



EIGHT YEARS OF WORK adds up to a highly-prized Doctor of Philosophy degree for Richard Featherstone, 593 Pierce. The amiable principal of Torry school received his degree at autumn quarter graduation exercises at Ohio State University, Columbus, O., Friday, Dec. 17. On hand to congratulate him at the exercises were Birmingham School Superintendent Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, Assistant Superintendent Paul Carter, Beverly Principal Malcolm Ferguson, Quarten Principal Grant Barber and Adams Principal Noah Blosser. Featherstone gives much of the credit for the degree to his wife who has spent many hours helping him with the necessary research. (Eccentric Photo)

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

FOURTEEN YOUNG CAROLLERS—Bruce Berry, Jim Hinds, Bob Emmett, Bert Ward, Hank Buick, Tom Schwaz, Sharon Slatt, Carol Blodgett, Bill White, Nancy Perkins, Judy Lucas, Scott Cameron, Sue Hallas and Carol Bishop—went about the Madison area the other evening and collected \$10 which they have turned over to the Polio Foundation.

IT WAS CHRISTMAS EVE that Mrs. Robert R. McMath stepped back from a shelf where she was arranging Christmas cards in her Lone Pine court home, and tripped over a bear rug. Her family's Christmas plans were altered, for she spent the holiday in the hospital having casts placed on both her broken wrists. Next day at home, the prospect of several months with encased wrists was eased by the decision to install a new-type telephone with microphone and loudspeaker. Friends have been calling Mrs. McMath, who simply pushes her cast against a switch to answer the phone, although she has needed aid in dialing. "It's just perfectly wonderful," she told The Eccentric in a voice carried in usual volume although she was several feet from the instrument.

ONE SAD LITTLE BOY was heard to remark Sunday that he thought Santa Claus and the weatherman had done him dirt. The boy had written to Santa asking for a sled, and snow, skates and skis. He got them all—and the rains came. Now he's heartbroken because he hasn't a thing to play with! Life can be so tragic.

IT'S TIME AGAIN for the big questions: Who will be the first 1955 baby in Birmingham and who will be the first bridal couple in the community? Of course, there are other "firsts" every year—paper watches for, such as the first arrest of the new year, the first traffic violation, the first criminal entry on police records and the first fire of the year. Those, though, come along as a matter of course. What the paper needs is a bit of help on reporting that first new citizen and the first couple to exchange wedding vows.

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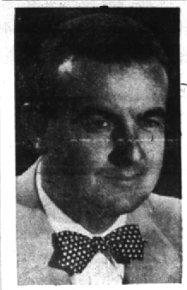
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J. L. (Jack) ADAMS, 1532 S. Bates, has been named vice-president in charge of sales at Reo Motors, Inc., according to John C. Tucker, Reo vice-president who is scheduled to become president of the pioneer truck manufacturing firm January 1. Adams will leave his post as assistant to the president of Bohn Aluminum and Brass corporation, Detroit, to accept the new position as Reo Motors' vice-president. Adams will operate as a subsidiary of Bohn Aluminum after the first of 1955. He joined Bohn in 1946 as a sales representative in the firm's Chicago office and rose rapidly to district manager with offices in Dayton, O.

Injure Girl and Young Bicyclist

Two juveniles were injured, neither seriously, in separate auto accidents in Birmingham Tuesday.

Treated at St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, for head injuries, a 12-year-old girl, daughter of W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills, Miss Wilson was hurt when the car in which she was a passenger driven by Jeanne Luce, 17, of North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, hit another car at 608 S. Woodward.

The second car, a Veterans' cab, had stopped in back of a third, driven by John C. Robert, 7251 Parkhurst, Bloomfield township.

The cab was driven into the back of the car and demolished. The driver, Rita Giles, 24, of Huntington Woods, was not injured.

BOTH MISS Wilson and Miss Luce were taken to Kingswood school, Cranbrook.

In the second accident, Edward J. Fisher, nine, was hurt when he was hit by a light truck driven by Earl C. Thayer, 58, of 671 Davis, at Davis and Cummings.

Teacher Gold police that the boy's bicycle slipped and the youngster was flung into his path. The cyclist, who lives at 1267 S. Hurford, was treated for bruises of his right arm, which had been run over by the truck's wheel.

Walnut Lake School Celebrates Holiday

Students and teachers of Walnut Lake school this holiday season gave the first Christmas program in the new all-purpose room.

Teacher Harriet Merritt was chairman of the program, titled "Why the Chimes Rang." Lynne Roberts was cast as the reader.

Others in the cast were Mike Whims, Gerald Grieger, Susan Gaudry, Nancy Stevenson, Donna Badenoch, Joy Snyder, Jerry Dets, Bob Allen, Fred Hamilton, Brian Optica and Fanch Symon.

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Business

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INFLATION: Fears, or perhaps the market, may have a boom should be buried. Barring outbreak of war, our productive capacity is expected to meet all demands for goods. I forecast that no runaway inflation is probable, even if the price of money or ease credit.

INTEREST RATES: Until the Treasury finds a way to balance the budget, hold business at high levels and unemployment at a minimum, I forecast little likelihood of higher interest rates.

BOND PRICES: With the possible exception of tax-free bonds, I see no reason for increased bond prices in 1955. I forecast an increase in the issuance of tax-free revenue bonds.

STOCK PRICES: After so sharp a rise, the market may have a reaction, but I am forecasting no crash in 1955 such as we had in 1929. The situation is favorable for the better October 11, 1954.

WAGES: I forecast that the wages of organized industrial workers will continue to move higher at least in the first half of 1955. During the first half of 1955, the business will be improving, the labor chiefs will be able to quicken the pace of wage increases.

OTHER LABOR GAINS: I forecast that the heavy guns of the labor bigwigs will be trained on the issue of unemployment benefits. The National Labor Relations Board, the decisions of that body will swing the labor law toward management.

NEW INVENTIONS: These are mostly in the laboratory. I forecast a marked increase in automation and cybernetics, and other major changes in production methods.

EMPLOYMENT: Unemployment is higher, since business will be on the upgrade during the first half. I forecast that local and seasonal unemployment will still prove a knotty problem.

FAILURES: The salient business characteristic of 1955 will be bitter competition. Many companies already weakened by competitive conditions will find it unable to keep afloat. I forecast a rise in both the number and the size of failures.

MERGERS: I forecast that mergers and consolidation will be encouraged by federal tax laws. Washington will frown on larger mergers and consolidations.

REAL ESTATE SALES: The time is already past due when real estate prices should be falling. Only the fear of World War III, and easy money, have prevented this. Therefore, I forecast that a downturn in prices cannot long be postponed.

URANIUM CRAZE: The greatest speculation will take place in the seeking and trading of uranium with uranium prospects. This is now centered in Colorado, Utah, and vicinity, but I forecast it will spread in a limited way to many other states and even to "offshore" property. It could exceed the gold rush of 1849. Another demand will be for woodlands which can be bought for a few dollars per acre.

COMMERCIAL FARMS: These have suffered a decline in price as a result of the slump in agricultural prices and farm incomes. Unless more will be done politically for the farmer next year, I forecast that the recent decline in commercial farm prices, may continue during 1955. Subsistence farms on the fringes of larger cities should hold up well in price as migration toward the suburbs continues.

VACANT LAND IN CITY AREAS: With the exception of parking lots, city vacant land should experience a continued slow reduction in price during 1955; but no marked change in suburban vacant land, except for parking. I am very bullish on land anywhere suitable for parking.

BUSINESS PROPERTY: I forecast little hope for improvement for such property in the larger cities during 1955. Business property in the suburbs has not been inflated, and therefore will not be vulnerable to declines and high taxes.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING: The construction of new industrial plants gives every indication of continuing to mark out an upward course during 1955. I forecast that the brightest spot on the construction horizon for next year is the prospect of increased municipal construction—schools, hospitals, etc.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: The building of new homes has held at very high levels during 1954. Although I expect the trend of new home prices to be downward during the year 1955, they will still persist at very high figures, at least during the first half of the year. New homes will continue to be the choice of purchasers, even though older homes give better value.

TAXES: The Eisenhower Administration has clearly recognized that expanding business and increased expenditures for plant and equipment are the true sources for rising employment and more jobs. I forecast a continued aim during 1955 will be to have taxes and business—and thereby help employees to more and better jobs.

INCOME TAXES: I forecast there will be no further relief in 1955, of the double-taxation feature on dividends or of the 25% capital gains tax. Furthermore, corporation income taxes will not be permitted to decline as scheduled next spring. I forecast that most business slumps more than I anticipate during late 1955, there will be no reduction in personal income taxes next year, except to correct some technical errors. Any relief for the individual "small" taxpayer will be saved until the election year, 1956.

POLITICS: The really big question in 1955 will be enacted by the laws that will be en-

acted, but by the tremendous preparation for the 1956 presidential campaign. Those who claim that President Eisenhower is at heart a liberal and will get along well with a Democratic Congress should remember the lessons of politics.

WORLD WAR III: In my opinion, the initiative in international affairs still rests with Russia. The Kremlin is not yet ready for an all-out attack and no one in the West wants World War III. Malinowski is still pushing a "peace offensive." I am referring here to the year 1955—over the long term, I still feel that a major holocaust is inevitable, but I forecast no World War III in 1955.

FOREIGN AID: Our foreign efforts during the year will continue to aim at plugging the leaks and building new dikes against the flooding which started in 1954. I forecast we will work hard to build up Europe, with Germany as the core; but Russia will make spectacular gains in the Far East, particularly in India.

FOREIGN COMPETITION: A Germany treaty and the Brussels Treaty Organization goes into effect. I forecast further improvement in Europe. Competition from European manufacturers will, however, intensify. Reciprocal trade deals will be passed. I would not be surprised to see a decline in our exports in 1955 and an increase in imports.

CHURCHES AND CHARITIES: I forecast that the spiritual awakening which started in 1954 will continue into 1955 with an increase in church members. This is a very important sign. Gifts to charities will also increase due to the more liberal allowance now being encouraged by federal tax laws to churches, schools, or hospitals.

LABOR: I forecast that the

TRAVEL AND SPORTS: I forecast more money will be spent on travel and sports in 1955. This is becoming an important new industry and should especially benefit Florida, California, Arizona, New Mexico, the Great Lakes Region, New England and the Northwest.

NEW METALS AND ALLOYS: Next to automation, I expect great growth in the use of new metals and alloys. I forecast the raw-metal stocks will be sought in 1955 as were the oils in 1954.

ADVERTISING: I forecast business spending in this field will increase further in 1955. It not only is the salvation of individual business, but is the best stimulant for national prosperity.

POPULATION: I forecast the population will continue to increase during 1955 with a growing percentage of young people between 18 and 22. This means a greater demand for schooling, college education, and especially for new school buildings.

CONCLUSION: Develop Faith, Meditation, Health, and Good Works, and direct your attention to your family—to create a reserve for real troubles which some day will come. GO TO CHURCH!

Y Lot Sells Over 1500 Xmas Trees

Sale of 1,554 Christmas trees at the Birmingham YMCA will realize between \$800 and \$1,000 for youth work at the Y during 1955, according to Edward F. Kibbert, local secretary.

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