

SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR—NO. 39

# Leaders Favor Modern School Finance Plan

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Christmas Greetings.  
A bright, new year has dawned; the nightmare of war is now past.  
Today every day is our peacetime; to fashion new dreams that will last into days of the far, distant future. This day that spell PEACE for all earth.  
(Ah, friend, what one does every moment to live that one's life span is worth!)  
For PEACE is a harvest to reap; Friend, PEACE, as a crop must be tended.  
By the things that we do, from the day we are born to the time when our earth-life is ended.  
The good that we do makes PEACE certain; and that we do creates WAR—  
Which brings us to thoughts of Germany, Dec. 8. When we resort to dependence upon Divine Providence for help, that is deeply significant of man's spiritual growth. . . it is proof of man's own essential goodness of nature.

## Divine Dependence

Perhaps as great a tribute to a person as can be paid, is the voluntary desire of nearly two thousand officers and men in a Massachusetts Army camp who are praying for peace. . . Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who was critically injured near Heidelberg, Germany, Dec. 8. When we resort to dependence upon Divine Providence for help, that is deeply significant of man's spiritual growth. . . it is proof of man's own essential goodness of nature.

## Union Liability

Willingness of the UAW-CIO to offer the Ford Motor Co financial assurance that it will assume full responsibility for any illegal strike or property damage it does to Ford, is a good omen. It is a sign that the union had to have to the line of each contract. This we begin to see that the union controlled by the pendulum is raising the age of mutual labor-union relations to a new level. It will then become a better pattern for American economic life.

## Sigler Scores Again

Michigan's Special Grand Jury Prosecutor, recently won his case against five hoodlums who were accused of robbing the Pontiac night club. Colorful Sigler is admitted by all who know him to be one of the best trained staffs in the country.

## Improve Our Schools

Last week I received a letter from a local chap who wants to lead his aid to improve the quality of the teaching staff in public schools; his chief theme is to obtain additional tax revenues so more money can be spent on the teaching staff. Lots of local people feel the same way, as does this newspaper. It is with its type of people, ought to have one of the best trained teaching staffs in the country.

## Embury Church To Have New Building

Embury Methodist church reports having under way today negotiations for the purchase of an entire block of lots in the Sheffield subdivision in the southeast part of the city for a new church home.

## Rev. Jesse Epps, pastor, reports the church is now considering plans for a new church home for some time and that he is looking toward the purchase of the property desired. The plan has been approved by the congregation of the church and of the Quarterly Conference, he reports.

## OUT OF AIR CORPS

Cpl. Marie E. Hanson, who was discharged from the Army Air Corps on Dec. 15, at Fort Bragg, N. C., is now serving in the Air Corps for 21 months in Miami Beach, Fla.

## DEADLINE FOR CLASSIFIED ADS

For the issue of Dec. 27 and 28, the deadline for classified ads is 4:00 p. m. on Tuesday, Dec. 25. It is possible to accept Classified Ad copy on Dec. 25, in order that it may appear in the next issue of these papers. Thank you.

## Dr. Dwight Ireland, E. J. Lederle Tell Of Immediate Needs

"We spend more for tobacco than for education in this country," said Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Birmingham school superintendent, when he and H. J. Lederle, Oakland county superintendent of schools, gave the League of Women Voters the "lowdown" Monday afternoon at an open meeting at the Community House, on schools, Birmingham's and Oakland county's in particular.  
These school authorities deplored the many limitations on property tax and the five year limit on school bond indebtedness. They want the state to take over the state's school setup, the need for consolidation of school districts, the inadequacy of state tax levies and the possibility of using state surplus money to build more up-to-date schools.  
One League officer expressed the feeling of the entire organization when she said that Birmingham citizen had heard these talks. "In the general opinion of Birmingham citizens, the most informative afternoon of the year."

## Legis. Consideration

Mr. Lederle, who spoke first on the need for overhauling the state school structure and the need for consolidation of school districts, explained the backwardness of Michigan school legislation. He emphasized that it is warranted after that of the eastern states which have long since abandoned it for more up-to-date methods. The myriad county school districts were set up, explained Mr. Lederle, when the state was young and hence their odd shapes and the single reason some exist. The programs were given last Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, and are available since 1922 to reduce Oakland county's school districts from 177 to 100.

## Cannot Expand

Two acts of 1932 have tied schools' hands, he said. There are 16 mill in the county and the limit tax on utilities which reduces money to be lent into the primary schools. Mr. Lederle said that the legislature provide a way for the state to take over the district should supply its own school.

## The Ranch Room Of Teen Canteen To Open Jan. 2nd

"The Ranch Room" is the winning idea of the new teen canteen in the Community House. The name was entered by Susan, who has been a member of a year's membership in the organization. Boxes of clever names were received from the public and held last week at Baldwin High School.

## Name Committees

The standing committees were announced by their chairmen: Program committee, Junianne Paulson; Finance, Nancy Guest and Char Williams. Finance committee, Roger B. Krieger, Ed. Mullin, Ted Laird, John Jones and Allan Gail.

## Open January 2

The program committee presented its plans for the Open House to be held Jan. 2 and they were accepted. The constitution was read and accepted by the Youth Council for presentation to the Teen Canteen membership for final action.

## INSURE NOW

THE NATION'S WATCHDOG SECURITY. 411 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. All kinds of insurance, fire, life, accident, burglary, theft, etc. Write for free literature.

# THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Christ's agony was suffered that love and brotherhood might merge as the great lesson by which man might profit for all time. Surely each of His wounds must bleed again when war is visited upon nations by each other. His is the word of Peace. Now that it has again been achieved let us never forsake it. We need only keep elevated the principles of kindness, tolerance and generosity—snuffing out the menaces of greed, aggression and power-lust before they reach dangerous proportions. We must not wait for omnipotence to make our world as we wish it, but we must recognize ourselves as crusaders in His spirit . . . loved Prince of Peace.

## Birmingham Plans Beautiful Services And Programs for Christmas Season

Celebrating its first peace time Christmas since 1940, Birmingham will present many beautiful programs and special services this season. In fact, some Christmas programs were given last Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, and are available since 1922 to reduce Oakland county's school districts from 177 to 100.

## Organization Work For Clothing Drive Nearly Completed

Work of organizing the various committees of a Birmingham part in the national clothing collection campaign, is reported just about finished. Mr. Cleveland Walcutt is head of Mayor Wilber E. Moody's city-wide committee and with her are a host of other workers who predict the campaign here will be a successful one. The general plan and one which is expected to bring in the largest number of garments is the personal appeal for people to bring their clothing articles to various collection depots. Most of these likely will be in churches of the city.

## Bronze Star For Cpl. Burton Wells

Notice has just been received here of the awarding of the Bronze Star to Cpl. Burton Wells, 36 10478 Field Artillery, 21st Field Artillery Battalion, United States Army. For meritorious service in the fire missions as they were sent against the enemy during the period 14 July, 1944, to 8 May, 1945 in Europe. During this period Cpl. Wells acted as instrument operator, assisting the executive officer in laying the battery and the weapons receiving the telephone operators at the executive post and recording the fire missions as they were sent from the battalion command post. His knowledge of the various duties and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Michigan.

## Dr. Vera Dean Will Lecture Here Jan. 8

Dr. Vera Dean, head of the research department of the Foreign Policy Association, will be presented on the Community Program Series, January 8, at 8:15 p. m. in the Community House by the American Association of University Women. Dr. Dean returned from Europe November 29, and will speak on "The Future of the United States in Europe."

## GET NEWS IN EARLY

Because of the fact there will be a heavy traffic of people both Christmas and New Years it will be necessary to get your news early for the edition of the Eclectic on Dec. 27 and January 3.  
These news, all your notices, parties, club news, notices and other news just as early as possible. And get those church notices in no later than Saturday, if possible.  
The dead line for everything except news items will be 11 o'clock on Monday afternoon, Dec. 24 and the same time for your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

## Plan Board Is To Be Set Up On New Basis

Appointments Will Be Made In July; Ordinance Amended  
In an effort to clear up existing confusion regarding appointments and terms of office of members of the City Planning Board, the ordinance under which this board operates, was amended by the City Commission at its session Monday night.  
The revised section 1 of the ordinance was amended to read as follows:  
"Section 1.—There is hereby created a Commission to be known as the City (Village) Planning Commission to consist of five citizens of Birmingham or locally, to be chosen because of their interest in civic development and knowledge of City Planning. The appointment of members of such Commission shall be made by the City Commission from the first day of July, one for a period of one year, two for a period of two years, and two for a period of three years, and after the expiration of said term the appointment shall be made for three years, or until their successors are appointed. One of which members appointed shall be named as chairman. Any vacancies on such Commission shall be filled in the same manner provided for the original appointments thereto. The members of the Commission shall be members, ex-officio of such Commission."  
The City Planning Commission shall meet at least once a month and at such other times and places as may be designated by the Chairman and shall submit to the City Commission on or before December 31st in each year a report concerning the activities of such Commission."

## Three Local Men Win Chicago City Planning Contest

The joint entry of David S. Geis, William H. Swanson and George Matsumoto has been selected by the judges of the "Better Chicago" contest as the winner of the main first prize of \$10,000. This city planning contest is the first of its kind offered to competitors in the United States for many years, and has as its objective, "the stimulation and formation of ideas to make the Chicago metropolitan area not only an efficient working city, but also a city in which to live. The three men are on the staff of the firm of Swanson, Geis and Matsumoto."

## To Inform Public

As a result of the industrial development in the last few years, Chicago, like all cities, has found itself in a disorganized physical state. The competition recognized the importance of the Chicago area and its outstanding position in the world. The competition recognized the importance of the Chicago area and its outstanding position in the world. The competition recognized the importance of the Chicago area and its outstanding position in the world.

## Birmingham Hopes State Will Help In Housing Drive

Birmingham is greatly interested in Governor Harry Kelly's campaign for aid in housing drive. Birmingham has been in the midst of a campaign for aid in housing drive. Birmingham has been in the midst of a campaign for aid in housing drive.

## Lt. R. J. Langerman Is Made Captain

AAAC'S MAJORITY HEADQUARTERS. Lt. R. J. Langerman was promoted to the rank of Captain by Roland J. Langerman, an Intelligence Officer, Delta Force, assigned to Headquarters 7th Army Airway Communications System at Fort Belvoir, St. Louis, Mo. In addition to his regular military duties, Captain Langerman is in charge of an intensive program of recreation and sports for 7th AAAC Wing Headquarters personnel.

## Join the Navy And See the World

Used to be a smart young man but nowadays it's . . . PUT YOUR WANT AD IN THE ECLECTIC AND Tell the World . . . To prove it we offer you the case of Mrs. John Parsons, of Bates Road, Eclectic. Her husband was killed in the Battle of the Marston. She was left with a young child and a large mortgage. She was in a desperate financial straits. She was in a desperate financial straits. She was in a desperate financial straits.

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Bloomfield Hills police report a traffic accident at Woodward and Long Lake roads on Monday night. A car driven by Elizabeth Hill, going north on Woodward, turned west on Long Lake road and struck a truck driven by Bernard Seguy of Saginaw. Both cars and truck were damaged. Mrs. Hill was taken to St. Joseph Mercy hospital for treatment. She was treated for a fractured hip and a broken arm. The truck was towed to the Bloomfield Hills area.

## More Rooms at Pierce School Being Planned

More rooms, probably ten of them, will be added to Pierce school building. If present plans being discussed by the Birmingham Board of Education are carried out, the Board, meeting Tuesday night, studied this problem and will likely order that a new school where an addition to the cafeteria is badly needed.

## Board of Education To Begin Study At Its January Meeting

With a large number of new homes being erected in the Pierce school district, it is thought the school board will increase in attendance next year. Early discussion of needs that include extra chess rooms and a new room for discussion groups, conferences and other activities. The building at Pierce school where an addition to the cafeteria is badly needed. The building at Pierce school where an addition to the cafeteria is badly needed.

## Five Teachers Resign

Resignation of five teachers was a part of the report of Dr. Dwight B. Ireland to the board Tuesday night. All will complete their work in Birmingham with the close of the present semester. Resignations were submitted by Mrs. E. W. Gibson, Barnum; Miss Shirley Dally, Adams; Mrs. Gerda Hansen, Adams; Mrs. E. W. Gibson, Barnum; Miss Shirley Dally, Adams; Mrs. Gerda Hansen, Adams.

## World Aid Veterans

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