About all you can do, in these world-upsetting times, is to keep a proper sense of rational balance. Troubles may fall upon the just as well as the unjust; however, the consoling feature of this is that the just person finds practical solutions to his problems, while the unjust one merely flounders around in the quicksand of indefinite confusion.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

CANADA MAY SEEK CLOSER UNION WITH OUR COUNTRY

When this present European war is over—or even before it is over, if it is a long one—it will not surprise many folks if our friendly neighbor, Canada, seeks and obtains "economic union" with the United States. On several trips to the Dominion, since the beginning of this war, I have had contacts with Canadian business and professional men from the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, many of whom in turn have had contacts in every section of their own land; nearly all of them agree that this war is strengthening the ties between them and the United States intensely.

While Canada and its people are proving themselves extremely loyal to England in this European war, making tremendous personal sacrifices of every kind, a visitor to the bottom north of us can perceive that Canadians are getting weary of Europe's perpetual squabbles; while it is inconceivable that real Canadians ever will lose their respect and love for the Mother Country, it is more than likely that they will welcome closer bonds to the U. S. A. So, from many Canadian sources these days one hears talk of "economic union with the United States."

This means, of course, some partial, or entire, elimination of our tariffs and customs levies upon the goods exchanged between our two countries. The Canadian folks know that, dollar for dollar, living in the United States can buy more of life's necessities and luxuries than they can; so no one can blame them if they too, endeavor to seek greater abundance for themselves.

You will recall how, a year or so ago when England was danger-ously menaced by the Germans, upon the fall of France, much talk was in the air about Britain's government moving to some other spot on the earth, perhaps Canada; you may recall the talk, too, of Canada—almost overnight, if the need arose becoming annexed to the United States. Fortunately, the safety of England is better assured today than a year ago, so much of this hysteria has passed; but it is my guess that as time goes on the economic and political relations between the United States and Canada will become wedded in fact, common bonds of, generally speaking, the common ancestry of both nations.

OH, FOR SOME SIMPLE HUMILITY IN WASHINGTON!

Several years ago the people of the United States were told that the leaders of our federal government had so efficiently "blueprinted" the various physical resources of the nation that, almost by simply pushing buttons, our entire economy would spring into aggressive action for defense.

You may recall that it was dubbed "M" day, mobilization day.

It was presumed, then, that the various branches of our government, including the Army and the Navy, had full and complete information on every phase of the nation's industrial, physical and human segments, that very little delay would be encountered in swinging us into maximum defense output.

The story as it now reads on the record is quite different. It is full of blunders, mis-management, lack of essential information on physical resources, and many other instances of bungling.

Now, Folks, I'm not saying these things to be unpatriotic; I believe that a certain amount of bungling was necessary, and that there will be more of it, which is only to be expected in so gigantic a task—but I'm not going to sit by, as a citizen and taxpayer, and refrain from a little criticism on the subject.

Perhaps one of the most evident proofs of mis-management is in the fact that Congress, after having placed the draft age from 21 to 35, inclusive, has now changed the top age down to 28. Which only makes me ask: Didn't the census branch of our government know enough about the number of men between 21 and 28 to warn against drafting those older? Why should so many men over 28 be drawn into situations that have caused them to change the course of their immediate lives, then be discharged after less than a year's military service?"

You may say it couldn't be helped; you may, in so saying, be partly right, but there's more to it.

Oh, for a national leadership (and this means plenty of others besides the President), that is able to draw from the fountains of ability, political integrity, simple humility, those vast national resources that really can make the United States the invincible arsenal of true democracy!

FAMILY DINNER NOTE

The Community House has asked The Eccentric to announce that because of the Grill reception tonight, the regular family dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 p. m., a half hour advanced from the usual starting and closing time.

Beauty Rest Mattresses Repaired. Royal Mattress Co., Phone B'ham 1-0788

Another Vote Suggested for School Funds

Teachers Wages Up 4% in New Budget Adopted Tuesday

Suggestion for another election on raising a two-mill levy for benefit of the schools was made at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night when the 1941-42 budget was adopted.

The budget raises teachers' pay this year by an average of 4 per cent and obviously does not cover the increase in cost of living. In addition, the Board of Education appropriated $5,000 in revenue during the coming year to offset general price rises in fuel and other supplies.

T. W. Eustis, 371 Linden road, was present to urge that action be taken. Mrs. R. B. McCutcheon, president of the P-T-A Council, was also in attendance.

Cites Shortcomings

"We have a short-school year compared with other districts; our classes are overcrowded and the teachers are underpaid," Eustis pointed out. "Are we going to just drift along and let that condition continue or are we going to do something about it?"

Leo E. Goodyn, president of the Board, replied: "The board is certainly not satisfied with these salaries, but it is all we can squeeze out of the budget this year. We were disappointed in the attitude of the voters at the last election; perhaps we can put it up again next spring. I have been thinking about it and plan to hold some meetings to talk over the needs (See VOTE, Page 2)

Other Business Of School Board

Following is a summary of other business which came before the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Will Interview Candidates

The Board has narrowed its list of candidates for the superintendency down to about 10 names, and this week-end, will begin interviewing those men for interviews.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Harvey Rusz reported $5,961 on hand, making it necessary to prepare to borrow money for the next payroll. Authorization for a $30,000 loan will be sought from the State, although it is not expected to borrow that much.

Grill is Praised

A resolution formally honoring Supt. Howard D. Crull was adopted. In acknowledgment, Supt. Crull said: "I regret leaving very much. I have personally benefited a good deal from working with men of the caliber of those on the board. I've made mistakes but the man who makes no effort makes no mistakes."

Pupil-Teacher Ratio Up

Because of the 109 more pupils enrolled than a year ago, the pupil-teacher ratio has increased, Supt. Crull reported.

Adams Steps

Steps at the Adams School will (See SCHOOL, Page 2)

Stones on Street Bring Final Warning

A second and final warning will be issued to persons who have placed stones on the right-of-way of certain streets, the Commission decided Monday night after a report by Manager Egnert.

The stones were placed by residents in lieu of curbs, and in some instances, encroach on the street, Egnert said. They must be moved back to the curb line, or will be carted away.

Girl Makes Best Record to Date In Football Forecasters' Contest

Elizabeth Keegan

The first girl winner and the first clear-cut forecasting job of the season are a result of last week's football prediction contest sponsored by The Eccentric and a group of merchants.

The winner: Elizabeth Keegan, 443 West Brown street! Her main prize will be two tickets to the Minnesota-University of Michigan football game on Oct. 25, plus numerous merchandise prizes. If you are interested in the same set of prizes—that Minnesota game still looks like the best in the immediate future—turn to Part II of this issue and clip out your contest ballot. It must be returned by noon Saturday.

Miss Keegan picked every winner except one—she and scores of other contestants slipped up that upset of Stanford by Oregon State. However, Miss Keegan is all alone at the top. Four persons missed two games. They are: Coach E. T. Engel, 516 West Frank; Milton Pearsall, 1195 Watkins road; Ted Herbst, 972 Oxford (See FOOTBALL, Page 2)

Firemen Use 'Super-Snow' To Chill Fire

Birmingham's fire department can now put out a fire in your Sunday roast, should it be eaten fire without even so much as affecting the taste of the gravy.

"Here's how it works," Chief Vernon W. Griffith told the reporter, and he pointed a long nozzle at the newsman's best coat, turned a valve, and a blast came forth, covering a portion of the coat with snow.

When the startled reporter recovered his composure, Griffith explained that the cylinder on the side of the truck contained carbon dioxide under such great pressure that it was in "liquid form. When allowed to escape, the liquid expands-to fast (500 times) that the gas turned 108 degrees below zero and froze; in other words, became dry ice or dry snow.

The gas and snow quickly cools and smothers grease and oil fires, the Chief said.

The new Lux extinguisher was used for the first time last Saturday morning at the H. Pahl home, 1415 Yorkshire, where a hot water oil heater in the basement had caught fire.

Oh, yes! The reporter's coat. The snow evaporated leaving nary a trace.

Farewell Party For Howard Crull To Attract Crowd

With final arrangements complete for the city-wide reception tonight at the Community House honoring Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Crull, indications are that it will be one of the largest gatherings of the season. Everyone is invited to attend.

A program honoring the city's public school superintendent who is leaving Saturday for a new position at Port Huron, will start at 8 o'clock, with Charles S. Kinnison acting as master of ceremonies. Mayor John E. Mattz, honorary chairman, assisted by Mrs. F. H. Mellinger and Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn as co-chairmen. Others on the committees were listed in last week's Eccentric.

An addition to the program will be vocal selections by W. Carlton Scott, accompanied by A. Shanley Rosso.

Refreshments will be served after the formal part of the program.

The Hospitality committee with Mrs. Roy B. McCutcheon as chairman includes the following: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gans, Mr. and Mrs. H. Gregory Frederick, Mr. (See CRULL, Page 2)

Rotary Governor Gives Talk Here

Business men and people generally must prepare themselves to "win a peace," Edgar F. Down, district governor of Rotary International, and superintendent of schools at Ferndale, told Birmingham Rotarians in the governor's annual visitation Monday.

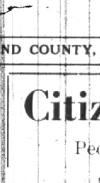
"It is the sort of community leadership that we are displaying right at home that will determine what kind of a world we will have when the war is over," Down declared.

Rotary Clubs all over the district are busy with community betterment projects, he related, and cited the experience of Carleton, Mich., where the club fostered a new athletic field; also, the accomplishment of an Ontario club in providing a girl with a operation which permitted her to talk properly.

Down indicated that the United States and the world cannot rest until Europe is rid of Hitler, and he added that "We in the United States have not yet gotten down to real work."

Citizens O. K. Defense Bonds

People in All Sectors Get Behind Savings Program



DICK SCHLOTHORPE, filling station proprietor, 705 Woodward and Hamilton: "Sure, defense bonds and stamps are a great thing and everybody ought to buy them. It's a good thing even if you start out buying a 10-cent stamp at a time."

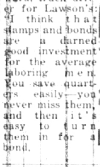
ALBERT J. BODINE, news dealer, Woodward avenue: "I'm behind the idea, and I think they are a safe investment. If they live up to their worth par, when they mature, nothing else will be worth anything either. Both my daughters are enthusiastic about the bonds, too."

CHRIS BAILEY, Birmingham mail carrier: "I think it's better to buy stamps and bonds than it is to send our boys overseas."

HOWARD HOLAH, theatre manager: "Every individual should begin to think more seriously of buying stamps and bonds. Every penny put aside now ought to be invested in defense stamps."

JOHN TRACY, insurance man, 359 Merrill: "In my dealings, I have heard a lot of mothers and dads talking about bonds and stamps. In fact, one family had me convert four small paid-up policies into cash so they could invest it in defense bonds."

VERN FLYNN, 352 North Woodward, truck driver for Lawson's: "I think that stamps and bonds are a darned good investment for the average laboring person. You save quarters easily—you never miss them, and then it's easy to turn them in for a bond."



Why

Should You Buy?

This editorial is directed to these people especially:

(1) Those who oppose buying defense stamps and bonds because it "might give the government more money to squander."

(2) Those who are opposed to the New Deal, to lend-lease and to war in general.

(3) Those who have been too busy to even think about it.

(4) Those who feel that they can't do much for their country anyway.

(5) Those who don't have much money.

To you people, please take the time to read this brief message from The Eccentric.

Even if you do conform to one of the above classifications

Mail carriers today are distributing leaflets describing U. S. Defense bonds and stamps to every householder in their routes. If you fail to get one, ask your carrier for it.

—even if you think "patriotism is the bunk," there is still something for you to learn in this defense and stamp program. There is something that will benefit YOU.

Here's why: Congress is appropriating the money in billion-dollar chunks and will continue to do so no matter whether anybody at all buys bonds and stamps. Refusing to buy stamps and bonds won't affect Congress one iota, for if people don't bring forward their money voluntarily, Congress will impose even higher taxes and get the money that way. Have you ever heard of a tax collector who didn't work pretty hard at it?

The point is this: from a standpoint of cold-blooded, economic fact, on a standpoint of your own pocketbook, whether or not you like what Washington is doing, the fact still remains that buying of stamps and bonds is the best way of heading off inflation now, and it is the best method of counteracting post-war depression. Money put into stamps and bonds is taken out of circulation and acts to check the inflation spiral. Later, bonds which are redeemed for cash will pro- (See WHY, Page 2)

Group Organizes Recreation Center

Thirty residents of the area from Holland south to East Lincoln attended a meeting at Adams School on the evening of Oct. 9 for the purpose of planning a community winter recreation center for the area. A temporary organization was set up with Robert E. Byrd, of 1552 E. Ruffner, as chairman and Arlo Cose, Jack Gilham, Mrs. Mabel Salkeld Barney Campbell, O. C. Sandy, Ed. Hopper, Mrs. Mirbel Smith and Mrs. Carla DeBow as advisory board.

The group decided upon "The Torrey Neighborhood Play Center" as the official name for the project and stated that their objective was to provide a source of wholesome recreation for the young and old of the neighborhood on a year-around basis.

Lloyd Chapman served as temporary chairman of the meeting and Robert Lund was on hand to assure the support of the Y.M.C.A. in training of leadership for the proposed center and to offer any further assistance in his power.

The present proposal is to locate the center in a store building on East Ruffner. The group has been functioning since late August in the interest of recreation for the community and has $26.57 on hand to start the program. Nearly every home in the neighborhood has been called on and the attitude of the majority is reported to be favorable to the project.

The next meeting will be held in the future home of the project as soon as possible after the first of November. The group chairman, Mr. Byrd, and his advisory board hope for a large attendance at this meeting.

Teacher Progress

The progress made in Birmingham schools in teacher training was shown in a table presented by school board Tuesday night:

Preparation	Teachers 1935	Teachers 1941
Master's degrees (5 years' training)	12	40
Bachelor's degrees (4 years' training)	35	59
Three years' training	16	1
Two years' training	15	1
97+ per cent of the staff have Bachelor's degrees		

Franklyn Whitney Back from Army

Franklyn Whitney, former Baldwin High basketball and track coach, arrived in Birmingham Tuesday following his release from the Army.

The Board of Education voted Tuesday night to put him to work next Monday morning at his old job, which will send Ed. Engel to his former position in the junior high schools. Harold Newcomb, the new man who has been in the junior highs, will be retained by virtue of his year's contract, and will be given charge of Adams Junior High to relieve two teachers who have extra heavy loads at the present time. He will teach physical sciences and geography, and will also help Coach George Wurster with the football team.

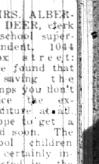
According to Supt. Crull, Whitney was willing to return to work the day after his arrival.

Buy Sewer Pipe For Grant Street

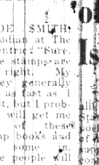
Purchase of concrete pipe for use in laying a sewer on Grant street was conditionally voted by the City Commission, Monday night. The Leinbach-Humphrey Company will advance $1,000 for the pipe, to apply on its share of the special assessment.

NO HUNTING—NO TRESPASSING SIGNS ON SALE AT THE ECCENTRIC OFFICE. SPECIAL PRICES ON QUANTITY LOTS.

MRS. ALBERTA DEER, clerk of school superintendent, 1044 Knox: "I've got a couple of bonds myself. I think they're all right. They are simply a way a man can make in small amounts, and it is certainly a patriotic thing—no question about that."



CHARLES SCOTT, foreman at the Ford garage, 29034 Fellcan, Roseville: "I've got a couple of bonds myself. I think they're all right. They are simply a way a man can make in small amounts, and it is certainly a patriotic thing—no question about that."



JOE SMITH, custodian at the Eccentric: "Sure, these stamps are all right. My money is generally less as fast as I get it, but I probably will get more on these stamp books deal some day. More people will be saving that as time goes on."

MRS. MIKE HARABEDIAN, 647 Ruffner street: "My husband and I are in favor of the stamps and bonds and so are the children. We have already got quite a few stamps. Mike figures that it is as safe an investment as any when it comes to money, besides that, it pays a good rate of interest."

DELORES STRUSS, 1207 Shirley, high school student: "Sure, I'm in favor of buying defense stamps. Definitely. The first chance I get, I plan to get a book and begin saving the stamps. Later on, I will turn in $18.75 worth of stamps and get a bond."

JOHN W. BROWN, summer park director here, and now a Detroit Public High School Coach: "He is planning on going back to the University this year): They are in good investment for people who are settled in their work. I plan to save all the money I make for use when I go back to school."

Resident Plans 4-Family House

Harry W. Rainey, of 424 West Maple, was granted a permit by the City Commission, Monday night, to remodel his home into a four family residence. He is required to provide fireproof heating room and provide it with overhead sprinklers; also to provide rear exits.

Hymn Book, Church Papers, Officials' Names, An Eccentric Put in Cornerstone

A hymn book, three church papers, a copy of The Eccentric, a list of city officials and various church and governmental officials were included in the cornerstone documents of the new Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, laid last Sunday afternoon in ceremonies at the church property, West Maple and Chesterfield.

Several hundred people witnessed the ceremony. The principal address was delivered by the Rev. C. J. Krankke, of Wyandotte, who used as his text: "Other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Theodore Wurzacher, presided at the ceremony. He was assisted by the builder, the architect and visiting members of the clergy.

Following is a complete list of the articles placed inside the cornerstone by the chairman of the Building Committee, Carl Sundberg: The Bible; Hymn Book, Lutheran Witness, the American Lutheran (all periodicals); proceedings of the 37th convention of the Missouri Synod; a history of the congregation, the constitution of the congregation, a history of the present chapel, a church book, a copy of The Eccentric, a list containing the following names: Members of the church council and building committee, officers of the society, the architect, the builder, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Michigan, and the Mayor of Birmingham.

Electrical Blueprint Service. New reproducing method. Leonard Electric, 142 W. Maple. adv.—tf.

Speaks Tuesday

PROFESSOR EUGENE STALEY, noted young economist, will open the community Lecture Forum Series next Tuesday evening at the Community House at 8:15 p.m.

Economist Will Open Civic Forum

Series of Six at Community House Starts Next Tuesday

What will the world be like from an economic standpoint after the war? What must the nations of the world do to get back on their feet when the fighting is over?

These and other highly important questions will be discussed by the brilliant young Staley, professor, Dr. A. Eugene Staley, who opens the Birmingham Lecture Forum Series here next Tuesday night. He is the first of six lecturers. Others are Dr. George S. Counts, noted educator; John Jacob Niles, expert on early American music; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, leading clergyman; Arthur Pillsbury, who will show fascinating movies of plants and animals; and Canfield Cook, expert on aviation.

Tickets for the series are selling at $3. A report earlier this week indicated that sales were lagging, but it is hoped that a last minute drive will result in the necessary sales. Profits, if any, will go to the Community House.

Dr. Staley is but 35 years old, but "has been around," traveling and studying economic problems both in America and in Europe. He is now professor of international economic relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Mass.

He has written several books, among them: World Economy in Transition, War Losses to a Neutral, Raw Materials in Peace and War, and War and the Private Investor.

He has taken part in many economic projects and studied abroad, and through his unquestionably is one of the most brilliant of America's young educators.

Tickets for the series may be reserved at the Community House or may be purchased from any one of the eight organizations which are sponsoring the Lecture Forum.

Roll Call Drive Of Red Cross Is Under Way

Through depression and boom alike, the people of the United States have dug down into their pockets each fall so that the work of the Red Cross, a voluntarily supported organization, might continue. Through the annual Roll Call, which begins in Birmingham on Sunday, the bulk of the funds supporting the Red Cross is raised.

Last year 17,111 persons in Oakland County joined the Red Cross during the annual Roll Call. Largest membership is the aim of workers this year for, because of the national emergency, there is much work to be done. The national and local Red Cross serves the community in case of disaster, they train the lay public in first aid and home nursing, provide for the safety, teaching life saving and swimming, organize volunteers for relief and emergency service, and the like.

The Red Cross has, since the draft went into effect, done a great deal of work in connection with boys in camp. Home investigations for furloughs and discharges were made by the Royal chapter staff and volunteer workers. Veterans have been assisted in making applications for benefits. In addition, information regarding relatives in camp is furnished to concerned.

The following is a list of the workers who will interview to complete the roll call in Birmingham during the next ten days. It is hoped that the campaign can be closed in a blaze of glory by the general solicitors under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Knowles.

Mrs. George T. Jeffery, captain, will be assisted by Mrs. J. R. (See ROLL CALL, Page 2)

Juniors Victors In Field Day

Breaking tradition, the junior class of Baldwin High School yesterday won the annual interclass field day.

The sports events, which comprise the body of the meet, were closely fought. The seniors and juniors tied with 40 points each and the sophomores and freshmen trailing 31 and 14 points respectively.

In the home room, tree, and float decorating and class cheering the juniors head the list with 30 points, the seniors received 20, sophomores 10 and the freshmen 5.

Demerits were given as follows: seniors 40, juniors 20, sophomores 2 and freshmen 0.

The final scores were: juniors 110, sophomores 45, seniors 30 and freshmen 22.

'Thumbs Up' Pins On Sale Here

Those gold emblems you've been seeing around town on coat lapels are the "Thumbs Up" Pins for Finnish War Relief Society which the committee here has placed on sale in several stores.

Mrs. Vernon Sewell, 686 Pierce street, is chairman of the "Thumbs Up" sale and those wishing further information may phone her at 1556.

From the pins, selling for 25 cents, go to Britain for relief of air raid victims.

Resident Injured In Royal Oak Crash

Neil Mulher, 48, 510 Larchlea road, received a back injury in an automobile accident Monday morning when an auto driven by David C. MacNeven, 54, 112 Lafayette, Flint, crashed into the back of Mulher's car. The latter had stopped for a red light at the corner of Woodward and Washington in Royal Oak.

Our persons in MacNeven's car were injured also.

SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LUCK; others own insurance policies safeguarding against loss by Fire, Windstorm, Burglaries, Accidents, etc. Call or phone 125.

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