

HOPE is a quality of the soul and heart that begets FAITH. The one who in a literal sense, a portion of the very soul of the human race, is the possessor of FAITH and HOPE has as the very support of God, who then gives strength to perform the glorious tasks of living.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Officials Get Traffic Study of Auto Club

Many Suggestions Given for Bettering Safety Conditions

The most detailed traffic survey ever made of Birmingham was submitted to the City Commission last week by the Automobile Club of Michigan, which was asked to make the study more than a month ago.

Several serious suggestions, ranging from lights and signs on bumper boulevard to a better lighting system for collision reports, were made. The survey was made given the City. Harff's talk, summarizing the survey, will be found on page 2 of this issue.

Not Surprised Here
Honest P. Davis, acting director of the club's safety division, pointed out that the survey experience is not heavy nor serious in Birmingham, but that "this should not be construed as a reason for dropping further activity in the direction of accident prevention."

The Mayor and City Commission were pleased to receive the survey and regarded the 158 recommendations as a goal to be fulfilled.

Many suggestions were made, other than specific. For example, a "See OFFICIALS, Page 2"

War Is Declared On Woodward Ave. Reckless Driving

Woodward avenue motorists from Birmingham to Detroit are being reminded that the law is on their side. That came about after a conference of mayors decided to make the "reckless driving condition" and an increase in hazardous driving made cooperative.

Major John E. Martz declared: "It has decided that inter-city cooperation is the only way to handle the emergency. Accordingly, these Woodward Avenue communities are now taking the same action."

His newspaper reflects the initiative in his town more accurately than the New York Times' pages reflect New York's. His modest, but probably buys him more solid satisfaction than Ray Clapper's, and his wit is more than intellectual incoherence than Pegler's.

Probably he does not realize fully the high esteem and honor with which the "small town editor" strikes the cat among the press clubs in Washington and New York. . . . Nor how many succeed in their own way, and editors, cornered in treadmill, wish they were small town editors.

He is something of an oracle along Main Street, but he must be prepared to accept criticism if necessary, the opinions of the village idiot. . . . If he ever cut and write for the "big town" and knows and thinks, some of the neighbors might be surprised. . . . His opinions must even conceal his book-learning.

If anything, the small town editor is too modest, too humble. . . . He gives as big a dollar's worth as any man in town, and plays as hard and indifferently as any man's life—as well as in the state's and nation's. . . . But he might be mighty useful. . . . Give the bride her due in a wedding story.

When someone who inserts a \$1 ad acts as if he were endorsing the paper, the editor can only look inscrutable. . . . Sometimes he amuses himself by writing mental and a Winesap column—but only in fancy about the foibles of his neighbors. . . . But it wouldn't do. Instead of "Eh, eh, eh" when he's apt to have coffee with 'em Friday morning at the cafe.

Secretly he has done a little work on the "big town" side. He has a good novel or biography in his system. . . . But the only editor who's had his late is an editor on Martha's Vineyard, where things are quieter than they are in an Iowa town. . . . He has an impatient reformer and crusader, but he's close enough to nature to be patient.

His desk is cluttered with innumerable details which require his personal attention, but he mustn't say no to any civil demand. . . . So he manages to get a lot of reading done, though he doesn't think a congress composed of 531 small town editors wouldn't do so badly by the country.

He's bombarded with a lot of propaganda, and often he wishes he could scrutinize the men before he signed them. . . . (See THIS AND THAT, Page 2)

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APPRECIATE THE AMERICAN FREE PRESS IS THE SYMBOL OF A FREE PEOPLE

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER WEEK OCTOBER 1-8

A Message from the President

The recurrence of National Newspaper Week should awaken in the hearts and souls of all Americans a renewed determination to defend and maintain and perpetuate the priceless heritage of a free press.

The maintenance of an unfettered press, informed by truth and guided by courage and conscience, and unshackled devotion to the public welfare, is a fundamental obligation of patriots.

I trust as a result of the forthcoming observance of this American observance will have a renewed sense of the inalienable blessing which a free press confers. It must be maintained against all assaults.

Very sincerely yours,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

National Newspaper Week Committee
209-211 Telegraph Building
Harrisburg, Penna.

Fire Prevention Week Announced; Suggestions Made

With the thought in mind of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5 to 11, the Bureau of Fire Prevention of the Birmingham Fire Department is issuing a call to each individual to check his home and neighborhood against fire.

Records of the Fire Department show that the largest percent of the fires are in the homes. "The cause of the condition lies in the fact that the Fire Inspectors inspect stores, warehouses, apartments and those places which are catering to the public. As their entire time is confined to these types of inspections, the homes are neglected with the ever-lurking dangers of fire brought about by accumulation of rubbish and careless 'housekeeping,'" it was said.

"All these conditions tend to create poor citizenship as there are three distinct factors which are neglected. . . . 'First, A good citizen would not allow these conditions to exist which might cause a severe loss to his own family or to his neighbors. . . . 'Second, He would remove all conditions which would eventually lead into danger to property and many times the loss of life or lives. . . . 'Third, He will train himself into the position where he himself recognizes dangerous conditions in his home.'"

(See FIRE, Page 2)

Youth, 14 Years Old Today, Wins Opening Football Forecast Contest

Joe Hardig, of 1033 Kenesaw avenue, Detroit, 14 years old today, is the lead-off winner in the 1941 Football Forecasters' contest sponsored by The Electric and a group of Birmingham merchants.

Joe Hardig was one of seven who missed only one game, but he was the first to receive the prize. . . . (See YOUTH, Page 2)

First National Fingerprinted for Defense Final Payment Coming Soon

Receiver Explains Why Last Dividend Has Been Delayed

Final dividend checks for depositors of the old First National Bank can be expected about December 15, according to the receiver, Murray M. Ashbaugh, of Pontiac, as saying that the final payment would probably be made "in September," and this week the receiver was asked to explain the delay.

"We still have some good assets on the books which we are trying to sell before making the final clean-up liquidation of assets," Ashbaugh declared. "For example, the sale of three land contracts which are of value but which we are having trouble turning into cash. Our orders from the court are to hold to a minimum before making the final sale, for the debtors' wish to sacrifice these things."

After the public sale is held, it will take the receiver about two weeks to prepare the checks, the receiver said. The bank has already paid 25 per cent and Ashbaugh estimates that the final dividend would range between 2 and 10 per cent, to save costs. Ashbaugh is receiver for both a Pontiac bank and the Birmingham bank.

3 Clubs to Hear Newspaper Writer During Press Week

In observance of National Newspaper Week, a combined meeting of the three local newspapers' clubs will be held Tuesday night at the Community House. . . . The Exchange club will be held at this meeting the first of three.

Adams Residents Score Speeders

Complaints of speeding and unsafe driving in the vicinity of Adams Road were voiced in a petition filed with the City Commission Monday night, signed by 18 persons.

More than 30 candidates have been named for the position of superintendent, first deputy, second deputy, and many others. . . . The Board of Education is still discussing candidates to succeed Mr. Howard D. Crull as superintendent.

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Burglar Still Doing Business

More reports were received during the past week of burglary and prowling. . . . Mrs. Lynch, 1408 Humphrey, whose first name police did not obtain, reported last Friday afternoon that two men's overcoats and two patches had been stolen from her home.

Rotary Club Hears Transport Executive Youthful Speeder Adjudged Reckless

The growth of the motor transport industry was outlined to the Rotary Club Monday by Leslie C. Allan, vice-president of the Fruehauf Trailer Company, Detroit. . . . Wallace A. Bots, Jr., 18 years old, of 1215 1/2 1st street, was adjudged reckless for driving a 1939 Ford coupe on Woodward avenue on Friday night.

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Steeper Taxes Now Affect All Tickets

Even Student Affairs Subject To U. S. Collection

Mark Oct. 1, 1941, in your book! . . . It is the day that Birmingham and the rest of the nation really started to pay taxes. . . . (See TICKETS ARE TAXED, Page 2)

Shan Rosso Back At Work After 13 Weeks in Army

AFTER 13 weeks in the Army, Shan Rosso is back in his teacher's job at the Birmingham National Bank. . . . (See SHAN ROSO BACK AT WORK AFTER 13 WEEKS IN ARMY, Page 2)

Women's Service Group Acts

Several members of the American Women's Voluntary Service unit recently organized in Birmingham, were met with Mrs. E. Anderson, co-worker, next to spill her fingers for this worthy cause. . . . (See WOMEN'S SERVICE GROUP ACTS, Page 2)

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High Name Church Tallying Parish Census

Anticipating a national Catholic census to be held in late October, Father David J. Dunphy, pastor at Holy Name, announced this week that beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1, a census of Catholics in the Birmingham area would be taken. . . . (See HIGH NAME CHURCH TALLYING PARISH CENSUS, Page 2)

Traffic Tips and Quips

Here is something you should know: Club dues over \$10 a year are now subject to a 10 per cent tax. . . . (See TRAFFIC TIPS AND QUIPS, Page 2)

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