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Church Plans Daily Summer Bible School

Diligent search for a more effective method of religious instruction for their children than the weekly half hour of study at Sunday School has led the members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church to the organization of a daily vacation Bible school which is to open on Tuesday, July 6, and continue until the first of August, with Mrs. Velma Aldinger, of Royal Oak, in charge.

Sessions will be held from nine to twelve o'clock every week day except Saturday which will make a total of nineteen days of expert instruction carried out according to a well established plan. All children between the ages of four and fourteen whose parents wish them to attend will be welcomed and the plan of instruction includes material intended to make the work enjoyable for the children as well as educational.

This effort will be financed by the Methodist Church and no tuition will be charged. Children from other churches will be welcome. Mrs. Aldinger, who has been one of the teachers and Mrs. Hawthorne of the teachers and Mrs. Hawthorne's program in the Royal Oak schools since its inception in 1915, will teach the advanced class. There will be a teacher for each interest group and a kindergarten for the youngest children, each of the three teachers to have an assistant. It is expected that this teaching force will be able to handle about one hundred students. The first attempt at week day Bible instruction for children in the Methodist church since the vacation school which was held two years ago and the committee, consisting of Mrs. J. C. Hulton and Robert Y. Lynd, have met with an enthusiastic response from the parents of children, many of whom have their approval upon their knowledge of similar schools.

"PLAY LIFE" REVEALS BUILDS CHARACTER

(Continued from Page 1.) door physical and recreational activities," Mr. Lee stated. "I can think of no better plan for building up the character of boys and girls than by allowing them to reveal and develop their capacities for hard work and fun in the play life that rightfully belongs to youth."

VILLAGE VALUATION TOPS 12 MILLIONS

(Continued from Page 1.) mail out its tax bills for the first time this year. In previous years, it has been customary for the taxpayers to ascertain their bills. Taxes are due July 1st, although it is possible that there will be a slight delay in getting out all of the bills. After the elapse of 30 days, or after August 1, there will be levied a one percent penalty for delinquency and after another thirty day period the penalty will be raised to 4 percent. In the past, unpaid taxes have amounted to from twelve to fifteen percent of the total. It is expected, in 1926, that this percentage will be even higher due to the large amount of outlying land recently annexed to Birmingham.

Weir Burkman, son of Mrs. C. J. Burkman of Bates street, returned Monday from the dental school at the University of Michigan.

Local Man Accepts Pontiac Firm Position

According to a recent announcement made by the Wolverine Manufacturing Company, Franklin Road and Grand Trunk R. R., Pontiac, Mich., George W. Moore, of Birmingham for the past two years, has been appointed supervisor of the trucking and storage divisions of the large plant, and will incidentally be attached to the retail furniture sales department.

Prior to his acceptance of the position with the big Pontiac furniture and storage establishment, Bowling was affiliated with the United States Rubber Company. His present residence is at Bloomfield Court, 182 West (new record).

HILL SCHOOL REUNION PLANS MEET FAVOR

That the attendance at the Hill School reunion, June 24-25, will be even larger than was expected in the past is evidenced by the number of those who have written to the secretary, Mrs. Blainberg, among them being Frank Blair, president of the Union Trust Company; Charles Tom, cashier of the American State Bank; Judson Bradley; Mrs. Gertrude Merrill Lowe; George Aldrich, LaPorte, Ind.; John Merrill, Chicago; Benjamin Conway, C. Owens, and Professor and Mrs. Warren C. Hull, Lansing.

In the gymnasium the evening of June 24 there will be old fashioned dances for members only. The music will be furnished by those who have played for Henry Ford. The reunion dinner will be held at 1 o'clock on June 25. The speakers will be announced next week. The remainder of the program will be definitely arranged at the meeting of all committees tonight.

J. F. BROWNING BURIED IN PONTIAC ON MONDAY

J. F. Browning, 42 years old, for the past year a linotype operator and printer on the Birmingham Eccentric, died at his home in Pontiac last Friday afternoon of a complication of asthma and streptococcus, after a long illness. He was buried at St. James' Episcopal church, Pontiac, Monday morning, June 7, by Rev. C. H. McCurdy of St. James' Episcopal church, Birmingham, officiated at the services. The first service was held at Peipert's undertaking parlors on Auburn avenue, Pontiac.

Mr. Browning had left the Eccentric two weeks prior to his death to go into partnership in the Pontiac Printing Co. He worked but two days in his new place, and was stricken Monday last week. He went into a deep sleep 20 hours before he died, never regaining consciousness.

Mr. Browning is survived by his widow and her mother, Mrs. M. M. Pontiac. Mr. Browning had been associated with the newspaper and printing business since he was employed by the Western Newspaper Union of Detroit and the Pontiac Daily Press.

Members of the Loyal Order of Moose, of which Mr. Browning was a member, acted as pallbearers at the funeral.

Seen And Heard In Our Schools

By Rosalind Knox

Some people seem to be under the impression that the state requires the use of certain apparatus in school gymnasiums. The state department of physical education does make suggestions but it is left to the individual schools as to what apparatus and exercises shall be used. All gymnastic work was formerly based on the Swedish or ornamental plan of exercising with wands for bending and stretching exercises and dumbbells and Indian clubs for precision exercises. This plan emphasizes formal work. Then wall apparatus of pulley weights and tall bars for strengthening and stretching the arms and back and added to the equipment. Today gymnastics have in addition flying and swinging rings for aerial work; jumping standards, parallel and horizontal bars, the horse, spring board and mats, volley ball nets and standards, basket ball back stops, Indian base ball and clubs, giant strides, suspended ladders, and climbing ropes and poles.

In the local schools formal work is done in the first part of the year and play, i. e., games, the second term. In this way a balance is maintained between the two opposed gymnastic schools of formal and informal work. The equipment of the grade schools is practically the same as that of the high school gymnasium, though of course on a smaller scale.

"The importance of a complete physical examination of the present school child by the family physician cannot be over estimated," said Miss Emma Christensen, school nurse, "for by having a slight defect corrected, often times a chronic would then begin his school career with a sound physical equipment. "This is not only true of the present school child but every child and adult would be greatly benefited by having a good thing to do on your birthday."

The best season of the school year for attendance at the high school comes in the fall. In the winter sickness keeps many away from school and in the spring the absences are mostly voluntary. There are two kinds of absences recognized, excused and unexcused. Excused absences are for sickness, death, or an equivalent reason and can be made up with teachers' help. Unexcused absences are much less frequent, because they cannot be made up and reduce the class standing two per cent every time one is taken. According to Mr. Hart, principal, there has been a 94-95 per cent attendance during the whole year at a good record.

Dr. E. A. Smith, Sinclair Chisness, and Reverend W. A. Arguestaff left Tuesday morning for the northern part of the state where they will spend several days fishing and hunting.

B'HAM TRACKSTERS LOSE COUNTY MEET

(Continued from Page 1) (P.): Van Tassel (P.) and Zabel (B.) Time—2:10.2 (new record). (P.): Sprung (P.) and Taylor (P.) Time—2:13.3 (new record). (P.): Hush Hurdle—Metzger (P.); Sprung (P.); Dwyer (P.) and Thompson (P.) Time—1:34. (P.): Gahy (P.); Morris (P.); Lewittin (P.) Time—1:25.2 (new record). (P.): Hush Hurdle—Metzger (P.); Kubke (P.); Sprung (P.) and Tompkins (B. O.) Time—1:31.3 (new record). (P.): Half-Mile—Hessley (P.); Morris (P.); Ryder (B.) and Hilly (P.) Time—1:17.5 (new record). (P.): Pole Vault—Newman (P.); Musford (P.); Bolinger (P.) and Gild (B.) Time—19 feet six inches. (P.): Harper (P.); Schuster—Morris (P.); Harper (P.); Kubke (P.) and Kamin (B.) Distance—29 feet 7 1/2 inches (new record). (P.): High Jump—Green (P.); Gaffl (B.); Johnson (P.) and Tompkins (B. O.) Time for third. Height—4 feet 2 inches. (P.): One-Mile—Hessley (P.); Hilly (P.); Streib (B.) and Eaton (P.) Distance—1:52 (new record). (P.): Broad Jump—Sprung (P.); Newman (P.); Ryder (B.) and Tompkins (B. O.) Distance—19 feet 3/4 inch. (P.): Shot—Morris (P.); Hilly (P.); Noble (P.) and Schwarz (B.) Distance—125 feet 10 inches (new record). (P.): Relay—(Half Mile)—Pontiac first. Penn and second. Birmingham third. Time—1:49.4 (new record).

MAY BUILD LARGER COMMUNITY HOUSE

(Continued from Page 1) volunteer committees in the administration of Community House during the year, touching practically every part of village life, and expressed the hope that the work would become more and more the result of unified community effort.

Mrs. Whiting Raymond, member of the board, brought out the fact that innumerable unclassified services which could not be reported adequately to its trustees, but which people have established it outside of the village as the social center here and the medium through which they may work.

Mrs. George Moore, leader of the Girl Reserves, a department of the Y. W. C. A. which works under the auspices of the Community House, reported that the membership of the first group, started one year ago, had doubled and that leaders would be available next fall for the formation of a junior group for the younger high school girls. The plans for the future include the sending of a delegate to the summer convention at Saugatuck and the promotion if possible of a community tennis court.

Mrs. Otto Boer, president of the Civic League described the work of that body in instructing the women of the village as to local government and elections, their donation to the county infirmary of a radio with three loud speakers, and their promotion of a public health clinic supervised by county welfare authority.

Mrs. L. R. Mix expressed the appreciation of the Business Girls Club for the privilege of meeting at the Community House, the club, which is under the auspices of the house, making it possible for business girls to become acquainted with the town and each other and to join in civic and social efforts.

Mrs. Harvey Whalen, George A. Moore, chairman of the planning committee for a future Community House, W. Whiting Raymond and B. C. Stewart, and George R. Averill, voiced the need for a well planned system of publicity whereby the thousand members of the Community House Association, as well as those who were not members, might know how much the house is doing for Birmingham, with the money which is subscribed each year in making the place a finer village. Mrs. R. H. Mann suggested that publicity by word of mouth would eventually serve the purpose since the project is now only three years old and could not expect to be well known to Birmingham's 40,000 inhabitants so soon.

Although the many Community House roll call workers who were present felt that they had encountered a great deal of ignorance as to what the Community House was doing, it was pointed out that there had been enough people who did know of it to bring the roll call total up to \$29,275 in terms of money and pledges, an amount sufficient to pay all expenses for another year.

"Before setting a site for a new Community House, which the planning committee feels is badly needed, to replace the present inadequate quarters, it will be necessary, I think, to formulate a settled policy for its future so that we may know whether athletic activities will require a playground or whether the nature of its work will require a central location," said Mr. Moore, who is the present caretaker and comfortable as it has seemed to its thousands of patrons, cannot continue to serve the present needs of a growing community and hold its place as a social center. It is already too small and limits the number of people who can be accommodated with effort."

The question of financing such a building is a big one and we have not attempted to meet it yet, but I have no doubt that it could be done if the community could be shown that such an enterprise is worth the support enough to the community life. People should know what the Community House is doing and its importance to what its future service is to be."

The report of the treasurer, Mrs. Seymour Adams, showed that about \$800, which was the amount deposited in rentals last year, was paid aside as a small nest egg for a building fund, and the house will be required to collect rentals for that purpose. The discussion developed the fact that a new Community House large enough to accommodate community gatherings which should represent the entire village, to serve men, women and children in all of their established activities, and to provide plenty of storage space and a lounge which should be open to the public at all times for a community club room, was a necessity of the future which should be met at the expiration of the three year lease on the present building, which lease is still pending.

"We are very anxious to receive the opinions of all those people of the community who are interested in what the Community House is doing and to know what their desires are both as to the scope of activities which is advised and as to the methods of financing a new building," said Mrs. Shain in closing the meeting. "Each of our present departments expects to expand its work next year and we are planning to organize some special classes and projects which will be open to the community, and we need the interest and co-operation of every person in the vil-



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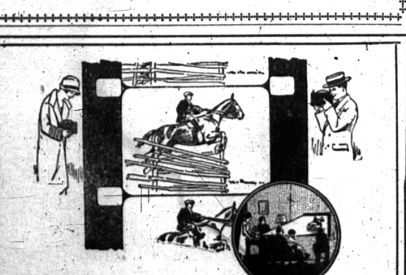
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