Wallace in City Tonight - - - Draft Headquarters Set Up Here

Friend, don't you ever let any circumstance of life get and keep you down for any length of time; your hardest experiences aren't harder than a million others have come through; you never will be defeated until you, yourself, give up. books, friends, quiet walks, good music, prayer, are devices to defeat defeat.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

THREE DELIGHTFUL DAYS AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

For the past 19 years I have attended, every fall, the three-day meeting of the University Press Club, at Ann Arbor. During this time I have listened to about every subject under the sun (except the sound economics of the Single Tax), discussed by lay and professional ponderers of this Confused World and Its Bewildered Inhabitants. For three days last week I leaned forward in my chair, as words and ideas filled the auditorium at the Michigan Union; all in all, the program was stimulating; meeting faculty friends and newspaper friends was equally nice.

However, this significant fact stands out: during all these years I have observed that none of every University Press Club program concedes that mankind is facing some current manner of trouble, even catastrophe; that our world is never really happily and harmoniously in tune with Utopian theories; that we bungle and boondoggle our collective way through life as a whole society—and, finally, how by all that's true and holy do we get along as well as we do! Or don't we?

Two of the University's professors started the three-day program with themes that really challenged the newspaper people in their audience. Lowell Carr, Professor of Sociology, expounded the subject: "National Defense and Social Values." Professor Paul Henle, of the Philosophy Department, talked on "Democracy and the World Crisis." Both men made points of the necessity of the United States retaining its freedom of speech and freedom of press—but they failed, in practical detail, to tell the visiting newspaper men and women just how to do it.

They did lead up to and around the answers; perhaps, deep within their own academic minds, they know what the answers are. So, in conclusion, I got up and said that "about all we, as editors, can do is to go back home and, within the limits of our abilities, our conscience, and our strength, publish everything we believe to be good, decent, and vital to the preservation of American democracy; we must endeavor to do this until the iron hand of a tyrannical bureaucrat, aided and abetted by citizen distinterest and apathy, closes about our editorial necks." Both professors agreed. So we saved America—for a while, at least.

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Human Progress Depends Much Upon Universities

Spending three days in Ann Arbor is always a fine experience. There we mix and mingle with learned men of the faculty, many whom we have come to know quite intimately; we also see and hear young men and women, most of whom are trying to get sufficient knowledge about this world to earn a living—a few of them intently upon crusading for their adult lives for better conditions. For here is one of the nation's great centers of learning; classroom and textbook, scientist and research laboratory, each seeking to make more widespread in human thinking fragments of knowledge and wisdom so that future generations may be farther removed from the jungle than we are today. I don't know exactly what the University's annual budget is, but it runs, as I recall, well over four millions annually. While I must admit that even a University may, and no doubt is, barnacled with some bureaucratic and sequestered pensioners, I'll never admit that society pays enough to carry on a proper educational program for its best uplift and improvement. We spend more on peanuts, popcorn, cosmetics, sports, and liquor than we do for education.

War Has Played Havoc With U. of M. Faculty

President Alexander Grant Ruthven, of course, was present for one of the banquets; he always is, and presents a serious phase of some University problem to the seriers. He told us last Thursday night that he hoped the government will not call too many of his faculty members to war service, as was done in the first World War. Practical, indeed, was his belief that Universities ought to be allowed to retain men whose life training has fitted them for instruction of the great army of youth so necessary to an alert and intelligent defense. "In the World War we had to engage garage mechanics to instruct many of our students in some phases of

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Torch Parade to Precede Wallace Talk

Democratic Nominee To Speak at 7:30 Tonight, High School

Final arrangements made here for the visit tonight of Henry A. Wallace include a torch light parade from the Community House to the High School steps, it was announced by Henry M. Foley, chairman.

Starting time for the procession has been set promptly at 7:30 p. m., and within a few minutes, the brief talk is to begin at the High School, it was said. In case of rain, the meeting will be held inside.

Mrs. Wallace Here Early

Mrs. Wallace arrived in Detroit, Wednesday, and was greeted by Mrs. Angus D. McLay, of Birmingham, sister of the Democratic vice-presidential nominee. Mrs. Wallace spent Wednesday night at the McLay home and will join her husband at 6:15 p. m. tonight in a private dinner at the McLay home, 715 Wimbleton.

Mr. Wallace was scheduled to leave Grand Rapids this morning in a motor cavalcade taking him through Holland, Allegan, Hast-

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Candidates Tell Their Platforms At Meeting Here

The fifth annual candidates' meeting of the League of Women Voters was held last Tuesday evening in the Community House, where citizens of Birmingham gathered to exercise the rights of freedom of speech and assembly granted to every citizen in what is practically the last free nation on earth.

Two dozen speakers addressed the gathering, some as candidates for a specific office and others merely speaking in behalf of a certain candidate or party. In addition, the League invited two speakers to explain and discuss various phases of the five proposals offered to the voters of Michigan on the ballot this fall.

Band Plays

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. John K. Ormond at eight o'clock, after the high school band, under the direction of Arnold W. Berndt had played several numbers, ending with The Star Spangled Banner. Mrs. Stanley Spiegel acted as timekeeper, and held each speaker to a definite time limit. So rigidly was the time budgeted

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Mrs. Roosevelt May Speak At Baldwin

Plans are being made which may bring Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to Baldwin High to speak on the afternoon of Nov. 12, it was learned this week.

Mrs. Roosevelt will be in town on that date to fill an evening speaking engagement at Cranbrook School and will spend some time as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dorothy G. Roosevelt, of Charing Cross road.

Amy Roosevelt, a niece, is a student at Baldwin.

Student Wins 4th Contest

Lucile Beisel and Edward Sarnowski

Romance in a football contest? Certainly, it's possible, The Eccentric discovered this week when awarding prizes to the winner of the fourth Eccentric-Merchants football forecaster contest.

EDWARD SARNOWSKI, 19 years old, a Baldwin High School senior, is the lucky prognosticator this week, picking the outcome of every game except three. When he came to the office Monday, to have his picture taken, he was accompanied by a friend, Lucile Beisel, and upon being introduced to her it was already settled that she and Edward would be enjoying that game Sunday together. They will be among the crowd which will jam U. of D. stadium to witness the Lions-Redskins game.

3 Runners-up

Three others were runners-up: Paul V. Winkler, of 16525 Woodward avenue, Highland Park, C. V. Gardiner, 967 Hawthorne, and Dr. John P. Wood, 675 Larchlea, each of these also missing only three. However, Sarnowski's ballot was narrowly ahead of the others in the order in which it was received, so the rules made him the winner.

Sarnowski was No. 113, showing

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Food to Feed an Army Ordered for Hallowe'en Fete

When the last Hallowe'en celebrant flies through the "bread line" Thursday evening, Oct. 31 in Birmingham's sixth annual city-wide party he may be surprised to find that he received the last two slices of bread from 250 loaves purchased, the 2,510th doughnut, the last apple from 15 bushels, the last of 50 gallons of cider, 25 gallons of ginger ale and 60 one-half pints of milk, the last of 450 pounds of candy and of 880 pounds of beef.

Those, at least, are the figures released this week by Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn who, as chairman of the food collection committee as with her committee has been approaching Birmingham residents and merchants for donations.

Ray Smith, Ray H. Bechtold and W. F. Thomas are on the food distribution committee.

The food, however is but one small portion of the evening's entertainment that has been planned this year for Birmingham's school children.

A parade complete with bands, floats and the youngsters themselves in gay Hallowe'en costumes, will follow the same line of march as in past years: From Baldwin High School to Bates street, down Bates to Brown street, over Brown to Woodward avenue, up Woodward to Maple, past the judges stand on Maple avenue to Southfield, down Southfield to the Hill School grounds' entrance on Martin street. Parade marshal will be Dr. G. E. Marin. Working with him are Howard D. Crull, Wilson Jenkin and Malcolm Tindall.

Judges will be the Rev. W. Glen Harris, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Ernest W. Seaholm, of Kennesaw avenue, Miss Joy Stewart, art instructor at Baldwin High School, and City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Three bands will play in the parade. As in other years Baldwin High School's maroon-clad musicians will add color to the parade. A special feature will be two outside groups: the well-known drum and bugle corps of the Cook-Nel-

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Dedicate New Pole and Flag Tomorrow

A large crowd of townspeople is expected to be present at Pierce Field Friday at 3:20 p. m. when war veterans will present to the Public Schools a new 60 foot flag pole and a beautiful American flag. The unbeaten, unscored-on Baldwin High School team will play East Detroit in a game following the ceremony.

The gift was decided on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and their auxiliary posts here, after reading in The Eccentric several weeks ago a statement by Supt. Howard D. Crull that "perhaps the veterans will give us a flag pole."

Carl W. Eley, commander of the American Legion post here, will present the pole and the flag, measuring 8 by 12 feet.

Richard Gilbert, president of the Student Congress, will make the acceptance speech for the school.

The ceremonies will begin at 3:20 tomorrow afternoon. During the raising of the flag, bugler will sound, "To the Colors." The school band will then play "The Star Spangled Banner." A color guard will be made up of Eagle Scouts.

R. H. Dewey, Americanism chairman for the American Legion, is heading the flag committee and Robert Cole of Baldwin High School is chairman of the reception committee.

An official school banner will be raised at a future home game to fly beneath the American flag.

Basketball Meeting Called for Tuesday

A meeting will be held in the Community House Tuesday evening at 7:30 to discuss re-organization of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. basketball league. The Y. M. C. A. board has included in its budget a sum to assist in financing the league. All persons of out-of-school age who wish to participate in this sport are urged to attend the meeting.

Presbyterian Men's Club Rally Tonight

The First Presbyterian Church Men's Club is having its annual "Political Rally" this evening. The "rally" will be preceded by a dinner at 7 o'clock. Features for this year's program promise to make it one of the outstanding Men's Club events of the year. Notices of the meeting have gone to each member of the club.

Mrs. Harriman Tells Audience Here Of Flight As Nazis Took Norway

Birmingham's Community House Sunday evening resounded with many moments of rollicking laughter, leavened with considerable serious mien, as 125 men and women listened for more than an hour to the story of America's former Minister to Norway, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, as she related the tale of Germany's conquest of that country last April.

Mrs. Harriman, in Birmingham as the guest of her granddaughter, Mrs. John Lewis, of 459 Willits street, made her local appearance in a hastily conceived and carried-out program staged by Birmingham and Detroit members of the Democratic Party. Lack of time made it impossible to extend invitations to every local person whose presence would have been desirable, Mrs. A. D. McLay, of 715 Wimbleton road, announced. Half of Sunday night's audience was from Detroit, including a number of prominent Democratic Congressmen and other public officials.

Following a meal served by the Community House, Mrs. J. R. Quinn, of 451 Park street, welcomed those in attendance, and then introduced A. D. McLay, of Wimbleton road, whose wife is a sister of Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate Henry A. Wallace. (Mr. Wallace will speak in Birmingham Thursday evening of this week. See story elsewhere in this issue.—Ed.)

FAVORS THIRD TERM

When asked whether or not she had convictions about upsetting the third term tradition in the United States, Mrs. Harriman said: "I believe that when the conditions that our nation faces are so that the man we need as President must become a third term candidate, then he ought to. Traditions are all right, but our times today are different than ever before. That's why I am for President Roosevelt."

Addressing the audience as "Fellow-Democrats," Mr. McLay briefly traced the story of Mrs. Harriman's appointment as American Minister to Norway. In a kindly and grandmotherly fashion, Mrs. Harriman, the picture of poised

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Red Cross Seeks Roll Call Workers

Volunteer Red Cross Roll Call workers are needed Mrs. Harold H. Corson, Birmingham chairman, said Wednesday. Although various captains have been working for over a week now, they are still seeking assistants for the drive which starts Nov. 4.

Mrs. Manley Bailey will have the following women working in her district: Mrs. Lillian Moore, Mrs. Ralph A. Main, Mrs. Arthur Fischer Plank, Mrs. P. W. Guest, Miss Marian Reid, Mrs. G. V. Mills, Mrs. James W. Cobb, Mrs. J. S. Pavey, Mrs. Earl Gaskill, Mrs. Lee R. Bird and Mrs. E. F. Johnson.

Mrs. Waterbury's Group

Working with Mrs. R. J. Waterbury, captain of the southwestern city district are Mrs. L. B. Billings, Mrs. Nicholas Martin, Mrs. H. F. Cornwell, Mrs. Jonathan M. Ball, Mrs. Harry M. Denyes, Mrs. Arthur A. Bull, Mrs. L. Clayton Hill, Mrs. Gordon Russell Craven, Mrs. Milton L. Coulson, Mrs. John G. Wood, Mrs. Leon A. Chaminade, Mrs. Gilbert James and Mrs. William P. Winslow.

Mrs. Harold Strong has secured the following helpers in the section south of Maple and between Bates and Woodward south to Lincoln: Mrs. Frank Kehoe, Mrs. Tom R. Wyles, Jr., Mrs. Norman D. Porter, Miss Gertrude Fletcher, Mrs. Irving Allen, Miss Louise Wolfe, Mrs. Mark Smith, Mrs. Howard Reid, Mrs. J. H. Sheridan, Howard Sumera and Mrs. C. S. Grant-Watters.

Ann Arbor Meeting

Other area captains who need

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Hollywood Starlet Remembered Here As School Girl

Pretty brunet Lorraine Elliott, who this week was picked from a field of 50 as one of the best bets for future screen stardom, is remembered in Birmingham for the dramatic work she did while in Pierce and Barnum Schools. Her family formerly lived on Emmons street.

Miss Lyla McCormick, who teaches grammar at Barnum, and also is connected with the dramatic work done in that school, spoke this week of the talent and ability that Lorraine showed even 10 years ago when she lived in Birmingham. Miss McCormick had her as a home room student in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades.

The Elliotts moved from Birmingham to Port Huron and later to Detroit where Lorraine was graduated from Northern High School. She did radio work in Detroit and was vocal soloist with several orchestras before going to the West Coast a few months ago.

Miss McCormick said this week that Lorraine communicated with her until about two years ago.

Neighbors in Court; Threat Is Charged

John C. Schwenk, of 711 Bennaville, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of threatening William Smith, 708 Bennaville, and a trial is to take place today to determine whether Schwenk shall be required to post a bond to keep the peace. Smith told an assistant Prosecuting Attorney that Schwenk had threatened "to get him." Schwenk denies the charge.

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

YMCA Drive Is Under Way; Progress Good

With only one general report made thus far, $509 has already been given by 53 contributors in the annual YMCA drive which started last Friday night, it was revealed Wednesday by Ray H. Bechtold, general chairman, and Young C. Smith, head of the finance committee. Another report

Mr. Bechtold

meeting is scheduled for tonight; a third for Friday and the final report next Monday evening.

"The campaign is being received very favorably, and many new contributors have made gifts," Bechtold declared.

Quota Raised

At the kickoff dinner last Friday night, Dr. John K. Ormond, Y president, presided, and introduced Fred Freeman, state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who gave an inspirational talk, stressing the need for Christian leadership in a world of chaos.

John D. Maynard, president of the camp association, gave a report on those activities; while Secretary Robert D. Lynd gave a full report of the many Y. M. C. A. activities being carried out in the community.

Young C. Smith revealed that the goal, of $3,800, had been en-

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Auto Horns Blow Against Third Term

Wednesday was "No Third Term Day" for Republicans and rally was held last night at Pontiac. An automobile cavalcade, with horns blowing, swept through Birmingham on its way to Pontiac as part of the demonstration.

DeMolay Officers To Be Installed

New officers of James S. Hassberger Chapter, Order of DeMolay, will be installed next Tuesday evening at the Masonic chapter rooms in Birmingham. Parents and friends have been invited to the installation, at which Harold F. Koch, of Dearborn, active member of the Grand Council, and his

Delbert Adams

deputies will officiate.

There will be entertainment at the session starting at 8 o'clock. Mayor John E. Martz will deliver the principal talk of the evening.

Delbert Adams was elected master councilor of this youth organi-

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Gives Final Warning On Bicycle Licenses

A final warning on unlicensed bicycles was given Wednesday by Police Chief J. P. Hackett. Bicycles without the 25-cent tag will be impounded after midnight, Oct. 31, and held at 25 cents a day until the license is purchased, he said.

Draft Headquarters In Municipal Bldg; Patterson Chairman

District No. 7 Selective Service board has organized, set up its headquarters in the Birmingham Municipal Building, and announces that perhaps by the end of this week a list of all registrants will be posted at the police station, open day and night, where men may discover their serial numbers. The headquarters, however, is not yet open for business."

Carleton C. Patterson, himself a war veteran, was elected chairman of No. 7 draft board, and Edward H. Laird was chosen secretary when they and the third member, James A. Beresford met last Friday and officially organized. A number of important points that all registrants should know were outlined to The Eccentric this week for publication.

Important Points

1. It is not necessary for registrants to inquire of the draft board at this time regarding their status. Board members will not interview the public because it is physically impossible; however, a chief clerk soon will be on the job daily to answer inquiries.

2. It is not necessary for a man to learn his serial number. He can wait until he receives his questionnaire by mail, or he can watch the press and the official bulletin board to see when his name has been posted as having been sent a questionnaire. The Eccentric will probably print the names of men as they are designated for questionnaires.

3. Because a man receives a questionnaire does not mean that he has been called for immediate training. Everyone will eventually fill out the questionnaire but only a few, at present at least, will be designated for training.

Board Working Nightly

Chairman Patterson explained that he and his two colleagues have been working nightly, sorting the registration cards which were turned over to them after registration last Wednesday in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Bloomfield Township and Troy Township, sorting out the cards of persons who registered here but live elsewhere. About 200 of these have been mailed out; and likewise, cards from other places have begun to arrive here.

The next step will be to shuffle the cards and number them, starting with No. 1 and completing the list, probably about 2,000 names in all. These serial numbers will be posted soon on the bulletin board at the Birmingham police station, perhaps by Saturday or Monday.

These serial numbers have no direct bearing on the order in which men will be called for this reason:

In the national lottery at Wash-

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10 Teachers Here Subject to Draft; Given Job Promise

Ten teachers in the Birmingham system are subject to military training; however, all but one are married, Supt. Howard D. Crull reported to the Board of Education Tuesday night. A resolution granting leave of absence if any man is drafted was passed by the Board.

In addition to the 10 teachers there are two building custodians between the age of 21 and 35.

According to reports from Washington, married men are not likely to be called unless the country goes to war.

The board's action guarantees jobs to any who might be called.

EXCEPTION MADE

An exception in the recent Board of Education ruling raising the fees for use of gymnasiums (effective Dec. 1) was made Tuesday night. The Y. M. C. A. junior groups were permitted use of the gymnasiums free and will not have to pay the $10 nightly fee to be asked of adult groups.

Robert D. Lynd, Y. M. C. A. secretary, appeared before the board, and pointed out that it is economy to provide worthwhile activities for young people.

"I believe that our low delinquency rate in Birmingham is due somewhat to our Boy Scout and Y. M. C. A. work," Lynd declared.

His request granted, Lynd said that he will be made in the present YMCA drive to raise extra money to help finance use of a gym one night a week so that the young men's basketball league will not be forced to suspend. Last year, attendance at the games provided enough revenue to pay $4 for use of the gym and for the fee of officials. The new rate for the gym is $10.

"There are about 50 young men who participate, and about 25 or 30 more are in attendance," Lynd said.

If all Y. M. C. A. groups paid

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VOLUNTEERS THANKED

A resolution was adopted by the City Commission Monday night thanking all volunteers who gave their time in the national draft registration Oct. 16.

Police Official Warns of Saboteurs, But Cautions Against Spy Hysteria

"Rep. Martin Dies may be right about there being 5,000 potential saboteurs in Detroit—I have no reason for believing him wrong," Lieut. Harold Mulbar, head of the Michigan State Police "subversive detail" told Lions, Rotarians and Exchangites in a joint meeting held Tuesday noon at the Community House, sponsored by Exchange.

Mulbar showed leaflets and told of activities of communists, nazis and fascists, but added a strong note of caution at the end of his talk.

"We must keep our feet on the ground," he declared; "we must guard against hysteria. Let's help the man with German ancestry who is trying to be a good citizen. The bundists or subversive Italians and Germans are in the minority—so just because a man has a foreign accent, it isn't conclusive.

"If some one tells you a man is a spy, tell him to inform the police what he knows, but advise him against repeating it on the street. We've had a hundred cases of boycott in Michigan where the victims were innocent," he continued.

"Oppose hysteria and vigilante groups; rest assured that all law enforcement officers in the state are working together and are on guard. Let's keep our heads up, keep our feet on the ground, enjoy the liberties we have won and be able to pass them on to our children."

Lieut. Mulbar was introduced by Dr. John P. Wood. He told first of Fifth Column activities in France, which he believes were largely responsible for the downfall of the country.

France was divided by the seeds of class and racial hatreds sown by the Fifth Column," he declared.

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Another Message Here from England

Another letter flown across the North Atlantic route and coming to the home of an Eccentric reader at Franklin but a few days ago, reveals still greater dogged determination of Londoners to "stick it out" despite the increasing ferocity of the German air raiders.

The missive came to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Dunn, of Wellington road, Franklin, from Mrs. Downer's brother's wife, Mrs. Campbell M. Gordon. Mr. Gordon, a retired officer of the Fifth Dragoon Guards, and a man with a distinguished World War record, including the campaign in Palestine with Lord Allenby and T. E. Lawrence, is now working at the Shipping Ministry in London, while Mrs. Gordon continues with the work she has done for many years—as associate pastor of St. Botolph's Church. She was also prominent for many years as a worker in the Liberal Party. The letter follows:

Broadhurst Gardens
London, N. W. 6
Sept. 20, 1940

My dear Rose and Alvin:

We were more pleased than I

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Tallest Prisoner Arrested By Service

It was Detective Delyle Service, of Birmingham, who arrested that tallest prisoner ever to appear in Detroit traffic court.

Service is over six feet tall himself, but he was just a "shorty" beside Harry Ellis, 21, who lives near Clawson. Ellis is 6 feet, 10¼ inches tall, and wears size 18 shoes which cost him $22 a pair, Service declared.

"He had to bend himself a bit to get into the car," the local officer said.

Detroit and Birmingham police departments have a reciprocal arrangement on making arrests, and Service arrested Ellis even though he lives outside the city limits.

The youth, wanted for a traffic violation, took the whole thing good naturedly, Service said.

CALL TO VOTE

To remind voters of their duty on election day, Nov. 5, the old bell in Hill School will be rung hourly a week from Tuesday, it has been announced. A group of local Republicans secured permission from the school board on the theory that all should vote, no matter what party. There has also been talk of blowing the fire siren.