

STUDENT LOAN FUND MOVIE

HAROLD LLOYD IN "THE FRESHMAN"

BIRMINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1926

8 P. M.

Tell Your Neighbor—

"THE FRESHMAN"

Is Coming!

ADMISSION: 25c AND 35c

12th ANNUAL DRIVE
FOR Y. M. C. A. FUNDS TO
START NEXT SUNDAY

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noted by the Y.M.C.A. was very valuable in Thrift education, especially did we find the talks given in the schools helpful. This brought in some new savings accounts and a number of inquiries regarding savings. The budget books seem to be very much appreciated by the ladies as we have had a number of requests for books after the supply was exhausted. One lady said "This is the finest budget plan I have ever seen."

Chas. Randall, First National Bank: "The use of one of the budget books given out during the recent Thrift Week enabled me by planning ahead my income and expenditures to make a payment on a note," said one woman to Miss Jarvis. We believe in this phase as well as the other phases of Y.M.C.A. work."

Ralph Wilson, druggist: "The Y.M.C.A. in this community is a powerful force in helping the people."

Chas. A. Bingham, local realtor: "There is no value of greater importance than character and the Y.M.C.A. emphasizes real values in character."

David H. Ladd, of Madison avenue: "The Y.M.C.A. by introducing Hartwell, my son, to Camp Nissokone, served both him and me in a remarkable way. Mrs. Ladd and I visited the camp and the leadership and program of the camp made a lasting impression upon every boy there."

Russell McBride, Hi-Y Leader: "The State Older boys conference promoted by the Y.M.C.A. was the most inspiring gathering I ever attended. Two thousand older boys considering together how best to spread throughout the state the gospel of the Christ."

Loyal Campbell, Junior-Y Leader: "My experience in Y club as a member, later as a leader of a younger

boys club, a member of the Hi-Y, as a camp leader for several seasons has given me a broader outlook upon life and has made me feel that the most worthwhile thing in life is the development of a high type of character. I hope to pass this on to the younger boys I am privileged to lead."

Louis Hascall, President, Rotary Club: "The work of the Y.M.C.A. should be encouraged by every wide awake citizen. I am sure it has the hearty endorsement of the Rotary Club."

Chas. S. Kinnison: "Our boys are the greatest asset of Birmingham. The development of their character should be our prime consideration. The Y. M. C. A. is helping the home school, and the church to grow a fine type of citizenship."

Mrs. C. C. Osborne, President, The Ladies Literary Club was very much pleased with the Budget Books distributed by the Y.M.C.A. as a part of Thrift Week program."

Rev. Robert Marcus Atkins, of the local Methodist church: "The Young Men's Christian Association always has been closely identified with the church. It has been especially successful in bringing a message of many religion to men and boys. It is never selfish. Its first interest is the Kingdom of God. It is everywhere a great community agency extending its services to men and boys, irrespective of creed and artificial distinctions. Possibly everyone is not aware that the Y.M.C.A. has been especially successful in recruiting and training leaders for Christian work in the church and community efforts, in behalf of men and boys, as well as developing leaders for its own special tasks. For 75 years its work has flourished on the North American continent. Its program has been carried to employed boys, school boys, underprivileged boys, to boys of every race and color. It is as much at home in industry as among the University students. It is democratic and effec-

lent and has the good will of the churches and of people who are interested in the presentation of Christian religion to youth."

Mrs. J. W. Perry, of 209 Ferndale avenue: "There are many reasons why I believe in Y.M.C.A. boys camps. There a lad has religious training, nature study, physical development, sports, and a wholesome outdoor life under the supervision of well trained men. All this is furnished for a sum so small that it is within the reach of a very large number of people. Any boy benefits from such an outing."

Charles J. Shain, village president: "The proper supervision of the youth of our country is perhaps the greatest work we could undertake. We of this community have been very fortunate in the past as the court records will attest. No boys who have received this training in our midst have been in our courts; support the local Boys' Work program and help continue this record."

George G. Steelman, of Riverchase avenue, is an ardent booster for the work done by the Y.M.C.A. He says "Any community that has within it live wire like Robert D. Lynd as Y.M.C.A. secretary is bound to reap rewards of untold merit in the manhood that grows up in it. I am heartily in favor of lending both moral and financial aid to any agency in a town that develops its boys and girls. As head of three different Boy Scout troops in the past, I realize the great good that the Y.M.C.A. influence has on young minds and bodies. It has been said that the building of character is the most important thing to accomplish in youth; the Y.M.C.A. strives to bring together a sense of religious understanding with affairs of the world and there are plenty of men today who have cashed in on its teachings."

F. E. Logee, pastor of the local First Presbyterian church: "Not only is the Y.M.C.A. a Young Men's

Christian Association, it is also a Christian Association for boys who are becoming men. In the East End Y.M.C.A. in Cleveland there gathered weekly a selected group of boys from the East-side High Schools of the city. There was supper. There were stunts and entertainment. There was Bible study and straight-from-the-shoulder discussion. Because one of these groups was made up of the leaders of the High School they represented, their high standards carried back and shaped the athletic standards and the social atmosphere of the school. The value of such groups lives on and can not be calculated."

J. B. Howarth, of Pierce street: "Why maintain Y.M.C.A. activities? Well, we know that the great difference between Christian and Pagan civilization is marked by our Churches, our Schools, our Hospitals and the benevolent work that accompanies them; Red Cross, Salvation Army, Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. For many years I have had the privilege of knowing and helping the great work of the Y and have seen young men developed through its activities who could have been unable to accomplish what they have except for the help they have been given by it. It is not a charity for its beneficiaries must be self-helpful, must actually strive to keep up with its requirements in character and behavior. In a community of the type of ours no organization can be more helpful in guiding the lives of our young men. Without its influence much would be lost."

Clarence Vliet, supt. of schools: "The Y.M.C.A. program contemplates a four-fold development in the boys under its direction, viz: 1. Intellectual. 2. Physical. 3. Devotional. 4. Social. The intellectual program commences with the school and weighs effort, attendance, conduct, scholarship and participation in school activities such as athletics, plays, literary societies and musical organiza-

tions. It encourages home reading of good books and urges participation in club activities where opportunity may be had for public speaking. It advises nature study, handicraft work and 'collection' hobbies as an outlet for adolescent energies. It believes that character expressed in daily life is the ultimate goal of any successful scheme of secondary education and aims to make the "Y" a strong factor in producing the same."

E. L. Manson, of Park street: "The value of Y.M.C.A. in Birmingham is three-fold in my opinion. First, the boy or young man who participates in Y.M.C.A. activities is in an atmosphere that is wholesome, religious and healthy, which is bound to have a very definite influence on his later life. Second, because the Y.M.C.A. presents an opportunity for the men of our community to lend their efforts in moulding the character of these boys and young men and help equip them to better discharge their duties as future citizens of this or any other locality and surely we are all interested in keeping our citizenship up to the highest point. Third, because the Y.M.C.A. is the one assisting agency that inculcates the moral, religious and the physical side of life into its program in a way that the boy of to-day can not only grasp these fundamental principles of good character, but that he is eager to partake of them as well. It is the boy of to-day and the man of to-morrow that we are dealing with and it is our bounden duty to see to it that the Y.M.C.A. is supported in a way that will leave no doubt in the boys' mind that here is one institution that is worthy of his confidence."

VILLAGE PLAYERS DELIGHTED
THEIR ANNUAL LAST
SATURDAY EVENING

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Players here was evidenced in Leigh Lynch's impersonation of Mr. Strickland, in "The Finger of God." This emotional little drama opened with a scene in Strickland's rooms, with Benson, his valet, acted by W. White Raymond, packing a bag preparatory to his master's departure for another city. The conversation between the two reveals to the audience the fact that Strickland, manager of a large trust company, is about to abscond with \$300,000.00 of the firm's money.

A moment before Strickland leaves one of his office girls, acted splendidly by Ruth Baldwin, enters with several letters for her employer. The letters contain various sums of money which people of small means, hoping to have their savings invested securely, have sent on to Strickland's care. The latter, still bent on making his "get-away," tries to dismiss the girl who in turn, through conversational means, brings Strickland to a remembrance of his duty to his employer and the girl's faith in his honesty, tells her what he is about to do.

He turns back the pages of his life to a time, 28 years before, when he spent a year in jail for stealing. He explained how bitter he became toward the world, declaring that "for the past 28 years I have become successful by honest dealing, but always being honest because I was afraid to be otherwise."

Then, in a torrent of emotional frenzy, he reiterates his intention of stealing his firm's money, together with the savings that have been entrusted to his care; at this juncture "the girl" opens her purse and tenders Strickland several hundred dollars which she believes him yet to be honest at heart—offers to his care. It is at this point that dishonesty crumbles in Strickland's heart, while his spirit stuffs with new hopes and ambitions to retrieve the fortune he lost in speculation. It is related that numerous handkerchiefs were raised among the audience during the latter part of "The Finger of God," while it must be chronicled

HAROLD LLOYD in "THE
FRESHMAN," Feb. 8th, is

—Bringing everything to make you happy!
Laughs Galore! Thrills and Heart-Throbs!
Suspense that will send an icy finger up your spine—Crammed, jammed full of the stuff that makes life worth living!

that, had the author added another act to the play, it would have revealed a happy freshie in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Strickland—erstwhile just Mr. Strickland and plain "a girl."

Discuss Own Theatre

Between the second and third play discussion of their own theatre was held by members. Rolfe Spinning explained that much progress had been made toward securing their own playhouse property, one member having offered a site and another a building. The directors announced that an initiation fee of ten dollars, separate from annual dues would be levied against new members. A waiting list of more than 30 people who are anxious to join Birmingham's Village Players is at hand, it was said.

RICHMAN FIRE PROVES
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
NEEDS A CHEMICAL TRUCK

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the chain of evidence that is building up a strong case for the need of a township chemical truck, with two tanks, one tank not being large enough as has been proved several times before. It would be a good thing for the township to maintain a pumper as well as a chemical truck, but the need of the latter is most imperative. In case of frozen pipes, low pressure, or lack of nearby creek or lake water, a pumper is useless, while it takes only between 35 and 40 gallons of water for one tank of chemical which is a far better combatant of fire and not half so ruinous as water. It is the belief of members of the local fire department that all country houses should have reservoirs at least two feet deep built, (pumping water from less depth sucks air), so that no matter what the weather there will always be a supply ready for use by both chemical and pumper trucks.

Birmingham is Beautiful.

HELLO BIRMINGHAM!

THIS IS LIFE:

Give us Men! - Physically Strong, Mentally Alert, and Morally
Straight, for Our Citizenship of Tomorrow!

The Y. M. C. A. assists mankind in the preparation
of its youth for the demand of life!

STARTING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

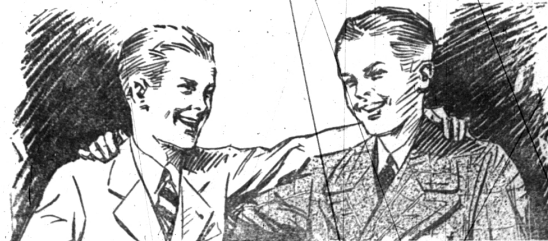
the 12th annual drive for Y. M. C. A. funds in this community will begin, to close Wednesday night, February 10

Birmingham's Quota IS \$4,000.00

GIVE

Remember, You are investing in Tomorrow's Manhood and Womanhood.
Contribute according to your prosperity!

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THESE BOYS ARE SMILING

Because they know that the men and women of
Birmingham will raise the 1926 quota