

FIRST STATE BANK BEGINS THIRD ANNUAL XMAS

\$10,000.00 Already Returned to Members of Xmas Club This Year; Seek to Double Membership

An unusual amount of interest was shown in the opening of the Xmas Club Monday of the week when the club opened in Birmingham its third year. According to J. H. Buckner, who is in charge of the club work this year, the interest already shown in the movement this week is proof of the value it has been to local and nearby people in past years.

For the past three weeks the First State Bank has been issuing checks to members of the club who joined last Xmas time. According to the officials of the bank, approximately \$10,000.00 has been returned to persons who have been depositing small sums regularly this year, according to the plan of the Xmas club. This amount represents an increase of nearly \$2,500.00 over the first year. It is expected that the savings banked by members this coming year will be increased by even greater proportions.

Deposits for the 1922 Club will be received any time and new clubs may be opened any time during the year by the necessary payments being made to bring the account up to date. Thomas H. Cobb, cashier, stated this week.

Records of the club made in the past two years show that the 310 members last year was an increase of 35 members over the first year of the club. Mr. Buckner has hopes of the membership increasing to at least twice the number of last year. Particulars of the plan of this Xmas Club will be found in the First State Savings Bank advertisement in this week's paper.

FORM MEN'S BRIDGE CLUB

A group of representative card players met last Friday evening at the home of Mr. Whalen, of Greenwood avenue, and organized the Men's Bridge Club. This is to be a permanent organization and will have for its motto, "Play Better Bridge." The club expresses the purpose for which they banded together. The next and first regular meeting will be held at the home of Fred Fisher, in Walnut Glen, North Woodward avenue.

EDITOR'S WIFE IS HOSTESS TO ECCENTRIC STAFF AT DINNER

With holidays not far off, society is turning its attention to Christmas parties, dances, dinners and other holiday engagements. Last week has been filled with attractive teas for visiting matrons, bride-elect parties, affairs for those who will be away at the holiday season and a number of dinners arranged for friends of the returned hunters in the community who were fortunate on their trips.

Among the latter was one given Saturday evening by Mrs. George R. Averill, of Poppleton avenue, when she entertained 14 guests at seven o'clock dinner at her home. The dinner honored Mr. Averill on a birthday anniversary, the celebration of which had been postponed until after his return from the North Woods.

The hostess entertained in a charming manner and her guests left feeling that the evening had been one of the truly enjoyable they had known in some time. A venison dinner was served previous to a musical program the later part of the evening. The unusual ideas of the hostess in entertaining her guests while at dinner proved most enjoyable. An unique spelling contest occupied their attention during the earlier part of the meal and the winner, Mrs. Whitmore, of Pontiac, was presented with a box of linen handkerchiefs.

Table games and a delightful program of musical features furnished entertainment the remainder of the evening. For several of the games the hostess presented the holders of high and low scores with appropriate prizes.

The guests included Mrs. Whitmore, Miss Ruth Maynard, Miss Mary Walker, Ross Boyd, J. B. Howarth, Henry R. MacLennan, Wesley Rodolph and Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Berli, of Royal Oak.

EPWORTH LEAGUE DOUBLES MEMBERSHIP IN CAMPAIGN

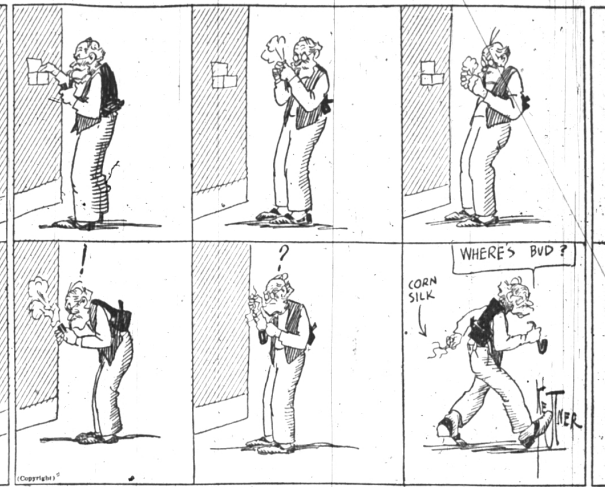
A delightful social hour was enjoyed last Sunday evening preceding the regular Epworth League meeting at the First Methodist church when initiation of new members took place. There were 20 new members taken into the League making about 100 members in all. The members of the League have been staging a membership drive for the past three weeks and as a result were able to almost double their original number.

The League met at five o'clock and until six o'clock light refreshments were served with Mrs. L. J. Slusser presiding at the table. Following this, a most interesting debate took place between two groups of young people in the League on the question, "Resolved that a Christian should be privileged to read a newspaper on Sunday." The negative side carried away the honors of the evening, the leader, Mrs. Slusser, entertained the members during the remainder of the meeting with a series of novel features, including the fortunes of new subscribers to the Epworth Herald.

Monday evening the new members were truly initiated into the organization in the new Sunday school building. Each member was put through an evening of terrorizing stunts, after which all joined in a grand march which led the members to the refreshment tables.

The League is at present one of the most active organizations of its kind in Birmingham. It has an extensive program laid out for the remainder of the winter and welcomes new members at any time. Young people in the village are invited to the Sunday evening meetings, the president said this week.

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Mrs. Joseph Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boman, of Pierce street, who has been in Marshall, Mo., for several weeks, attending the trial of Charley Lynd, who was charged with the alleged murder of her husband, has returned to Birmingham with her four children. Mr. Miller was killed early last summer. Lynd, it is said, was hanged on the plea of justifiable homicide.

The plot of ground on the north side of the new Odd Fellows' Temple, on Pierce street, has been cleared and leveled during the past few weeks. It is owned by the Odd Fellows and will be cleared by the men of the organization who are giving their services until the work is completed. The little residence which was a landmark in Birmingham and which was used for a clubroom by the members of the lodge, burned last fall and the debris was recently taken away, leaving a deep hole, which the men filled. The work on the new Temple is rapidly progressing and it is expected the building will be finished in a short time.

The work of Homer Gaskill, local Captain of Police, in guarding the school children of Birmingham and nearby across the street intersection at Maple and Woodward avenues is attracting more than ordinary attention. Captain Gaskill has been conducting the children across the D. U. R. tracks at this point for about six months, in the morning before school, at noon and in the late afternoon after school has been dismissed. Parents of these children who are compelled to cross Woodward avenue before her marriage, Miss Lou Davenport, and is well known in Birmingham.

The young people in the respective churches of Birmingham are working hard on Christmas cantatas which will be given the week before Xmas. Among the later dates which have been set exactly for these entertainments is Friday, December 23, when the United Presbyterian church will present their annual Christmas entertainment.

W. S. McAlpine reports that his latest map, the Farm Ownership Map (1921-22 Edition) has been placed in practically every business concern in Birmingham and is also widely distributed in Detroit and Pontiac. The map is said to be the most complete of its kind covering the area of Oakland County. It shows, besides lakes, resorts, schools, clubs and permanent camps, electric car lines, county lines, township lines, city and village limits, and village limits under construction and finished, gravel roads completed and under construction, proposed new roads and all subdivisions developments and property within corporate limits.

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