

The average American in uniform, fighting all over this earth, risks his life every day to protect you. What must be their reaction to knowledge that you are playing the black record for personal profit, while others are dying in battle just to add to their bills!

SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR—NO. 1

Speaks Here Sunday

Baptist Church

Will Celebrate 75th Birthday

By G. R. A.

A Few Thoughts on Tilted of the Head, etc.

Several weeks ago I printed in this column some rambling thoughts, intended to be about nothing in particular, but in which I was particularly and in particular about no subject in particular.

Thus far, I've used the word "particular" four times, and I don't think I've used it in this column and am amused at the seeming strangeness of the formation of letters that go to make it up. I'd you ever have that happen to you with some word which is quite familiar? It'll bet you never.

Let's keep this week's column on a high and wholly (that last is another seeming strange word, too) and I'll bet I must sort of lift my inner gaze skyward; we've all been told to do this in our copy books in school, haven't we? So, I take skyward, I see a lot of clouds; those clouds made up of that word, which usually become raindrops, or maybe snowflakes—even hailstones could be made of that word, couldn't they?

Going skyward, these last few weeks, has been very interesting. Most of us have done this, and we're also required to wear raincoats, rubbers, and gloves, and generally be aware of the fact that this late early winter weather has been either too warm or too cold during their days, and too hot or too cold at night, or they've been complaining about the clouds, or have been wondering much of Old Sol. However, let us worry—we'll do our own work, and let God worry the rest. We're not to assume the burden of other people's sins.

We're still gaining skyward, folks? Ain't you folks getting a real tired from gaining skyward? Well, let's not look toward the ground, or else our knees will get tired from leaning in that direction, too. Which brings me to the conclusion of this, and the moral, if there is one in this sort of rambling arrangement of the alphabet for this week. If there be any virtue in gaining, mix up the letters and go downward straight ahead, on the level, where you are going, and as you look, smile at the people you see, absorb the beauties of the great earth about you, and be aware of the fact that every building you see is somebody's dream.

A shop, a school, a school, a church, or that most beloved of all structures—a home.

Try to be as lowly as in the sky to now and then bring the sun to the ground, and the rain and the hail be spawny from the supported vapor—'we're rained, and rubbered, and washed, and sheltered to help keep us dry'—and even a mud puddle can be a source of beauty. The sky can also be a thing of loveliness.

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Two brothers, first lieutenant Bruce Donald Macdonald, with headquarters company of the 1st Marine, now in the southwest Pacific, and second lieutenant Donald Macdonald, specializing in technical phase of radar on Transient Island, on the west coast, sea level, are the other two brothers. Another brother, Harry Colm Macdonald, is a high school graduate, connected with the Ordnance Dept. in Detroit; and a sister, Nancy, is now residing here at 538 Pleasant street, also survive.

Word from the late Harry Colm Macdonald, for many years president of Walker & Co., outside advertising firm.

WINS RIFLE MATCH

Cleveland B. Clark, 165 Stanley, turned in a right nice score at the Pistol Association, on Sunday. He shot a record for the small bore matches at Wyandotte and the large bore matches at Wyandotte. He also came home with the championship score for the rifle eyes out of a possible 60 for a 58.

COMMISSIONED TO NAVY

Ensign B. Maynard Zimmerman, son of Mrs. Thelma Ives Zimmerman, 675 Wisconsin, was commissioned as a Naval Ensign on June 5, and is expected home on leave some time today.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 1945

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City Is In Midst Of Campaign For Alley Improvement

The Birmingham City Commission has been working for some weeks on requests for closing of streets to alleys.

Review Fire Protection

A request for renewal of the water for fire protection agreement was made to the Electric company by the Birmingham City Commission.

Bloomfield Hills To Graduate Largest Class In History

The largest class in history of Bloomfield Hills High School will be graduated this morning.

Twenty More Men Away To War Duty

Twenty more men from the Birmingham Service Unit have been reported for war service with the Army.

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Lt. R. T. Hall, Army Air Force, stationed at Clovis Army Air Field, New Mexico, escaped from a narrow escape the other day when his plane in which he was flying crashed and burst into flames near the town.

The plane was a four-engine bomber, which was flying over a narrow strip of land. Lt. Hall was forced to make a soft landing, and through a number of fumes and smoke, he escaped from the plane.

Study New Site

A part of the study work will be a survey of sites and present facilities, and a determination of what can be accomplished by the plan of expanding the school district.

Commencement For Cranbrook Schools Will Be Saturday

Dr. Brooks Emery of Cleveland, Ohio, will speak to students, parents, and friends at Cranbrook schools Saturday, June 9, at 11 o'clock.

60 Boys Graduate

Sixty boys will receive diplomas from Cranbrook schools Saturday, June 9, at 11 o'clock.

Birmingham Girl Reaches Okinawa To Assist Nurses

In a letter which just reached Birmingham, Miss Ilene Schacht, 1826 Devonshire road, tells of her arrival at Okinawa, Japan, to assist the Army nurses.

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Birmingham Nurses Find Brother With Freed War Prisoners

A group of Birmingham girls, in a recent letter, appear to be getting a lot of fun out of a meeting with special Birmingham inmates.

7th War Loan Bond Drive Slows Down

Birmingham's campaign for the sale of the 7th War Loan Bond is reported lagging with only one day to go.

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