The meeting is sponsored by the Exchange Club.

GOOD GUESSERS

Fred Mock
Bill Hopkins

Miss LaGallienne at Cranbrook Tonight

Ticket sales for the Eva LaGallienne lecture this evening in the Cranbrook school auditorium at 8:15 have been reported as brisk by Vernon B. Kellett who is in charge of this lecture course, of which Miss LaGallienne's talk this evening is the first of the winter series sponsored jointly by Kingswood and Cranbrook Schools.

"The Importance of the Theatre in our Cultural Life" is the topic of the lecture this evening by Miss LaGallienne, distinguished American actress and founder of the Civic Repertory Theatre in New York City.

Photographer and Halfback Win in Football Contests

It was tough picking in last week's Football Forecasters' contests, and no one was able to predict more than 10 of the 14 winners. However, the prizes were awarded to G. Fredric Mock, of the Birmingham Photographic Shop, and in the special students' contest, to Bill Hopkins, 17, of 264 Larchlea, halfback on the Baldwin High School team. Nearly 200 ballots were entered.

There were a number of "ties" for first, but in accordance with the rules, the first entries received were named the winners. See the article on the ballot page for the names of those who were given Honorable Mention.

Wins Valuable Prizes

Mock, who now has in his pocket two tickets for the Michigan-Illinois game, will sit alongside the second week's winner, Sam Stinson, and his wife, in the big stadium at Ann Arbor this Saturday. He is also eligible for $13 in merchandise awards given by the group of leading Birmingham merchants who are jointly sponsoring the contest with The Eccentric.

Mock has never played organized football but he is a football fan from away back. He has seen every game the Detroit Lions have played since coming to Detroit, having usually been too busy on Saturdays to attend any of the university games.

"I really get a kick out of football," he declared.

Bill Hopkins, winner of the special student contest which ran last week only, gets a big kick out of football, too, but sometimes it is in the face or other regions of his anatomy. As a halfback on the Baldwin squad, the grid game is, quite naturally, tops with him. He weighs 165 pounds and hopes to make a college team sometime.

(See CONTEST, Page 2)

Injuries Are Fatal to Andrew Bunyan

Funeral services will be held this afternoon for Andrew Bunyan, 76 years old, who died early Tuesday morning of injuries received in a traffic mishap on Brown street the night before. Birmingham's second pedestrian fatality within six months. The other death was that of Horace Cooley, 84, killed when crossing Hunter boulevard, April 27.

Bunyan, a familiar figure on Birmingham's streets for many years, was crossing Brown street, at Chester, during the heavy rain, Monday at 6:17 p. m., when struck by a car driven by Alfred R. Cady, 19 years old, of 694 Pleasant street. The youth told police that the elderly man suddenly appeared in the path of his car as he drove at 20 miles an hour. His sister, Betty, 13, was also in the car. An ambulance took the injured man to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where it was found he had received fracture of the skull and both legs. He passed away at 4:10 a. m. Tuesday.

The Rev. J. O. Nelson, of the *(See INJURIES, Page 4)*

Folk Dancing Begins This Evening at CH

A new interest is being added to the regular Community House family beginning this evening when a group in country and folk dancing will be led by Mrs. Fred D. Farrar.

A project of the Community House, this group will attract people from Franklin, Royal Oak and other nearby communities.

Mrs. George T. Hendrie is general chairman of the many committees that have arranged for this class.

County Clerk to Get Cards For Sorting

Offer Dr. O. O. Beck Position of Medical Examiner in District

Draft registration in Birmingham totaled 1,183, it was determined Wednesday night at 10 o'clock when the momentous inventory of the city's young manpower was completed by city officials and a large staff of volunteers who tolled from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

In the City of Bloomfield Hills, there was a total of 165 men registered who are between the ages of 21 and 35

Forms Go To Pontiac

Today, Miss Irene Hanley, City Clerk, and other city and township clerks will deliver the carefully wrapped registration forms to County Clerk Lynn D. Allen, and the local clerks' job will be done. The next step will be sorting of the forms and sending them to the proper draft board headquarters for each jurisdiction. For example, Birmingham men who registered in Detroit will be cataloged with the local board as soon as the forms are sent here from Detroit.

HOW MANY WILL BE CALLED?

No figures have yet been announced, although a preliminary estimate placed the total to be called in Detroit at 2,000. If the same proportion applies to Birmingham, a city 100 times smaller than Detroit, a guess would place the total to be called here in December at 20 or 30. There have been a number of local enlistments.

This morning, the first informal meeting of the Birmingham draft board was held at the home of Carleton C. Patterson. Others on *(See DRAFT, Page 2)*

Benefit for Piano Next Wednesday

Women all over the city are busy these days selling tickets for the benefit bridge party Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at Baldwin High School. Proceeds from this party will go toward buying a piano for the high school.

Cooperating with the Birmingham Musicale in this project are the Parent-Teacher associations in all the schools.

Working with Mrs. Robert Edmunds, who is chairman of the Adams School group, are Mrs. A. W. Thorson and Mrs. Guy W. Jensen. Mrs. Glen Berry, president of Pierce, has Mrs. R. J. Reynolds and Mrs. C. D. Jones assisting her and Mrs. Earl Bartholomew is working at Quarton School.

Barnum School has the following workers aiding Mrs. George *(See BENEFIT, Page 2)*

Invite Housewives To Cooking School

Housewives in Birmingham and surrounding areas are invited to attend a cooking school to be held Friday afternoon at the Community House from 2 to 4 o'clock, sponsored by six Birmingham merchants.

Thirty prizes will be awarded, and every home maker attending will be the recipient of a gift. The grand prize will be a complete set of Majestic waterless cookware.

Miss May Wherry, culinary expert, will preside at the table and stove, demonstrating new dishes and new ways of cooking old ones.

Sponsors are the Kroger stores, Leonard Electric, Har-Trom Furniture Mart, Maybelle Beauty Shop, McBride Hardware and Wilson Drug Company.

Admission is free.

HEAVY ELECTION FORECAST

Although no figures are yet available, several hundred voters flocked to the City Clerk's office Wednesday for the last day of registration for the election Nov. 5, leading to the belief that the largest number in the city's history are awaiting the chance to cast their ballots. The total Aug. 21 stood at 5,370.

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