

The Birmingham Eccentric

PART ONE

It is two weeks since Christmas was celebrated. Do you still remember the joy of that occasion? Are you still happy to greet others with the same sense of the "brotherhood of man" that you did two weeks ago? You're doing very well!

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Our Youth Should Be Grateful For New "Ranch Room"

Opening of the "Ranch Room of Teen Canteen" at the Birmingham Community House proves that those in charge of the House want to do something sustaining and constructive to help modern youth in their leisure hours, to enjoy themselves in an atmosphere of decency.

The Ranch Room, operated by the very youth who will enjoy its benefits, suggests that the enterprise will not only be popular, but that it will be governed on a democratic basis.

Many voices should accrue to this project. Young folks may gather at the Ranch Room numerous times each week, enjoy music and dancing, eat at the "snack bar," and participate in whatever other projects that may be developed from time to time.

Instead of being tempted to go to the letter in their leisure hours, to "spots" that certainly are not helpful to their character growth, local young folks may use the Ranch Room as fitting refuge from the roisterous, boisterous outside world.

Opening of the Ranch Room, under the leadership of the Birmingham Community House, will remember this wise community house annually seeks funds with which to carry on.

The U. S. Army wants all the military services merged into one, the U. S. Navy is bitterly opposed to this. Both services exist for the common defense and security of the whole nation. When the hands of both services take opposite views of the problem, how is the average citizen to get a clear, except in terms of confusion?

Empress Hirohito recently told his people that the legend of his being a direct descendant of the Sun-god is a myth that is just an ordinary human being. That was about the only time Hirohito ever let the sun of realism shine into the thinking of the Japanese nation, isn't it?

During the war, the length of men's hair was shortened to six inches. It meant saving millions of tons of unnecessary hair, not to mention the fact that men are quite willing to sacrifice so that women may have less to do.

New Year's Day saw numerous football teams all over the nation. In heated football games, millions of dollars were taken in the play-by-play accounts of the games. That's fine for managers, but when some very important national issue is up for discussion, fewer people pay attention to it than listen to football games. That's why, incidentally, the average people of the U.S. get kicked around so much.

While it may be true that Hitler is dead, it is not true that the fanatical ideas he launched upon Germany are dead. Millions of Germans still believe Hitler was right; they need plenty of re-education by the severe Armistice of Occupation if Germany is to remain at peace with other nations.

Habit always is stronger than reason, for most adults. To save the world from future chaos, let's concentrate on today's youth, who yet haven't formed all their thought habits.

Plans Finished For Institute On Education

Dr. Slutz Will Come Next Wednesday For Dinner and Forum

Next Wednesday evening, January 16, marks Birmingham's annual community-wide Institute, this year focused on the theme of adult education. Rosa Wagner, institute chairman and president of the Community Council which is sponsoring the event, hopes that all Birmingham adults will find time to attend some part of the program at the Community House.

Dr. Frank D. Slutz, Dayton, Ohio, authority on adult education and human relations and a widely known educator, will be the Institute's principal lecturer and counselor. He will deliver an address at the public subscription dinner opening the institute and a participating in the public subscription planned for the evening. Both his talk and the panel discussion are open to the public without charge.

Widely Known Educator
Dr. Slutz degrees from Harvard, the University of Denver and Mount Vernon College in Alliance, Ohio. He has been connected with educational institutions all his life as teacher, principal, and superintendent of schools, among them the Moreland Park Schools in Ohio and Ohio, Dr. Slutz was educational director of the Ohio Teachers' College, 1927-32. Since then he has devoted his time largely to educational counseling and guidance in high schools and colleges.

The educator is the president (See INSTITUTE, Page 2)

Wabek State Bank Re-elects Officers

The Wabek State Bank, at its annual meeting at the main offices in Detroit Tuesday evening reported a splendid year's business with a healthy increase in assets. Directors were re-elected and a number of appointments made to the list of officers.

Directors included: W. M. Cornelius, Frank Goetzman, Allen B. Gray, Henry T. Ewald, William A. Fisher, Leonard I. Healy, Clarence J. Huddleston, George B. Judson, Clarence E. Wilcox and William R. Yaw.

Officers re-elected: Frank Cozzens, chairman of the board; George B. Lindoo, president; Henry T. Ewald, Benjamin E. Saylor, John N. Daley, Albert C. Voss, William E. Griswold, vice-presidents; Clarence J. Huddleston, executive vice-president; Fred C. Schorr, vice-president and cashier; Evan Prowse, Lou A. Wilson, Arlie R. Traphen, Gaston A. Baigneuf and D. D. Forsyth, assistant cashiers; Otto W. Emmerich, auditor; Clifford C. Smythe, for some time assistant cashier, was promoted to the office of assistant vice-president. Louis N. Williams, manager of the Ferndale office, was elected an assistant cashier and Gerald C. Barry, of the credit department, was promoted to assistant cashier.

Frank Quisenberry continues as manager of the Wabek State Bank in Birmingham.

If selling your car, why not call your local Chrysler dealer, 479 So. Woodward, Suite 402.

Commencement For Winter Class Will Be Held On Jan. 22

Commencement exercises for the January, 1946, class of Baldwin High School will be held in the auditorium Jan. 22 at 8 o'clock. Forty-seven students will graduate, six of whom completed their high school courses while serving in the armed forces.

The program for commencement has been planned with Dr. Henry Hitt Crane, Central Methodist church, Detroit, giving the address on the topic "Achieving an All-in Victory."

The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, Grosse Ile, will give the invocation.

The choir, band, and students of Owen Chapman, Nancy Annasi, and Robert Marsh will present the musical numbers for the exercises.

Two New Teachers Are To Come For Second Semester

Two of the five vacancies in the teaching staff of the Birmingham public schools for the next school semester have been filled secondarily to Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent. Work is continuing to fill the three other posts. The left vacant by teachers resigning to be filled by teachers returning.

Coming will be two returned practitioners, Gleason MacLennan, Lansing, and John J. Ferdlan, Jr., of Ansonia, Conn. The former, a graduate of Michigan State, will teach Spanish and English and the latter, a graduate of University of Michigan, will teach Spanish and English. The new term opens Jan. 28.

In Pacific Area
MacLennan served for about three years and Ferdlan for about four years in the Pacific war area. One thing troubling Dr. Ireland and the new teachers is rooms. "Getting suitable living quarters for our teachers, long a problem, has developed into a real serious task," said Dr. Ireland today. "We hope some Birmingham families with unused rooms in their private houses will come forward with offers to lease rooms to our teachers. I wish any family with such a room available would phone 671 at once, really would appreciate this help. If we cannot find rooms, we just cannot hold our teachers."

Swimming Pool To Open Next Monday

The swimming season at Barnum pool opens next Monday afternoon. The season will continue for ten weeks under the general supervision of John Brozman, physical education director of that school.

The pool will be in use Monday and Tuesday afternoons for high school boys, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons for elementary school boys and girls. For the evening hours Mondays have been set aside for adults, Tuesdays for Boy Scouts and Thursdays for Girl Scouts.

"The fees are to be \$1 for the ten weeks for all students while adults will pay \$2 for the 10 week season or 25 cents per session."

The afternoon hours probably will be from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock, while the evening hours will be from 7 to 9 o'clock. The elementary school hours will be from 9:30 to 10:30 for girls and from 10:30 to 11:30 for boys on Saturday forenoons.

The adult hours will be from 6 to 8 o'clock for women and from 8 to 9 o'clock for mixed groups, on Monday evenings.

INSURE NOW SECURITY—The Nation's Watchdog

Adv. 41

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Michigan needs a new child-labor law

League of Women Voters urges its passage immediately.

Zoning Change Turned Down By Commission

Declines To Change Strip of Lots Just East of Grand Trunk

The city commission, meeting last Wednesday night, turned down a petition for rezoning of the strip of lots on East Maple avenue, east of the Grand Trunk railroad, from Business A to Industry. The vote was four yes and three no, with six yes votes necessary for the change.

The petition was presented by Fred Brooke, of tax Brooke, Inc., and John Gaffil, attorney for the Grand Trunk railroad, which owns most of the property in question. The petition first went to the City Plan Board, which recommended that it be refused unless the purchasers enter into an agreement to provide for a 25-foot setback for any building along the front of the section of the property in question. This the petitioners agreed to do, and presented deeds disclosing this item included.

Joint Industry Section
The property to the south, adjacent to this strip, is already zoned for industry. The city commission at a previous meeting had abandoned the strip and an alley in the section in question, retaining only easements necessary for the railroad crossing.

Two owners of property directly across East Maple avenue from the strip, Mrs. J. B. Beckley and Edward J. Joseph, who reside on Yorkshire and own property fronting on East Maple, opposite the section being studied, declared they were opposed to any change.

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Local Youth On Pilgrimage To Home Of Theresa Neumann To Witness Her Agony; Tells Home Folks About Interesting Trip

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH

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Four Dog Ordinance Cases Are Heard By Judge Forbes Hascall

Four persons from quite a long list of local residents who have not licensed their dogs under the Birmingham city dog license, appeared in Judge Forbes C. Hascall's city court Tuesday. They declared the reason for not securing a license for their dogs was they objected to the immunization feature of the present ordinance.

The jail provision of the sentence was suspended with the understanding that each pay \$5 costs, secure a 1945 license without penalty, and also secure a 1946 license within 10 days, with only one immunization necessary under this plan.

City Clerk Irene Hanley reports that police records disclose about 30 other dog owners without 1945 licenses for their dogs.

Owners reporting for their cases Tuesday included George C. Best, Thomas Reaney, Era De-Vliger and Harold Webster.

It's Been a Cold, Cold Time



It's a cold trip home for some of the boys. Here's Gunner's Mate 3/Jack Snyder of Everett, Wash., chopping ice from forward guns of troop-carrying battleship Washington in New York harbor.

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Lathrup Townsite Woman Is Fatally Injured In Crash

Mrs. Cathie M. Wylie, wife of George E. Wylie of San Diego boulevard, died Jan. 6 in Redford Receiving hospital following an automobile accident at Southfield and 10 Mile road at 6 o'clock Jan. 2.

Riding with her husband was her son, Gordon, 10, who was injured, and Arthur Suro, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Suro, 10, Santa Barbara drive, who received minor cuts and abrasions on the face, and a punctured ear drum.

The driver of the other car was Alvin Novels, 24900 Inlander road, Farmington, who was in the hospital two days with minor injuries.

Mrs. Wylie, a member of the Birmingham Presbyterian church, was enroute there to attend a playlet when the head-on collision occurred.

Mrs. Wylie represented Scotland on the International Ladies Field Hockey association and coached field hockey at Kingswood School for Girls. She is survived by her husband, George; two sons, Douglas, with the Army in Alaska, and Gordon, at home.

Cpl. Wylie was flown part way home and arrived in time for the funeral at 11 a. m. Wednesday from the residence. Burial was in Anacis Park cemetery.

Victory Loan Bond Drive Is Over Top

City Credited Total Is \$751,194; Many Buy Bonds Elsewhere

With the Victory bond campaign closed, with the only reports over their quotas Birmingham has been signing her part in the successful drive and finds the results encouraging, according to Herbert H. Gardner, general chairman of the drive.

The nation's goal was 11 billion dollars and the total of bonds purchased was \$211,000,000, with an over subscription of \$10,144,000,000. Michigan with a goal of \$329,000,000 reported a total sale of \$81,000,000.

Par Over Goals
The report by counties has not yet been completed by the state headquarters and only reports show every county in the state well over its quota.

Birmingham has a credit of \$751,194, with still further credit anticipated when the figures are in and the county figures are in. The figure does not include bonds purchased by hundreds of Birmingham residents in other parts of the country and business in Detroit, Pontiac and other cities, and it is believed that Birmingham's figure likely would be double that credited to Birmingham's bond sale (included \$200,000 in E bonds, with the other income making up the balance of the total reported).

Letter of Thanks
Frank E. Quisenberry, chairman of the Retailers' Committee, this week expressed his appreciation to all who assisted in the successful retail campaign. His letter follows:

"As your chairman of the War Bond Drive Committee, I wish to report that the results of the eighth and last War Loan Drive have been very gratifying. We have more than doubled our quota which was \$170,000. The exact amount of our sale is not known at this time, but we hope the complete figures will be available by next week.

"It was to take the opportunity at this time to express our sincere appreciation for the wholehearted cooperation and assistance of all of our members. (See BOND DRIVE, Page 2)

Large Increase In Assets Is Reported By National Bank

An increase of approximately 22 per cent in the assets of the Birmingham National Bank during 1945 was reported to the stockholders at its annual meeting Tuesday night by H. H. Gardner, president, in his annual report. As of Dec. 31, 1945, total assets stood at \$11,385,374.70.

"Our attention is directed to the very substantial increase in our loan accounts," reported Mr. Gardner, "a trend which may be expected to continue as home construction and business development in our community expand during the years ahead."

New Addition Planned
"In our report at the annual meeting last year, reference was made to the need for extending facilities to properly care for our business, and the remodeling of the existing building to conform to the general plan. The firm of Saarinen and Johnson has prepared plans and specifications which we believe will meet with the approval of our stockholders, and to the needs of our rapidly growing community. It is our plan to undertake construction when in the opinion of the Board of Directors, general conditions suggest the feasibility of proceeding. Publicity will be given our plans at the proper time.

"The management of the Bank looks forward to days of large activity, as the country proceeds with a conversion from war-time economy to one of peace. We are confident that with adequate facilities and organization adjusted to the banking requirements of the community, we shall continue to provide the public the type of service for which we are known.

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Donald Egbert Is Back At Old Post

City Manager Donald C. Egbert was back at his former position at the city commission table for the first meeting of the new year, held on Jan. 23 and declared that he seemed good to get back to his old job. "Seemed natural," he said, "to be there with the others handling affairs of the city."

Harold H. Corson, city engineer, who was acting city manager during the absence of Mr. Egbert on war duty, has returned to full-time engineering. He attended the Wednesday commission meeting in that capacity and assisted in the study of a number of problems involving his department.

Mr. Egbert said he had been back for two short times to form some very definite plans for work in his department and departments which he has had supervision but that a quick survey disclosed work was moving along well.

Here Are Scenes Taken at Opening of New Ranch Room in the Birmingham Community House



Here's the Popular Snack Bar

One of the popular spots opening night, and expected to continue as such, is the Snack Bar, located at the south side of the room. A complete soda fountain has been installed for serving soft drinks, ice creams and sandwiches. Caught here just before the program of presentation last Wednesday night were members of the Youth Committee named in the table above, are left to right, Katherine, Joan Toothaker, Nancy Hanson, Pat Mullin, Ruth Kadell, Bill Rustia, Knight Houghton. Back of the soda fountain are Richard McClintock and Bruce Williams.

Here Is Community House Committee

Here are shown some of the enthusiastic workers before the fireplace in the new Ranch Room: Standing, left to right, are G. C. Mutterbaugh, contractor in charge of the work; Paul N. Averill, president of the Community House Board of Directors; E. J. Anderson, vice president of the Board; T. Hollister Mahler, chairman of the adult section of the Youth Committee; and seated table, Miss Fay C. Jasmann, Community House director; Mrs. J. Rowland Quinn and Mrs. Hugh McLeese, of the Youth Committee.

They Are Enjoying the Juke Box

The gang which came for the opening night really enjoyed the big juke box over in one corner of the room. The same youth committee group found themselves having the first service from the snack bar and also supervising the first round of music from records during the presentation night. It is said that Mr. Juke Box is being to find himself rather busy providing popular music for the various activities and the general sessions of the Ranch Room. The gang liked the service Bruce Williams was providing. In fact, Bruce was kept busy all evening long.