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The Birmingham Eccentric

Thank God for your friends! The quality of good friendship cannot be annihilated by oceans, by human legislation, by inhuman wars, or by any other force except one's own state of mind. The more difficult our times, the more we ought to develop and hold fast to our friends—for they bring solace and comfort.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Some Thoughts On The Subject: "Should We Enter The War?"

A Birmingham friend and subscriber, with whom I have exchanged a few letters upon recent and current subjects, has written me upon the subject of America's position with regard to entering the European war. One paragraph in his letter reads: "Come to think of it, I have never seen an editorial in your newspaper against our entry. A person is either against or for our getting into this mess, and is there any more important subject to work on—or have most of the newspaper editors in this country no internal fortitude? Outside of the Chicago Tribune and a very few other papers in this country, the rest are afraid to go along with the will of the vast majority of our citizens."

Along with his letter, my friend incloses a copy of an address by Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, made last March, in which the youthful savant attacks all thought of the United States getting into the current international mess; part of it will conclude this column this week.

Few Of Us Really Know

So far as I am concerned, I must confess that only a comparatively few people among our 130,000,000 of population, really know the true answer to the question: "Should the United States now, or later, get into the European War?" My deepest feelings are utterly opposed to entry into it; I do not believe that if we did get into it, and helped to lick Hitler, that we would reap any better post-war period than we did after the first World War. So far as our near-future social, economic, and political life goes, I cannot believe that participation in this war will help my own generation, or that of my children and their children. So, you see, I have no pleasure about this war business on the basis of its pleasant and happy aftermath.

In other words, I quite agree with much of what President Hutchins says about the need to "make democracy work at home to perpetuating life on a peaceful basis." I believe that the spending of so many billions for armaments is, so far as our future is concerned, pretty much a waste of our economic resources. This money, under peace-time planning of our domestic development, could be made to work wonders in the development of a higher mental, moral, and spiritual life among our people. But it is the sheer tragedy of the affairs of our human family that the routine of living must, every so often, be interrupted by war; yet, as I have mentioned before in this column, war itself is only the result of maladjustments within the human family—it is like a pestilence that process an unclean city; it is the harvest of evil planting, it is the result of causes contrary to morality. And so it comes, is engaged in—and then comes the interval of peace, when one or more of the combatants becomes exhausted. Peace, as the world knows it, is but an interval between wars.

Are We A Peaceful People?

No, I am not pessimistic about this war business, either. I believe that mankind is within a century or two of gaining more enduring peace; perhaps closer than that. But it will only come, and stay, when enough of this earth's population lives so as to deserve it, to find that it is the result of the righteous cause that dwell amongst them—not before.

So far as our entry into the present war is concerned, I admit that I do not know all the answers. But I do know that there is something vast and terrible on the march over the earth's surface today, and that it is symbolized by the diabolical program of world subjugation by the Nazis, led by Hitler. I am not willing to accept the arguments of those who say that Hitler, if victorious in Europe and Asia, will remain aloof from our Western Hemisphere. I believe that the Hitler boys are out to conquer the world—and know of but one physical power to stop them; that is building up our defenses almost without limitation, and aiding the foes of Hitler and Mussolini and the Japanese as much as we can. There is but one language known to the Nazis and their Axis allies, and that language is spelled: "Opposition Physical and Human Armaments."

I say this, too, full well realizing that I have two sons subject to military conscription. I say this, knowing, as I have so often heard Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg declare: "There are some things worse than war!" My answer, then, is something like this: Let's build up our defenses as fast as we can; let's hear from Congress in favor of our entry into the

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New Students Will Enroll Next Week

9 New Teachers Given Assignments In Public Schools

Summer vacation for some 2,650 local school pupils will be concluded on Monday, Sept. 8. That is the day of the opening of the 1941-1942 school year in the Birmingham Public Schools. Increased building and a noticeable filling of vacant homes indicate that enrollments probably will increase over last year.

New Staff Members

Nine teachers new to the school system will begin here with the opening of the school year. Miss Ruth Heilman has been assigned first grade at the Pierce School. Miss Ann Nissila will teach in the early elementary grades at Adams School while Miss Lauretta Allison will teach in grade one at the Quarton School. Miss Rachel Crume will teach girls' health education at Baldwin High School and will also teach health education at the Quarton School. Miss Hilda Levin will teach seventh grade at Quarton School. John Cornish has been engaged to teach art education in the junior-senior high schools. Frederick Gerard will teach boys' physical education at the Adams and Barnum Junior High Schools, and Miss Margaret Widick will teach homemaking at the Baldwin High School. Maurice Fournier will assume his duties here as principal of Quarton School while Miss Magdalene Frederick, former principal, will teach grade three at Quarton.

Register Before School Opens

Building offices will be open during the day on Sept. 2, 3, 4, and 5 between the hours of 10-12 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. to register pupils who will be enrolling in the local schools for the first time. It will

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Schools Get More Operating Tax

Birmingham schools have been given a slightly higher tax rate for operating than last year, although the total rate will remain the same, it was announced this week.

The Oakland County Tax Allocation Board has granted the school district $7,86 per $1,000 valuation for operating, compared to $7.70 last year. This will net the district about $2,400 more in revenue for operating, according to Business Manager Louis M. Randall.

The levy for debt, which is not subject to the 15 mill limitation and therefore can be set locally at any figure needed, has been reduced to $6.49 a thousand, compared to $6.65 last year. That makes the total $14.35 for schools, the same as last year.

City Construction Job Goes to A. R. Rizzuto

Contract for the construction of a sewer on Merrill and Southfield running northwesterly across the park property, and also for the completion of the sewer and the construction of a water main on Northlawn avenue, was awarded Monday night at the City Commission meeting to A. R. Rizzuto of 375 South Boulevard East, Pontiac.

Rizzuto's bid of $3,840.25 was the lowest and best of seven bids offered the city. He has done work for the City on previous occasions, and, according to City Manager Don C. Egbert, it has always been satisfactory.

Red Flag Over Building Wins Mathews a Bet

Fenton R. Mathews, frequent contributor to the columns of The Eccentric on the musical, seems to have a fair for getting his name in the public prints. That Red-Flag-of-Moscow incident last Saturday was the latest, and gallons of ink were spread on newsprint as two Detroit Sunday papers related the facts in the case.

Not only that, but a prominent national magazine in Philadelphia, founded by Benjamin Franklin, has written The Eccentric asking the lowdown on that dinner bell incident. It seems that some one who saw Mathews's public notice in The Eccentric week-before-last sent a clipping to the "We see by the Papers" department of the magazine. The sad result: "Twenty-five dollars, a good dinner and no prosecution for the thief that stole the dinner bell from our store in daylight. Because this thief has more courage than our present politicians this offer is made."

Thief Still Reluctant

Everybody read the ad, Fenton declares, but the thief must be suspicious of the offer, for the bell is still missing.

That red flag has been still more fun; our musical friend demonstrates. It seems that he can give lessons on the violin (advt.), and can play the piano, guitar, and the Chinese bassoon.

It all came about through a friendly bet with several Detroit business men. The Detroit men bet Fenton he could fly a red flag under the Stars and Stripes and get no repercussions but humorous ones. Mathews said that if he flew a red flag from the pole on his antique shop on South Woodward avenue, some would laugh, but others would be incensed. Fenton was right.

Irony of Situation

The idea, Mathews declares, was a play on the irony of the present international situation: the United States and British governments, enemies of Communism, now find themselves bosom pals of Russia. So at the top of

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

New Science and Industry Building Ready for Cranbrook Students

Dr. Rudolph D. Lindquist, headmaster of Cranbrook School for boys in Bloomfield Hills, announces the opening of the fall term in the middle of September. Day students from the local area will register on Monday, Sept. 15; boarding students will register on the 16th, and classes will begin on the 17th.

Personnel Changes

Although Cranbrook has a staff of 30 teachers for its 250 boys, there are very few changes in personnel. Cornelius Banta, teacher of mathematics, has resigned to take a position at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. Vaden Miles, science instructor, has resigned to continue his studies at the University of Michigan. George O'Brien, English teacher, has been given a leave of absence until he returns from serving in the Army. Julian Payne will not return to Cranbrook, for he was brought to the school only for one year to take over the work of Templin Lickfield, English teacher, who had been granted a leave of absence to do graduate work at Yale last year.

New teachers who have been engaged to replace those who are leaving are Warrington Willis, who comes from the Malcolm Gordon School at Garrison-On-Hudson, N. Y. to teach English and Social Sciences. Robert Williams, who has been teaching at the Tome School, Port Deposit, Md., will join the Cranbrook faculty as teacher of mathematics. Stoddard Jones, a graduate of the Case School of Applied Science and of Wayne University, is taking over the post vacated by Mr. Miles.

New Building

One of the most important developments at Cranbrook is the construction of a new Science and Industry Building, which is a gift from the Cranbrook Foundation. The building will be 240 feet long and 60 feet wide, but only one story in height. It will contain laboratories, classrooms, shops, and offices for all the courses and activities in chemistry, physics, biology, general science, wood and metal work, ceramics, mechanical

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Carillon Concerts At Christ Church Start Next Week

The bells of the carillon at Christ Church Cranbrook on Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills will again peal forth for the enjoyment of music lovers on Sundays and Wednesdays during September when Anton Brees, master carillonneur, returns to Cranbrook, starting next Wednesday.

Mr. Brees has played at Cranbrook every year (excepting 1935) since he dedicated the bells at Christ Church on Sept. 30, 1928. His concerts have become a traditional event for people of the greater Detroit area as well as those of nearby towns in southeastern Michigan.

Interest Increases

Interest in these concerts has increased each year. It is estimated that more than 20,000 people enjoyed them last year. Winding roads and ample parking space provide the aisles for an outdoor auditorium accommodating thousands in their own cars. The music is best heard at distances of 500 to 1,000 feet. The Sunday concerts commence at 5 p. m. after the four o'clock vespers in the Church. Wednesday evening concerts begin at 8:30 p. m.

Anton Brees began his career of carillonneur at the age of 16 under his father, Gustaf Brees. His father was organist and carillonneur at Antwerp Cathedral and several years ago celebrated his fiftieth anniversary in his position. Anton Brees also studied at Malines, Belgium, under Jos Denyn who then was the most famous carillonneur in the world. Mr. Brees finally was recognized

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Berwyn Rd. People Seek Street Repair

Nine residents of Berwyn road petitioned the City Commission, Monday night, for improvement of their street. Because they had been paying for oil for several years, they asked that the street re-building be done at City's expense.

"This street is terrible in the spring," City Manager D. C. Egbert said. "The gravel is only a couple of inches thick on top, and that is the source of the trouble."

The Commission recalled that when similar work has been done for other streets recently, such as Lincoln and Smith, a special assessment district had been set up; therefore, the same policy should apply to Berwyn. In other words, the City will pay only a part of the total cost. Further reaction from the petitioners will be awaited.

The request was signed by Roger Emmert, Mrs. T. B. Cookerly, Dr. Mrs. A. J. Amidon, Mrs. A. L. Moses, Reed Bachman, Mrs. W. J. Daeschner, M. J. Coulson, Mrs. William E. Holler and James W. Taylor.

Women Register For Special Service

With the opening last week of registration headquarters in Sanders Store, Maple avenue and Pierce street, women of Birmingham joined enthusiastically in the program launched by the American Women's Voluntary Services to co-operate in national defense.

The registration headquarters were opened to offer women a central point where they could register for any of the 19 courses of training which are available free of charge and will equip them to respond to the needs of national defense, and also to be of benefit in peace-time activities.

The girls who are in charge of the registration desk, under supervision of Mrs. P. B. Hoffman and Miss Betty Ann Pease, are thoroughly familiar with the activities of A. W. V. S., and prepared to answer all inquiries, it was said. The registration desk is open from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. every day, Monday to Saturday.

In other cities where this course of training has been introduced, the interest is at high pitch, and hundreds of women are at work. In some instances, the number of registrants exceeded the capacity of the classes even before the preparations were completed, it was reported.

"The organization of the American Women's Voluntary Services convinces me," said Mrs. L. M. Fyle, chairman of the Birmingham Bloomfield branch of the Oakland County Unit of the A. W. V. S., "that the spirit of cooperation and service on which our country was founded is very much alive. It gives me a feeling of assurance by showing that in the writer of talk about defense and the women's part in the emergency our country is facing, one organization at least is proving its patriotism by doing. I would like to emphasize," Mrs. Fyle continued, "that this program is entirely voluntary. When the course is completed, it will equip the women to better serve their own community."

Negro Car Washer Gets Hero Award

A 27-year-old Negro car washer was the surprised recipient Monday of a $25 award for heroism and quick thinking, given by the Auto Owners Insurance Company of Lansing.

He is Morris Johnson, 27 years old, of 31 Hibbard street, Pontiac, a part-time employee at the Kuhn Mobilgas station at 334 East Maple avenue.

On July 27, at 6 p. m., it was related, another employee, Bruce Robertson, 16 years old, of 28279 Athlone, Lathrup Township, spilled gasoline on his clothing and it caught fire from a cigaret. The youth ran out of the building and the car washer overpowered him and threw him to the ground, where the flames were smothered. The Negro then rushed to the drug store for olive oil and applied it. Johnson's quick work prevented serious injuries; even so, the youth is still at home.

J. Dwight Thomas, representing the insurance company, came here from Lansing Monday to make the award, voted by his company's executive committee.

September Draft Quota Cut to 4

Only four men will be called for Army service in September, it was announced this week by Chief Clerk Augusta Merrill, of Local Board No. 7. The date is Sept. 16.

Those who are being notified to be ready for induction are Walter A. Stermerm, route 2, Milford; Angelo Louis Chaffee, Cass City, Mich.; George Thorndyke Dwelley, 148 Pilgrim, Birmingham; and Ralph Dresser, St. Clair Shores.

One of the reasons for relatively few inductions here is the fact that many men in the district have already enlisted or have been commissioned in the armed forces. It is stated that Birmingham and district has a high percentage of college graduates, many of whom took ROTC work, is a factor.

Following are the latest names added to the list of the draft officers men who are serving in the regular armed forces or National Guard:

First Lieut. Earl E. Morrow, 5184 Second, Infantry Reserve; Pvt. George Egbert Thom, 1619 South Bates, Army.

First Lieut. Carl H. Rice, West Long Lake road, Army Dental Reserve.

First Lieut. Joseph A. Pelton, route 3, Pontiac, Army.

First Lieut. Claude R. Streb, 653 Pierce, Army.

Second Lieut. Herman C. Cusick, 820 Knox, engineers, Army.

Midshipman E. Ki Snyder, 568 Oakland, U. S. Navy.

Midshipman Charles V. Gardner, 507 Hawthorne, Navy.

Pvt. Thomas J. Larkin, 88 Chester, 171st Field Artillery, Michigan National Guard.

Second Lieut. Thomas A. Green, 144 Puritan, Infantry Reserve.

Second Lieut. Forrest A. Stinson, 820 Henrietta, Ordnance Reserve.

Flying Cadet William Fred Guglielmero, 1288 Edgewood, and Pvt. Henry B. Wagoner, 168 Martin, Army.

Mrs. Couzens Sends 80 Boys to Camp

In memory of her late husband's birthday anniversary, Mrs. James Couzens provided for 80 boys at Camp Mahn-go-tah-sen during the past week, according to Robert D. Lynch, director of the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. camp at Hale, Mich., near Tawas.

The Birmingham Lions Club sent four and the Rotary Club, one; and individuals provided for 10 other underprivileged youths.

Girl, 16, Catches Big Lake Trout

Dorothy Leaf, 16 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Leaf, 1347 Dorchester road, is now a confirmed fisherman, or should be, fisher-girl. While out with her parents and a party on Lake Superior last Thursday, she hooked a 15-pound lake trout, 34 inches long. Dorothy said to have helped landing her catch.

Notice to Publicity Chairmen

All club news and announcements should reach The Eccentric office by Tuesday noon. More time and attention can be given to news turned in early in the week.

Publicity chairmen planning advance "campaigns" for show benefits, and parties are urged to talk over the campaign in advance with the editor.

In Hunter Show

J. Wells Chilson Photo

Horse-lovers hereabouts are planning to attend the Hunter-Breeders' show Saturday at the Frederick M. Alger Estate, Metamora. Among the entrants is MRS. WASHBURNE WRIGHT (left) of Bryn Mawr road, shown here with MRS. FRED TIM MURPHY, at a recent show of the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. The Bloomfield Open Hunt is sponsoring the affair Saturday.

City Manager's Head Whirls As Bosses Air Pet Problems on Double Quick

Do you, Mr. and Mrs. Citizen, have a pet peeve or problem about something in Birmingham?

If so, you're no different from City Commissioners, themselves, who last Monday night set the City Manager's head in a whirl. When regular business appeared to lag, almost every Commissioner brought forward one or more problems. As the Commissioners talked, City Manager D. C. Egbert scribbled away in his notebook, and it was not until 10:30 p. m. that they ran out of ideas.

Following is a resume of the suggestions listed in the order in which they were discussed:

(1) RAY A. PALMER: "Can't we do something about the water that stands near the west gate of the cemetery on Oak street? That should be drained some way."

(2) W. SCOTT ALLEE: "At the southeast corner of Wimbleton and Oxford there is a patch of bad weeds that is definitely a hazard to traffic. Vision is getting a lot of trouble at these days."

(3) WILMER E. MOODY: "Chesterfield is in bad shape. School will be starting soon and a lot of students drive on that street."

(4) LUTHER HEACOCK: "There is a leak in the water main at Adams and Chevrolet garage."

(5) City Manager then remarked: "What, again?"

(6) HARRY E. BISSETT: "It seems to me something ought to be done about requiring motorists to slow up at intersections. The other day I noticed a big truck turn off West Maple onto Henrietta and it gathered speed as it went through Martin street. I'm

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Taylor Bros. Get $198,566 Contract

Taylor Brothers Construction Co., of Birmingham, have won a $198,566 contract from the State Highway Department, it was announced this week. They and another company will split the construction of a divided four-lane highway from the Ohio State Line north to Erie, a distance of 5.063 miles, on U. S. 25. This will connect with a superhighway in Ohio, relieving traffic on U. S. 24 and 25. The Taylors will build 2.266 miles.

Their equipment is nearby, for they have just completed six miles of pavement near Adrian and Blissfield, started a year ago.

Dr. Augustus W. Ives, 80, Finds Life Very Complete

By BILL ROBERTS

Some say that life begins at 40. For Dr. Augustus W. Ives, 1088 Southfield avenue, life just gone at forty is just at 70, and now that he's 80, it's just as much fun as ever. In fact, it wasn't until he retired from the practice of medicine that Dr. Ives really found time to enjoy life to the fullest.

Although born in Detroit where he spent his first 60 years (with the possible exception of a four-year residence in Europe), Dr. Ives has owned his home in Birmingham for the past 20 years and considers this his home-town. Three cousins live on the same street he does, and he has many old and true friends in Birmingham.

Approaching his door with an armful of questions about the medical profession in olden days, I went away realizing that after all, my interview dealt more with philosphy than with medicine.

Doctor at 26

Dr. Ives began his career as a doctor at the age of 26. He was graduated from the old Detroit College of Medicine about 50 years ago. He is also a charter member of the Beta (Detroit) Chapter of Nu Sigma Nu, national honorary fraternity of the medical profession.

Coming from old American stock which has lived in this part of the country for over 100 years, Dr. Ives remembers a southeastern Michigan of another century. His grandfather settled on land at Lake Angelus, and was the first Ives in that territory. That was 100 years ago. Dr. Ives' father later built his own one-room log cabin on Welcome Island which was included in this Lake Angelus property. Seeking education in true pioneer style, the elder Ives studied law, and soon became a practicing attorney with the old Detroit-Milwaukee Railroad. He gave up his law practice later, however, to continue in his chosen field, painting.

One piece of advice his father gave his boy Ives, was not to go into debt. Dr. Ives states that he doesn't exactly know what made

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Break Ground This Sunday For Church

Lutherans Ready To Start Edifice On West Maple

Ground will be broken Sunday morning for the new church of the Redeemer Lutheran congregation, to be built this fall and winter on the church's six-acre plot fronting West Maple avenue, just west of Chesterfield at the City limits.

The pastor of the church, The Rev. Theodore Wuggazer, Jr., will turn the first spade of sod, with members of the building committee also taking a hand. They are C. H. Edwards, chairman; A. H. Knoop, Gustave Chesna, Arthur Bresner, Roy Lewis, Henry Millebrandt and A. Kowinske.

Regular morning services will be held at 9 a. m., followed with the ceremony about 10 o'clock.

A $44,000 contract for the church has been let to Reisdorph & Brewe, of Detroit (no local contractor entered a bid). That figure does not include furnishings and the organ, Mr. Wuggazer said.

The new church will not be extra large, but will possess attractive architectural lines, along the Colonial style: red brick, four white pillars in front, and a spire. It will be similar to the Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village.

There will be room for 176 people in the nave, 20 in the choir and 40 in the balcony. A wing will provide seats for other churches in the Apostolic Lutheran Church of America, which will be built at a later date. Interior of the church will be finished in white.

It is expected that the new building will be completed in time for use at Easter.

2 Faculty Changes At Vaughan School

There will be but two changes in the teaching staff at the Hills School, which opens Sept. 8.

Miss Myrtelle Foster, a graduate of Wayne University in the field of girls' physical education, will replace Miss Marjorie Johnson and Kingsley St. John will be the new science teacher. For the past four years Mr. St. John has been a teacher of science in the Alpena Public Schools. He has also been doing advanced work at the University of Michigan. Joseph McCulloch, the former science teacher at Bloomfield, is now in the United States Army Air Corps.

Staff members continuing at the Hills School are Mrs. Hazel MacGirr, primary room; Mrs. Kathleen Wright, grades three and four; Mrs. Dorothy Thurston, grades five and six; Mrs. Lucy Purnell, assistant in the elementary grades; Mrs. Helen Wagner Neff, music; Miss Julia Breed, French; Mr. Samuel Tilden, Latin and English; Mr. Kenneth Ollis, English and history; Mr. Richard Spiess, mathematics and boys' physical education; and William Shunck, Director of the school.

Firemen Try in Vain To Revive Youth

Despite efforts by the Birmingham fire department's rescue squad, Vernon Lee Porter, 15 years old, of 19415 Martin road, Roseville, could not be revived from drowning at 1 p. m. Tuesday, off Gilbert Lake.

The youth was helping an uncle build a new house and went in bathing after eating lunch. A cramp or inability to swim resulted in the mishap. The boy was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Bailey's ambulance where he was pronounced dead.

A carpenter, Perry Muhn, of Royal Oak, recovered the body in 12 feet of water after it had been submerged about 10 minutes.

TRAFFIC TIPS AND QUIPS