

BOY SCOUTS CONSIDER PERMANENT CAMP SITE

Honors Awarded Three Boys For Scout Work In The Past Year.

At a special meeting of the Birmingham Boy Scouts held Wednesday evening of last week, plans for a permanent camp site for local boy scouts were discussed by committees recently appointed to investigate the possibilities of such an enterprise.

Two possible camp sites for the boys have been investigated. G. D. Carr and Lloyd L. Stanley have been appointed to draw up the necessary regulations governing a camp, and Dr. F. L. Tucker is acting as chairman of the camp site committee. Definite action on the matter is expected in the near future.

At the regular scout meeting held June 25, honors for work in the organization were bestowed upon several local boys who have been adjudged worthy of the coveted badges.

The highest award, the Eagle Badge, was won by Norman W. Watson. Second class badges were earned by Stoddard White and Carl Korman.

In recognition of merit in their work as first class Scouts Byron Winburn, Gerald Updegraff, Pennoek Wollaston, Forest Fowler and Fred Johnson will conduct examinations in Scout work for younger boys.

CONTRACT LET FOR 500 ECO WATER METERS

Birmingham Prepares To Take Over Water Wares Of Its Southern Neighbor.

The village of Birmingham will buy 500 water meters from the Badger Meter Company of Chicago, for installation in Eco City. It was decided at the regular meeting of the commission held Monday evening.

At a meeting held a week prior bids for the meters were opened and read as follows:

The Crane Company of Detroit, \$6.90 each without couplings.

The Horsey Manufacturing Company, Boston, \$7.97.

The Badger Meter Company, Chicago, \$5.75.

The Neptune Meter Company, Chicago, \$11.82.

The Pittsburgh Meter Company, Pittsburgh, \$21 less 60 per cent.

The commission asked for a stay in the official awarding of the contract, of one week. The majority of the water meters in operation in Birmingham are products of the Pittsburgh concern.

It is the plan of the village manager to begin the installation of the meters immediately, in order to complete preparations for the village to take over the water system of Eco City as soon as the official certification of annexation is remitted from Lansing.

John Hanna has been appointed by the commission to act as appraiser for the village in the matter of the purchase of a well in Eco City. Rex Humphrey, realtor developer of the community to the south of Birmingham proper is to appoint an appraiser and, as soon as a satisfactory agreement is reached, the village will effect the purchase.

According to Humphrey, Eco City

Ram Amazes Texas Sheepmen



When 18-year-old Newman McKinney exhibited his 200-pound ram, Oscar, at a recent exposition given by Del Rio (Tex.) high school pupils, sheepmen were amazed at the fine points shown in the boy's stock. "Del Rio is the center of the sheep growing industry in Texas."

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HUSBY'S TO BLAME AGAIN

faces a water shortage during the late summer months unless steps are taken to forestall such an eventuality. With the new well in that territory, augmented by a tap on the mains of Birmingham, it is thought that plenty of water can be pumped to the consumers in that section pending an enlargement of the present system supplying Birmingham.

CREDIT BUREAU HOLDS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Membership is Doubled in Past Year; Plan "Celebration" Soon.

A meeting was held last Monday evening, at Johnson Hall, for the members of the Birmingham Credit Bureau, at which time an annual election of officers took place, together with a discussion of the year's work.

It also marked the first birthday of the organization which was started June 24th of last year with a membership of 23. The membership at present is 46 and includes almost all of the business men of town, a number at the present time seriously considering affiliation.

A formal celebration of the birthday with a stag party, lunch, pop, and possibly peanuts was decided upon by the members and will be held sometime in the coming month of July. A committee was also appointed to secure speakers with credit bureau experience or experience of a kindred nature.

The importance of the bureau's work can be realized when it is known that over 4000 names of local residents are in file at the Credit Bureau's office with the credit rating of each one marked thereon.

These 4000 names approximate almost 90 per cent of the potential buyers in and around Birmingham, eight years and over, being the basis of a possibility.

According to Lackie, head of the bureau, members have frequently expressed themselves strongly in their hearty support and encouragement of the organization. It seems to be the unanimous opinion of the members "that never before in the history of their business have the accounts been paid up so promptly and satisfactorily as in the last year under the influence of the bureau."

The effects of the bureau's activities upon credit business are interesting. Many dollars have been saved by merchants this year by professional dead beats which the files have marked. Many people have been extended credit without any embarrassment to them just because the bureau has discovered them to be worthy. Transfer of a person's credit from one town to another has made it easy for a former Birmingham resident to obtain credit in other towns. Satisfactory settlements of old standing accounts have been brought about with friendly feelings continuing between customer and dealer.

Credit bureaus exist all over the country. Birmingham belongs to the National Credit Bureau, with the result that any information available regarding a proposed transfer moving into Birmingham and seeking credit can be immediately made accessible to the merchant. This is a very essential feature, making for a thoroughness otherwise impossible.

The Birmingham Credit Bureau boasts an unusual record. Within the first year the organization has developed into an active, efficient bureau, located permanently, office complete installed, and files complete, without owing a cent of indebtedness.

In celebrating its birthday, Mr. Lackie requests that every member turn out and be prepared to submit solutions as well as problems.

All of last year's officers were re-elected by a unanimous vote. They are: Ralph Moulthrop, president; Ralph Wilson, vice-president; Philip Williams, treasurer; E. W. Lackie, secretary and manager; Arthur Peck and Charles Hallock will continue as the managing board.

VILLAGE SANCTIONS NEW FIRE HALL PLANS

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He believed his time at school; never wasted it a higher education and grew poorer in fear that whatever he was to undertake was destined to be a failure.

The psychologist calls it an "inferiority complex."

His neighbors call it laziness. They who call it pure caselessness. He is everything his boy shouldn't be in both attitude and action, and breathes the life for copy his boy.

"They never did that when I was a boy," is his basis for all his actions.

He needs to learn that there is very little cause of boys going wrong while they go right and take their lives with them.

The tops of the two brass poles emerge between the lines of coats in the doorway, readily accessible at a moment's notice.

With the advent of a new fire hall of proportions fitting with Birmingham's present size, it will of course be necessary to employ a paid fire department, (Authorities declare that the fire protection under a competent fire chief and a group of trained men with the most modern fire fighting facilities at their command will prove many times more efficient than a system of volunteers in use in Birmingham in the past.)

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HANDSHAKES, TEARS MINGLE HILL SCHOLARS END REUNION

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At four o'clock school was promptly dismissed but, somehow, many preferred to linger and talk with old teachers and classmates instead of hurrying out to play" of which Whittier writes.

The old time dancing party at the great interest.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in conformity with Act 126, Public Acts of 1917, I, the undersigned Village Clerk, will upon any day except Sunday and a legal holiday, or the day of any regular or special election or official primary election, receive for registration the name of any legal voter in said Village not already registered, who may apply to me personally for such registration, except that I can receive no names for registration on the day of the meeting of the Board of Registration.

Notice is further hereby given that the Board of Registration for Precinct 1, will meet at the Voting Booth at the Corner of Harmon Avenue and North Woodward Avenue, and the Board for Precinct 2 will meet in the Commission Room in the Village Hall, Corner Martin and Pierce Streets, and Precinct 3, will meet at Humphrey's Real Estate Office, 1306 So. Woodward Avenue, on Saturday, July 17th, 1926, from 8:00 o'clock A. M. to 9:30 o'clock P. M. (Eastern Standard Time) of said day for the purpose of completing the list of qualified electors of said Village.

PRECINCT 1, is all that territory North of Maple Ave.

Precinct 2, is all that territory South of Maple Ave.

Precinct 3, is all that territory South of Lincoln Ave.

REGISTRATION OF ABSENTEE BY OATH

If any person whose name is not registered shall offer and claim the right to vote at any election, and shall UNDER OATH, state that he or she is a resident of said Village TWENTY DAYS next preceding such election, designating particularly the place of his residence, and that he or she possesses other qualifications of an elector under the Constitution; and that owing to sickness or bodily infirmity of himself, or some other member of his family, or owing to his absence from the Village on public business or his own business, and without intent to avoid or delay his or her registration, he was unable to make application for registration on the last day provided by law for the registration of electors preceding such election, then the name of such person shall be registered, and he shall then be permitted to vote at such election. If such applicant shall, in said matter, willfully make any false statement, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury and, upon conviction, be subjected to the pains and penalties thereof.

WOMEN ELECTORS

The names of all qualified women electors not already appearing on the registration list will be registered provided personal application is made in conformity with the foregoing provisions.

HAZEL B. LAWLER,

Dated July 8, 1926.

Clerk of the Said Village of Birmingham, Mich.

HOME, DAD AND THE BOY

By FRANK H. CHELEY

He had only gotten a start in a different locality and if they had let him take up engineering instead of law, or law instead of medicine, he would have abandoned the world.

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