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our superior intelligence and our innate fighting abilities.

"However, in the War of 1812 we suffered disgraceful defeats at Niagara and Bladenburg because we had untrained soldiers in the field. Thus we redressed ourselves at sea but only because we had a fleet of the swiftest sailing vessels in the world built by the rich merchants on the Atlantic seaboard."

The General said that our policy of objecting to U.M.W. means that untrained and inexperienced boys are sent into the most dangerous game in the world. "You wouldn't call a student in his first year of medical training if you had a serious illness in your family. If your son wanted to go out for football, you would want to be sure that the coach knew his business. Then why must you ignore the preparation of our men for the vital job of defense?" he concluded.

'Y' Cagers Still After First Win

Birmingham Y M C A Variety dropped its 8th consecutive game last Thursday when they lost 31-37 against Hannan YMCA, the State champions.

Don Little dropped in 8 buckets and 4 foul shots to bring his season's average to 11 points per game. He is followed by Roger Reynolds, who is second in the department with 64 points in 7 games.

Is Named to Kiwanis Post

John W. Grimes, W. 11 Mile road, Southfield Township, has been elected Lieutenant Governor of District 11 of Kiwanis to fill the vacancy caused by the serious illness and resignation of Trudeau Desjardins of Leeper.

This and That

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the modern motor car would be impossible.

In his ministrations to ailing people, the physician at the scene could not perform his services without using medicinal commodities that come from outside the United States.

One could go on, indefinitely, offering similar examples of the need of America for products, medicines, grown, or manufactured abroad.

Indeed, in the world of culture, of music, literature, painting, sculpture, and drama, the very essence of our religious idealism and ethics came to our land from foreign shores!

In the final analysis, Folks would it not be something close to anti-divinity for the people of any nation to assume that they and they alone, exist upon Mother Earth and are entitled to all its fruits?

There are, of course, many varying thoughts upon the subject, tangled in prejudice, in intolerance, in economic covetousness and greed.

Not only to the economic phases of the problem is a tremendous subject; major political parties center in their attitudes toward the solution of the problems of world trade.

Cannot Eat, Wear, Cold

There are those foolish, uninformed people who think that the products of America, for example, should be sold abroad for gold only forgetting that gold is but a medium of exchange—and that the best possible world relationships can exist only when one nation or group of nations, pay one another in the labor-and the products of their own lands.

For example, if Michigan were to expect California to pay for our automobiles only with gold . . . if the California citrus crop, to its timber production, its vast mineral resources . . .

The same example can be used in Michigan's relations with other members of the world. . . . neither can a "State unto itself"; neither can the United States, conventionally, be a "nation unto itself."

In these altogether too brief comments, I have but reached the fringe of the world trade problem. You, Folks can, if you wish, learn more about the subject by attending the Birmingham Community Council's meeting January 23.

Set National Pattern

This issue of The Eccentric contains much upon the general subject; extra copies have been printed for nationwide circulation among men and women interested in the problems of a better international world trade situation.

My compliments to all those local individuals and groups who have planned and will participate in this important program.

If we want, for ourselves and our posterity, . . . life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness . . . we must work at it!

"It better to light even a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness!"

Guests of OHCC

This evening 22 members of the Baldwin High School varsity football squad and coaches Vincent Secotinic, Harold Newcomb and Jack Simonds will be guests of Oakland Hills Country Club for dinner and showing of the Rose Bowl movie.

The affair will be stag and all entertainment will be of a football nature.

A TERRIFIC Single Feature Program COMING SUNDAY—7 DAYS "THE FOXES OF NARROW" Birmingham Theatre

McFarland Argues for Removal of Trade Barriers

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Pinning the chief blame for the second world war on protective tariffs and the general argument of economics, Edward W. McFarland argued for bigger import and gradual removal of trade barriers as a means of relaxing international tension at a meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Birmingham at Baldwin Library Jan. 14.

The address, followed by an open forum, was the kickoff in a series of events designed as warm-up sessions for the Community Council Institute.

"We have become the world's greatest market but refuse to let them sell us their products," said McFarland.

Paved Way for Facism

He declared that passage of the Smoot-Hawley bill in 1930 was the second world war in the making. The Birmingham High Twelve Club took over in that country, civil war broke out, and the world was faced with the economic situation.

McFarland said that similar trade barriers exist here and that they have paved the way for facism and Nazism.

With the shooting of World War II ended, we have still another chance to make this world a better place to live in. . . . In the selected few," he asserted.

"There has never been a more auspicious time than now for facing the problem. With a prostrate world, with its industries demolished, the United States is being invited to fear from foreign competition. We can increase our imports without doing any harm. Reduction of our tariffs would help us obtain goods we need, and at the same time give the buying abroad of our products."

Assails American Apathy

"As the number one nation of the world holding the greatest wealth we must admit foreign goods to pay this debt. If we expect payment, we declare," he declared. "If we can be sure the Marshall plan will be entirely a gift."

He assailed the apathy of the American people toward the problems of world trade and claimed the decisions on trade have been left to a small minority of special interests.

McFarland was introduced by Mrs. F. G. Garrison, president of the League of Women Voters.

Sally

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shop on such a day, friend Sally hurried back to work, to reach the finished first article, brilliantly written, and found that it had come from a member of the Society of Education. The second was a contribution from a Russian scientist on the uses of synthetic products. Sally put her head on her arm and took a nap.

The afternoon was a nightmare of doubt and indecision. Sally questioned every bit of office equipment. She mistrusted everything she touched, and even went so far as to consider, garment by garment, the clothes she wore. Slowly her confidence returned—Sally, you see, is allergic to nylon, so she was wearing silks. Just as her spirits reached this low, someone read excerpts from an automotive magazine, which announced blatantly that it takes the products of ten countries, or more, to make one automobile. Sally doesn't own a car, but she does ride a bus and what is a bus but a car's big cousin?

It was a subdued Sally who sat down to dinner that night, and it was with a critical and jaundiced eye that she viewed the table. The same dishes, brought from Wales, and the same silver, brought from England. She restlessly pushed the pepper away, and skipped the coffee. That much, at least she would do for the cause.

During the evening she examined the book carefully before she began to read, and read two of her favorite radio programs because they originated in Canada.

The Final Blow

At bed time she gazed at her clock and sat on the Canadian blanket to review the day. Coffee, china, silver, leather, rubber, silk, pepper, paper, dyes—it was just too much. Sally groaned and put her head in her hands. As she raised her hands she caught a glimpse of gold, and dropped them into her lap to consider the ring she wore. Gold. Good old American gold, unsullied American gold! She smiled happily at them.

The final blow-fell. As is a habit of hers when she is upset, Sally began twisting the ring on her right hand, her finger tips following the lines of the engraving. Yes, the final blow—her very favorite ring was an old Italian intaglio!

Sally put out the light and went to sleep. A sleep troubled by dreams in which she was chased by foreign countries, each carrying a banner labeled "World Trade."

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Maple Cagers Down Mt. Clemens Team,

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Showing greatly improved team work, Birmingham's varsity cagers came back after their loss to Ferndale to gain their first league victory of the season by wallopping the Mt. Clemens Bathers 48-24 in Baldwin gym Jan. 15.

The game started as an evenly matched contest with the lead fluctuating from one team to the other during the first quarter, at the end of which the Bathers led, 9-7.

This triumph was short-lived, however, for the Maples uncorked a potent fast breaking offense, racking up 18 markers while limiting the Bathers to a single basket. This gave Birmingham a 21-11 lead at the half.

Maples Look Much Better

It took Dick Murray exactly four seconds to start a wild Maple scoring spree in the third quarter as Rob Polin swished in six baskets.

Hear "Old Traveler"

Jim Welch, known to thousands as "The Old Traveler," was the guest speaker Monday night when the Birmingham High Twelve Club held its regular meeting.

Welch, obtained by Ernest Baldwin, program chairman, gave an interesting description of many of the places he has visited during his purposeful wanderings around the country as he spoke on "The Glories of America."

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Whip Hazel Park, 42-23, to Win

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The Birmingham cagers made it two in a row in league play by trouncing a taller Hazel Park quintet, 42-23, on the Vikings' very small floor last Friday night.

The Maples met one of the weakest teams in the league, the Parkers having had a great deal of trouble getting started this season. They also had difficulty hitting on their long shots.

The Maples looked better than they played in the game and were never headed after the first quarter, their fast-breaking offense giving Birmingham a 21-9 lead at the half.

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Fellowship Dinner

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The Protestant Laymen of Southfield Township will hold their annual fellowship dinner Friday, Feb. 6, in the Annie Estabrook school auditorium, Circle No. 1. I will prepare the meal. On Jan. 30 the Church Guild will sponsor a rummage sale. Mrs. William Hayes is chairman. Mrs. W. Hoering entertained Circle No. 11 on Tuesday evening.

The man who confers a kindness should be silent concerning it; he who receives it should proclaim it.

—Seneca

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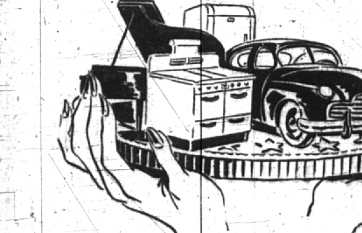
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