

The most common of all salutations is that of the hostess. How good it is to shake hands with others, and to feel the security of their friendliness as a few minutes' acquaintance by a trustful smile, attends the meeting!

Here Are the 3 Winning U F Editorials

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Will You Help Me?

By LINDA LOOMIS
12th Grade, B'ham High School
First Place Winner!

We are neighbors, you and I. We are both average-citizens who believe in our country and in the welfare of our fellow-men. Sometimes I wonder if you know the less fortunate side of me.

I am a cancer victim for whom there was no hope. Then a cure was discovered through research, which is costly in all fields of medicine. Will this important research continue?

I am a Boy Scout. Your son, perhaps, or brother or just another healthy American youngster. We try to finance our troop program by paper drives and other means. Last year we supported the United Foundation and it helped us in return. You'll join us in giving this year, won't you?

YOU REMEMBER ME at this season particularly as the patient whose partial paralysis is a handicap, dreadful to consider. I was with you until, recently on the job, at school or at play. Now I am one of *les miserables* who hopes and prays for charity donations to defray the expenses of treatment for polio.

I am a Travelers' Aid booth worker in a railway station. You have come to me for information and other aid while on business or pleasure trips across this great United States. Foreigners are met by representatives of T. A. Will the Torch Drive be successful enough to contribute the money necessary for our operation?

I AM A HOMELESS child in need of a family to love me, friends and a normal life as a happy young citizen. You can help me find this home.

a piece is prohibitive and another is that we don't have workmen who know how to do it.

"Paris and Rome are the two centers for such craftsmanship. In fact, most of the orders, medals and decorations of the world are made in these two cities."

IN ONE of the glass covered cases in his office, Bruni has the Order of the British Empire, Knight Commander's Cross. This was obtained while he was visiting in Canada. He saw the piece on display in a shop window.

Finding the owner was a widow, (the insignia had been given to her husband) Bruni made a deal which only a dentist could do. He made her a set of false teeth, which she needed, for one part of the order which is to be worn around the neck. When the widow needs a new set of teeth, Bruni will get the rest of the order which is to be worn with a sash.

His only hope is that she will outlive her present set of teeth and will be in need of another before too long.

HE OWNS an original Order of Tunisia, 1881, after which France took the order over. He got this from a Frenchman who was glad to exchange it for six pairs of nylon stockings.

"He was happy with the exchange," Bruni said, "for nylon hose were selling in France at the time for \$18 a pair. I was happy about it, too, because I got the nylons in a Birmingham store for \$1.35 a pair."

Most of the miniatures of Bruni's collection were obtained when he was in Europe during the last war with the 8th Marine Division, American cigarettes were a wonderful medium of exchange, he found out.

"I could have gotten the larger medals, too," Bruni said sadly, "but we could only carry 30 pounds around with us, so I had to let the big ones go."

THE VICTORIA CROSS, which

was founded by Queen Victoria in 1856, is Great Britain's highest decoration and is one of Bruni's rare pieces. The cross is awarded so seldom that, according to Bruni, "you have to be practically dead before you get one."

One of Bruni's hopes is that someday he will possess the British medal of Amantia. Only 29 of these were issued to the survivors of the battle between the British and Napoleonic forces in 1806 for the town of Amantia.

Neither side won the battle, according to Bruni, and the only time the town was ever taken by force was in the last war by the Americans. The town lies half way up the coast of Italy, between Sicily and Naples and is the home town of Bruni's father, Sam Bruni, a local merchant.

At the present time, 100 of Bruni's medals, orders and decorations are being exhibited at a hobby show in New York City.

To Present Paper At Annual Clinic

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 23—Dr. John P. Wood, 1131 Lyonhurst, Birmingham, Mich., will be one of the principal speakers at the 25th annual clinical assembly of the American Osteopathic College of Radiology, to be held at the Neil House in Columbus, Ohio from Oct. 26-30.

Dr. Wood, past president of the American Osteopathic Association and senior member of the Orthopedic staff of the Detroit Osteopathic hospital, will present a paper on "Bone Tumors," associated with Dr. Wood will be Dr. Charles J. Karibo.

Attending the clinical assembly will be some 1,200 members of the osteopathic profession who specialize in surgery, orthopedics, radiology and anesthesiology.

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I am an American. I could be you. Will you lend a hand?

The Torch of Hope

By CHERYL MICHELSON
11th Grade, B'ham High School
Second Place Winner

Above the heads of the crowd a silhouette of a huge torch stood against the night. Ready to be lit, it waited for the child who would touch a spark to it. She was engaged in coming that another would be for her legs were encased in heavy braces. Still, she walked to the platform on which the torch rested and the crowd fell back to make a path for her.

Strong hands lifted her high while she touched a light to the torch. A little spark caught and glowed, mirrored a thousand-fold by the twinkling stars overhead. Would the spark live? The people watched.

A MAN LIFTED a lonely child to his shoulder so he could see over the crowd. The spark danced and glowed and became a little flame. A boy wrapped his coat about an elderly little man standing beside him, stooped and threadbare, shivering in the cold of the night.

The little flame spread and grew, reaching with tiny red hot fingers to catch the farthest of the distant stars. A young woman gave her seat to a white haired woman who

smiled her thanks. A wise grandmother soothed the child of a young mother at her side.

And the little flames became big flames, blazing high and strong, blazing into the night and lighting the upturned faces of the crowd. The cheer and the flames twisted together to become one and rose high in the heavens for all to see and hear.

FOR THIS WAS A symbol of the innate goodness of mankind, of the generosity of those who have given to those who have not.

This we have seen in a previous year. Let us prove it again by giving from our hearts, once for all, when the Torch Drive begins again this fall. The date is October 14 to November 6.

Light the torch in your town and keep it blazing high with your contributions.

Don't Let the Light Go Out

By PETE KASS
10th Grade, B'ham High School
Third Place Winner

It is time again for us to open our pocketbooks and hearts to the Torch Fund.

We all know the innumerable services to which our money is put. We know the thousands of cripples who, without our help, may never walk again. We know the countless people who have all but given up hope. We have the means to give these people the security which they seek.

Let's not let these people sink deeper into the quagmire of hopelessness. Remember, the Torch Fund is a light, the light of hope, the light of charity.

Stave off the darkness. Don't let the light go out!



DR. BRUNI DISPLAYS SOME MEDALS ON OFFICE WALL.
His collection comprises over 700 different awards.
(Eccentric Staff Photo)

Medal Collection Includes a Rare Victoria Cross

By RUTH ANNE SILBAR
Special Writer for The Eccentric

Dr. S. N. Bruni, Birmingham dentist, whose collection of military orders, medals and decorations has attracted national interest, has a healthy respect for those insignia and what they stand for.

"We should honor and respect those medals. In most cases, the men who have been awarded them have shaken hands with Death, and the medals should not be flaunted around as jewelry by women. Some men won't even wear the legitimate decorations they are entitled to wear. The medals end up in a drawer—forgotten."

Bruni's collection consists of more than 700 military awards, or a combination of military and civil awards, and is insured for \$7,000. He is a member of the Order and Medal Society of America.

"It sounds and is silly," admitted Bruni, "but in the Society, we don't address a man by his name, but by his number. I am number 81." There are only 321 members of this Society throughout the world.

Bruni explained, is intended to preserve the remembrance of a notable event or person, while an order is a badge or insignia of merit awarded to a select few, and a decoration is an award for bravery or distinction.

THERE ARE 270 different orders, medals and decorations registered by the Society. Some come out of existence while others are being issued every day.

Some of the orders are impossible for collectors to obtain because such an order as the British Order of the Garter, whose founding dates back to the days of the Crusades, must be returned to the Crown after the recipient's death. Bruni has a complete American collection of medals, including two Congressional Medals of Honor. His latest visit to Chicago enabled him to fill in the three pieces he needed to make it complete.

HIS BRITISH collection is complete with the exception of six pieces. He has decorations and medals from nearly every country

of the world and owns 500 miniatures. The miniatures are exact duplicates of the originals except that they are 1/4 of the original size. They are used for formal dress.

One reason why there are so few collectors of medals and decorations, Bruni said, is because the medals and decorations are so very difficult to obtain. However, the experiences a collector has in obtaining his collection is what makes the hobby interesting.

"On his recent Chicago visit, he noticed a boy on the sidewalk, carrying something around by a string. Suspecting what it was, Bruni stopped and on closer inspection found it to be an order of the "Pour Le Merite" which was founded by Frederick I of Prussia in the 17th's, and one of their highest orders. Neither the boy nor his father had any knowledge of what it was.

"**IN FACT**, the kid's father had dipped the order in acid just to see if it really was gold and in consequence, the gold was eaten down to the silver underneath," Bruni said.

He bought the order from the boy for \$3. Hardly marred by its careless handling, the blue enamel, silver and formerly gold, maltese-shaped cross will have to be restored, Bruni said.

"Such work can not be done in this country," Bruni explained. "No one here will touch it and for several reasons. One is that the cost of workmanship on such

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Moxley Asks Extra Careful Driving In City Halloween

Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley this week asked Birmingham motorists to remember to give the little guys a break on Halloween.

"Thousands of these boys and girls will be running around on Halloween and in the excitement of their 'trick or treat' affairs are apt to become careless of traffic. A lot of them will be wearing masks that partly obscure their vision, too, adding to the hazard of danger."

"In the past Birmingham drivers have been very cooperative in being extra cautious the night before Halloween and on Halloween night when the community party is held. Police and school officials are again asking them to make it possible for our youngsters to celebrate safely and freely," Moxley said.

HE FURTHER asked parents to caution their children about night traffic.

"Impress upon them that they should cross only at intersections. The street lights give them added protection. Tell them, too, that when they are traveling in groups to be sure and cross streets quickly, without stopping for horseplay among themselves. If the children are real small, an adult should go with them."

"It's up to us, drivers and parents, to make Halloween a happy time for our Birmingham boys and girls by doing everything we can

Birmingham Kiwanis Lists Aides for Voters

The Birmingham Kiwanis club, in cooperation with the League of Women Voters, will instruct residents in the use of the voting machine being set up at Himelehoch's next week.

Kiwanis members will be on hand two Saturdays, Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. Volunteer instructors will be Sherman LeMessure, Robert Jones, Clarence Nichols, Lee Howland, Charles Savage and J. A. MacTavish.

Supper Club Session

The Presbyterian supper club will be in the church at 7 p.m. on Oct. 28. The pastor, the Rev. W. Glen Harris, will give an illustrated talk on "Sojourn in Mexico."

to avoid traffic tragedies. Please watch out for the kids," Moxley concluded.

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