

When the history of the present is written, the accurate historians will say that... and for several years after World War II most Americans fell into a productive decline; labor loafed on the job, management became depressed; public morality reached lower levels; government played politics.

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Lloyd D. Lake, new local jeweler by the Birmingham Rotary Club last Monday noon, bringing the number up to 61. He was introduced to the Club following a brief talk by president Oscar P. Peterson on the objects of Rotary.

Some weeks ago the Birmingham Rotary Club appropriated from its treasury \$100, with which to buy and send food to starving Europeans. A letter was received last week from Rotary International headquarters stating that the money had been used to send packages to Poland, Greece, Austria, and Czechoslovakia.

While there is a serious paint shortage around the country, H. G. Lusty, secretary of the Custom Decorators, Inc., told the Wanderer this week that Birmingham homeowners don't need to look too discouraged on not being able to repaint the "old homestead." Lusty said that his concern was particularly fortunate to have quite a bit of both inside and outside paint on hand, "from a 60 to a 90-day supply, and don't seem to have too much trouble getting it."

Every once in a while The Eccentric receives with a subscription renewal a little note which testifies to the subscriber's "length of service," shall we say, with The Eccentric. The Wanderer would like to quote from one such letter from Dr. Enoch Mather, a former resident of Birmingham.

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Baldwin Graduates Of '49 Will Have No Valedictorian
The class of '49 graduating from Baldwin High School will have no valedictorian or salutatorian. It was decided by the Board of Education. Instead, top Birmingham students will be graduated magna cum laude.

Dr. Dwight B. Ireland said the decision to abandon the present selection of the two top students for honors was made in order to do away with any grief and hard feelings the selection often causes. "Every year when we compute marks to determine valedictorian and salutatorian, we get into the problem of grading students down to fractions of points. Teachers realize they cannot grade students and their abilities down to that point, and that the results arrived at may be unfair. "The new system," he said, "may be based on the present one of awarding everyone with a 3.5 average a magna cum laude diploma."

The faculty committee on academic scholarship will select those eligible for such honors. For the next two years the present valedictorian and salutatorian honor system will prevail, but students into the 10B will be informed this year that their class will follow the new graduation pattern.

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