

To be sure, the whole earth re-
sponds with the thunder of war,
with the impact upon human life
that can be made. But "the, too,
will pass." Then cometh what man
is pleased to call "peace," but it's
only an armistice. People must be-
come better, examples of the good,
the right life, to keep out of future
wars.

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Bits of Birmingham

Birmingham residents who have seen numerous red foxes in the sections close to the city this spring have shown interest in what the state department of conservation is to do in its fox control plan, which is to be in working order by July 1 of this year. H. H. Carson reports having seen several foxes this spring while other residents have seen foxes during the past few months. No bounty on foxes has been paid by the state for some time. Bobcats, coyotes and wolves on which bounties are paid seldom find their way into this part of Michigan.

Miss Irene Hanley, city clerk, returned Monday from Philadelphia where she spent a ten-day vacation with friends. She enjoyed very much, she states, her visit to Valley Forge and its springtime bloom. Last week's Saturday Evening Post carried a story and pictures of the park and its attractions, listing many places Miss Hanley visited.

Details of a projected summer conservation work camp for selected Boy Scouts of Michigan was discussed at the conservation department's Higgins Lake training school May 5, 6 and 7 when 35 regional and state scout executives met directors of department activities. Scout executives inspected proposed camp sites and projects and will cover some of the hiking routes. Several executives from the Greater Detroit Council, of which Birmingham is a part, attended the session.

Flowering shrubs are just now beginning to burst into bloom and their spring flowers are adding much beauty to the city. Leaves on many of the shade trees are beginning to appear and spring really is here. The past week seems to have brought quite a step ahead in the weather.

An old saying went something like this: "You never miss the water till the well runs dry." And some times one never misses it at all. The other day, John Harwood, former managing editor of the Eclectic and home in Mt. Clemens for four days, paid a visit to Birmingham. On the same day some woman phoned the Eclectic and asked for her husband. When informed he had left last September she replied in surprise, "Why, I never knew he had left!"

The other day out in Bloomfield Village, John Ando, American citizen of Japanese parents, gave his young daughter, Carolyn, 15 to be presented to the Village Girl Scout troop for the purchase of an American flag. The Ando family came to Bloomfield Village from the West some time ago and during their stay have made many friends. Carolyn is much liked by the other Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Beatie Maxwell, who operates the Maxwell shop on West Maple street, is in St. Joseph Mercy hospital suffering from a broken hip, smashed nose and severe shock the result of a car accident Friday afternoon on Woodward, north of 13-Mile road. Mrs. Maxwell was riding with her daughter, Miss Virginia Maxwell, who was driving north toward Birmingham. Royal Oak police report that Berle Gardner, Pontiac, was driving south in the northbound lane and that his car crashed with the Maxwell car. Gardner was injured about the face and chest. Miss Thompson said she saw the approaching car and turned to the right in an attempt to avoid a crash but that the driver of the other car turned in the same direction. The cars were arrested by police.

Police report the credit of William Stuart, Flint, on the double charge of speeding 55 miles an hour in a 35 mile zone and also on the charge of not having an operator's license. Today they added the name of Stanley Plewnicki, Detroit, to the list of speeders when they ticketed him for driving 60 miles in a 35 mile zone. They also reported having arrested Leman Hibler, Detroit, for the Oakland county sheriff's department on a reckless driving charge.

A number of Birmingham families are already making plans to go to Alison on May 22 for the annual commencement ceremonies at Albion College. The commencement speaker is to be Governor Harry F. Kelly. The baccalaureate will be on Sunday morning, May 21, with the Rev. E. K. Seydler, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, Detroit, as the minister. There will be 85 candidates for degrees.

George Miller, 248 Fairfax, reported to police he marked his car in the Wabek building parking lot and when he returned he found someone had crashed their car into his, causing considerable damage.

Bicycles continue to be the objects of theft. Birmingham police report having arrested Leman Hibler, Detroit, for the Oakland county sheriff's department on a reckless driving charge.

A three-car crash Sunday morning at the intersection of Pierce and Brown streets caused considerable car damage, especially to a milk truck of Holly Acres Dairy. The truck appeared to have suffered more damage than the two passenger cars involved.

Charles S. Rust, of the Birmingham Victory Garden committee, today urged all Birmingham residents to give special attention to the value of mulch for their gardens. He said that mulch usually decomposed leaf mold can be used for a mulch if applied on top of the soil. "Straw, leaves, grass clippings or partly decomposed leaf mold can be used for a mulch if applied on top of the soil," he says. "Straw can be applied 1 to 2 inches thick. This mulch will retain the moisture and at the same time protect tomatoes that are allowed to rot by keeping the fruit off the ground and preventing a considerable amount of rotting. Mulches are also desirable in green crops such as spinach and chard. They keep the dirt from splashing up onto the crop and reduce the amount of sand in your spinach."

More than 1,000 hospitals in the United States are now being used to serve as depot hospitals for the limited civilian distribution of penicillin by the War Relocation Authority. The hospitals should have received their first shipments today.

American service men overseas may again order Christmas gifts this year for their friends and relatives in the United States, the Office of War Information reports. The men make their selections from the catalogues at a man's exchange or navy ship services and list them on order blanks. The orders are then sent to the United States to be filled and mailed in time for Christmas. WPI recently announced that it will approve manufacturers' requests that be certified by the army exchange service navy ship service stores for additional allocations of material or containers necessary for those orders.

Local stamp collectors may be interested in the news that a new three-cent postage stamp will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the first transcontinental railroad in the United States. The stamp will be issued by the United States post office in the country within a week or two, it is said.

Cases of breaking and entering do not happen very often in Birmingham but there was one last Saturday night when the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. McDonald, 216 Puritan, was robbed of \$18 in cash and a War Bond. The police department reports that Mr. and Mrs. McDonald had returned from a party at the home of their son who was attending a school party. At about midnight Mrs. McDonald heard a noise on the first floor. Investigation revealed the visit of the robber who had rifled the drawers of a desk taken \$18 in cash and the bond from a purse. A neighbor, who had just driven home, reported having seen a man leave the McDonald home and walk back around the rear of the house. On the next night T. B. Carpenter, 356 Pilgrim, had a laundry mangle case full of clothing stolen from his car parked at his home. Early the next morning police found the clothing scattered beside the walk, but the case was not found.

The Birmingham Rifle Club's program in connection with the Birmingham Recreational Board is to be put under way next Monday evening with a special meeting at the Community House at 7 o'clock. This session will study and plan the program and registration. On Friday evening of next week there will be a meeting at the Birmingham Police Station for coaches. A "refresher" course will be given during the evening. Training sessions are planned at the Rifle Range each Monday and Thursday evenings at 7 o'clock for the practice. Lawrence E. Smith has been named president of the club to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Grant Springstead. Earl Brown has been named adjutant in place of Peter Lohmies, resigned.

FBI QUIN CONFERENCE
Robert A. Guerin, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit, has announced that the Spring FBI Law Enforcement Conference for the Detroit District of Michigan will be held at 7:30 p. m., May 12th.

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Schools to Give Closing Musical Offering of Year

The vocal music department of Baldwin high school is to present its closing program for the school year on Friday evening of this week at Baldwin auditorium. The operetta "Sonia" has been selected as the closing feature and the curtain is to go on at 8:15 o'clock with a large audience looked for. The cast has been selected from the high school, a cappella choir and Victor Ulrich, head of this school music department, reports the young folk have been hard at work for some time.

Cast Is Named
The main parts will be played by Jack Miles, who is taking the part of Maurice, college sophomore; Gleason Schlaack will play the role of Sally, a campus belle; Peggy, a coed by choice, will play the role of Sonia, who will be portrayed by Joan Pasher.

Nancy Merriam will take the part of Martha Mayflower, Sonia's aunt and guardian; Edmond Mansfield will be Pat Dunn, a regular fellow and football captain. Carter George will play the part of Axtail Smythe, professor of Oriental philosophy.

Sonia, queen of the campus, will be played by Gwen Chapman, in the title role. Wanda Gerstler will take the part of Veda Vernonal, relative in law to Sonia. William Garfield, Boris Ivenoff, a Russian by adoption; a no-account Russian nabobian, Count Girinwald, will be portrayed by Charles Colby.

Robert Hart will play the part of Disko, a Cossack officer; and the role of a sergeant in the Marines will be taken by William McCall. Dr. J. B. Starnes, Dr. Schaeffer, John Gilbert and Robert Marsh will be his fellow Marines.

Chorus to Sing
The student chorus is made up of Paul Peck, Gregory Peck, Harry Howard, Weldon Johnson, Ross, Robert Erwin, Tony Baldwin, William Schermerhorn, John Robert Baker, Robert W. Bales, Nancy Hansig, Junn Partridge, Mary Kay Smith, Betty Lou Shattuck, Matty Johnson, Gleason Schlaack, Eleanor Ellis, Joyce Stoffregen, Joan Gove, and Sigrid Sauter.

Those who will take part in the chorus of "glorious girls" are Anna Fox, Donna Hughes, Martha Penfield, Elizabeth Griffin, Marilyn Pinnegar, Shirley Macdonald, Lillian Dolan and Ann McDonald.

Singing in the Russian chorus will be Ruth McCullough, Beth Stolely, Barbara Wainwright, June Hackett, Dorothy Jaus, Leticia Kall, La Verna Coffield, Mary Anne Kell, Beverly Starnes, Jean Craig, Peter Craig, Orville Shippey, Spencer DeVault, Robert Brunsberger, John Bonner, Donald Garfield, Phillip Allen, George Allen, Henry Price, Vincent Hayes, Richard Joffe, David Appel and James Burkhardt.

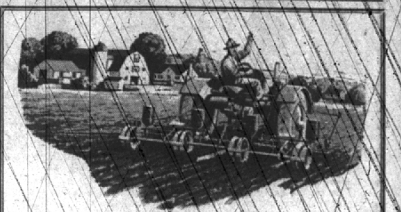
Sally Buck, Elizabeth McKey, Barbara Hughes, Whiteley, Janet Roosevelt and Katherine Daeschner will be the six Irish collectors.

A specialty number will be presented by Carol Smith and Nancy Keumann, dancing a Russian ballet.

Others to Assist
The accompanist will be Mary Jane Stephans.

Miss Ruth Hull is in charge of dramatics for the operetta. Ross Scrimgeour is taking care of the stage and setings. Tickets are being handled by Miss Merle Taylor; Miss Lucille Dewar is heading the make-up department, while ushers are being selected by Miss Emily Walker, and Miss Vida McCallin is in charge of publicity.

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