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## Dr. S. S. Marquis Confident That Trend of Human Relations is Going Upward

Dr. S. S. Marquis, former pastor of Christ Church Cranbrook, told Birmingham Rotarians Monday afternoon at the community house that, from a historical perspective, the affairs of mankind are slowly evolving toward the ultimate goals of civilization. Despite the apparent, temporary setbacks, the well known churchman declared that "the trend is the better, and will continue until human affairs reach the dividing line for which they are intended."

"There are three types of thinking upon the subject of human relations," declared Dr. Marquis. "There is the pessimistic person who says that human nature cannot be changed for the better. There is the person who says that man is declining, and has fallen to very low levels. There is the more optimistic person who believes that there is an upward trend of human relations on earth; I belong to this third group."

Dr. Marquis stated that he disagreed with many of his clergyman colleagues in that he does not think that God originally made man a perfect living organism. He thinks that God is constantly improving man through his own divine methods of operation. He said the speaker, "In the Garden of Eden even Eve, when she ate the apple, didn't know good from evil; therefore she should not be blamed for doing the wrong thing. People cannot be condemned for doing things about which they have no sense of moral values."

Speaking of the ability of a democracy to survive, Dr. Marquis emphasized the need for religious and moral foundation for any system of government; he held that no political ideology, however explicitly conceived, can stand unless at its base are human beings who apply and exemplify Christian qualities. "No democracy can survive with bad politicians and poor, disinterested citizens in it," he said.

"Unless man's relations to God and to other men are Christian in character, society will crumble," concluded Dr. Marquis. "The first three Commandments relate to

## Red Cross Roll Call Nets \$27,928 Revenue

Nearly 22,000 Oakland County residents were enrolled as members of the American Red Cross during the Roll Call which was ended, it was announced today by D. R. Wilson, Roll Call chairman. Mr. Wilson also reports that contributions to the Red Cross totaled \$27,928.49 which is a considerable increase over that of last year. Membership reached a total of 21,985 persons with a few reports still to be tabulated. A year ago membership in the county was 17,111.

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## Want People to Get Bits of Birmingham

There will talk about town this week. "What will the war do to business?" More anxiously, mothers and wives wonder, "What will this mean for our boys?" No wonder did this Wanderer run across one who thought that Japan's attack should not be answered with a licking administered by Uncle Sam. "They asked for it, but we don't have it," was the universal comment.

A post card from the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., News Bureau relates a triumph for J. M. Farr, San Quentin diver. Atharip Townsite he snatched a 7-foot fish which weighed 48 1/2 pounds.

A newcomer to Birmingham, Mrs. M. E. writes: "Enclosed is \$1.50 for my subscription to The Eccentric. As newcomers we certainly are receiving the paper during the last few weeks. Already we feel better acquainted."

William Miller, 101 Knox, was at home Sunday evening, minding his own business, when the door suddenly opened. Tom, 63-year-old, of Pontiac, police told Tom to the station where he looked for the niggy.

Three more BB guns have been seized by officers. When parents give guns to their boys do they know that their use is prohibited within the city?

A woman advertising the fact that she took in washing gave in the wrong phone number last week. The resident who owned the number was quite both when people called her all day seeking her services. Naturally, the mistake was regretted.

Gordon R. Pennington, of Bloomfield Hills, has been granted a patent in a brake mechanism. Edmund Webb, Franklin, a windshield wiper control.

Elliott Kinney, 588 Larchlea, discovered Sunday that a thief had entered his new house, under construction, and had taken the kitchen sink.

All was quiet last Saturday night at the vicinity of Elm and Chestnut until the air was rent by the blast of an automobile horn. It went on and on and an officer called police Sgt. Earl Woodford to the scene and found the horn connection shorted. He tied a wire and it stopped. The car was owned by Robert Galt, 485 Kimberly, who was at the Village Playhouse.

More accessories continue to be stolen from cars in the parking lot near the building alley; it seems to be a favorite spot for thieves. It would seem that the business proprietors use the lot ought to hire a watchman until the culprit is caught. The proprietors might then answer: "Why should we do that? Why do we pay money for police protection?" The police would then answer: "Our forces are too small for us to be everywhere at once. You figure it out!"

Howard Cox, 1040 East Maple, reported to police Saturday evening that seven gallons of gasoline were stolen from his car parked in his driveway.

No one has claimed the big jackrabbit whose recent case history was filed in this column last week. The Cranbrook couple who now are taking care of the pet want it to have a good home and will give it to anyone who will take care of it. The rabbit is really tame and behaves like a domestic dog. Phone 3724 if you want an unusual pet.

The Eccentric now has on hand copies of the State Highway Department's winter signs. They are free. Winter sport is the theme.

The City Commission was meeting Monday night when an airplane roared overhead. Those present had the same idea, probably, "It's a good thing that plane is friendly." We often see Strelfrage F4U planes overhead but they may be built because no doubt the First Pursuit Wing will be dispatched to the West coast. Part of the strategy of that organization is the requirement that its strength can be shifted anywhere overnight. The air base personnel stays here.

Pure-bred English bulldogs are the mascots for St. George's, Gene Feltow. The pups are quartered in the Los Angeles Kennel Club's Show.



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