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FINN HOME, VALUED
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GROUND WEDNESDAY

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called on both Royal Oak and Berkley fire departments which refused to answer on the same grounds that Birmingham offered. Chief Olsen found that Finn, however, was willing to personally guarantee the cost of responding to the alarm, whereupon Olsen, Green and Finn drove to Birmingham. Finn signed a contract covering costs, and the Birmingham fire siren immediately sounded, sending the fire truck to the burning house. The truck left Birmingham forty minutes after the first telephone call was received by the village clerk, but it was too late to do any good.

Village Is Criticized
A good deal of criticism and commendation have been heard in Birmingham since the circumstances surrounding the affair have become known. Many people have been almost bitter in their denunciation of the methodical heartlessness shown by Birmingham in not answering the first call for aid; others have upheld the attitude of the village commission in demanding that a public service, mainly operated for and by local taxpayers, should not be forced to go beyond the village corporate limits for its use.

"Birmingham, for many years, has supported, through local taxation, a fire department that has been more than generous in its response outside of this village," said manager Starr yesterday. "Of course, it is too bad that the Finn home burned, but isn't it also too bad that officials of Royal Oak township have refused to bind themselves to pay for fire protection which we, or any other community, might furnish? Certainly Royal Oak township is as able to finance its public utilities just as well as Birmingham is."

Up To Township Board
"At present both Troy and Bloodfield townships, comprising 72 acres of land, pay Birmingham for the use of its equipment in case of fire. For many years Birmingham depended upon individuals to pay for fire service when their homes were in danger; in some cases, when we sent a bill after responding to a fire outside of Birmingham, we received payment, but in a majority of cases we have never been able to collect the money. That's the reason why we raise the money through general taxation."

In refutation of a statement appearing in a Detroit newspaper Thursday morning to the effect that a lack of fire protection in suburban districts had no effect on insurance rates, several insurance men have called at the Eccentric office asking that some explanation be made. Carl A. Hallberg, 219 Vinewood avenue, stated, "Burkhardt's remark included in the Detroit paper's story of the Finn fire is likely to lead to considerable confusion concerning insurance rates. His statement may be misconstrued by readers as meaning that insurance rates on buildings within or outside of the corporate limits of a city or village are the same. It is a well known fact that outside rates are higher in every case."

8th ANNUAL FATHER
AND SON BANQUET WAS
A GREAT SUCCESS HERE

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just five dollars; another may ignore that this pig iron, properly refined, may be made into a thousand dollars' worth of fine pipe, while still another, looking to higher development of that raw material, may make it into many thousands of dollars' worth of some useful article. So it is with our boys—we must see them the citizens for investment, development, and then help them to bring it to the surface where it may benefit themselves and the world."

Albert Guthrie, of South Woodward avenue, a student at the Baldwin high school, in replying for the boys, plead for a stronger relation of fellowship between fathers and their sons.

Three Things Necessary
"Love, mercy and meekness are the three most essential characteristics needed in the youth of from 12 to 20 years of age today," declared Rev. Robert M. Atkins, of the local Methodist church, in the main address of the evening. "America needs more emphasis placed upon the spiritual things of life, rather than upon the material. We need an attitude of brotherly love, instead of an attitude of superiority that now express toward men of other races and colors."

"Recently a man high in the affairs of his native China was asked what he considered most essential in the way of educating his son. 'I shall give him the best military education possible,' replied the Chinese, 'for that is the only language that the white man understands.' When it is remembered that soldiers have always been considered below the average of human equality in China, one can not help but realize that the white man's attitude of superiority toward other races is damaging to the peace of the world," said Rev. Atkins.

Obedience to our national, state and local laws is another thing most necessary for the perpetuation of democratic principles in the United States, said Rev. Atkins. Results of a questionnaire submitted by Rev. Atkins to various local organizations relative to the three most essential characteristics required in boys from 12 to 20 years of age gave: first, meekness, second to ambition, and third to intelligence.

Other features of the program were acrobatic stunts by a team from Ypsilanti, "Living Greek statues" by a Detroit Y. M. C. A. team, and old time fiddling, dance and song by J. F. Wenzel and his son, of Birmingham.

Ted Evans officiated as leader during a half hour of community singing.

SUNDAY SHOWS MEET
PULPIT OPPOSITION
FROM PASTORS HERE

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operate here on a six-day-a-week basis in the form of Sunday shows in the United States operating profitably without Sunday shows, it is fallacious to consider that Sunday shows are necessary to the profitable conduct of a theater.

"If Birmingham has a Sunday show it is only logical to assume that its patrons will be the boys and girls and young people of the community, and that the theater management will use every art of publicity to secure a large Sunday attendance," continued Rev. Atkins. "After five years as Associate Pastor of the Central Methodist Church, on the corner of Park, Detroit, in charge of Institutional Work and Religious Education, I have found that Sunday shows do make the work of the church exceedingly difficult in its program for young people."

Nevertheless, Rev. Atkins said that the church is not going out of business because of Sunday shows, but that its work is greatly hampered. He believes that if Birmingham esteems the value of Religious Education and the upbuilding of the moral and religious life of its youth, it will probably vote against the operation of Sunday shows here. Comparative statistics from states that have Sunday shows and those which have no Sunday shows, indicates that where there are no Sunday shows the attendance of youth at Sunday school and church is far in excess of the states where Sunday shows operate, he stated.

Cites Examples
Pennsylvania, a state where there is a good Sabbath law, 20 per cent of the population is in Sunday school each Sunday, while in New York only five per cent of the people attend Sunday school," went on Rev. Atkins. "Birmingham is a community of homes; people are moving here because it is a quiet home community. Most of the citizens of this community are interested in the church and Religious Education; the recent survey of our schools showed over 1,300 of our students out of more than 1,500 answering the questionnaire, as enrolled in some of the Sunday schools of this community. This is a wonderful community record, and Birmingham is too interested in its youth to allow Sunday shows to operate in its corporate limits and disrupt the religious and educational program of the churches."

Up To Voters
Rev. Atkins was energetic in stating that he was not discussing the question of a six-day theater, but was merely declaring his objections to a theater operating in Birmingham on a Sunday. He concluded by saying that "a majority of the voters of Birmingham vote against Sunday shows; the show cannot operate at the Lionel Lincoln. The penalty is not so severe for the management of a theater, but in view of the fact that this nation is so interested in its youth, the law is found quite efficient in those communities that have voted against Sunday shows."

"SEVEN KEYS TO BALDPATE"

Douglas MacLean's recipe for getting screen laughs is "never make yourself do it; just let yourself do it. That way critics, is perhaps the reason why, in 'Seven Keys to Baldpate,' which will be shown at the Baldwin high school Monday night, March 1, Mr. MacLean keeps his audience in continual ripples and waves of laughter. The picture is put on under the auspices of the Junior Washington group.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL

Miss Berl Hynes of Pandy street will present a number of her pupils in a pianoforte recital tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the Community House to which the public is invited. Mrs. Eva DeVlieger, soprano, and Miss Miriam Eldred will assist. Those who are to take part are Sarah Baker, Marjorie and Betty Kidder, Marie Bank, Earl, Helen and Beatrice Haley, Beth, Lanny, Helen, Clyde, Mary, James, Jean Stevenson, Frances Frye, Corinne Morrison, and Wilbur Nicholson.

PLANNING COMMISSION
At a special meeting of the new Birmingham Planning Commission, Wednesday night, Dr. A. W. Ives was made chairman of the committee on parks; H. N. Davies, chairman of committee on traffic and all street matters; John A. Woodruff, on public buildings; Ralph I. Corryell, on supervision of all development projects, subdivisions, plats, etc.

VILLAGE REGISTRATION

Saturday, February 27, is the last day for registration for the annual village election. All persons now registered may do so now at the village clerk's office, or on the last day in the two meeting places. All residents north of the center line of Maple avenue will register and vote in the north town, the corner of North Woodward and Harmon avenues, while south of the Maple dividing line the old Town Hall will be used.

Y. M. C. A. DRIVE

Up to Monday night of this week, the current drive for Y. M. C. A. funds for this community had netted a total of \$1,000.00, according to Robert D. Lynd, secretary. Within the next few days it is expected that the returns will exceed the desired quota of \$4,000.00. The teams driver John B. Howard obtained \$50.00 more than those under Robert B. Allen.

March 5 the state elimination debating for the 60 Michigan debating teams will be held at a place to be announced later. They will debate on the proposed child labor amendment. Birmingham's first defeat took place at Plymouth on February 11, but the local high school still has 12 points to its credit.

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