

You may attain a better sense of balance these days if you will fully realize that CHANGE is the law of life; it may be change for the worse, or for the better, but it is CHANGE, nevertheless. You will be happier, then, if when you accept the law of CHANGE you also prepare yourself for the BETTER phase of it.

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Bits of Birmingham

This is exam week in the schools, which may explain the worried looks to be seen on some youngsters' brows.

This Wanderer overheard one boy say: "Gosh, I studied Latin all morning but I think I'll flunk it anyway."

What Commencement speaker dare to give advice to 1913 graduates? Every boy in the class faces the job of going out to fight a war which his elders did not have enough sense to prevent.

The Eccentric congratulates the grads and wishes them God-speed!

Dr. Don Ebert, now working at an lron plant in Philadelphia as a representative of the Navy, writes that he appreciates the quiet and suburban spirit of Birmingham more than ever. The big city is no place for him!

He might be interested to know that the City jail has other than human occupants. A recent prisoner there announced that he was annoyed by bedbugs!

Clarence Ahlrich, former pressman in the U. S. Navy doing Diesel engine work, has sent Stan Flie a necktie on which is stamped a hula-hula girl with a rather scanty grass skirt. Stan figures Clarence is now in Hawaii.

In last week's Eccentric there was an article about one of the school janitors who was about to get a pension. It might be explained that money for this pension to which all teachers are eligible if they work long enough, comes from a State fund to which workers pay three per cent of their salaries. This is met by three per cent put up by the State.

This Wanderer wonders whether Nancy Pierce, 421 Arlington, has recovered her flute, which she mistook for a hairbrush when she saw it at a shop.

Police report also that a Mrs. Skivan, who works at St. Hugo's convent, lost a purse containing \$17.

Some one needed some gasoline quite badly Saturday night and broke into a shed at Springdale road and stole a gallon. The car was stored there for the tractor.

The shortage of help is not just a cold business matter which can be shrugged off. Some times when a worker quits, it is a serious blow to business people who are working night and day in an effort to keep their enterprise going and safeguard their life's savings. A reader went into one shop last week and found the proprietress in tears. "Two of my girls have just quit and I don't know what I will do," she said.

Lorraine Elliott, whose family formerly lived on Emmons street, is now the heroine in the "Hells Frisco" movie. Several old friends here recognized her.

While on the subject of the cinema, we note that Manager Holah is to show "Hitler's Children," and that he announces that it is up to parents to determine whether their juveniles should see the picture.

David W. Haworth, 560 South Park, received quite a start Saturday morning at 3:17 a. m. when a woman started to scream for help on his front porch. Police picked up the lady and also the axman who was annoying her. Both were turned loose.

There were several horses running at large at 13-Mile and Lakeview Friday night, and none of the nearby stables claimed ownership. We retrace the owners. Finally corralled them, for we have seen none of them wandering around local streets.

A disappointed parent phoned this department to say: "I tried to get into the Baptist church last Sunday night for the Bacalaureate service but was unable to do so because of the crowd. I think it is fine to have the service in a church, but because the crowd overflows every year, I am in favor of moving the ceremony to the high school auditorium."

Another parent, a father, said: "I was startled to see the serious expression on the faces of the boys in the graduating class. They looked different from other years."

Russell H. Fisher, chief of the Citizens Defense Corps, is presently engaged in the mystery of the missing P. O. Box #1. Monday morning, while Russ was busy at the city hall, Mrs. Fisher phoned to relate that a great big bird was in the basement. Russ rushed home, and discovered a beautiful rooster pheasant skulking in his basement. No basement windows had been opened, and he cannot figure how the bird got in. This Wanderer's solution is that the bird, seeing a hawk or an airplane, flew into the basement in a paragonage like Mr. Fisher was the safest place to be, and got in by some secret method. Incidentally, the Fishers are not dining on roast pheasant this week. Russ turned it loose.

Pontiac police have asked the Birmingham constabulary to arrest William Poe, 815 Mohegan, on a bench warrant issued by a Pontiac court.

Birmingham Golf Club has been granted fire protection by the City for another year. It costs them \$250, but is well worth it in insurance premiums saved.

Commissioner Allee, who is studying city ordinance in his spare time toward the end of repealing those which are of no value, discovered that an ordinance in 1915 stipulated that the Council must annually appoint a Martha Baldwin. Park Board composed of two men and two women, and the women must have the same qualifications as the men. Mr. Allee can't understand how this could be fulfilled, but that's what the ordinance says! The matter will be brought up at the next meeting. As many of you know, Miss Martha Baldwin (after whom the school, library and park were named) was a philanthropist, teacher and civic leader.

One oddity in the gift for the school was that a public side entrance must be built so that anyone could come in and take a bath at the high school. She felt strongly on the subject of cleanliness, and there weren't so many bathhouses 25 years ago.

Dr. Edwin W. Dear reported to the Exchange Club a discussion of the activities of the dental clinic operated by the club, principally for underserved children. With the aid of Dr. A. K. Toepfer and Dr. Ernest Kelleman, the clinic served 112 children since September.

The spouse of frankness is reached in a classified ad this week. A client advertises for help to "relax with the kind of a mother gallivants two days a week."

A Bloomfield Hills family which recently got a relocated Japanese-American couple is said to be the only one around with its grass properly mowed.

There has been quite a bit of talk about the business section about the discharge of a fireman, George E. Jones, who has been with the City for 15 years. To get both sides of the issue we got in touch with the acting City Manager, Harold Corson, and also with Jones. The story going about is that Jones was discharged for signing a petition signed by nine firemen asking for permission to join the union. Jones was thereupon fired by Chief Vern Griffith.

Corson was asked about it: "The union had nothing to do with it; if our men want to join a union that's up to them. They don't have to ask permission of anyone. Jones was dismissed for infraction of the department rules."

George, reached at home by telephone, had no comment to make one way or the other.

Police were called Monday night to Baldwin and Willets where neighbors said boys were tossing stones at the street light. Windows are being broken in the Peabody warehouse at Hunter and East Maple.

Two dog bites last week. (Bites taken of people, we mean.)

In the annual report of the MOMS Club printed last week, the contributor failed to credit the VFW Auxiliary, which made donations of money to the candy-candy fund.

According to General Hospital at Pontiac, George Burdick, Jr., of 204 Williamsbury road, was treated Saturday night for a cut over left eye received when he ran into a tree at Boy Scout camp.

Raymond Detmers, 559 Wallace, and his wife, Lillian, were bruised Sunday afternoon at Berkeley when their car collided with another machine which had stopped to pick up two girls.

A man standing in front of the ration office at 116 South Woodward asked: "Where is the ration office?" You couldn't blame him either, for there's no sign on the building other than "Indian Craft Gift Shop" which isn't any more, although the disappointed customers probably feel they have been scammed.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Khoun has been granted a divorce from Ralph F. Khoun.

Some women can take waste fat and make soap out of it with the aid of lye. The government asks that the fats be turned in and that people buy soap. Some commercial factories extract glycerin from the fats before making the soap, and glycerin is vital in making explosives.

The Eccentric has long sponsored a bowling team but never with very much glory, but last week's team did not win first place in the Merchants League! The five bowlers on the team who were treated to dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson, Marty Tascio, Joe Spash, and Gordon Long.

A note from Michigan State College reveals that Miss Betty Cous-

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Pay Load

Troops in the Aleutians can't go night clubbing, but they get their pay anyhow. Maj. Fred O. Guider, right in plane, checks an arriving shipment labeled "Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco."

Chamber Music Concert Wednesday To Aid Soldiers

Plans are complete for the evening of chamber music to be presented at the Community House at 8:30 Wednesday evening, June 16, by William Grafing King, of Detroit.

This is a benefit concert for disabled and wounded servicemen.

TICKETS AT SANDER'S Persons who have ordered tickets may pick them up, or others may purchase them at the Sanders store, Pierce and Maple, Friday and Saturday of this week.

and is sponsored jointly by the MOMS Club and the Birmingham Musicale.

Lois Johnston Chapman, soprano, will be the assisting artist and others to appear will be Martha B. King, pianist, Charles Turner, violinist, Henry C. Kolbe, pianist, Margery Aber, violinist, Guyton Amato, violinist, Ruth Schroeder, cellist and Lillian Gooe, pianist.

Following is the program:
Sonata in Minor, Op. 10, No. 3, Beethoven
Mr. King—Mrs. King
Overture, "The Blue Bird", Debussy
Leave Me Alone

To do good work we must keep fit... Can You Relax? ...

Forgotten Iron Causes Small Fire

A forgotten iron caused a small fire Friday afternoon at the William E. Blythe home, 584 Tooting Lane, Mrs. Blythe's daughter was burned slightly as she attempted to put out the blaze. Damage, except to the ironing board, was minor.

Officer: "What's the big idea? What are you men doing climbing trees and crawling through bushes?"
Private: "Well, sir, we camouflaged the gun before lunch, and now we can't find it."

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It smells like smoke in our basement. A voice on the phone said to the Fire Department and the smoke eaters rushed to the Indian Craft shop on West Maple. Which shop showed that the odor emanated from a new shipment of stuff from Mexico! Maybe the proprietor had received a shipment of smoked hams.

Movement of an armored division and its vehicles by railroad requires 75 trains of from 28 to 45 cars each.

Wherever He Is... REMEMBER DAD JUNE 20 With a Gift from a Man's Store

- Hart-Schaffner & Marx Clothes
- Stetson Hats
- Manhattan Shirts and Pajamas
- Woolen or Silk Neckwear
- Interwoven Hose
- Hickok Men's Jewelry
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BINGHAM ROAD IN BLOOMFIELD HILLS

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Antique Lovers

will revel in the perfectly preserved and matched woodwork—original beams—floors, etc. The library—really a secondary living room—is exquisite. The dining room, rectangular in character is lovely. Bedrooms and baths, enough to suit the larger family, are well arranged on the second floor.

Fieldstone Walls

enhance the beauty of the whole setting and nicely accentuate the formal gardens where prize winning roses have attracted wide acclaim. Then, too, there are the fruit trees, strawberries and other bounties only nature can provide these days.

To make the picture complete the broad Franklin River courses around the seven-acre site. The outlook upon the water, and to the valley below, from the wide hill-top bank is something every homeowner will forever cherish. Tall, whispering, pine and cedar form a lasting silhouette.

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