These long winter darknesses bring daylight rather late in the mornings—compensation of Nature so that more folks can, if they wish, watch the sun rise over the eastern horizon. Have you enjoyed some of these magnificent sunrises these days—better coloring than any artist ever could put on canvas.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

"Class Now Come to Order!" Teacher F. D. R. Opens U. S. School

Now that President Roosevelt has publicly admitted that a lot of Americans cannot spell "c-a-t," perhaps it is within the province of newspaperdom to take a bit of a personal exploration into the "school room" presided over by Mr. Teacher President, and observe his method of instruction.

"Now, children, let the class come to order," beamed F.D.R.

"Quit your throwing paper pellets. You, Albert Landon, put that funny paper in the wastebasket here at my desk—you really should be studying your history . . . and you, Tom Dewey, one of my brightest pupils, you stop this nonsense about the Republicans winning in 1944; don't you know that the war won't be over by then, and I've still got some teaching to do to make the World Safe for Democracy. Get back to your New York Governorship, Tommy boy—after all, I know what that job is, for I once held it. Don't forget, too, that I established a record at Albany when I left a debt of over a hundred millions.) *You'll* never equal that, I'm afraid.

"Come on, now, kids. Quit your giggling and let's take up the subject of spelling. That's where I really shine . . . spelling and speech. I'll talk about speeches later.

"Our lesson today is in civics, maybe economics . . . or did I say spelling? Anyway, we illustrate both I'll first talk about spelling.

"Wendell Willkie, you old globe trotter, do you know how to spell CAT?"

Wendell Will Try

"Yes, teacher, I do know how to spell CAT," answered Wendell. "You take the letter C, which stands for, oh, let's see . . . take the word CHANCES . . . C, then, like the first letter in CHANCES, which I hope I've got for nomination by the Republican Party in 1944 for your job. Then, as I remember it, the next letter is A; A like in America . . . indeed, A, like the alpha and the omega in America . . . the America of free enterprise, efficient government, less regimentation, the America of pre-1933 . . . the America . . .

"Stop all that foolish talk, Wendell . . . just stick to the letters and don't mind so much the spirit," commanded the Teacher.

"Well," replied Wendell, "now there's another letter in the word CAT; I'm sure of that—darn sure. Um, Um, U. . . . oh, yes, it is T. . . . T, like TRUTH . . . or is maybe TAXES—yes, that's a fine word to use for the letter T, ain't it, Teacher?"

"Look here, young feller—you just needn't use that word 'tax,'" scowled FDR. "There's trouble enough in this country right now . . . labor troubles, ration points, when you want to be home long enough to get my meals . . . I'm much rather use the word TRIUMPHANT, like the T in Victory, for example, instead of taxes. Don't you think, class, that's a better word than taxes?"

Whereupon pupil Harrison Spangler raised his hand and asked: "Whose victory do you mean, Teacher? . . . the Republicans or the New Deal?"

"See here, you old reactionary, don't you know that there's a big war on?" threatened the Teacher. "Don't you know that during a war we've got to forget politics, and all work to win . . . which reminds me, children, that I think the time has come to forget the phrase 'New Deal'; I suggest that it be changed to 'Win The War.' How's that for progressive education, kids?"

A mingled murmur ran through the classroom. Some of the kids were outright jubilant, especially those taking the course in Bureaucracy; others, mostly from the good old south, wanted to say something but didn't; while plenty of youngsters, of course, grunted their objections.

Herbert Just Recalls . . .

Chubby Herb Hoover, apparently speaking for the objectors, got the Teacher's attention long enough to say: "Oh, Teacher, when I was on the faculty in the White House, some years ago, I tried to tell the students that, although we were in the midst of a depression in our course in Economics, that 'Prosperity Is Just Around the Corner.' For a while they believed me . . . then came the October, 1929, crash . . . and that was the beginning of new courses in national teaching . . . and here I am, too, starting all over again to learn how to run things by professorial methods . . ."

The Teacher, obviously, was upset by this lack of classroom decorum. "Look here, Herbie," he exclaimed, "what you learned prior to 1933 was all the bunk; by government edict and administrative fiat all that has been changed. Two and two may still add up to four, but in our New Deal—I mean Win The War—system of teaching, we are placing the economic values of the United States to the credit of the government. Government, we get the nation's wealth, you see, by the

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War Film To Be Shown Public Next Thursday

Important Pictures To Be Shown Free At Com. House

"War Department Report," a special semi-restricted motion picture film prepared by the War Dept. will be shown free to Birmingham and nearby residents Thursday evening of next week, Jan. 13, at 8 o'clock in the Community House.

This picture, prepared by Army men under the direction of Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, originally was designed to show to America's war workers. By arrangement with the War Dept., two local residents, Percy K. Loud and Ernest H. Fletcher, have obtained the film for local showing next week. Introductory remarks preceding the pictures will be given by Major C. J. Bishop, industrial services officer, Bureau of Public Relations of the War Dept., stationed in Detroit.

This film was shown before the Economic Club of Detroit Dec. 27, which suggests the importance of its theme. The Birmingham showing is free, and every local resident is requested to see it.

To quote from literature accompanying the film:

"For the first time in its history, the War Department is making an official report on the military situation directly to the war workers of America. This is not a pep talk. It is a report by your General Staff."

These are the words that Robert P. Patterson, Under Secretary of War, uses to introduce WAR DE-

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H. Lee North New Managing Editor Of The Eccentric

Announcement is made this week of the selection of H. Lee North, of Petoskey, Michigan, as the new managing editor of The Eccentric. Mr. North succeeds Frank E. Bogart in this capacity.

Mr. North comes to The Eccentric after a long residence in Petoskey during which time he served as editor of the Petoskey Evening News. He was active there in the Rotary club, on the executive board of Scenic Trails Council of Boy Scouts, in the various War Loan and Community Chest campaigns, winter and summer sports carnivals, Chamber of Commerce activities, other civic undertakings, and in the church life of the city.

Mr. North plans to make his home in Birmingham and will bring his family here within a short time. Or, as he says, "what's left of his family." He has four sons serving their country, two married daughters, and one daughter, Jayne, just completing high school in Petoskey. One was active a war plant in Columbus, Ohio, completing the list.

Not entirely a stranger to this area, Mr. North has for many years made frequent trips to Detroit and Southern Michigan. He has long been a member of the University of Michigan Press Club, the Michigan Press Association, and on the state board of the Churches of Christ. His mother resides in Royal Oak, and other members of her family reside in Detroit, Dearborn, Mt. Clemens and Jackson.

COURSE IN CITIZENSHIP

A twelve-weeks' course in *Citizenship* will hold its first meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 19 in the Community House at 7:30. This course, under the instruction of Larned Goodrich of the Baldwin high school, is designed primarily for men and women who are working toward their citizenship requirements. It is open, however, to anyone who wishes to study local, state and national government.

Wins Navy Wings

Lieut. Elmers

William Frederick Elmers, 19, son of Mr. Robert I. Elmers of 18250, Devonshire, Birmingham, won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve this week following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., as "Annapolis of the Air."

Having been designated a Naval Aviator, Lieutenant Elmers will go on active duty at one of the Navy's air operational training centers before being assigned to a combat zone.

Ambitious Girl Wins Right to Job In Plea Before Commission

Joyce Ring, 17-year-old high school senior, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ring, 539 Stanley, pleaded her case so well before the City Commission Monday evening that the city ordinance fixing the age limit for girls on paper routes was amended to make possible for her a job on a paper route.

The former age limit was 18 years for girls doing such work and, by a 4 to 3 vote Monday night the commission changed the age to 17. This was designated purely as a war-time measure with the old age limit to be in force after the war. The age for boys is eleven and a half years. It was changed some time ago from 12 years as a war measure.

Joyce told the city commission that most girls 17 years or older and most boys 14 and over and some at even 12 years have jobs paying much more money than do paper routes.

Her requests for a lowering of the age limit was studied by the commission for more than a half hour, with considerable discussion and questioning of Miss Ring.

Rev. Becker Attends Methodist Meeting

The Rev. Charles C. Becker, minister of the Birmingham Methodist Church, has been attending the twenty-fourth Annual Conference on Ministerial Training, sponsored by the Commission on Courses of Study of The Methodist Church, held at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., December 28-31. Mr. Becker was representing the Detroit Conference.

"Protestantism," the theme of the conference, was discussed not only with reference to the opportunity for service in America, but also in Europe, the Far East, Latin America and Mexico. The five cardinal principles of Protestantism as listed by Dr. Albert C. Knudson of Boston Mass., are: The right of individual judgment; salvation by faith; the authority of the Bible against the authority of the Church; the sanctity of common life, and the self-verification of faith.

Coming from 46 states, the 110 delegates are comprised of pastors, district superintendents, executive secretaries of Conference Boards of Education and college deans and professors. These men are leaders of ministerial training work in their own Conferences.

Embury Methodist Church Damaged By Fire And Smoke Wednesday Forenoon

The Embury Methodist church, corner of Woodward and Bennaville just recently re-dedicated at a special service, was damaged by fire and smoke Wednesday forenoon. An early estimate placed the loss at about $1,000 partially covered by insurance.

The fire was first noticed by passersby who phoned in the alarm at 10:55 o'clock. The Birmingham fire department found quite a bit of the basement ablaze and heavy smoke filling both basement and church auditorium, according to Chief Vernon Griffith.

Damage was confined largely to a part of the basement, with smoke damage but no loss from use of water on the main floor. The furnace room was much burned with damage to the heating plant. It was thought the building could be aired and probably sufficiently repaired and rearranged for services next Sunday.

Rev. Max Moore, pastor of the church, is said to have built a fire at the church at about 8:45 o'clock to prepare for a meeting there later on in the day. He left the building a short time later and fire from the furnace is believed to have set a pile of kindling ablaze. Flames spread from the furnace room to the Sunday school room, causing damage to a piano and other equipment. The fire had a head start and was spreading rapidly when first noticed and the alarm phoned in.

Embury church was rededicated in a special service on Sunday, December 19, with Bishop Raymond Wade, of Detroit and Dr. Sidney D. Eva, district superintendent of the Detroit area, as the guest speakers.

Improvements, just completed in time for the rededication, included new solid oak pews, new chancel, new chancel furniture, and a new carpet.

While the firemen were still at the church fire a second alarm came in when a chimney at the R. C. Brown home, 384 Chesterfield, caused some alarm. There was no damage. For this fire the state-owned truck, loaned to the city of Birmingham for the Civilian Defense program came into use. Later a fire truck already at the church, was sent to the scene.

Baldwin High Will Graduate 38 in January

Commencement and Baccalaureate Are Being Arranged

Thirty-eight Birmingham young folk will be graduated by Baldwin high school at the annual January commencement exercises, it was announced today by Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of schools. This total is a slight decrease from the usual total for the January graduation list. Dates for and the programs of the commencement and baccalaureate events are now being arranged.

Of the January graduates it is believed, according to Superintendent Ireland, that 50 per cent or more will definitely enter college, most of them for the late winter terms. The age record of the group is largely in the 17-year-old bracket, indicating that most of the boys will be able to receive at least a part of a year of college training before being called to the service of their country.

Of his teaching staff, Superintendent Ireland stated that additional replacements appear likely during the remainder of the year, bringing the total for the year to at past 33 from a total of 100 members of the faculty. He said the replacements were largely among the new teacher group. Reason for this heavy replacement problem he lists in three brackets—opportunity for quick advancement to some larger school, marriage and a desire, especially among those teachers who are wives of servicemen, to join their

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BULLETIN

Convinced that he was up against an unbeatable gambling racket in Toledo, Ohio, George D. Wilcox, 45 years of age, 916 Suffield, Birmingham, took poison in the Commodore Perry hotel late yesterday afternoon, and at the same time scattered letters and telegrams to personal friends and public officials; this latter move he intended as the forerunner of grand jury investigations to aid in stamping out the racket.

It is believed by police that he copied the idea from Mrs. Jeanette McDonald who, two years ago in Detroit, committed suicide and left a letter that resulted in the famous Ferguson grand jury investigation, which convicted former Mayor Richard Reading, Supt. of Police Fred Frahm, and many others, some of whom are now in prison.

In a personal letter to The Toledo Blade Mr. Wilcox said, in part: ". . . I am giving my life for a cause worthy of your attention and relentless campaigning to rid this section of the country of the gambling racketeers."

A six-page manuscript was found in his room, describing in detail, it is reported, the names of at least six leading Toledo gamblers, together with other information of value to the police. The U. S. District Attorney in Toledo and the Sheriff of Lucas County already have pledged investigations of the gambling situation that led up to Mr. Wilcox's death.

The Coroner of Lucas County, in response to a telephone call from a friend of Wilcox's who had just received a letter stating that the latter was going to take his life, rushed to the hotel room, where the body was found. An autopsy will be held today.

According to police, Mr. Wilcox, former chief copy writer for the McCann-Erickson Advertising Agency's Detroit office, had lost a considerable sum of money to the Toledo gamblers during the past two years, and at the time of his passing was indebted to six gamblers to the extent of $30,000.00. Unable to obtain release or cancellation of his obligations from them, he decided to martyr himself and thus expose the racket.

Mr. Wilcox has lived in Birmingham for the past five years, and leaves, besides his widow, two children, a girl 14, and a boy 18. He was known to be a fine family man, and the community is shocked to learn of the distressing situation that led to his suicide.

Mr. Wilcox was on the verge of open war up his ears against the advertising agency, the family reports. He was in good health prior to his passing. Funeral services will be held from the Wm. R. Hamilton Funeral Home on Cass Avenue, Detroit; the date was not set up to late last night.

IMPROVE PHONE SERVICE

Information that additional lead wires are to be installed in the telephone system to the Municipal Building should be welcome news to all those Birmingham residents who have often received the "busy" signal when calling. Especially will there be relief on the wires to the police and fire departments as well as to some other parts of the building. City Manager Corson reported to the City Commission at its meeting Monday evening the improved service could be installed at a cost of $8.50 per month. He said he believed the improvement would very greatly reduce delay in completing phone calls to departments in the Municipal Building.

Rulers of Birmingham's Ice Carnival

Carol Smith and Carl Blauman, rulers of Birmingham's annual ice carnival given last Thursday at Quarton Lake. The picture was taken while they watched a hockey game. Skating exhibitions and skating races along with the hockey game were features of the interesting program which found a large number of Birmingham young folk and children taking part.

Fire Chief Issues Annual Report On Activity In 1943

The annual report of the Birmingham Fire Department for 1943 was issued by Fire Chief Vern W. Griffith, this week, and disclosed that the total fire loss of property in Birmingham amounted to $10,150.25; and this figures to be less than one dollar per capita. Of this amount, $6,304.00 represented loss to buildings, and $3,846.25, the remainder, was the loss of contents. The total fire loss to the property owners amounted to only $1,332.25, the rest having been recovered by insurance.

Only three fires during 1943 proved to be really serious, and these three accounted for more than two thirds of the total fire loss. The first of the fires was at the residence of A. S. Bedell, 1278 Villa Rd.; it occured March 4 and the loss amounted to $4,500. On May 7, the second of the three serious fires broke out at the home of Lucius Jackson, 642 E. Lincoln, and the total loss was $400.00. The third and final of the bigger fires was Nov. 15 at the home of William Ruttledge, at 823 Pierce and the loss at this fire amounted to $4,250.00.

Lost Three Firemen

During 1943 three members left the department for other employment, and three new men were appointed to take their places. One extra man was added to the staff of regular firemen to take care of the maintenance work on hydrants, pump houses, etc. The extra man also keeps the department at top strength should there be a regular fireman off due to sickness during their regular leaves of absence. Most firemen work in units, with each unit on

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Youth Hostel Head

Mr Maynard

John D. Maynard, 919 Mohegan, long interested in and associated with youth service and more especially with the Y. M. C. A., has just been honored with the presidency of the American Youth Hostels.

Speaking briefly at the Birmingham Rotary luncheon meeting on Monday, Mr. Maynard announced that Birmingham may be in line for a hostel, possibly in the early spring when the great outdoors calls more alluringly to the youth of the land.

Mr. Mayfard, in addition to being named president of the American Youth Hostels, is a member of the camping committee of the state Y. M. C. A. organization, head of the Oakland county Y. M. C. A. committee; member of the Detroit Metropolitan Council; and on the youth service committee of the Detroit Rotary club.

The plan for sponsoring the hostels in this area of Michigan, he says, is set up as part of the Detroit Council of Social Agencies.

Eleven hostels are now in operation in this area of Michigan. Present plans call for considerable expansion of the service.

2 Members Named To Recreation Body

The Birmingham Recreational Commission, anticipating quite a bit of activity during the remainder of the winter as well as next summer, has at least one new member with still another expected to be named soon, by Mayor John E. Martz.

At the meeting of the City Commission Monday evening Mayor Martz named Milton Mallender, of the Commission, to represent that body on the Recreational Commission. At the same time he reappointed Mrs. Ora Richards who has served faithfully and efficiently.

A member to replace Wiley E. Groves, will be selected shortly, Mayor Martz informed the City Commission in a communication he read at the meeting. Mr. Groves has declined reappointment.

Precincts 1, 2, 3 of City Are Re-Zoned For Spring Voting

The Birmingham City Commission at its meeting Monday evening received the report of City Clerk Irene Hanley on the re-zoning of the city's various voting precincts and ordered the purchase of three more voting machines. The necessary resolutions covering the re-arranging of the voting places are expected to be up for action within a week or two.

Precincts 1, 2 and 3 are being re-zoned, while the present precinct voting places at the Bell Funeral Home and at the Pierce School are not thought to be overcrowded and will be maintained without change.

City Clerk Hanley recommended that a voting precinct be established at the Lutheran Church on West Maple for all residents north of Lincoln, west of the Rouge (south of Maple) and west of Lakeside (north of Maple). Residents east of Lakeside as far as Hunter boulevard, and north of Maple, will vote at the Holy Name School. For the residents in the area east of Hunter and north of East Maple the precinct voting place will be at Adams school. The Municipal building voting place will handle all residents east of the Rouge as far as Woodward avenue, between Maple and Lincoln.

Work on the new registration books is expected to start at once and all work completed in time for the annual April election.

GETS FIRE PROTECTION

The Bender-Warrick Corporation, out East Maple, is going to receive fire protection from the city of Birmingham. The corporation and the city entered into such an agreement, through action by the City Commission Monday evening. The agreement calls for a cost to the corporation of $125.

Taylor Bros. Const. Co., Local Firm, Now On Last Portion of Willow Run Expressway

Some of these days, when you may be driving over one or more of the intricate over or underpasses of the Detroit Industrial Expressway, at Southfield and Van Born road intersections, you may like to recall that a Birmingham resident, John B. Taylor, 988 Madison, did most of the grading, sewer installations, and paving of that project.

Last week Mr. Taylor's firm, the Taylor Bros. Construction Co., was awarded a contract for the last piece of the inter-change intersection part of the project, eighty-two-hundredths of a mile, at a cost of $118,775.00. During 1943 Mr. Taylor's firm did approximately a million dollars worth of work on the Expressway, especially in the vicinity of the Willow Run bomber plant.

"The Southfield-Van Born intersection job is the only one of its kind in Michigan, and was designed by Robert Moses, the famous New York City engineer," said Mr. Taylor this week. "State and federal engineers, of course, handled the actual field supervision. At this intersection six highways come together, from the four points of the compass; the system of under and over passes makes possible for a motorist to get from one highway to any of the others without meeting cross traffic. Actually, it is the most complicated road project I have ever constructed."

The high cost per mile of the project, for example, lies in the fact that in places the excavation far the roadbed went 30 feet deep; to handle the problem of surface drainage, a system of sewers had to be installed, enough of them to make up of a small city. Two large pumps also were erected to handle the water, which is pumped into nearby Coarse creek.

The ground area covered by the complete intersection is a half mile in diameter; houses had to be purchased and removed to provide right-of-way.

"In spite of all its complications, this project is the most interesting I have ever worked on," said Mr. Taylor. "I prophesy that it is but the beginning of many such important highway intersections in both Michigan and the United States."

World War Impact Felt in Birmingham During Year of 1943

What was news in Birmingham and vicinity during 1943, the year just closed?

From the files of The Eccentric are herewith presented a variety of facts gathered by our staff from the various available sources of information.

Naturally, the effect of the war upon every personal and community activity has been evident, chiefly in the realm of human associations has 1943 created a vacant chair, or chairs, in the majority of homes; probably everyone is so affected, either by absence of some member of the immediate family or a relative who has entered the nation's armed forces.

Business of earning a living, too, has required many adjustments as the country really got into maximum war production. Food, clothing and shelter, together with transportation by automobile, railroad, bus, or airplane, have each been affected by war's demands. Rationing of course, has been instituted, and none have been deprived of the necessities of life. Life has been speeded up.

Towards the close of the year, and the beginning of 1944, public attention, perhaps, wishfully expecting early a close of hostilities and government are taking the problems of reconversion war to peacetime.

Birmingham, like other communities, has democratic way.

Following, are presented some of the highlights of the community during 1944. It has been impossible to chronicle every activity, to be sure.

War's Impact Is Felt

Impact of the war upon the personal lives of our citizens has been the most tremendous fact of 1943. From Birmingham and environs, within the jurisdiction of the local Selective Service Board, more than 2,200 young and older men, as well as many young women, have gone into the armed forces of the United States. They have been in training camps in every part of the country, and have been in combat and non-combat duty in every part of the earth. In a majority of homes in this area one or more blue stars are in windows; 14 of our uniformed men have given their lives, and gold stars symbolize their passing. Two others are reported "missing" in action.

In recognition of the men in the service Birmingham's Moms' Club on Sunday, Nov. 14, in front of the Baldwin Public Library, held ceremonies in which they dedicated a leather-bound Roll of Honor Book, containing the names of all men and women in the armed forces. Speeches were made, and the Baldwin high school band provided fitting music.

As the community comes into the New Year it, along with the United Nations, looks for a victory over Germany some time in 1944, and then hopes for defeat of the Japs as soon thereafter as possible—the "home folks", like the men and women in service, want the war to come to a successful conclusion for the Allies, so that again peace-time activities may be resumed, families brought together, and the sword in all reality

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Big Recreational Project Outlined To Rotarians Here

Birmingham's interest in the Michigan Department of Conservation's program to provide more, larger and better recreational facilities in Southeastern Michigan was considerably heightened by the appearance of Clarence Tinker, of the Department staff, before the Birmingham Rotary club Monday noon at the Community House.

The program, known to many as, the Huron-Clinton recreational project, covers 18 counties, main-ly within a radius of 100 miles of Birmingham, and, according to Mr. Tinker, is of tremendous interest to folks all over the area, more especially in the more crowded parts.

Mr. Tinker states that the Department of Conservation has outlined the project and hopes the Michigan Legislature will sponsor it with a yearly appropriation to cover costs of the land, improvements, road improvements and for future enlargements. Cost of the land, he believes, will not exceed $8,000,000. The general plan calls for spreading this over about seven or eight yearly appropriations.

During his highly interesting explanation of the proposed program, Mr. Tinker said that about seven million acres of land in Michigan are publicly owned, with most of this located in the northern part of the state far away from the centers of population.

The land desired for the recreational program is practically all land unsuited for agriculture or other commercial purposes. Much of it is ideally situated on or close to already established highways. The earlier improvements would call for picnic tables, clearing a bit of water frontage, adding sanitary facilities, and perhaps some flooding of shallow lakes.

Other improvements, and perhaps many of these earlier ones, he explained, could and should be included in the state's proposed post-war program.

District Meeting of Lions Here Sunday

The Birmingham Lions Club will be host to the regular meeting of zone two of region 1 of district 11A of the Lions Club of Michigan at the Community House this Sunday, January 9. The meeting will start at 1:30 P.M. and representatives of the Lions Clubs of Ann Arbor, Vassar, Howell, Ponteiac, Royal Oak, Lake Orion, Flint and Birmingham will be in attendance.

The meeting will be in charge of N. Arthur Gleason, zone chairman, of the Flint club. The official delegates of each club will be the President and Secretary, and besides these, each club is expected to send five or six more delegates. Donald Cowell, of Birmingham, is the local club who is in charge of all arrangements, stated that more than forty visiting Lions will be in attendance at the meeting.

Reginald P. Packard Wins Second Prize in Seamen's Exhibition

Second prize in the Merchant Seamen of the United Nations Exhibition, held in Corcoran Art gallery, Washington, D. C., from Nov. 28 to Dec. 24, was awarded to Reginald P. Packard former resident of Valley View Lane, Birmingham.

Mr. Packard who has been at sea for several months, as a purser on a Merchant Marine vessel, studied oil painting evenings under Carlos Lopez a well-known Michigan artist who did the mural in the Birmingham Post Office.

The prize award was $150 and the canvas was a painting of a young man with a violin. There were 240 entries from all parts of the world and the exhibit which included 74 pictures, done by 39 artists, representing 13 nationalities will tour the United States in 1944.

Mr. Packard left Birmingham, in August and Mrs. Packard has been residing with her parents in Arlington, Mass.

E. O. Brownell Takes on Liquor Store Duties

E. O. Brownell, long time resident of Birmingham, took over the management of the Birmingham Liquor Store on Monday, January 3, 1944. Norman Fisher, manager for some time, has gone to Bad Axe for medical and surgical treatment.

Mr. Brownell has been a civil service employee for many years and for two years operated the Royal Oak store and a year previous operated the Pontiac store. He has served for some time in the sales tax division.

Mr. Brownell resides at 1159 Smith street.