

One of the most appreciative of human expressions is the smile. "Thank you" is the symbol of courtesy. It is so important, I have found, that I wonder why our schools do not devote a part of their teaching to the understanding and application of this simple word. People who show their thanks generally get along better with people, and are more successful.

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THE NEWS AND THAT

By G. R. A.

Peace At Any Price?

It is an old saying that "one may live so close to the sound that he can't see the tree." I think that most of us who live in the metropolitan area of Detroit have overlooked the vital importance of the famous "Currier Case," in which the Detroit lumberman by that name was forced out of his housing job by labor leader Sidney Hillman, even though the Detroit case was lost by a margin of many thousands of dollars.

Yule Program Of Merchants Starts Today

Details of the big Christmas Goodwill Program of the Birmingham merchants were announced this week. One feature, the so-called article contest, starts today.

Two Contests and Children's Party Are Top Features

The November spirit of the Birmingham merchants has been kept in the things worth fighting for. The "Sixty billion for the abatement of democracy; blood and sweat to preserve justice and decency abroad. In our country, at home, leading away from democracy and justice? Is it degrading the individual citizen rather than dignifying him?"

Open Bond Bids Next Tuesday Eve

High interest is being shown by bond buyers in the current school district refunding operation. Buyers who offer to take the bonds at the lowest rate of interest will get the contract when bids are opened next Tuesday evening at 7 p. m. at the City Hall.

Red Cross Roll Call Nets \$3,464 Here

Latest reports show that the 25th annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross is meeting with an enthusiastic and generous response in Oakland county. The drive, which extends through Nov. 30, has marked increase over those of last year when 17,111 persons were enrolled in the drive. Today's total membership totals 20,237 and contributions amounting to \$19,550.

Currier, Low-Bidder Who Lost Housing Contract, Tells Club of Mass Building

Viciously supporting the special thinking that regards as an expensive shelter the now available for the average American family, the Currier, Detroit lumberman who recently figured in sensational housing news in the United States, addressed the Birmingham Rotarians at the Community Housing Monday noon. Introduced by Rotarian H. H. Rose, Mr. Currier said that "private building enterprise in the United States has been met with a wall of opposition."

Consumers Power Company spokesman last Thursday said that his firm was not interested in a 160 North Woodward avenue where two women were partially burned Nov. 17 following a fire.

According to Carl Froese, spokesman of the company, the operation was to release a pocket of fire in the ground. There was no second break, he said.

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Christmas Club Checks Total \$40,000

Christmas Club checks totaling more than \$40,000 will be put in the mail tomorrow. The club, announced by P. G. Bennett, treasurer of the Birmingham National Bank, is a children's Christmas party for the poor, and will provide a stimulus for Christmas buying. The bank's 1942 drive started Dec. 2.

4 Resolutions Adopted by City Institute

Goals for Birmingham were outlined in the second annual Community Institute day today under the auspices of the Community Council, the city-wide organization formed of delegates from more than 30 groups.

Community Issues Talked in Annual Conference Tuesday

The program consisted of discussion of the problems of the city, a general session on "Community Issues," and a resolution adopted by the group. The group, which was organized by the Community Council, met at the City Hall.

Adopt Resolutions

Following are the resolutions adopted: Resolved, that the Community Council be empowered to coordinate the Recreation Commission and the Citywide Committee to improve the city.

Boy, 11, Is Final Football Winner

Bud Hughes, 11 years old, of 264 Larches drive, was the final week's winner in the second annual football contest. He got two tickets to the Detroit Lions-Chicago Cardinals game, plus the various prizes.

Women in Defense

This group concluded that "every woman who feels that defense is important should convince the other women of her community that each woman has something to contribute to defense."

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New Market On Woodward Is Under Way

The new building development at North Woodward avenue and Willis is for a Kroger grocery super-market. It was learned this week. The structure will be one of the largest one-story buildings in the city, and represents a cash investment by Paul Oren, owner, of more than \$50,000 in building and land.

Project Involves \$50,000 Outlay in Land and Building

The building will be centered on three lots extending along Woodward 180 feet and 120 feet deep. The building proper will measure 60 feet wide by 120 feet.

Gets Wings

JOHN W. RICHEY, who formerly resided at 253 Arlington road, has completed his advanced flight training at Pensacola, Fla., and is now en route to the U. S. Navy Air Corps.

State Reveals Plans to Alter Hunter Blvd.

At the fourth end, Woodward avenue will be widened to conform with the rest of the street. The widening project will be completed by the city.

End Intersections Will Be Improved To Increase Safety

After more than a year and a half of effort, the City Commission announced this week that it had indicated the State Highway Department make a dozen changes and sign additions at both ends of Hunter boulevard to reduce traffic accidents.

South Intersection

At the south end of the cutoff, Woodward avenue will be widened to conform with the rest of the street. The widening project will be completed by the city.

High School Team Feted Last Night

Nearly 200 people attended the annual football banquet at the Birmingham High School football team.

Drunk Driver Chased By Victim in Crash

One driver who had to be chased by a victim in a crash, was charged with driving while intoxicated.

Institute Speaker Tells How to Stir Utmost in Community Cooperation

Speaking at a psychology upon the subject of community cooperation, Dr. Fred Reiss, assistant professor of social work at Wayne University, told the Lions Club of Birmingham.

Station Holdups Yields Thieves \$26

Two men snatched hold up the attendant of the Levy Dabinski and Old Co. station on Saturday.

More School Money Hopes Shattered

Belief that an increase in the State Primary Fund would result in more money for Birmingham's schools was shattered this week by Harold Brown, assistant finance director in the Department of Public Instruction, Lansing.

Up to County To Furnish Half of Cost

Federal aid in widening West Main avenue is assured if the County Road Commission will finance half of the project, the City Commission was advised Monday night.

Car Thief Busy; Six Cars Stolen In Week's Time

In an outbreak of thefts like that of a year ago, six automobiles were stolen in Birmingham during the past week.

Navy Man Talks To Exchange Club

Leut. Denis G. Shea, U. S. Navy Reserve, in charge of recruiting at the Naval Armory in Detroit, spoke at the Exchange Club Tuesday and outlined advantages that the Navy gives youth of service age.

U. of M. Courses Available by Mail

Students seeking additional credit hours may enroll in the University of Michigan courses by mail.

City Commission Will Consider

The City Commission will consider the matter of the Board of Education, City Manager D. C. Egbert said.

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Circulate Petitions To Urge Action on Highway Project

City Manager Egbert declared that in a conference last week with Lloyd Reid, deputy State Highway Commissioner, in which Mayor John E. Martz also took part, the Birmingham officials were told that the Federal government is ready to assist up to half of the cost in the development of what are known as "secondary roads."

Private Movement Started

Newville, a private movement has been started to induce the County to take action. Frank C. Newville, of 1108 West Maple, who complained to the City two weeks ago of the holes along the narrow 16-foot pavement, has had petitions signed and is now circulating them. He plans to form a committee of citizens to work on the project.

The Aid of Bloomfield Township and West Bloomfield Will Be Solicited

Most of the county's road funds are derived from weight and gasoline taxes returned from the State. The county has no other source of funds.

Suggests City Take Title to 38 Acres

Possible acquisition of the largest undeveloped area in the City limits—a 38-acre parcel in the southeast section at Cranbrook and West Lincoln—has been considered by the City Commission.

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