

SPEAKS ON "CHILD LIFE"

Several local women, delegates of the Birmingham Parent-Teachers Association, attended the lecture on "Child Life," by Mrs. Helen Paulsen, Monday night of last week, at the Cass Technical high school.

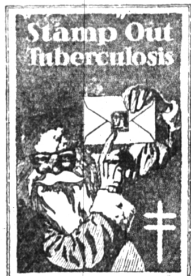
Supt. of Schools Cady opened the meeting by thanking the parents for their wonderful cooperation in the school work. Mrs. Paulsen, because of her intimate knowledge of the subject and her splendid manner of delivery, was well worth hearing. She mentioned as the two greatest forces of the present time, the Rotary Club and other clubs like it, and the Parent-Teachers Associations; as

the four great mediums for the protection and education of the child, home, church, school and government. She made a strong plea that the school be made a community center and urged that parents teach their children to make books their chums. She stated emphatically that "there are no bad children—keep their spare time filled."

Charles Jones and family have moved from their former place of residence on East Maple avenue to their new home on Knox street.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maxwell, of Alameda street, spent the day with friends in Detroit.

The O. G. Club held a business meeting at the home of Sadie Moore, on Brown street, Tuesday night of last week. After the regular business meeting, a luncheon was served.



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"Rest and good food, fresh air and freedom from worry," the sanatorium superintendent told John Reilly, when he gave him his final chest examination.

John was not cured, of course, but he was so much improved that the superintendent believed that he might complete the cure in his own home.

But at home John Reilly had three children and a frail wife, and rest, which the doctor had laid so much emphasis on, was a prescription he could not follow except at their expense. Ten days after he left the sanatorium he went to work at his old job on the section.

Last week, in answer to a letter of inquiry, he wrote this account of himself to the Michigan Tuberculosis Association.

"We were laying rails this summer and the boss put me to digging—or I couldn't have stood it. I haven't had any examination since I left the sanatorium. I have

lost some in weight and I have been having some pleurisy pains in my right lung for the last month."

Pitifully little is the Michigan Tuberculosis Association able to do for him. He is not a pauper; he told with pride that he had a house and lot on which he had paid six hundred dollars.

Given a chance to take proper care of himself for a few months longer, he might reasonably look forward to a normal life span. But if he must, struggle through days of pain and weakness now, in the hopeless effort to do the work of a well man, the end of John Reilly's story is certain and near at hand.

After-care of convalescents should be provided in Michigan. Tuberculosis Christmas seals will help to meet the need.



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MABEL A. SMITH
Township Treasurer.

Where Do You Want Your Fire—On the Roof Or On the Hearth?

By George R. Averill

If there is any question in the minds of local people as to the charitableness of a destroying fire, we believe that Pontiac's experience Monday night will remove such a suspicion. A cheerful, crackling blaze on the hearth is desired by all; a cheerless, snapping blaze on the roof is not so good. It costs money to have the fireplace send money; a good deal more of it, to keep a fire going on the roof or any other part of the house.

Birmingham sits smugly content these days. Certain times during each year someone or some group of local citizens will agitate the extension of our waterworks system. They prate of "water for the garden and the house—unlimited quantities of it." They ask us to "vote for this" and "vote against that." We do—and thus we go along, year after year, with the same amount of water sources.

What happened in Pontiac Monday night? A lumber yard and several stores—practically a whole city block—were burned to ashes when the demon fire began eating its insatiable way. What did Pontiac do? Her own modern equipment was unable to cope with the situation, so calls were made for fire apparatus from Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Highland Park and Detroit! We'll wager that the city of Pontiac this next year will give more time to its water system and its fire department than any other two or three matters put together.

Will Birmingham ever learn that the best waterworks system and the best fire equipment is not too good for the safety of its people? Will it ever stop its petty squabbles long enough to install a better water works system and more fire apparatus? And we hear the chorus that always begins "We hope . . ."—and about all we thereafter do is "hope."

Its all right, folks, to watch a house burn down, or a whole city block wiped out—it may afford temporary amusement; but what if the house or block belonged to YOU? What about not only the value of the house or block, but suppose four-own family—even yourself—were in a building, asleep, and menaced by fire? Your first thought would be for individual safety. Then you would want to save the premises and your thoughts would go to the water works system and the fire apparatus—and you'd feel sorry for Birmingham.

And so remember, fire will burn wherever there exists combustible material, and every home and building in this Village is a possible victim to fire!

What about it, Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham? Let's stop "hoping"—let's do something!

Tommy Smiles



Tommy is by turns the delight and the bane of his teacher's life; but, even when he has peevish, Frances Mary's pig-tail and "loot" three marbles down the centre aisle, she wouldn't trade him, not for fifty straight-spined little boys.

It isn't quite an ordinary school-room where Tommy goes. Sometimes there are twenty boys and girls there; sometimes almost twice as many; but afterwards, half of them, perhaps, must rest on their cots; and never do any of them miss taking "temp" twice a day.

They are all pupils in the school at the state tuberculosis sanatorium at Howell, and each of them must fight months or years for his chance of life and strength and future usefulness.

Tommy, for instance, has bone tuberculosis, and his head is sunken between his shoulders, and his twisted little body crooked for all time. Nine years old, he is scarcely the size of a well-developed youngster of six.

But sympathy? Not for Tommy, who smiles at the world all day long! He hasn't a home, hasn't had



Christmas Seals
Fight Tuberculosis. Formity with a smile. But can you smile and the rest of us comfortable people, who let them contract a cruel and preventable malady, smile too?

Soap Kept in Bond.
Up to less than seventy years ago all soap manufactured in England was made in bond and subject to duty, and each bathing man was fastened down at night by an excise officer.

Beauty Confined to No Class.
There are beautiful things to be found in very unimposing surroundings. Fine traits of character can often be discovered in those who have been brought up in poor homes and who had scanty mental teaching.

Safety.
"Yes," said Mrs. Pingleigh, "I always keep my dog tied up. I never can be sure when some tramp might come along and bite him or steal his bone.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Something in That Idea.
As long as the bee and the ant both toiled as examples of industry. Few traits of character can often be discovered in those who have been brought up in poor homes and who had scanty mental teaching.

Fred Wall, who is attending the U. of M. at Ann Arbor, returned to his home on Park street Friday of last week for the holiday season.

Full Explanation.
She was a flitu star of recent craze, and she was paying into the bank the first installment of her salary. On the paysting slip were the words "check" and "specie." Opposite the first, which presented no difficulty, she wrote in the amount. And opposite the second, after a little cogitation, she wrote the word "female."

Today's Wise Word.
"An education for individuality should include in a large way the essential beauty of poetry of things; the essential order of history of things; the ultimate values or the religion of things; and, in childhood particularly, the eternal rest and may or the reality of things."—Dulles Lore Sharp.

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