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WHAT SOME LOCAL CITIZENS THINK OF "Y" WORK FOR BOYS

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as it does so many youths full of red blood and ambition, this organization is at its very best because the need of it is great. No one interested in the future of our young men can afford not to help carry on the work.

Arthur C. Peck, local banker: "To my knowledge there is no better force for good for the boy in this community than the local Y.M.C.A. It has been my privilege within the last four or five years to be a leader of three or four "Y" groups of various ages and I cannot help but notice that the fellows who were in these and other "Y" groups are the fellows that are clean-cut, square-toed and are making good. The "Thrift" movement and the "Father and Son Banquet" movements, both of which are fostered by the Y.M.C.A., have now become National Institutions. To me, the Y.M.C.A. is the biggest bet for better boys that I know."

Raymond H. Peck, of Hanna street: "The Y.M.C.A. groups are an inspiration to every 'Thrifty' youth. It is a pleasure to see the boys take to the program which strengthens them physically, mentally, morally, and socially."

George R. Averill, publisher Birmingham Eccentric: "Any agency that exists or that can be made to exist in this city for the betterment of the youths in it, is worthy of support. The local Y.M.C.A. drive to be staged here next week merits the financial support of all. I hope that Birmingham and vicinity 'legs over the top' in the quest to maintain a means whereby the morals and character of our boys are strengthened and sustained."

Charles S. Kinnison, poet of Hawthorne road, Birmingham Park: "I did not believe that the Oakland County Y.M.C.A. was very much worthy of notice, but I am sure that it would have led the local H-Y group for 4 years. I not only believe, but I know, that the Y.M.C.A. in Birmingham is one of the finest Christian influences that reaches its boys and young men. It helps them to keep thinking in the right direction. Can anyone deny the benefit of that?"

Clarence Vheat, supt. of schools: "The Y.M.C.A. deserves the support of every person in the community because it furnishes adolescent boys with advice, direction and personal leadership not available elsewhere at a critical age when group organizations commence to play a part in a boy's life."

Louis Hascall, of North Woodward avenue: "While visiting a Y.M.C.A. Camp in Upper Michigan last summer, I was much impressed by the well organized, clean and wholesome way in which the sports and activities were conducted. Too much credit cannot be given the Y. for its work. The atmosphere this camp seemed to teach the boys, as Knox has said, 'look out, not in; look up, not down; look forward, not back; and lend a hand.'"

DADS AND SONS MEET FOR SEVENTH TIME

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The entire program is to be followed by a moting picture.

Women from the Bennaville avenue Congregational Church in Eco City are to serve the dinner and are planning on seating the capacity of the hall which is about 500. This will likely be the largest attendance at any of the seven similar banquets here. The first of the seven was a distinctly modest affair with probably not more than fifty at the supper served in the Methodist church. The dinner is one of the many that will occur during the week in this section as the entire week, beginning February 8, will be known as Father and Son week in Detroit and vicinity.

During the following week the Exchange and Rotary Clubs will head a drive to raise funds for Y.M.C.A. aided by other local fraternities. The quota set by the Y.M.C.A. committee is \$3,000 and the Rotary and Exchange Club have made a contest of the drive and will each make an effort to surpass the other in attaining the quota. The amount raised last year in a similar drive brought donations totaling over \$2,500. The money is used through the year to defray the expenses of maintaining the Y.M.C.A.

The clubs who are to make the drive will canvass the entire town, and as in other years will solicit pledges, which often are paid at intervals extending through the entire year. The cause here has always received enthusiastic response.

A CORRECTION

Due to a typographical error in last week's paper, notice of the English Lutheran Church appeared under the heading of the Birmingham Tabernacle and the Tabernacle notice was under the caption, "English Lutheran Church."

LOCAL YOUTH WHO WINS STATE GRIDIRON HONORS

Football technique and ability on the Baldwin high school football team last fall is responsible for covering Dorrville Symons with glory and bringing distinction to the local high school. Symons was selected recently as half back on the South Eastern Michigan All American Football team. This is the first year that any members of Birmingham football team has been honored for a position on the team.

The team is made up of high school boys from this section of Michigan who are considered the best all-around football men in the district and the most representative players in their respective sections. The team is an honorary institution and plays no games. Symons is a senior in the Baldwin high school and has played three years on the local team.

"British Paintings and Painters" Literary Subject

"British Paintings and Painters," under the direction of Mrs. Anna H. Blewite, were interestingly discussed at the Woman's Literary Club, at the community house, Tuesday afternoon.

Previous to the regular program, Mrs. Lesta Schiack, president, urged members to attend the Art Annual at the Art Institute in Detroit, during the week of February 8th. Mrs. Schiack also suggested that it would be worthwhile for those who could to hear Miss Jessie Bonstelle address the fine arts group Friday, at the Federation Club House in Detroit. Her remarks were substantiated by Miss Marjorie Porter, Club Editor of the Detroit News, who was at the meeting.

Biographies of Joseph Turner and John Constable, contemporary English painters, were given by Mrs. H. Blewite and Mrs. Harriet Signers, respectively. In turn, according to the speakers, were adept at the suggestion of poetry and "souls" in landscapes, for which they are remembered.

While Turner possessed a breadth of style and interpretive power, Constable strove for brightness and originality in all his works.

To further perpetuate the English influence two old English songs, "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "Sweet and Low," were sung by the entire assembly, to a piano accompaniment by Mrs. Harriet Signers.

At the close of the Art program club members were invited to a social afternoon, which is being planned by the Art Department for Tuesday, February 24th.

Business session was in charge of Mrs. Lesta Schiack. During the meeting four women, Mrs. T. B. Bowls, Mrs. Louise Welch, Mrs. Herbert M. Zerbe, and Miss Isabelle Gordon, were given active membership in the club. Also, it was decided that the Annual Luncheon, Tuesday, March 3, was to be at the First Methodist Church here.

"Home Craft" day, set for Tuesday, February 17, will be in charge of the Home Economics Department under the chairmanship of Mrs. Grace Cobb, chairman. Members were asked to contribute, for exhibition, any home made work.

1925 AUTO TAGS TO BE SOLD AT COUNTY SEAT

Automobile license tag for 1925 may be purchased after February 2, in Oakland county at the Pontiac branch of the Secretary of State's office at 40 East First street, according to an announcement this week, following the passage by the state legislature of the weight and gasoline tax. Members of the Oakland County Automobile Club will get their tags through the club, according to Wade G. Brown, manager. The fee for new licenses is at the rate of 55 cents for each hundred pounds of car weight.

PLEA FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN B'HAM SCHOOLS IS REFUSED

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those students in the 5th and 6th grades whose parents give their consent.

In discussing the subject, the School Board wished to point out the following:

One of the American ideas of freedom is that each can worship as he wishes. Therefore the laws are framed very carefully to guard this freedom. All such laws clearly separate all activities of the Government from those of Religion and any seeming infringement would be quickly resented by some of our citizens.

What you propose to teach as outlined by Mrs. Hawthorne is well, is what could better be called moral training. It had nothing to do with Secular Religion and could be accepted in any school and taught by the regular teachers. Indeed, it is now being done in our regular classes in English, language and history, but not as thoroughly as you would like or possibly desire. The fact that you wish it taught by separate teachers, controlled and supported by several Societies, Pennsylvania, etc., alone brings it under suspicion of interfering with religious freedom.

The support of the public schools by taxes which are borne by indirectly or indirectly, and all teachers are created by the law as standing in the place of the parent, and are directly accountable to and under the control of the superintendent hired by the School Board. The policy of the Birmingham School Board is not to delegate authority to instruct to govern pupils to others outside of its own faculty during school hours. To do so is probably illegal. The law compelling attendance is so strict and the assurance of study so carefully maintained that to allow pupils to be instructed in debatable subjects, that would not be in the public interest would place this Board in an untenable position.

Besides the above basic principles there are several local conditions to be considered which might prohibit this work.

1. Our space is so crowded that it would be difficult to segregate the students that desire to take this study since there is no vacant room in any of our grade buildings.

2. Every minute of the school day is fully occupied by the work at present outlined in the course of study. Either some of this work would have to be omitted or the school day lengthened.

The children of the public school intermingle at present without thinking of or drawing religious lines, and the course of study is planned for the common good. For a subject to be introduced which would create such a sharp line of division would be unwise.

The Committee on Religious Education appears to be a pioneer in the field of attempting to secure higher moral standards in children and that to make better citizens, and we commend your endeavor. We believe your project may be worked out in any way that will commend 100 per cent support of the people, yet the School Board feels that under the plan submitted it cannot grant your request.

Respectfully,
H. B. CLEMENT, President
R. J. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

Birmingham, Mich., Jan. 26, 1925.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF YOUTH

Baldwin high school and Hill school Parent-Teacher Associations at their February meetings had programs on similar subjects. Baldwin unit met last Tuesday afternoon with a discussion of the problems pertaining to the youth of high school age.

Tuesday afternoon Hill school, will hold their meeting with an address by Mrs. Mary Cleveland of Detroit, who takes as her subject, "Delinquent girls."

At the meeting of the Baldwin unit, Mrs. M. C. Hart gave an outline of the classes she has developed in social hygiene of the tenth month of the home economics classes in the high school. A nominating committee was appointed, including Mrs. James White, Mrs. Harvey Whalen and Miss Chloe Hardy to present names in March for the officers to be elected that time, to act for the coming year.

The Hill school meeting will take the form of a tea and will have, besides Mrs. Cleveland's lecture, a short musical program.

IRISH REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING IN DETROIT FEB. 6.

Arrangements for the Irish Republican Mass Meeting to be held February 6, at 40 East First street, under the auspices of the committee in charge has been successful. Securing Mr. Peter Gordon, who will speak "The Coming Election in Ireland" and Mr. Stud Holman, who will speak on "India's Fight for Freedom" and will also deal to some extent with the Opium Traffic, as it exists today.

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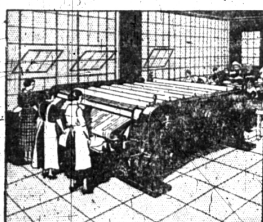
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