

### Asks Retirement After 43 Years As School Teacher

The request of Miss Ella Cross, sixth grade teacher at Paces School, that she be retired from teaching by the Birmingham Board of Education was granted by the board Monday night.

In addition, the board passed a special resolution commending Miss Cross for her splendid record of 23 years of teaching in the Birmingham schools and for her years of faithful and excellent service to the boys and girls in this community.

Miss Cross will leave her post

this June, after 42 years of teaching in Michigan, 25 of which were in Birmingham. She attended the old Michigan Central State at Mt. Pleasant and obtained her degree at Wayne University while teaching. Born in Woodstock, Ont., and graduated from Case City high school, she has taught in Cass City, Had Axe, Reese, Akron, Ellington Township, and at the Hill, Barnum and Pierce schools here.

Constituting less than seven per cent of the world's population he and his fellow Americans own most of the world's radios, more than half of the world's telephones, three-quarters of the world's cars.

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### Pluvius 'Goes to the Dogs' This Week and Attempts to Solve City Canine Problem

By Helen Bishop

Pluvius Kviding, head of the Eccentric's Yvabile Odd Investigations Department, known to some as the VOID, came out of hiding again this week to talk about something usually brought up only once a year—dogs.

Now Pluvius himself doesn't own a dog and it is certainly not "Be Kind to Animals Week," so we were just about to ask him why he had selected dogs and how he had gone about researching on the subject when he volunteered the information himself.

"You know," he said reflectively, "I see so many dogs in this city—most of them well-fed and happy-looking—that it leads me to believe that almost every resident here must love dogs.

Maybe Just Careless

"However," he continued, "for all the folks that love their dogs, there must be a few in this here city that just can't stand 'em—or maybe it just appears that way—maybe they're folks that like their dogs but are plain careless about them.

Nope, Pluvius told us, you can't really prove anything just by watching for the number of dogs walking around a town.

"Why, one look at the staggering total of dogs that turn up on the police blotter each week in Birmingham as being lost, stolen, poisoned, shot, run over, or picked up by the police, would make any stranger think we were death on 'em!" Pluvius exclaimed.

"Dogs being run over by cars account for most deaths," he told us. "At least two dogs a week meet their maker under the wheels of a car in Birmingham, and every so often a dog gets poisoned or shot.

Rock Salt, Not Buck Shot

"Now the only way for a dog to get poisoned is for him to eat rat or rodent poison; taking it for granted that no one would deliberately leave poison out for community pets. It makes me kind of mad," Pluvius continued, "to hear of other hands that are inadvertently poisoned! I know that if a person has rats, they've got to get rid of them, and the best way is poison, but I wonder if they sometimes forget that when they leave poison out in the open for rats,

### Hunger Makes People See Red



Lack of food is perhaps the major root cause that makes people a prey to political ideologies—that can make Turkey and Greece easy marks for the expanding Soviet. Here is a threatening scene in Turkey—the ancient, wind-blown method used since pre-Biblical times that keeps three-fourths of Turkey's 19,000,000 people working in agriculture... at an all-too-scarce food supply. This picture represents part of the reason President Truman is asking \$400,000,000 for military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

### Blood Bank Plans Nearly Completed Reports Chairman

Plans for the two-day civilian blood donation clinic, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Health and carried on through the Red Cross, are rapidly nearing completion. It was learned today from Mrs. A. K. Töpfer, chairman of the clinic.

The unit from the Red Cross will be at the Community House from 2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 8 p.m., April 7 and 8. People may go to the clinic during those hours without an appointment, but appointments for definite times during the two-day period may be made.

The clinic will be similar to those conducted during the war, except that blood taken now will be used for civilians and at rest-ock Oakland County hospitals with blood plasma so desperately needed.

Groups Lend Assistance

Mothers who wish to donate blood may bring their children along with them, as arrangements have been made to care for kids while donations are being made. After giving blood, the donor will be given a snack by members of the Canteen Service.

For those unfamiliar with the process and the length of time it takes, Mrs. Töpfer estimated that a donation would take between 20 minutes and half an hour.

In order to keep the clinic going smoothly, many branches of the Red Cross in Birmingham have reorganized and are lending their assistance to Mrs. Töpfer and her committee.

Deadline for CLUB NEWS reports at noon Mondays. adv. t.

### Assembly Speaker Second in Series Of AA Meetings Is Saturday Nite



Joel E. Nystrom

Joel E. Nystrom, executive of the American Federation of YMCAs in South America, who has been speaking before civic and luncheon clubs in Wayne and Oakland Counties, will address the Baldwin High School student assembly tomorrow morning. His topic is "South America Today."

Nystrom will be introduced by Bill Kindley, chairman of the assembly committee.

In the evening, Nystrom will meet with a small group of Birminghamites in the home of Dr. and Mrs. John K. Ormond. Questions related to the social and economic situation of the dis-united South American countries will be discussed. Opportunity will be presented to all to express their viewpoints and glean first hand information about South America.

The combined Oakland County groups of Alcoholics Anonymous will meet for the second time in the Birmingham Community House this Saturday, March 29, at 8:30 p.m.

This is the second in a series of monthly Saturday night meetings, scheduled for the purpose of providing a central meeting place where members of sponsoring groups and AA's from anywhere, as well as interested outsiders, may get together and hear some outstanding speaker.

Well over 300 members and visitors from points as far away as Bay City and Ann Arbor attended the first meeting, despite snowy, slippery weather conditions.

Open to Public

Saturday night's meeting will be open to anyone. The speaker of the evening will be a man from one of the Chicago groups who has been in the AA program for some years. He is a representative of the business and legal profession who will tell of his alcoholic experiences both before and after joining AA. There will be a social gathering after the speaking, with refreshments to be served.

Special invitation has been extended to the clergy, medical and law enforcement groups who may be interested in knowing something of the working of the AA program.

Bane to Motorists

Here Pluvius halted for a space, and we took the opportunity to state that we, too, thought leaving poison in the open horrible, but shooting the dog worse than that, but that something more could be said about the cars!

Dogs who have never learned how to cross a road, or who chase cars down the road can be a real bane to motorists, and can even cause a serious accident if the driver doesn't exercise judgment when avoiding a dog!

"I'm guessing at that," Pluvius resumed his discussion. "What my observation and research points out is that a dog can be a real bane to motorists, and can even cause a serious accident if the driver doesn't exercise judgment when avoiding a dog!"

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What's the Answer?

"What's the dog's owner going to do about it? So many of the people who weekly lose their pets are terribly wrought up and mad at the car driver, never giving it a thought that if they'd kept Fido home, he might be alive today."

The problem, we agreed with Pluvius, was a tricky one. On one hand you have a pet that you love and that you feel must get out by himself for a little exercise. On the other hand, you're on the street and realize what a nuisance and sometimes menace a dog that darts across the street in front of you or dodges in and out of traffic can be.

"Well," Pluvius finished, "I don't know even what rules people with dogs could follow, save the ones we all know, like keeping your dog to home, not putting out open poison, or shooting at dogs. Then if your car does hit one, you should make sure he's not still suffering while you tear away on business—but I don't know if those rules are enough!"

Here Pluvius paused a bit and meditated, obviously racking his brains for an answer to the problem. So were we. Presently Pluvius stood up, sighed, said "Well, again and shuffled off into his corner muttering that he must be going to the dogs—leastways he was all on their side.

Per-capita ice cream consumption in the U. S. is now about 19 quarts a year -- exactly double the 1940 level.

### When Easter is made Happier!

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### ALL-OCCASION PINK



Photos courtesy New York Dress Institute

Carduroy Junior coat with back fullness.

JUST about the newest trend in coats, and not merely of this season but for several to come, is back fullness from the shoulders. The carduroy topper pictured today is a smart Spring and Summer variation in Junior sizes—a full length wrap as useful as the "shortie" and in a pretty, pale pink to go with both pastels and dark colors.

Pink stars in the collections of New York designers of junior fashions, all the way from playclothes to evening. An adorable pet jacket comes in pink fleecy wool, for instance, and an off-shoulder sundress is made of candy pink gingham with white eyelet ruffing. For after-dark, one designer shows a short melon-pink satlle dress with

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