Speaking of "personal loans." Years ago our house adopted a plan covering such "touches." We agreed that, whenever some one in need wanted a "loan," it would be made only on the basis that, if it was never paid back, friendship wouldn't be strained. In other words, such a "loan" would be qualified as a possible gift.

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Snow, Cold Disrupt Auto Transportation

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Even A Carrion Buzzard Has Ideas Of The Kind of Food It Will Eat

With the notion of attempting to evaluate the true flavor of this thing the world calls "Nazism," and it applies likewise to the same situations in Japan and Italy, and especially as it is revealed through the dirty, filthy and demoniacal ideology of Hitler's & Himmler's Gestapo, I've written the following. The essential emphasis is placed upon Nazism at its worst, (has it any "best side," anyway?), and not upon the average German soldier who, in most cases, may be the mere victim of his time. Here's the idea:

The hungry buzzard, flying o'er
the landscape of a Russian
town,
Was watching, eagerly, the battles fought way down on earth
below.
One group was fleeing, marked
with funny crosses, reeling,
falling down;
These Nazi figures left red
splotches in the white and
drifted snow.
The carrion buzzard, driven by
deep hunger, swooped with
airplane speed
Down to one labelled "Hitler",
"Now I'll get my fill of warm,
red blood,"
Clinging fresh", he thought, "I'll
gorge myself, on human beings I'll feed."
One peck of beak—the buzzard
shook his head in anger, spat
the food
Upon the snow, then left—his
hunger gone, for taste of Hitler meat
Was worse than carrion menu;
high in clean sky was now his
angered mood.
His thought: "I'll starve and die
before a dirty Hitler I will
eat"!

We'll Need Military Strength

I firmly believe that, after this war is won, the United Nations must create some form of International Court, or League, to police the barbarian nations for years to come. But such a court MUST have behind it the power of organized military forces; and the nations that constitute such a Court, or League, also must have behind them plenty of strength. So, if the U. S. A. is going to play an important part in such a movement, it will have to maintain sufficient military forces to make its world effective at the council table. If we just let such a plan, and then get soft enough to eliminate our strength to a point where it is good only for parade purposes, then our influence will decrease. (Don't forget that Hitler went ahead and broke his word to Britain and France by invading Poland because he KNEW these two latter countries, especially Britain, were weak in military strength.)

U. S. A. Not So "Safe"

"WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES . . . . . " is a phrase often read and heard these days, as we are urged to buy War Bonds and Stamps, turn materials into scrap drives, and do a host of other things to aid in the war effort. Sure, we DO owe it to ourselves to do these things—and any apathy shown in responding reveals the degree of softness, complacency, self-centeredness, and downright utter folly of those who are thus. Yet, for a nation whose shores and property and people in their own country have not been visited by enemy destruction, we are not doing so badly; 1943 will see us doing better—even in high places, we all hope.

3 Groups Discuss Recreation Program

A joint meeting of the Recreation Commission, the Board of Education and the City Commission was held Tuesday evening to discuss possibilities of broadening the recreation program in Birmingham. Meeting informally, the three bodies reached no conclusions and adopted no program.

Gas Coupon No. 3 Expires Today

Gasoline ration Coupon No. 3 expires today, according to Mrs. Roy R. McCutcheon, chief clerk of the rationing branch office here. A previous announcement from Pontiac said that the coupons would be good until Jan 31.

25th ANNIVERSARY

Readers will remember last week's Eccentric story about the blizzard of Jan. 13, 1918, just 25 years ago. This week's episode was a fitting anniversary celebration for the weather man!

Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 162 W. Maple. adv.—tf.

Baldwin High's Baccalaureate Sunday Night

48 Seniors Take Part in Activities Of January Class

A solemn little group of 48 Baldwin High seniors will file down the aisle at 8 o'clock, Sunday, in baccalaureate service at the Presbyterian Church.

Though the mid-year classes are always small, the graduating ceremonies are usually no less impressive, this year proving no exception. Dr. W. Glen Harris, of the Presbyterian Church will preside.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Dan B. Jorgensen, minister of the Embury Methodist Church, Birmingham, with the Rev. Joseph O. Nelson, Baptist minister, giving the invocation.

The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, of St. James Episcopal Church will read the scripture, and the Rev. Charles C. Becker will conclude the evening with the benediction.

An organ recital played by Mildred Green Ritter, A. A. G. O., will precede the service, her selection being "Suite Gothique" from Boellmann. The choir will sing "The Lord Is My Shepherd" from Schubert and the closing anthem will be the Hallelujah Chorus from the "Messiah" by Handel.

Speaker for the commencement exercises to be held in Baldwin auditorium Jan. 28, at 8 o'clock, will be Dr. Edgar De Witt Jones, pastor of Central Woodward Christian Church, Detroit.

The subject of Dr. Jones' address will be "The American Dream," in which the speaker shows the American ideals and democratic principles from the time of the Mayflower landing until the present day.

Dr. Jones is a well known author, lecturer and columnist. Two of his several books are "Blundering into Paradise," and "Pulpit Stories." Dr. Jones' editorial column, "Successful Living," is a well-known feature of the Detroit News.

U. S. Constitution Key to New Peace

Using the preamble of the constitution of the United States as his theme Edgar F. Down, superintendent of Ferndale public schools, and last year governor of this 153rd District of Rotary International, told Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon that "we must plan a post-war world that, designed along the lines of this preamble, will prevent another world war."

Mr. Down explained that, like the problems of the early Confederation of the 13 Colonies, the world today must "....in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity..... do whatever is necessary to bring about a better world.

He stated that the United Nations, when victorious against the Axis totalitarian governments, must set in motion those social, economic, and political activities that will maintain future peace. He pointed out that Rotary International, consisting of 210,000 business and professional men in 52 countries, can aid in the development of a more secure post-war world.

"The application of the preamble of our Constitution is just as important, in principle, to the world today as it was to the Colonies in 1789," concluded Mr. Down. He was introduced by the club by Rotarian Clyde C. Bennett, in charge of the program.

Perilous Escapes Told by Lt. Louis Gillette; Given Medal by Army

News dispatches from Egypt this week revealed that First Lt. Louis C. Gillette, of Wing Lake, Birmingham, had been awarded a medal "in recognition of meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, they having participated in 100 hours of operational flight against the enemy."

Brig. Gen. Patrick Timberlake, chief of the American Bomber Command in the Middle East, made the award to Gillette and to other officers and men.

Letters to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillette, Jr., reveal several exciting incidents, including a direct hit by an anti-aircraft shell which rocked their big four-engined B-24 Liberator bomber, and also a crash landing in which the plane hit two loaded gasoline trucks and burned. In those operations with the ship, named "Rowdy," Lt. Gillette was co-pilot; now he commands his own Liberator.

The following excerpts from letters tell of his adventures:

In Palestine

Jerusalem,
Oct. 16, 1942.

This is the third day of our leave, which has been fascinating, every bit of it. We spent the first night in Tel-Aviv—incidentally we were given a "leep" to take us leave with us. Then we motored on down here.... We went swimming yesterday in the Dead Sea, which is an amazing experience. You lie on your back in the water, and it's like lying on a board. You can't possibly sink.... The four of us just came back from the movies, having been caught in a heavy rain in the Jeep and gotten thoroughly soaked. It has gotten quite cold out (around 50 deg.) and we spent plenty cold before we got back to the hotel. ... We had a very narrow escape the other day when anAck-Ack shell made a lucky direct hit on the "Rowdy." Needless to say, everyone is all right, although some of the crew were slightly scratched. Dad, your statement that the ships we are flying can take it as well as dish it out has been proved many times over—much to the Germans' dismay. This isn't any secret any more in the Middle East.

Plane Badly Shot Up

Oct. 20, 1942.

The "Rowdy I" was badly shot up the other day and we were darn lucky to come out in one piece—170 shrapnel holes in it. Aileron control clipped and no hydraulic system completely shot full of holes—one gas tank hit—(thank God for self-sealing tanks). We managed to bring it in without

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Many Volunteers Included in 68 Set For Exam Jan. 23

Many of the 18-year-olds registered in the sixth Selective Service listing are volunteering for Army duty now, it was revealed this week when the induction list for Saturday Jan. 23 was announced.

Seventeen of them have offered to go now, rather than wait their turn, and they, plus 51 others, swell the total to 68—one of the largest groups ever to leave Birmingham for the induction station at Detroit. If they pass their physical examinations, they will be sworn as soldiers and given a week's furlough.

Except for a few enlisting in the Navy and Marines at the age of 17, and a few others taken in Navy enlistment quotas, the former type of enlistment is now closed and men anxious to serve go as volunteers, it was pointed out.

Following is the induction list for Saturday:

Theodore T. Marcotte, 1183 Bird; Gerald T. Hetchler, 4610 Livernois; Kenneth V. Northey, 1200 Hartwig, Rochester; Norman J. Stanger, 375 Ferndale, volunteer; Thomas E. Billings, 348 Hawthorne; Derek Bolton, 128 E. Brown.

Frederick W. Raetzke, 1145 N. Woodward, volunteer; Royce C. Thorpe, 1272 E. Lincoln, volunteer; Robert E. Fontaine, 1352 Smith; Richard H. Neely, 607 Oak; Norman F. Smith, Jr., 1112 Bennaville.

William H. Kemp, 17 S. Main, Clawson; William C. Morrison, 1220 Bird, Birmingham, volunteer; Harry L. House, 8203 Maxwell, Van Dyke, volunteer; Sylvester E. Warthen, 69 W. Rowland, Hazel Park; Kenneth W. Duff, 1723 Yorkshire; Walter Niechniedowicz, 1065 Kirts; Vern C. Streling, 819 Ruffner.

Herbert A. Killby, 1564 Butterfield; Harold L. Worthington, 256 Daines; Emery J. Gratopp, 75 Bloomfield boulevard, Pontiac;

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3 Alleged Delinquents Sought for Draft

The Selective Service office here seeks information about three alleged delinquents: Valentine J. Kurkowski, 44, last address 6611 Norton road, Rochester, who did not return his questionnaire; Jesus Olibas, last known address, Eagle Pass, Texas; and Nicholas Thomas Kroenlein, 35 years old, formerly of 1324 Webster, who did not report for examination.

City Congratulated For Traffic Record

A letter congratulating City officials and the citizens for having no traffic fatalities in 1942 was received by the City Commission this week. It came from Maxwell Halsey, executive secretary of the Michigan State Safety Commission.

"That is a remarkable record, particularly when one considers the volume of vehicular movement which your City experiences in a year," Halsey wrote.

Honor Roll Committee Is Meeting Tonight

Another meeting of the committee which plans to erect a public roll of honor for men in service will be held tonight in the American Legion Home. Mrs. Robert F. Watts requests that parents and friends of men whose names will probably not be obtained locally phone her, so that omissions are not made.

Put Red Flags On Fire Hydrants

Because snow plows are covering up fire hydrants, the Fire Department, Wednesday, distributed more than 50 small red flags in the central part of the City, sticking them in the snow so that firemen may connect hoses quickly should they be called.

Fire Chief V. W. Griffith asked the public not to disturb the flags. He also asked that residents living near hydrants assume the responsibility of seeing that they are shoveled free of snow. "It's for your own protection," he pointed out.

The extremely cold weather Wednesday prompted Griffith to again warn residents against overheating their furnaces.

Hero Returns, Tells a War Humor Story

One of the hitherto unpublished humor stories of the war was related Wednesday by Lt. Kenneth Jones, Birmingham's first war hero to return home.

Holder of a Distinguished Flying Cross received for aiding mates' escape from a burning Flying Fortress in England last August, Lt. Jones described the predicament of one of the enlisted men who had been ordered to bail out at 25,000 feet. The soldier—Jones did not know his name—tore off his heavy flying clothes in order to get on his parachute, and stripped down to his shirt and shorts. In getting out, the shorts were damaged but here's the payoff: The poor fellow landed in a camp inhabited by the WAAFS—the British women's flying auxiliary!

In order to help the other escape, Lt. Jones left his oxygen equipment, and then jumped at 15,000 feet, passing out soon after pulling the rip cord. He landed unconscious, and suffered injuries which since have put him on the inactive list.

"I'm O. K. now," he declared. "I am hoping to get back over there very soon."

He is the honored guest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Jones, 935 Pierce street. His fiancee is Miss Mary Griffin, of Detroit.

Books-for-Soldiers Drive Started Here By Public Library

Birmingham is taking part in a national drive to collect books for men in the armed forces, and contributions may be left at the Baldwin Library.

Millions of books are sought in the drive, which was launched by Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information.

Mr. Davis presented the first book, a copy of Tolstoi's classic, "War and Peace," to the National Campaign Board of the book drive, directed by Franklin P. Adams, "expert" of "Information Please." Edward L. Bernays, publicist, and Norman Cousins, editor of The Saturday Review of Literature, Sponsoring agencies of the campaign are the American Library Association, the American Red Cross, and the United Service Organizations, working in cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense.

Camp and Ship Libraries

Americans are being asked to send their books to war, Mr. Davis said. He pointed out that the Army and Navy and Merchant Marines need books—millions of them for camp and ship libraries and training centers, but they do not want, nor can they use, dog-eared algebra books published during the war of 1812.

"America today has the best educated army in its history," Mr. Davis declared. "Our men need books. They need books about the ideas for which they are fighting this war. They need books to help a fellow get ahead in the Army or Navy or Marines or Merchant Marine. Most of all, they need books they will enjoy reading—good fiction, good mystery stories, good biography.

Good Books Wanted

"I repeat the word 'good' because the slogan of the campaign this year is: Give MORE books, give GOOD books. Water-soaked cookbooks are of little use today."

Mr. Davis added that when Americans take down from their shelves the books they are going to give to the 1943 Victory Book Campaign, he hoped they will want to select the ones that are worthy of the men—and women, for the WAACs and the WAVEs are included—who are going to read them.

Ride Sharing Plan Offered by House

Interest is being shown in the new Community House program for ride-sharing, Mrs. Julia K. Lally, director, said Wednesday. Persons going to Detroit or Pontiac who have space for riders, or persons wanting a ride may phone the Community House. The service is planned to cover trips made at irregular times.

Mrs. Lally has also written to Winnetka, Ill., for information on a ride-sharing plan in vogue there. Drivers and riders are given identification cards so that they may give and accept rides along the main routes. This idea has been suggested here before but has never been acted upon.

SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE IN LUCK—others own insurance policies, safeguarding against loss by Fire, Windstorm, Burglaries, Accidents, etc. Call or phone 321.
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National Bank Bldg.

Just a Sample!

The Eccentric had to go no farther than its front door to get a snow picture. Huge piles like this decorate many street corners. "Each one represents a lot of work," says DICK SCULTHORPE, gas station proprietor. (Editor's note: Watch for re-publication of this picture on the hottest day of next summer. It's an old Eccentric custom!)

Invite All Women to Attend School For War-Time Living Next Wednesday

All Birmingham women are invited to take part in a School for War Time Living to take place at the Community House next Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Two meetings will be held, one from 10 to noon, and the other from 1 to 3 p.m., both covering the same ground.

Suggestions for adapting the household to war-time exigencies will be made by four speakers:

Mrs. Karl Bailey will discuss wartime meals; Mrs. Stuart Gastren will tell of various substitutes which may be use to replace scarce articles and commodities; Mrs. William H. Jackson, will discuss buying and point rationing; while Miss Mary Pennington will talk about various problems in the textile field.

"Every place this school has been announced, there has been a great deal of interest shown," said Mrs. Cassius L. Miller, chairman of the Consumer Interest Committee, an official unit of the Birmingham Defense Council. "That certainly shows that the women of Birmingham are conscious of the problems facing them, and are anxious to inform themselves on ways to help solve them.

"We suggest that all women attending bring material to take notes. While some mimeographed material will be available to take home, we know the women will want to make a record of some of the suggestions made in the classes."

Cab Driver Crashes; Two Are Hurt

Lathrop Mitchell Wilkie, cab driver, has had another accident. Sunday morning, while driving south on Shirley drive, he collided with the car of Mrs. W. C. Randall, 770 Shirley, who was going in the opposite direction. Mrs. Randall's knee was hurt, while Arthur Greene, of 386 East Maple, a cab passenger, was hurt about the knee and head. "It seemed increditable that he should or could hit me," Mrs. Randall wrote in her report to police.

Police Sgt. Grant Springstead said he was "going to speak to Wilkie" about his record.

Lions Club Has Boy Scout Day

Wednesday was Boy Scout Day at the Lions Club, with Harold Holmes, 111 Abbey road, Scoutmaster of B-4, the guest speaker.

Nine Scouts attended from the troop, which is sponsored by the Lions Club, and meets every Monday evening at Adams School.

Holmes explained the activities and ideals of Scouting, and suggested that several Scout handbooks be circulated among members of the Lions Club so that members could get a better knowledge of the program. Led by Patrol Leader Lloyd Harvey, the nine Scouts recited the oath in unison.

Roland Reese introduced the speaker.

Thursday night several from the club will attend a hockey game in Detroit.

Couple Gets Second Set of Twin Boys

Saturday morning at 2:58 and 3:03 respectively, Fred DeForest Coffin, 6 lbs. and 6 oz., and William Vail Coffin, 5 lbs. and 8 oz., were ushered into the world at Harper Hospital. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Coffin, 977 Gordon court.

The Coffins already have another set of twin boys, Tristram and Howard, who are 3½. The attending Detroit physician, with wide experience of 20-odd years of practice, was heard to remark, "This is the first experience of this kind I have ever had."

Their first child, seven-year-old Celia, upon hearing that she is going to have two more brothers to contend with, quipped, "Now, I'm going to be a good sport about this, see?"

Mamma Coffin, when asked for her official statement said: "Quote—Unquote." And Papa Coffin may be quoted as follows, "Kaiser's Mass Production. Kaiser? Never heard of him!"

When not coping with her tribe of boys, Mrs. Coffin is an actress of some ability. Aside from being a member of Theater Arts in Detroit, she played for five weeks with the "My Sister Eileen" company at the Schubert Lafayette Theater last spring.

Mr. Coffin is a writer with the Jam Handy Corp.

Worst Storm in Many Years Ties up Travel

Garages Swamped By Hundreds of Calls from Motorists

Frigid temperatures again this morning made traveling difficult for hundreds of commuters, and kept scores of cars stalled in the worst storm period of many years.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, the mercury dropped to 13 degrees below zero in the thermometer at the Fire Department, and added to the woes of drivers who had not yet dug out of the snow which fell three nights during the past weekend, culminating with four inches Monday night. High wind whipped this into drifts on Tuesday and resulted in thousands of cars in this area becoming stuck. The cold wave then intensified the situation.

Several persons were injured; towing companies were swamped; many persons could not get to work; coal and oil companies were making only emergency deliveries; rural mail routes could not be fully covered. Motorists, equipped with chains, were doing a land-office business.

Several Injured

Those injured:

EARL G. POTTER, 1688 Northlawn, former school board member, who collapsed at the Grand Trunk station Tuesday morning. He had shoveled a long driveway and had helped a neighbor, and the exertion was too much, Mrs. Potter said. It was not a heart attack, and he is recovering satisfactorily, she said Wednesday.

CHARLES CRAIG, 840 Chestnut street, who fell Tuesday morning 12 feet when the bottom of a ladder slipped out. He was investigating a roof leak caused by the heavy snow. Taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Bailey's ambulance, it was found that he had a compound fracture of the ankle.

MRS. MARIE WADE, 627 Henrietta street, who fell on Frank street Saturday morning while carrying groceries. Because sidewalks were not clear, she was walking on the street and slipped on ice, striking her head, causing a slight concussion. On Wednesday, she was still invalided at home.

RUSSELL NORDMAN, 8 years old, second grade student at Pierce school, who received a broken leg when he jumped into a snow pile at the bottom of an outdoor stairway. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Bell's ambulance. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nordman, of 1336 Bird.

Coal Deliveries Slowed

J. Mark Hardin, manager of Parks Coal Company, said that his men were a week behind in their orders and that emergency calls were getting first attention.

"I've told the men to go on if they come to a driveway which is not shoveled out," he said—"unless there is some special circumstance."

Clifford Lawson, coal dealer, said that deliveries were being made only where the necessity was urgent. It was noon Tuesday before his trucks could get under way.

Tow Service Falls Behind

Calls for towing service jammed the worst of all. An employee for Bennett's said that "the rush has been terrific. Even with three men working day and night, we are still 35 calls behind. First they were stuck, and now they are frozen," he said Wednesday.

Claude Mosher said that the telephone rings all the time. We can't keep up, but we are giving emergency service, particularly to help war workers. For example, we towed down one lady who wanted to get her car out so that she could take her son to high school—10 blocks away. This is the worst it has been in years."

Telephone Co. Swamped

Miss Doris Lidgey, acting chief telephone operator, declared: "Our switchboards have been like a mad house. On Tuesday alone, we handled 5,000 calls to Detroit and Pontiac, besides local calls which

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4th Annual Ice Carnival Set for Jan. 30

Races Arranged For Various Ages

The fourth annual Ice Carnival will be held on Quarton Lake, Saturday, Jan. 30, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, sponsored by Baldwin High School and the Y. M. C. A.

Virginia Bostwick, queen of the 1942 carnival, is chairman of the committee to select the queen and her court.

Among the events will be the crowning of the queen, figure skating by some members of the Olympia skating club of Detroit, and skating races for every age.

The skating events will include the 220- and 440-yard dashes for grade school boys, beginning same events for grade school girls; the 220, 440 and 880 yard races for junior high boys and the same events for junior high school girls; and the same events for both senior high school boys and girls.

A new event for senior high will

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Miss Neumann

Nancy Neumann Named Ice Queen

Chosen Queen of the Ice this year is petite, graceful Nancy Neumann, junior at Baldwin, who will reign over Birmingham's fourth annual Winter Carnival at Quarton Lake, Saturday, Jan. 30.

Nancy and her court were chosen by a vote of the entire high school student body. The six girls who received the next highest number of votes and who will accompany the queen at the frolic are Ann Halladay, Carol Smith, Kitty Keller, Carmela Di Pietro, Connie Coulter, and Betty Joyce.

This fourth annual carnival will be held as soon as the weather permits. Robert D. Lynd, Y. M. C. A. director, is planning the event with the co-operation of Baldwin Student Congress.

KEYKO MARGARINE
A thrifty Vitamin A Spread for Bread. Adv.

Two Girls Get Scholastic Honors at Baldwin High

Jessie Bowes and Narice Ellis have been named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively of the January '43 graduating class.

Jessie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Bowes, 672 Bloomfield Court, and Narice, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ells, R.R. 2, Coolidge Highway.

Miss Bowes has a fine scholastic average of 3.61; besides this, she has made a good record in her home room, and her work on class committees has been of the very best.

Miss Ells was elected to National Honor Society last year. She has served two years as secretary to Mrs. Carol Darling, dean of girls, as well as being business manager of all Baldwin Publications, served as financial manager of the Variety Show last year, and has been very active in the Girls' League. Besides these duties she has lent a valuable hand to various class and home room committees, and was able to make a 3.58 scholastic average. (4.0 is All-A).

Both girls plan at present to take post graduate course at Baldwin unless they decide to get jobs (See picture, page 2.)

Are You Just A "Looker"?

Many hundreds of people read the Classified Ads weekly, but it never occurs to some that they, too, can use this medium profitably. Why not sell that unused furniture, clothing or appliance? Or why not rent that vacant room?

Phone 11

Before 4 p. m. Wednesday