

# Junior Washington Croup

# BAKE SALE

### Schlaack's Market Saturday Morning March 20, 1926

### ONCE A METHODIST CHURCH, OLD TOWN HALL'S FUTURE HANGS IN BALANCE

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they reach a decision. In the meantime, since the proposal of the library has again brought the hall before the public eye, a review of the different groups that have held sway within its venerable walls will not go amiss.

**Erected In 1839**  
Eighty-seven years ago, in 1839, when log cabins were still to be seen in the village, the building was erected on its present site at the corner of Merrill and Bates streets to house the first Methodist church here. It looked very much as it does today. Then it faced the east instead of the south and lacked the rear addition. When the church was built it formed part of a circuit, the congregation having held its meetings in various of the houses, and Josiah Brakenman was the pastor or circuit rider. Mrs. H. M. Benedict of Merrill street attended revival meetings there as a child and Miss Jennie Kyles of West Maple avenue went to its Sunday School. The present Methodist church was dedicated in 1873 during the pastorate of the Rev. R. Bird, the grandchild of Rev. R. Bird of Chesterfield avenue.

**Used As Library**  
Several years before the present church was built the Ladies' Library Association was started. A lodge of Good Templars had disbanded and sold its property. About \$250 was left to each member and 10 of these agreed to put their share into a fund with which to form a library. In this way \$34.47 was raised, and at first annual meeting there had been paid into the treasury \$67.47. Of this \$48.75 was spent for 45 books. At first the library was kept at the home of Mrs. Edwin Baldwin, mother of Miss Mattie Baldwin, and she devoted her front parlor to it. Mrs. John Baldwin next had the library in her house. Its third shelter was the former Methodist church which the Association purchased in 1875 at the suggestion of Mrs. T. Furman.

**An Enormous Key**  
The first problem with which the new owners were confronted was the system of locking for the church affair that had been imported from England, since in 1839 the United States had no manufacturers of such complicated hardware. As it was necessary for more than one person to have access to the building lock but all in vain, and nothing remained to do but remove it and install a more modern pair of mechanism. At that time ingenious mechanics were expected to make them selves useful around the library in other ways. It was necessary to make a key to lock and put the key in the lock. Mrs. Benedict later gave the key to the present church for its use.

It was necessary to enlarge the building so that supper and plans could be made and it was fitted to face the north and the addition on the rear. A quantity of extra flooring and sandstone were collected and this stage of the work was completed in 1875.

**From An Old Chipping**  
Mrs. Edwin Baldwin took a chipping from an old number of the Eccentric, and added to it some waxed, turned, and added to it some waxed. Many of the remnant have been used for several years, made rag carpets, and those days and steadily increased number of books upon our shelves.

**We gave parties, socials, fraternal shows, plays, baby shows, lawn parties, and everything else you heard of. To many a one we were far and wide all over our country. Some took thoughts of the good old times at Liberty Hall. They may dance to finer music, and see finer actors, than those who have heard of us, but no better times will come to them than in those old days.**

In 1893 the present library was built and the association sold the hall to the township which used it as a place of public meeting and voting. Last year the village bought it and assigned it to the use of the library hours.

**Will It Be Saved?**  
Long and varied has been the career of the town hall. Starting as a Methodist church, will it end as a little theater? If the Players' League or other organization cannot make use of the building it will no doubt be torn down, for the property which it stands on is to be used for new village offices. One of the few historically interesting buildings still remaining in Birmingham, it deserves to be preserved. But not only for its time-honored associations is it of interest. If one stops to consider the architecture of the hall one will discover that it has charm and dignity and simple lines and pleasing proportions that it is really admirably designed and constructed. The old Birmingham will soon be no more than a name. There should be some individual still here, some society, with enough sentiment for old Birmingham, who want to see the town hall perpetuated.

### IT PAYS TO LOOK UP

E. L. Manson, of Park street, Monday night proved that he is ever watchful of the people's property, and that he inclines his vision toward the stars at night. Else how could he have saved the village's \$300,000 gallon steel elevated water storage tank from complete destruction?

Mr. Manson noticed a red light in the bottom of the tank Monday night and notified manager Starr. The latter sent an officer over to the tank and it was discovered that the workmen engaged in putting up a bucket of hot coals, used in heating rivets in a small forge. The coals were extinguished and no harm was done to the tank. Thank you, Mr. Manson.

### Motorbus Co. Hearing Is Again Postponed

(Hearing on the application of the Detroit Motorbus Co. to operate a fleet of busses on the Woodward superhighway has again been adjourned, this time to Monday March 29, at which time it is the determination of the Michigan Public Utilities commission to definitely and positively take testimony.)  
For the first occasion it developed this morning of this week in the circuit court room, Pontiac. Among the representatives present was Village Manager Starr of Birmingham.  
Immediately upon the opening of the session W. G. Fitzpatrick, attorney for the Star Motor Coach line and the Detroit United Railway, asked for a further adjournment due to a bereavement in the family of A. L. Drum, executive manager for the receivers of the railway authorities. After the various attorneys had been advised with the adjournment was agreed upon. All of the parties interested said they would be in readiness to proceed at that time.  
For the second occasion it developed that the city of Detroit would oppose the application of the Detroit Motorbus Co. as interfering with their transit plans of the city as affecting not only the territory in Detroit but for the distance of ten miles outside in which territory the city, under the state constitution is empowered to conduct transportation. The city was represented at the hearing by a member of the Rapid Transit Commission and Paul H. Dwyer, assistant corporation counsel.

### HOW GREAT A DISTANCE WOULD 1,500 CARS MAKE?

"Try to visualize an unbroken line of 1,500 motor cars driven on the road 26 feet apart, how far would the line extend?" This question was asked by a local citizen, C. R. Evans, of the Evans-Jackson Motor Co., local Dodge Brothers' dealer as he looked up from a paper on which he had been writing.  
"Dodge Brothers, Inc. are now building 1,500 vehicles a day. Each car measures 14 feet in length, 5 feet from bumper to bumper. If they would allow 26 feet as a safe driving distance between cars on the road, this would make an unbroken line of cars 27,000 feet long."  
"I have not been able to find a road map which gives the distance across Canada and through Buffalo back to New York City but I have just checked the distance from a road time table."  
"If the distance by road from Detroit across Canada to Buffalo and down the Lackawanna trail to New York City is greater than the distance by rail, I figure that if the present production at their present 10 cent per day rate were spaced 26 feet apart a few hundred miles from the factory in Detroit to Central Park."

"So great has been the demand for the cars with their improved and improved and at the automobile is still further increased in order to supply the increased needs of dealers during the coming spring months."

Betty Hughes, one of the smallest babies known to live, weighed two pounds three ounces when born in Sutherland, Sask. Now she is two and weighs 19 pounds.

**LIBRARY PLANS SHAPING**  
Mrs. Arthur Hartwell, E. C. street and Mrs. J. G. Welsh, 4th street, members of a committee representing the library board, met Wednesday afternoon to prepare a list of architects for the prospective library. They expect to submit about four names to the board at a special meeting to be held probably next week. The annual meeting and election of officers of the board will take place April 1. Until that time Mrs. Hartwell and J. B. Howarth will continue as president and secretary respectively.

**New Coaches Ordered For Woodward Ave.**  
"In line with our policy of keeping up motor coach buildings in the art world," the Detroit United Railway, L. Drum, executive manager for the way to the Eccentric United Railway, placed an order for the immediate delivery of the 1926 designs of the well known coach-makers.

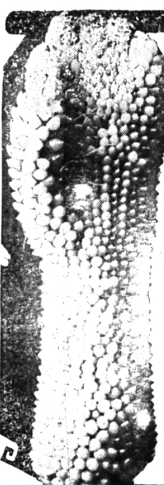
The new coaches will supplant an equal number of the original fleet of the Star Motor Coach line operating over the Woodward avenue superhighway. They are of the popular street car type with leather seats. Being of the low underbody design with rubber shock insulated chassis and body they feature an exceptionally easy riding quality that will be most enjoyable.  
According to Mr. Drum this is only the beginning of new purchases. The intention being to have a continuous process of replacements and, as perhaps the growth of traffic, there is now pending before the state authorities an application to put on four service between Royal Oak and the Ford plant. In addition it is also the intention to have a fleet of double deckers for summer sightseeing trips along the superhighway between Detroit, Birmingham and Pontiac.

### LITERARY DISCUSSION AT WOMAN'S CLUB HERE

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Literary Club Tuesday afternoon in the Community House, Tuesday afternoon the literary department had charge of the program. Mrs. J. G. Crawford was chairman for the day. Mrs. L. G. Welsh read a paper on "Hymns in Literature" and sang several of those she mentioned. Mrs. George Stinger accompanied her on the piano. Mrs. Crawford gave a very interesting paper on "The Trend of Modern Fiction" and Mrs. R. D. Lovejoy read "One Increasing Fear" by A. S. M. Hutcheson. Delegates to the citizens' committee will cooperate with the Minister's Association were appointed at the meeting. They are Mrs. W. H. Uptegraaf and Mrs. G. H. Hebblewhite.

Every advertisement in the Eccentric is brought to the merchant in your fall. When you want to go on to the theater advertisements to see if you're worth the money. You may see the message brought to you in each issue of the Eccentric on the "is the merchant" message brought to your very friends.

### Freak Corn



Here's the prize freak corn. Look closely and see the thumb and four fingers of a hand. It is an ear of popcorn grown by J. C. Jensen, Toledo, O.

### Mannah Tailleur

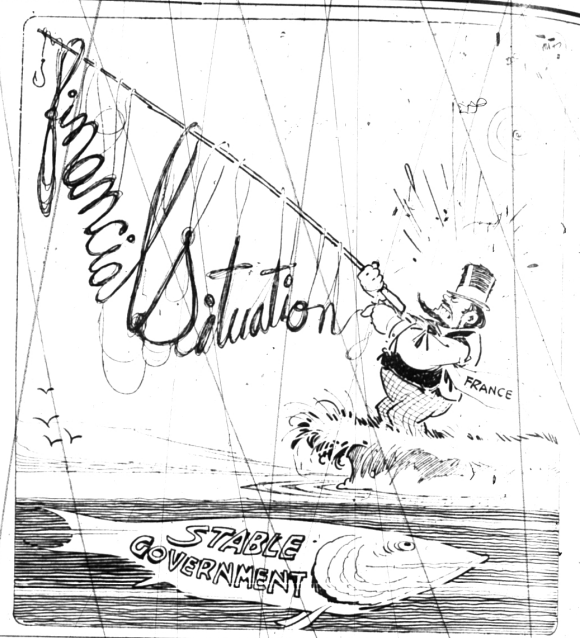


The Mannah Tailleur, even to the suspenders is the cry of the early spring season. A jacket cut along the lines of a man's tuxedo is worn over a high collared blouse and a skirt which is held in place by a pair of silken suspenders. Margaret Morris' movie actress is shown above.

### One of Tiniest



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### REPORT

All the news happenings that come to your attention in this office. It will be appreciated for every piece of news will make the paper more interesting for you as well as others. We want and with your help will print all

### THE NEWS

### Elephant Dying Out

The elephant is the last of his kind the offspring of the mastodon and the mammoth. Akin to the big strong hold of the large animals, but the are in a far way of extinction. His only wild species of wild beast on foot. About seven elephants are still remaining in the world, but they cannot multiply rapidly enough to keep up with the slaughter.

### Hindu Boy's Head

A Hindu boy's head was found in the city of London, England, last week. It was the head of a boy who had been killed in a car accident. The head was found in a car that had been involved in a collision with a truck.

### No Pay in Thrift Alone

The United States has the largest number of thrift stores in the world. The stores are operated by the Federal Reserve Bank and are intended to provide a means of saving for the poor.

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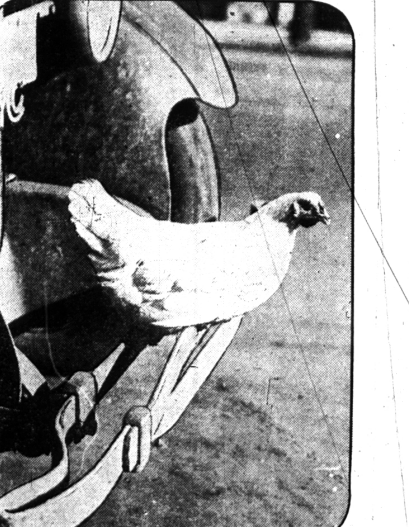
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### 'Tis a Horn, but Has No Honk



No, this is not a new kind of horn. It's just a leghorn. When Art Hogue, Los Angeles, Calif., visited a friend in Long Beach recently he parked his car near the chicken coop. Later he found this prize leghorn riding the bumper.