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By G. R. A.

Citizens Who "Dare Not Speak" must wear a local Rotary badge several of these are now discussing the general problem of lack of citizen responsibility in connection with the demands of a democracy. For a brief few minutes, I lunched into one of my favorite dining rooms, where I met the average human being interested only in what immediate concerns him; that he is not, very much civic-minded, and that, broadly speaking, indifference and distrust make up the rise of public politicians and demagogues. Louis Hancall was sitting close enough to get in the drift of the conversation and smiled as he handed me a little notebook he carries, on one page of which was written a verse: Lou had copied it from a bronze plaque that is fastened to the famous Norris Dam. Here it is:

Mourn not the dead who in the coil earth lie;
Duties unto dust,
The calm sweet earth that mothers all who die,
As all men must.
But rather mourn the apathetic throng,
That heed and the meek
Who see the world's great anguish and its wrong—
And dare not speak!

If the average man and woman of most ages, were as familiar with the names of their local, state, and national public officials, and the problems of these respective branches of government, as they are with the names of the personalities and records of Hollywood stars and baseball and racketeering stars—well, doubtless, we would have better government because of this better type of citizenship.

First 100 in Draft Are Listed Herewith

The first 100 names in the third draft registration are printed in today's Eccentric headed by William B. Plate, 5250 Wilson road, near Birmingham. Howard Gillispay and district registrar, is the first Birmingham man on the list, followed by Dominic Caputo, 688 Chester, well-known employee in the Birmingham Fruit Co. store on Woodward avenue.

Gillard, 42 years old, is in the first two drafts, and is the only one who was written a verse: Lou had copied it from a bronze plaque that is fastened to the famous Norris Dam. Here it is:

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Say 'Spike' Briggs Election Petitions Received Too Late

Petitions were filed too late on behalf of Walter O. ("Spike") Briggs, Jr., in the Bloomfield Hills election, according to Harry S. Starr, City Manager.

Schr said that City Attorney Rogers I. Marquis had ruled that petitions received after 4 p. m. Saturday afternoon were void. Wednesday, Starr was awaiting written notification to that effect. Briggs' petition arrived at 4:07 p. m., Saturday.

The result is that Commissioner Lathrop D. Allen and George C. Booth will have no opposition in the election April 6. Alva Birmingham is unopposed for constable.

Baptism In Chocolate

This University of Michigan chap, James K. Pollock, professor of political science, and national radio broadcaster you may hear over a Detroit station, seldom—if ever—gives up his religious beliefs. While in Ann Arbor I wandered down to the basement in the Michigan Union late one evening, and one of those round tables at Mr. Pollock, engaged in one of those informal discussions with one of his students; each was having a soft drink, the professor's chocolate. "Jim," said I, "I've seen you and beckoned me over; I stood next to him and reached for the table to shake hands with the boys; as my hand left that of the last boy, it unfortunately touched the floating ice cream landed upon the clothing of both the professor and myself. But did the professor get excited? Not a bit—the laughing good-naturedly and, after removing as much of the baptism as possible, suggested that we all sit at another table and continue our conversation."

City Needs New Lifesaving Device

In there an individual or group in Birmingham which is willing to spend \$350 for saving lives?

Monday night, City Manager D. C. Egbert described a new type respirator, used for artificial respiration of drowning, gas and shock victims in the present inhalator, used for 13 years by the Fire Department rescue squad, and the same name will be continued, Sam Sfric declared. The same quality of merchandise will be continued, and buying will be combined for the McMillan stores and the Birmingham Five market, he said. Sfric's have been in business in Birmingham the past 11 years.

Sfric Bros. Buy G. & R. McMillan

Of interest in the retail news of this week was the announcement that Sfric Brothers, well-known Birmingham department store, had purchased the G. & R. McMillan Company's two stores in Detroit, one at 18822 Kerchival and the other at 880 West Nichols road. This company has been in business for 34 years in Detroit, and the same name will be continued, Sam Sfric declared. The same quality of merchandise will be continued, and buying will be combined for the McMillan stores and the Birmingham Five market, he said. Sfric's have been in business in Birmingham the past 11 years.

Expert Says U. S. Underestimated and Guessed Wrong About Japs Since 1903

By ELISE FARTLAND

"Before we can realize why Japan chose to attack the United States on Dec. 7, it is important that we understand the background of Japanese relations with America. Looking at the events around Japanese eyes," stated Dr. William Crane Johnson, Jr., president of the American Association of University Women's meeting in February at the Detroit Community House.

Dr. Johnson's evening of George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and is professor of Pacific relations there. He has travelled as a representative for the United States to many treaty signing in the Far East and his recent publication, "Battle Japan Chose War," which was published in February, 1940, is being reprinted this second edition.

Your Draft Number

For the convenience of Birmingham people, The Eccentric will post an unofficial list of order numbers in the draft. The list will be on a front window, and will be posted on Thursday as fast as clerks can accomplish the task. The complete list will appear in next week's Eccentric.

Tire Thieves Stage Another Raid on Automobiles Here

Tire and accessory thieves staged another raid in Birmingham during the past week, stealing four wheels from one car and two from another.

Phillip S. Faude, 888 Chester, a traveling salesman, was hospitalized Friday when thieves entered his garage and took four wheels and the tires. He is now being held in a company car, so he has been able to work, but is wondering how he can move his personal car to Cleveland, where he has been transferred.

H. W. Roberts, 935 Southfield, discovered Friday morning that the two front wheels and tires, plus tools, were taken from his car during the night. He is now being held in a company car, so he has been able to work, but is wondering how he can move his personal car to Cleveland, where he has been transferred.

INDUCTION APRIL 3

More than 100 men were given physical examinations on March 18. All those who were accepted will be inducted April 3, it was announced Wednesday.

Stewart Johnson and Bill Summers, who parked their car in the lot at the rear of the bus garage Sunday night, lost a car aerial and mirrors.

Mrs. Wesley Gibbons, 607 Hanna street, reported Saturday night that her car was stolen from her driveway. It was garaged.

Dog Bite Incident Is Not Yet Closed

Final disposition of the Quinn dog case is not yet quite certain.

Last Thursday evening, a jury of six men, including Justice Quinn, 451 Park street, guilty of "harboring a vicious dog" and he was given an alternate sentence of \$25, to be paid in installments over a period of 12 months.

The defense centered about the case concerning paying the fine and keeping the dog.

New School Charge For Building Use Irks City Commission

The Board of Education did not enhance its popularity with the City Commission when it decided last Tuesday to make a \$25 charge for each of the three schools used in elections.

When the letter of notification was read Monday night, most of the Commissioners appeared nettled about the matter and Commissioner Harry E. Bissett quipped that it was "a low trick."

"I think it is very unorthodox to make an issue of this," said Luther Heckes, a reaction.

Pearl Harbor Victim Gets Medal of Honor

Ensign Robert W. Uhlmann, of Lathrup Townsite, who lost his life in the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, has been posthumously awarded the coveted Medal of Honor, the Navy Department announced this week. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Uhlmann, could not be reached for comment.

In the First World War, less than 80 Medals of Honor were conferred.

Bloomfield Twp. Plans Fire Prevention Class

A course in fire prevention for Bloomfield Township and vicinity will start at the township hall, Telegraph road near Long Lake, on Monday evening, March 20, it was announced this week.

The classes, meeting from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m., will be similar to the instruction given in Birmingham, although with more emphasis on taking in held and water fires. The A.W.V.'s is in charge.

Intangibles Tax Man Here Monday

Raymond F. Reitter, of 454 Hawthorne road, in charge of tax supervisor here for the State Department of Revenue, will be at the city hall on Monday to help taxpayers who are subject to the intangibles tax law.

He went on to outline the history of American-Japanese relations, but from 1905 until the outbreak of the war, this so-called "friendly" trade was merely a formality, not a reality," said Dr. Johnson.

A Lesson in Morale

TOM DAVIS, president of Rotary International, a few months ago visited England; on a par with Wendell L. Willkie, Mr. Davis was shown the destruction the British have suffered, and he told of an incident that reveals something of the high morale of the citizens of that beleaguered island.

One morning last autumn a storekeeper in London came to his place of business and found it almost in ruins, the result of a Nazi night attack. He found a piece of cardboard and, after writing upon it, hung it in the space was once a large window. With the use of pictures of his King and Queen, it read and looked as follows:

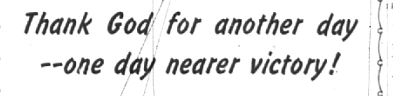
Total Payment To Creditors 71% of Claims

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The city payment total amount to 8.25 per cent, and totals \$173,094.32. Receiver Murray M. Ashbaugh, of Pontiac, advised.

The total paid amounts to 71.4 per cent of the \$1,941,436.68 in unsecured deposits. What remains in the bank when it closed during the bank holiday, Feb. 11, 1933.

Thank God for another day --one day nearer victory!



Savage Family Is Proud Of Four Boys Serving Flag

The Birmingham contingent of Army and Navy forces was in Detroit last week by one when Robert D. Savage, 28, enlisted at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Paul's mother, Mrs. John H. Savage, 45 East Maple avenue, is probably Birmingham's number one "war mother," for she now has four sons in uniform.

The fourth brother is Frank, 24, who will graduate as an ensign next month from the United States Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas. The Savages have two other sons, Ernest Marshall and Jack, Jr., who are eligible in regard to age, but deferred from duty at this time because of dependents. They also have another son, ten-year-old Phil, whom they feel sure will not be called for duty in the immediate future.

Supreme Court Rules Against City

Birmingham's municipal government was handed a new headache Tuesday when the Michigan Supreme Court reversed the Oakland County Circuit Court decision in the Doherty pollution case.

Charles Doherty, attorney and land owner east of Birmingham, along Coolidge (Monter) road, filed suit against the city, contending that when the Coolidge drain overflowed in storm times, his land was polluted.

Police Nab Speeder After Fast Chase

Police here had to chase a speeder to Long Lake road in Northfield, Mich., early Monday morning, before they were able to arrest him. Ferndale police radiated for help, and as the driver, Donald Laskey, 11 Maggard Court, Pontiac, sped through Birmingham, Patrolmen Robert Emmert and Robert Appel gave chase. The cars reached speed of 90 miles an hour before Laskey was forced to the curb. He was booked in both Ferndale and Birmingham on charges of reckless driving.

3 Men Volunteer For Induction Now

Three men from Birmingham will be inducted next week in the Army. All volunteered for immediate service; they are Cecil L. North, 341 South Woodward, Mark Wilson, 335 Frank street, and Frederick B. Smith, Jr., 881 Northfield. Their induction was not released.

Knights of Pythias Lodge Celebrates Its Fiftieth Anniversary in City

Fiftieth anniversary of Birmingham's Lodge No. 14, Knights of Pythias, was celebrated last Saturday evening by a dinner at the lodge hall, in the same building in which the organization first met in 1892.

Guests of honor included two of the state officers, Grand Chancellor Ray Burrell, who is mayor of Ypsilanti, and Grand Master-at-Arms Ivan Johnston, who is Macomb County Prosecutor. Mrs. Hazel Lawler, of Birmingham, grand chief of the Pythian Sisters, was also present. Mayor John E. Presiding was the lodge's

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Receiver Sends Out Receipts Which Are To Be Returned

Ashbaugh explained that checks are not to be mailed directly to the creditors. Instead, this week, receipts are being mailed to the creditors; they must be checked and mailed back along with the receiver's certificate which each depositor has. When the Birmingham office gets the return letter containing the signed receipt and certificate, the check will then be mailed.

Housing Issue More Quiet Here

The controversy over defense houses and duplex houses in the Washington-Bates-Stanley district appears to have quieted, for the time being, at least.

Monday night, H. M. Stephen, 1348 Washington boulevard, Detroit, was in zoning board to sell the lots in small groups, and that would, apparently, halt the zoning commission's plan of what of whom plan to buy some of the lots and take options on the rest.

Another Birmingham Youth Gets Wings

Lieut. Charles F. Matheson, 540 Riverchase avenue, received his "wings" and commission in the Army Air Corps at exercises held Monday at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas, a pursuit pilot, training school. Included in the list of 18 from a Michigan were a number of several pilots.

Victory Gardeners!

The Eccentric's garden column, managed by the ladies' editorial page, describing things of interest to all gardeners, particularly those who plan a victory garden, will be next.

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