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"LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS HOPE OF WORLD" SAID SPEAKER HERE

Miss Alice Hunt Addressed Group Of Local People Sunday Night

U. S. NEEDS TO ENTER IT

"World Has Arrived At The Crossroads Of Destiny—War And Peace"

"The nations of the world have arrived at the crossroads of Destiny; in one direction lies peace and prosperity, built upon a mutual understanding of one another's problems, and in the other direction the road leads backward—towards the bloodshed and ruination that are the tools of war. Up through the centuries has come a HOPE—a belief that the men may settle their international problems by arbitration rather than war. And this HOPE has been crystallized into what the world now knows as The League of Nations."

Miss Hunt Is Speaker

This was the message of Miss Alice W. Hunt, one of Rhode Island's foremost women, who addressed a group of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents Sunday night at the Meeting House, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, on the George G. Booth estate. Miss Hunt was brought here by Mesdames George T. Hendrie and T. R. Donovan, who met her last year while returning from Europe. Miss Hunt, who is now spending several months on a speaking tour of the country, spent two years in constant attendance at the League of Nations meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

55 Nations In League

"Still bleeding from the wounds of the World War, and heavily bowed down by financial debts, the European nations are desperately engaged in perfecting the League of Nations so that future wars may be averted," declared Miss Hunt. "To date 55 nations have entered the League—though I am sorry to say that the United States is not one of them."

U. S. Not Isolated

"Do you know that this fanciful notion about the United States being an isolated nation is but a myth? Once our American shores touched nothing but the oceans, but now, because of scientific progress—the automobile, airship, radio, etc., the world has shrunk into one family of nations. There is no such thing as isolation in the world today.

"Let this sink into your minds: one of the lecturers for the League of Nations in Geneva has said, 'If a few of the trusted statesmen in Europe should die now, another war would be started within a short time—a war for more reaching than any yet witnessed, one that would probably wipe out modern civilization.' That is why the League of Nations is looked upon as the saviour of all nations.

Need "Stylish" Minds

"Everything in America has changed since the days of George Washington," continued Miss Hunt. "All of us are agreed that style outside of one's head have changed, and most people have conformed to the change. Why not change the styles inside our heads when the style of world conditions change? That is the plea of those who believe that the League of Nations is the best solution for international problems.

"America leads the world in industrialism; from every corner of the earth we obtain raw materials for our manufacturing, and in turn we depend upon the entire world for our selling markets. It is this process that provides employment for the citizens of our country. Let a war start in any other part of the world and it does not affect us, as it affects every other country."

In Large Building

The League of Nations is being supported by 55 countries, Miss Hunt told her audience. It is housed in a large, six-story building, and its bureaus are divided into 10 sections. Each section has a corps of expert minds that deal with the individual problems referred to it. In one of the rooms of the building is kept a huge Treaty Book, which contains the 947 various treaties entered into by various nations. Nothing about the League of Nations is secret, and the public is welcome to any of the meetings or assemblies up to the accommodations of the seating facilities.

League Rescued Austria

Miss Hunt cited the instance of how Austria, after searching the world for a loan, finally came to the League of Nations for relief; the League appointed a supervisor to take charge of Austria's financial affairs, and a loan was negotiated through the Bank of England; Austria is now restored to an almost normal condition, she said, industrially and socially, although the people are still under the yoke of a huge war debt.

Need Education Here

"Wherever one may go, though, the question asked is, 'When is the United States going to enter the League?' That question is, of course, a matter for the American people to decide. Personally, I wish that the United States entered the League until our people have had a chance to study and assimilate the facts concerning the League. This can only be brought about by informed speakers touring the country in the interests of the League.

"Many European countries have started to teach the League of Nations to their school children, preaching that the salvation of the world lies in mutual understanding of international problems. It is to be hoped that the United States will do likewise."

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POSTOFFICE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

For First Time Mail Carriers Will Be Given A Holiday

SEEK EARLY MAILING

Widespread approval has greeted the recent announcement of Postmaster General Brown that there will be no mail deliveries on Christmas Day.

Almost without exception the American public has agreed with the inherent justice of the ruling which gives to the army of postal employees some of the holiday privileges enjoyed by others, but so long denied them.

Of course the ruling applies only to the coming Christmas, being in the nature of an experiment, the success or failure of which will determine the procedure next year.

The Postmaster General was enabled to take the course he did as a result of the success of early mailing campaigns conducted in past years through the press and the "movies" and over the radio, which had the effect of moving the peak of holiday mailing back far enough to justify the experiment.

Officials in the Department who are watching the experiment closely have the utmost confidence that it will go through without hitch and that Christmas Day of the future will be a day of rest for the postman and the postal clerk.

To accomplish this purpose—and it is believed a laudable one—the American public must mail holiday tokens and greetings in time for delivery at least before the close of business, December 24.

If there is any appreciable mail left over for delivery on December 26, it will militate against the chances of postal workers for a similar holiday in 1926.

"WAR MEMORIALS" DESCRIBED AT CLUB

Local Woman's Literary Club Held Interesting Discussion Tuesday

OPEN MEETING ON JAN. 5

Most interesting was the program devoted to war memorials given by the members of the Woman's Literary Club at their meeting in the Community House Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. E. G. Wasey described four memorials that she had seen during her trips abroad. They were, one to "The Unknown Soldier" in Westminster Abbey, one in Italy, Brussels, and in the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Mrs. F. G. Crawford read a memorial poem by Grantland Rice.

Mrs. Charles Shain told of the three memorials which had most impressed her while on the continent. One was the stupendous painting on canvas called "Le Pantheon de la Guerre" in University Place, Paris. It occupies 19,000 square feet in a rotunda, and 150 artists were engaged to do the painting under the direction of two master artists, Pierre Carrier-Belleuse and Auguste-Francois Gorguet. Another memorial is the chair in the Senate Room of the King's palace at Brussels which is always to remain as the Germans left it, hacked and chipped of its tapestry and black tacks. Beside the place where Edith Cavell received her sentence from the German court, it also will serve as a grim reminder in that respect. The third memorial is Belleau Wood, owned by an American association which is trying to keep the property in the same state of devastation as it had reached by the end of the war.

Because she was not able to be present, Mrs. G. A. Moore sent a description of a bronze plaque and the places itself, 240 of which were made after the war to raise a memorial to the memory of the soldiers' wounded faces by plastic surgery.

Mrs. Clarence Vliet described the principal war memorials in the United States and Canada. One of the most beautiful of these monuments is the proposed Arlington Bridge to cross the Potomac, leading on one side to Arlington Cemetery, and on the other to Lee Mansion, Mrs. R. W. Reilly, Mrs. W. W. Raymond, Mrs. C. Shain, and Mrs. M. Ahmed Hassan rendered some selections, Mrs. R. Parker accompanied them on the piano.

At the business meeting preceding the program Mrs. C. Shain gave a legislative report concerning the opening of Congress and the proposed Tuberculosis Hospital in Pontiac for very much appreciated by the patients. The members voted to make the next meeting, January 5, an open meeting. At that time Mrs. R. V. Norton will give a resume of world conditions, their bearing on peace. It was also voted to take up a collection at the next meeting for the Near East Relief following the plan of observing Golden Rule Sunday which is the Sunday before Christmas.

DR. MAUNDERS TO FEED METHODIST MEN'S CLUB

Louis Hascall, of North Woodward avenue, was elected Monday night as president of the newly formed Men's Club of the local M. E. Church Sunday school. E. B. Root is vice-president; Leonard Hall, secretary; Donald Swartz, treasurer. The Club will meet at ten o'clock each Sunday morning to spend an hour in spiritual uplift.

Much interest in the new Club is evoked since Dr. J. E. Maunders, recently moved from Detroit to West Maple avenue, will be the director of spirituality. Dr. Maunders is one of the head surgeons on the staff of Grace Hospital, Detroit, and also possesses a keen intelligence on matters pertaining to the Bible.

EDITORIAL TRIBUTE TO A FINE TYPE OF BOY

William Allen Mathews, 13-Year-Old Pontiac Youth Breaks Neck

FAMILY IS KNOWN HERE

Little 13-year- old William Allen Mathews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Mathews, of Walnut road, West Bloomfield township, was instantly killed Wednesday evening of last week when the rope on which he was swinging from the rafters in a barn caught about his neck, breaking it. The lad's brother, who was formerly soloist in the Birmingham First Church of Christ, Scientist, discovered him on the floor of the barn.

A Christian Science funeral service was held Saturday afternoon, with burial in Perry Mount cemetery.

A Lovable Youth

"Billie, as he was called, was one of the lovable boys possible," said Mrs. L. E. Holton, of North Woodward avenue, Birmingham, a friend of the family. "He was in the habit of playing Indian and other games with his father, and once before had fallen in the barn, breaking a leg."

That the boy was a distinct and outstanding example of fine youth is evidenced in the following editorial which appeared in the Pontiac Daily Press last Friday:

"BILLIE MATHEWS'

"Billie" Mathews is mourned by hundreds who never saw the lad. The tragic circumstances of his death bring tears near the surface in the eyes of men and women everywhere who love and understand boys. Their hearts will go out in sympathy to the grief-stricken parents who cannot but find this blow so hard to bear and understand.

Swinging among the rafters in the barn with gay abandon, Billie Mathews typified the spirit of boyhood. Clad in the "old clothes" that a boy of thirteen loves he had turned himself over to his imagination, to the joy of play. Probably Billie was a pirate there, swinging aloft in the rigging, sailing the seven seas. Vision, spirit, daring, the things that made his future full of promise, led the boy to his death.

Pontiac bows its head in sympathy for the parents. Thoughts of the boy bring, with the inevitable sorrow, a surge of solemn inspiration. In him were the qualities of which men are made. He was living the full, joyous life of youth. Of the shadows that fall on every heart as life progresses he knew little or nothing. In the heyday of his youth his body is returned to nature's care, but his spirit goes out into the open air, ever alive, ever present, the spirit of the everlasting boy.

Cobb And Kinnison On Rotary Program Here

Charles S. Kinnison, of Hawthorne road, Birmingham Park, was the speaker at the local Rotary club luncheon Monday noon. He was the guest of Thomas H. Cobb, who, before introducing Mr. Kinnison, gave a short account of the laws under which a state bank operates.

Mr. Kinnison, who is actively connected as advertising manager for the Hoskins Mfg. Co., of Detroit, manufacturers of electrical heating units and devices, made a short talk on Kromel, the name given to the composition which goes into the manufacture of electrical heating elements. He told how Kromel was accidentally discovered when a chemist was attempting to find a green abrasive for billiard chalk.

Mr. Kinnison concluded his talk by reciting several of his verses. As a sort of side line, he said, he devoted some of his time to poems which appear in the Detroit Times.

TOWNSHIP DELAYED ON MOVING TO NEW OFFICE

Due to delay in building construction, the Bloomfield township board did not move into its new offices in the First State Savings Bank building last Monday as was hoped. According to James V. Bayley, clerk, the board will try to make next Monday, in all likelihood.

Taxes are now being received in good shape, said Robert Y. Moore, supervisor, who added that only one per cent penalty would be imposed up to February 1, instead of January 15th.

MRS. VINCENT KILLED BY AUTO IN DETROIT

Mrs. Harriet O. Vincent, wife of Joseph Vincent of Wallace street, was fatally injured Wednesday morning as she stood waiting for a jitney at the corner of Woodward and Seward avenues, Detroit, when an electric truck, thrown out of control by collision with a coupe, jumped the curb and crushed her to the sidewalk. She died before an ambulance reached the scene.

The truck, owned by the Ward Baking Co., and driven by Louis Sterman, 37, of 2708 Virginia Park, was put out of control by a coupe driven by James Bullock, of Webster Hall. Both men were released upon statements to the police.

Mrs. Vincent, whose husband is employed by the Leonard Electrical Co., West Maple avenue, Birmingham, is also survived by a four-year-old son. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Renaud, of 281 Mt. Vernon avenue, Detroit.

Funeral services were held from Hamilton's Undertaking Parlors, Cass avenue and Alexandrine, Detroit, today (Friday) at 2 o'clock. Burial took place in Elmwood cemetery.

Inability of the lawyers interested to get together last Monday has postponed the giving of a decree relative to the disposition of the Baldwin Public Library site until next Monday.

DODGE BROTHERS WILL ANNOUNCE BIG PRICE REDUCTION JANUARY 7

Dodge Brothers, Inc., manufacturers of the automobile bearing its name, this week sent out to its thousands of dealers a message to the public regarding a tremendous price reduction, to be formally announced in detail on January 7.

According to C. R. Evans, of the Evans-Jackson Motor Co., Dodge Brothers dealer for Birmingham and vicinity, these reductions will apply on all cars bought after midnight December 15.

"When the new prices are made, known on January 7 for the full amount of the reductions will be refunded immediately to purchasers since December 15," reads the announcement. These revolutionary reductions are made possible by a recently completed $10,000,000.00 expansion program—new buildings and equipment that will nearly double the capacity of the Dodge Brothers factories in 1926.

"There is no change in the policy upon which Dodge Brothers established their leadership 11 years ago —the policy of continuous improvements without yearly models," concluded the announcement.

CHURCHES WILL HOLD CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Many Birmingham churches will begin their observance of the approaching Christmastide with services this Sunday afternoon and evening, while during the week there will be religious plays and entertainments.

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Special music and carols will assume an important place in the Christmas service to be given at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, the organ prelude, "Fantasia on old Christmas Carols" will open the musical program. The choir, directed by Bert Beer, will sing the anthems, "Nazareth" by Gounod, and "Sing, Oh Heavens," by Tours. Under the carols, "First Nowell," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "Good King Wenceslas," and "Silent Night," and the offertory, "Holy Night," by Vail.

S. M. Dudley and E. Tabor, cornetists, will play the duet, "Adoration" by Gotz and "Christmas Carol." Miss Betty Lamison will sing a solo, "The Gift" by Behrend. Mrs. R. W. Raymond will sang "Virgins Lullaby" by Buck, and Bert Beer will give "The Star of Bethlehem" by Adams. Reverend F. E. Loger will make a short address.

The choir is also giving an entertainment on Wednesday evening in the church auditorium. Potter's class, composed of young married people, has charge of the arrangements, and Robert Allen is chairman. The plan is to have an old fashioned Christmas party with only the children taking part, though it is hoped that young and old alike will come. There will be games and sports for the children, a Christmas tree, and a Santa Claus with a bulging pack of toys. All grades of the Sunday School will be present.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

At the First Baptist Church Sunday night the Baptist choir led by Mrs. John Welch and assisted by members of the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, comprising a cellist, violinist, and pianist, will give a Christmas program of sacred music by the trio. An anthem by Newton, "The First Christmas Morn," will be given, followed by reading from the Scriptures by the Reverend T. J. Edwards. Mrs. Julia Lentz will sing a solo, "The Indian Jesus," by Von and the choir will render "O Come All Ye Faithful" by Reading.

During the offering the trio will give a selection. Reverend Edwards will make the offertory prayer. Mrs. Welch will sing a solo, "The New Born King." An anthem, "Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning" by Dudley Buck will be given. The trio will render a selection, the choir will sing the anthem, "Holy Night," by Mueller, "O Holy Night," and Reverend Edwards will bring the service to a close with the benediction.

AT ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL

"Angels Ever Bright and Fair" will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church next week with the anthem, "The Coming of Christ to the Kingdom," written by Henry Booth of Cranbrook and presented for the first time last year. The church choir will join with the Birmingham church in the giving of this play on next Tuesday night. Mrs. C. Booth and Mrs. John Gaffill of Southfield avenue are in full charge of the production and while some of the parts are difficult they are trying to keep it as simple as possible. The play will take place where the choir stalls are ordinarily.

Before each of the six episodes there is a prologue taken from the Scriptures, English translation of the New Testament. The episodes in the order of their appearance concern: John the Baptist; the Annunciation; going up to Bethlehem, including the taking of the census and the Nativity; the shepherds or laboring element, including the shepherds' visit; the Crusades and their coming to the stable, the astrologers, including their appearance before Herod at Jerusalem and their coming to Bethlehem, leaving Bethlehem and the flight into Egypt.

"Dawn" is the name of the first part of this play which depicts the conditions prevailing at the time of Christ and his birth. The second part is a pageant called "Moonlight" and represents the Three Kings coming to pay homage to the idealism which Christ set forth. Between 8 and 10 people take part in the pageant. Among those taking the principal parts are Richard Kalder, Mrs. Ralph Hoyt, Mrs. Charles Herod, Walter Bourne, angel with gilded lyre; Jane Hoyt, angel with silver lyre, Mary Bailey, Annunciation angel; Mrs. Retta Barr, Miss Jane Hulbert, and Frank Miller, people; David Gaffill, Jr., and Frank Brincel, and L. A. Morgan, shepherds; Mrs. C. Booth, Mrs. Dawkins, H. M. Zerbe, astrologers. Henry Booth as the Evangelist, reads the prologues.

Mary Gaffill will take Christ in the pageant will be seated with the audience until it is time for her to take her place in the manger. In this way the church hopes to make the congregation feel that it also has a part in the play and that it is indeed a devotional service for all present. The music will be rendered by the choir under the direction of Melvin Kates of Oakland avenue, who is the choir master.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p. m. will be held the Christmas Carol Vesper Service of the Methodist Church. The program will open with the processional hymn, number 103, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "O Tell Me, Gentle Shepherd." Mr. Atkins will read the Scripture lessons and offer prayer, and the Junior Department will sing "A Stranger Comes to Bethlehem."

Members of the choir will present a pageant, "The Nativity," the costumes for which are prepared by Mrs. C. W. Stearns, Mrs. R. D. Bird, and Mrs. H. C. Murphy. The cast includes Mary, Mrs. Ward Shearer; Joseph, Paul E. Smith; the six shepherds, Caleb, Asa, Josias, Joab, Nathan, and Jonas, played by J. Schneider, F. Campbell, F. V. Quarton, R. Lynd, L. Heacock, and W. Dailey; the three Kings of Orient, Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthasar, played by L. Hascall, E. B. Root, and K. Bingham; the angel of the Lord, Mrs. Frank Campbell; Prolocutor, J. Dailey.

The Elwell will make the presentation of gifts. The closing hymn, number 113, will be sung, followed by the benediction pronounced by Mr. Atkins.

AT TABERNACLE

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle will give a Christmas entertainment Tuesday evening in the Maccabees' Hall. The program will be presented entirely by small children who will sing, recite dialogues, and enact pantomimes.

CHRISTMAS TREES for sale at corner of Daines and South Woodward. Apply 107 Daines St. adv.35*

Arts And Crafts Of Far-Off India Displayed Here By J. Mohammed Ali

By Rosalind Knox

India has come to Birmingham—at least its arts and crafts have, and what are they but the expression of racial individuality? J. Mohammed Ali has an exhibition at his home on Ravine road a great many interesting objects selected in India by his brother who has the happy faculty of choosing only those that combine beauty and utility.

Taj Mahal In Miniature

Of course the most beautiful piece of work in the whole exhibition is a small but perfect, fairy-like model of the Taj Mahal at Agra. The miniature of white marble whose texture looks like velvet repose on a base less than two feet square. A delicate fretwork screens the door and window openings and above each of the four doors and on the dome is a pattern of colors laid on most minutely and carefully to represent the emeralds, rubies, and other precious stones encrusting the original. Four towers surround the mausoleum. It took 20,000 men 20 years to build the real Taj, as the histories say, the craftsmen who made this little model must have taken a proportionately long time to bring it to the present state of perfection. It is a tribute to what human patience and artistry can achieve.

Native Carved Chair

After the Taj in importance comes a chair which took the first prize at the arts and crafts exhibition at Delhi, 1924. The wood of which it is made is called sheesham which resembles walnut in hardness and color and with a slight pink glow. When finished it is very glossy and rich looking. The back and seat of the chair are of cane, but practically the rest is of wood heavily carved in a grape and leaf design which is seen on many native pieces. On the back, above the caning is a flat headpiece in which are inlaid in brass and copper two crossed flags below a crown. Below the flags are the words in brass: "God Save the King." Above the crown is a scroll carved out of the wood in high relief bearing the inscription: "The Arts and Crafts of India Exhibition, Delhi, 1924." The backs of the arms are inlaid with a brass leaf pattern. It is a marvelous piece of work.

Other articles in the same sheesham wood are low and high folding screens, one being six feet high and of four sections, solidly carved in the grape and leaf pattern, square and oblong boxes with carved lids, trays and curator's helpers with brass inlay as well as carving, and taborets with beautiful fretwork sides. Two other native woods are used. There is a handsome box of mango wood which is lighter brown and smoother than the sheesham. The sides and top are overlaid in white and yellow etched brass in a conventional flower and leaf pattern. It is very effective. A pair of candlesticks of a light yellow wood, lacquered in black, has the lacquer cut away on the stems and based so that the wood underneath is exposed in a delicate pattern.

Another piece of artistic ingenuity

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M. E. CHURCH ELECTS OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Local Organization Held Annual Meeting Monday Night

ARE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Officers for the coming year of the Sunday School of the Methodist Church were elected Monday night at the annual meeting which included Reverend C. M. Thompson is a life member. H. T. Ellerby is superintendent and E. B. Root and J. R. Dalley are his assistants. The offices of secretary, treasurer, librarian and assistant are filled by Miss Mildred Patterson, Miss Avis Gravelin, Frank Campbell, and Luther Heacock. Louis Hascall and Mrs. George Steelman are chorister and pianist, while the assistant pianist is Miss Ruth Armstrong. Edwin Heacock is the superintendent of supplies and his assistant is George Armstrong. The library board is composed of Mrs. R. M. Atkins, chairman; Mrs. H. T. Ellerby; Mildred Black, librarian, Frances Looney, assistant librarian.

Junior Department

Superintendent of the Junior Department is George Stallings and his assistant is Mrs. M. Deer. Miss Dorothy Cooke, Ruth Hunt, Mrs. Frank Campbell, and Miss Mildred Green are secretary, treasurer, chorister and pianist. The teachers are Melvin Deer, Charles Mathews, Fenton Westcott, Mrs. Mary Hagan, Mrs. Joseph Huston, Mrs. Edwin Heacock, and Mrs. A. T. Schooley.

Primary Department

Superintendent of the Primary Department is Miss Zilla Adams and her assistant is Mrs. Elsie Howlett. The secretary, assistant secretary, and musical-director are Mrs. J. R. Dalley, Mrs. George Stallings, and Miss Margaret McLeod. The teachers are Mrs. Elsie Howlett, Mrs. Frank Deer, Mrs. Evelyn Deer, Mrs. A. Claxton, Mrs. Luther Heacock, and Mrs. Rachel Burrows.

Other Offices Filled

Mrs. George Armstrong is chairman of the Home Department, Miss Martie Sly is superintendent of the Cradle Roll, H. P. Doving is superintendent of membership, and Robert Lynd is superintendent of religious education. The teachers of the Senior Department are H. T. Ellerby, J. R. Dalley, A. Claxton, T. Jones, J. E. Maunders, J. Gibbons, Mrs. James Parry, Mrs. Eugene Smith, Mrs. H. C. Murray, Mrs. N. Black, Mrs. L. J. Slusser, and Miss Grace Heacock.

HEARING ON WEST MAPLE WIDENING SET FOR JAN. 4

Monday evening, January 4, is the date set for a public hearing of objections and suggestions to the proposed widening of West Maple avenue, from Woodward to Southfield avenues. The meeting will take place before the village commission in the village clerk's office.

The proposed width of the street is about 34 feet, and manager Starr expects to make it eight feet wider. Increased traffic congestion is given as the reason for the widening necessity.

Overheated Iron The Cause Of Friday Blaze

A fire started at the home of Dave Thompson Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, but was easily extinguished. Burning grass near the home of F. F. Peel of Kensington road, Bloomfield Hills, was the cause of another call to the firemen Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Thompson, who is a matron, returned to the apartment of their home last Thursday night roused the family of A. J. Brandt, 717 Rivenoak avenue, and brought out the Birmingham Fire Department at two o'clock Friday morning. The fire had burned through the board, causing a dense smoke that filled the lower rooms of the house and, sweeping up a laundry chute, entered one of the bedrooms. The loss is estimated at less than $1,000, covered by insurance.

EARLY PAPER NEXT WEEK

Due to the fact that Christmas falls on next Friday, the Eccentric will publish its next issue on next Tuesday, December 22. It will be possible the Eccentric wishes to announce that all news or advertising copy for next week's newspaper MUST be in our office not later than Monday NOON, December 21.

The Eccentric office will be closed all day Christmas, as well as the following day, Saturday, December 26.

VLIET AND HART ON CO. ATHLETIC BOARD

Local Men Part Of Group To Foster Athletic Activities For Next Year

MET AT WALLED LAKE

Clarence Vliet, local superintendent of schools, and Melvin C. Hart, principal of the Baldwin high school, were appointed on an Oakland County board to assist in preparing various school and Y. M. C. A. athletic activities for the field next year. The appointment was made last Thursday night at Walled Lake, when members of the Oakland County School Men's club held its second meeting.

A committee was also appointed to work with the Y. M. C. A. in the county to promote a track meet for pupils of the grades. Its members are: Principal Arthur W. Selden, of Northern junior high school, Pontiac; Superintendent Charles R. Johnson, Clawson; Superintendent Thomas F. Davis, Hazel Park; Superintendent Kalder, Ferndale; Superintendent Clarence Vliet, Birmingham.

Plans for the spring field events will probably be left in charge of these groups, but they will act as well as an advisory capacity regarding all problems of proper conduct of athletics. They will be a board of appeal in case of disputes, and rule on eligibility, and other similar questions that grow out of interscholastic competition.

LOCAL EXCHANGE CLUB BANQUET TUESDAY EVE

Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham Exchangite, together with guests dropped the cares of business last night and frolicked at a dinner-dance held at Northwood Inn, Royal Oak. About 80 persons graced the festive board.

A program of entertainment, under the direction of Dr. Fred L. Tucker, Eddie Edwards, and Melvin C. Hart, was provided, the chief attraction of which was Broadus Erle, six-year-old boy musical prodigy, whose violin playing was marvelled at by those present. The little chap, who lives with his parents in the Louise Lathrup subdivision at Southfield avenue and the 12-Mile road, has played in Chicago and Detroit theaters, and has already received flattering offers to go on the vaudeville stage.

Following the entertainment, dancing was in order, lasting until 12:30 o'clock. Another banquet will be given by the Exchange Club at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club on Monday evening, January 4.

Dance every Saturday night at Patchett's Hall, Smith 4-piece orchestra. adv.34tf

LATEST RUMOR SAYS GRAND TRUNK WILL BE MOVED EASTWARD

State Said To Be Surveying New Right-Of-Way 1½ Miles To East

TO ELECTRIFY RAILROAD

New Survey Will Save State $750,000.00 In Securing Lands For Road Bed

Perhaps what may be termed the most reliable rumor regarding the Grand Trunk situation for its relation to Woodward avenue came to the Eccentric office Wednesday of this week. Just how much authenticity may be attached to it is conjectural, since the real source of such activity is Governor Groesbeck, and he still remains silent on the subject.

To Move 1½ Miles East

However, as rumor now has it, the Grand Trunk railroad will be moved to a point about one and one-half miles east of Woodward avenue; a survey of the lands to be acquired by the State is said to be going on now and it is expected that work of excavating and grading will be begun in the early Spring.

It is also said that the Grand Trunk is planning to electrify its road between Detroit and Pontiac, and is about to build a roundhouse in Pontiac at a cost of $150,000.00. The rumor points to a solution of the rapid transit problem between the two cities.

Will Save $1,500,000

The last survey made of the State east of Woodward avenue was about a mile east of Woodward avenue, at the East Maple avenue line, and the reason for the extension of a half-mile farther is because the State will be able to save $750,000.00, as about 100 homes now lie in the path of the first surveyed right of way.

This means that the Grand Trunk right of way would swerve eastward at Royal Oak, continuing the first survey made through Northwood, and by the time about a mile is reached that would finally meet the present roadbed three or four miles north of Birmingham. This would eliminate the railroad from any part of Birmingham.

Aside from this rumor and its possible reflection upon the local Woodward avenue problem, nothing new has been announced by the State Highway Department regarding any solution of the Grand Trunk or Wider Woodward situation.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADES HELD PARTY

One of the cleverest entertainments given at the Baldwin High School this year was that held last Saturday night by the members of the seventh and eighth grades under the supervision of Mrs. J. O. Hornback, their session room teacher.

Part one consisted of radio numbers with Richard Ellerby as the announcer, broadcasting from the "W. J. H. S," Birmingham, Michigan. There followed a piano solo, "The Scarf Dance," by Margaret Phillips; Nursery Rhymes, by Phyllis Bause; "My Shadow," a vocal solo by Mary Emma Green; Bed-time story by Mary Elizabeth Olsen; and a word of cheer from Santa speaking from Scandinavia by Harold Fellenbaum.

A Two-Act Play

Part two was a two-act play. The sweets and chocolates were handled by Madlyn Harris as Miss Pearl Peterson and Edwin Deer played the part of Mr. Hershey. They were received by the members of the Board of Education, Superintendent Vliet, Mr. Hart, and their wives. The pupils who impersonated these distinguished people were the Misses Mary Wenzel, Elizabeth Pulback, Elizabeth Forester, Genevieve Upper, Margaret Arnold, Vadne Scott; Glenn Patchett, Herman Schwartz, Christopher Hoefner, Rochelauet, and Leonard McClure. The sweets were served by Misses Mary Wenzel, Melvin, Hezekiah Vliet; George Craig, Cassander Hart; Romeyn McAlpine, Nathan Bartholomew Cook; Charles Osmanski, Napoleon Van Winkle; Stoddard White, Moses Blake; Frederick Black, Rehoboam Toothacker; Betty Brown, Ophelia Bumps Ackerly; Barbara Steeker, Jerry Cherry Travis; Louise Mitchell, Tilly Berry Wise; Jean Brooks, Delphine Speaker Crabtree; Dorothy Kirl, Kentucky Belle Bourbon Tree; Alice Smith, Goldie Locks Jones; Shirley Brown, Christinia Wentefelder; Barbara Drury, Cinderella Susanna Hoe Down; Esther Rainey, Scottina McIntyre. Act one ended with Richard Ellerby reciting dialogue and studying during the forenoon. Act two showed the sound closing day exercises at recess, declamations, dialogues, music during the afternoon. The closing song was "School Days."

Part Three Is Circus

Part three was the pupils' circus. Children's games were played while the tents were being put up. Thomas Martindale was the ticket man; Robert Hoefner, Arthur Dailey, traffic cops; John Shepherd, balloon man; Gabriel Hoefner, popcorn man; Amy Schneider, John Lasley, Gerald Highy, clowns; Julia Myers, fortune teller; Howard Sennetty and Robert Black, Chinese; Harold Teichman, fattest man; Harry Winborn, guard; Vernon Schlenke, barker; Robert Thompson, tiger; Donald Blum, guard; Robert Mariotte, gorilla; James Stout, guard; Robert Smith, band director; Esther Rainey, piano; Edwin Deer, drums; Grant Bradley, violin; Warren Jewell and Frederick Hanck, saxophones; Leonard McClure, cornet; James Winborn, harpist. Fine and crackers were sold for money. Refreshments were served at a hot lunch and soft drink stand presided over by Catherine Guthrie, Doris Root, Doris McCurquodale, and Romeyn McAlpine.

The session room was attractively decorated on the windows and boards by Nelson Baxter, Annette Kirby, Dorothy Hoefner, Ralph Jones, Doris MacCorquodale, June Laughlin, Neil Welch, and Shirley Brown. Mr. Carryel donated a Christmas tree which with its many lights adorned the center of the room. The out-of-town guests were, Miss Chloe Hardy of Detroit, Miss Marian McClelland of Ann Arbor, and Miss Vivian Rich of Detroit. The faculty guests were dressed as children and Mr. Vliet and Miss McIntyre were chosen as the best types of days long gone by.

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