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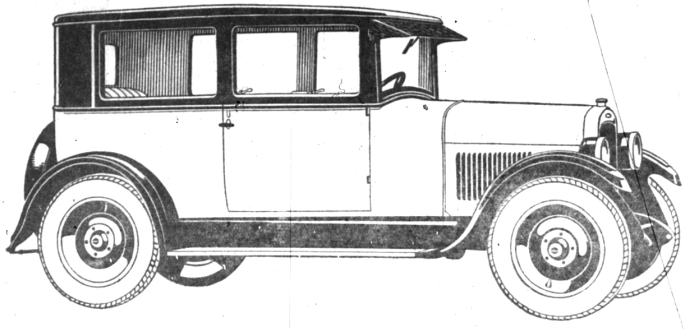

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PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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in regard to the Week Day Church School, it appears that many people have a mistaken idea of just what this movement is that is spreading so rapidly over the entire country. In view of this, the members of the committee from the Bloomfield-Southfield District Council of Religious Education, who were appointed to make an investigation of the Week Day Church Schools, would appreciate an opportunity of explaining through your columns some of the details of this work as we found it.

First, we will explain what the organization is that we represent. There is an international Council of Religious Education with headquarters in Chicago, which is an organization of Sunday school workers supported and run co-operatively by 35 different Protestant denominations. Functioning as a branch of this international council is the Michigan State Sunday School Council of Religious Education, which is supported by 17 Protesant denominations of our state. Functioning as a branch of this state council is the Oakland County Council of Religious Education and the local district council is a branch of the Oakland County Council.

This committee has made a sincere effort to get unprejudiced information on the Week Day Schools as they are being conducted in all sections of our country. The movement is a comparatively new one, but has spread very rapidly during the last five years. These schools are now being conducted in over one thousand towns and cities of the United States.

The Week Day Church School does not conflict in any way with the very wise laws enacted by our forefathers, which provided for the separation of church and state; it does not conflict with the teachings and creed of any denomination. Protestants, Catholics and Jews are co-operating in many places in the promotion of the work. It is not a movement to put the teaching of religion in the schools, as has been erroneously reported. Those who are familiar with our laws know this cannot be done.

The Week Day Church School is a successful plan of filling the recognized need for some method of character education. They are conducted under the direction of a Board of Religious Education, which usually consists of the minister and two laymen from each co-operating church. They are usually financed by the churches, sometimes by community subscription. The Protestant churches usually co-operate in the work.

In some places the schools are conducted before or after the regular public school hours, but the most successful plan has been to secure permission from the school authorities to release the children (on written requests from parents) two periods a week for this work from their regular school program.

The schools are conducted in churches, community houses, buildings erected for the purpose, in regular school buildings, where space is rented. This latter plan has proven very satisfactory where it can be arranged.

The teachers are trained in this work, and in addition are required to have educational qualifications on a par with public school teachers.

Well prepared text books are available that fit the need of inter-denominational work, as well as the grasp and needs of children of all ages. The work is usually started with the children of the lower grades and added to the other grades as it can be expanded. The information we have received from our investigations would lead us to recommend starting it in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades, although this is a problem to be worked out by the local Board of Religious Education when organized.

Statistics show there are over twenty million children between the ages of six and twelve in the United States. Only a little over five million of these are reached by the Sunday schools and churches, and that in an irregular way. The religious illiteracy of our times and the spread of crime among our youth have awakened business men, judges of criminal courts and leaders in all walks of life to the realization of the need for the introduction of the religious motive throughout our systems of training citizens.

This committee was appointed to investigate the Week Day Church Schools and make recommendations as to whether we thought the plan practicable for Birmingham. The many reports we received from cities where these schools are being conducted show they are a decided success from the standpoint of school authorities, churches, parents and children, and have convinced us that the plan is workable and that it is one of the really great movements of our time.

G. W. Stallings, Chairman
Mrs. J. C. Huston
Mrs. W. H. Uptegraff

Editor Birmingham Eccentric.
Dear Sir:

I certainly like the ring of your editorial in last week's paper, Friday November 21st. You certainly used the right word when you said Christianity was the greatest thing on earth. For Christ or Christianity means everything for this life, and for the life to come. Whereas religion may mean much if applied to Christianity, or nothing when all the rites and ceremonies of Heathenism, and mormanism and ignorance and superstition are considered. There is only one Christ, one Saviour and Redeemer, and it will be well for the people of the world, when we all learn this great truth, and believe and live it.

Yes, George, your idea of a minister is all right and I can gladly say that I know of one that perfectly fills the bill, and is one hundred per cent every Sabbath and if anyone doubts my statement, let them come to the little brick church with a steeple, on West Maple avenue and judge for themselves. We do not need to go up into the mountain tops to get inspiration or spiritual vision. We get them every Sabbath, views of the land and life beyond the River.

Yes, George, the Golden Rule is all right, but too many of us forget the first part of the Golden Rule, namely, our duty and responsibility to God our maker and benefactor, but are very quick to acclaim and say, oh I pay my just debts, I help the poor, I call to see the sick, etc., etc., which is all very good, but if we give to our God and Savior our love or the honor due to His Name first, the good works will be sure to follow. Yes, the church which Christ ordained, is the medium or means, whereby the blessings of Heaven are brought to sinners on earth.

John McCarroll, Nov. 25th, 1924.

WORTH WHILE BOOKS AT THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Boswell's Life of Johnson"; "Doctor Lake of the Labrador"; by Duncan, a sea fable; "Hoosier School Master;" by Eggleston, a western story. "The Pit"; by Norris, a novel of sociological subject; "John Marvel, Assistant;" by Page; "Portrait of a Lady;" a character study.

SPECIAL ANNEXATION ELECTION NOTICE

On Monday, December 8th, 1924, there will be a special election for the purpose of annexing certain parcels as described below, in Bloomfield Township to the Village of Birmingham.

L. D. ALLEN, Supervisor
ROBT. Y. MOORE, Township Clerk
FLOYD S. BUCK, Justice of the Peace
Birmingham, November 2, 1924.

TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 278 of the Public Acts of 1909 entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of Villages and for revising and amending their charters and the acts amendatory thereof respectfully represented as follows:

1. Each and all of the signers to this petition are qualified electors and reside within the Village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield, which said village of Birmingham and Township of Bloomfield are to be affected by the change proposed in this petition.

2. Your petitioners severally reside within said Village or said Township at the address set opposite their respective names.

3. Not less than 75 of the undersigned petitioners reside in the Village of Birmingham, and not less than 25 of the undersigned petitioners reside in the Township of Bloomfield.

4. According to the last preceding United States census the population of the Village of Birmingham was 5,501, the population of the Township of Bloomfield was 6,900.

5. The undersigned petitioners, numbering collectively 53 (exclusive more than one-fourth of the population of said territory to be affected) pray for a formal action on this petition.

Your petitioners pray that all of that part of Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, included in the following described tract, viz:

Beginning at the East ¼ corner of Section 36 T. 2 North R. 10 East, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, thence south 1.50 ft. more or less to the north line of Harmon Avenue, thence westerly along the South line of Harmon Avenue 1,320 ft. more or less to the edge of Quarton Lake, thence northerly along the East edge of Quarton Lake 450.0 ft. more or less to a point; thence Easterly 240.0 ft. more or less to a point on the West line of Greenwood Subdivision of part of Section 25 and 26 Bloomfield Township; thence Northerly along the West line of said Subdivision 807.0 ft. more or less to the East and West ¼ Section line of Section 24; thence Easterly 215.0 ft. more or less to the place of beginning. Containing approximately 9.1 acres more or less be detached from said Township of Bloomfield and annexed to the Village of Birmingham.

As prayed for in the petition of James Anderson now on file in the records of this Board, be submitted to the qualified electors residing in this district to be affected by the said proposed annexation as prayed for in said petition at a special election to be held on the 8th day of December, 1924.

Dated October 23, 1924.

Moved by Clark, supported by Salmer, that the resolution be adopted and adopted.

Ayes: Armstrong, Allen, Brewer, Clark, Coventry, Duplan, Gage, Irish, Lessiter, Lambert, Malcolm, McGuire, McRae, Muir, Spencer, Smith, Seeley, Scott, Salmer, Wilsen, Wardlow and Wyrech (22).

Nays: None. CARRIED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN } ss
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

I, W. H. Cryderman, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the petition filed by residents of the Township of Bloomfield and the Village of Birmingham, for annexation of certain territory to the village of Birmingham from the Township of Bloomfield, also of the recommendation and resolution of the Board of Supervisors on said petition as appears of record in my office; that I have compared the same with the original and is a true transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court, at Pontiac, Michigan, this 25th day of October, A. D. 1924.

W. H. CRYDERMAN,
Clerk Circuit Court.

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Chas. E. Plumstead,
Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan.
My commission expires June 2, 1926.

RESOLUTION BY SUPERVISOR CLARK.

Resolved that the question of the annexation of the following described territory, to-wit:

Beginning at the East ¼ Corner of Section 36 T. 2 North R. 10 East, Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, thence South 1.50.0 ft. more or less to the North line of Harmon avenue; thence westerly along the North line of Harmon Avenue 336.0 ft. more or less to the edge of Quarton Lake; thence northerly along the East edge of Quarton Lake 450.0 ft. more or less to a point; thence Easterly 240.0 ft. more or less to a point on the West line of Greenwood Subdivision of part of Section 25 and 26 Bloomfield Township; thence Northerly along the West line of said Subdivision 807.0 ft. more or less to the East and West ¼ Section line of Section 24; thence Easterly 215.0 ft. more or less to the place of beginning. Containing approximately 9.1 acres more or less be detached from said Township of Bloomfield and annexed to the Village of Birmingham.

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