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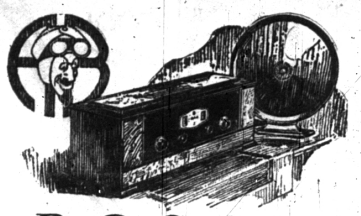

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Twenty School Children Awarded Prizes In Thrift Essay Contest

Winners of the thrift essay contest held in the local schools in January have been announced and 20 pupils from the fifth and sixth grades of the Hill, Adams, Barnum and Pierce schools today are to be presented with $1 Savings Account books by either the First National Bank or the First State Bank of Birmingham which sponsored the Thrift week campaign under the direction of R. D. Lynd, local Y. M. C. A. secretary. These presentations will take place at the respective banks.

The following pupils were judged to have written the best essays in their respective grades: Adams school, grade six, Betty Roura, Leigh Lynch, grade five, Mildred Lewis, Bruce Hurson; Hill school, grade six-A, Barbara Jackson, Jules Wenzl; grade six-B Thelma Adams, Donald McDonald; grade five-A, Virginia Packard, Joe Maunders; grade five-B, Marceline Granger, Eldridge Drury; Barnum school, grade five; Marjorie Kidder, Frank Smith; Pierce school, grade six-A, Edith Ware, Ward Cornwell; grade six-B, Violet Rusch, Walter Rohloff; grade five-A, Shirley Dell, Otto Leopold.

Each week a few of the essays will be printed in the Eccentric and will show the parents the care and thought that has been expended by the children upon the subject of thrift.

WHY I SAVE MONEY

The reason that I save money is so that I may have some to go to college with and to have some when I get older. Whenever I find money I put it into my bank and keep it till the bank is full. Then I take it up to the big bank and have it put into my account.

I have a friend who spends money for sodas and candy. I used to think he was lucky, but now I think different.

By FRANK SMITH,
Barnum School,
Grade Five.

THRIFT

The purpose of the National Thrift movement is to establish thrift throughout the United States so well that everybody will have a checking account, savings account, or something in the bank.

There are seven days of public work. "Share with others," is the first of the seven.

There was a man who had thousands of dollars hidden away. A neighbor told him to put it in a bank and draw interest, but he would not. One morning he found his money stolen! Gone!

A few days after he started a bank account. He kept on saving till he had all his money back, only in the bank. Then he went to his neighbor and said, I thank you for your advice, I see now that a penny saved is a penny earned.

"Thrift Day", should be observed by everyone. "Beware of little expenses", a small leak will sink a ship. "If you know how to spend less than you get you have found the philosopher's stone," said Benjamin Franklin, an American statesman and a great promoter of thrift. Everybody should have a bank account. No matter how much, large or small, it is always welcome in case of sickness, accident, or death. Everyone would have money if they would adopt systematic savings.

"Spend wisely" is the motto for Budget Day. Watch your grocery bills and all other bills. Buy things in the grocery that will do you most good. Do not buy a thing because it's new, but because it will serve you best. Make a Budget and have a certain amount to cover all your bills.

Insurance comes fourth down the line. Every man should carry insurance of some kind. Most people carry insurance of four or five different kinds: Life, Accident insurance, Insurance on your home, furniture, car and all of your family.

"Own your home" is Thursday's echo. Own your home, don't pay rent. Don't give your money away for rent. Go to a real estate agent and buy a home. Large or small a home in always a good investment.

"Before you invest, investigate" says Friday. Some people just jump at a chance to invest in a factory or oil well or something of the kind. They don't investigate. Sometimes they lose, sometimes they win. Mostly they lose. So watch your investments today.

"Pay your butcher and baker promptly," said Saturday, the last of Thrift Week. You'll never regret it. While if you let your taxes run overtime (or any other bill) you will have to take the consequences as so many have learned before.

Thrift is a great work. Once started you will be glad to have part in it.

WARD CORNWELL,
6-A Pierce School.

OWN YOUR HOME DAY

To own you home is thrifty because it is the foundation of the family. When a man starts to buy a home he buys happiness and contentment for his family. Money can buy no more than contentment, and money which is well spent is more thrifty than money hidden on a pantry shelf. I do not mean that one should not save money because that is the very first thing to do. A person should always have a little (at least) for a rainy day in a saving bank.

When a man owns his own home it is "Home Sweet Home" indeed, for there you are quite sure to find mother and children good natured and happy and daddy will be more ambitious.

After a man has made a down payment on a home his payments are no more than rent, and very often less. Each month as he pays his payment his interest gets less and there is that much more he is saving just the same as if he were putting the money in the bank. So the man is fortunate who owns his own home.

MARCELINE GRANGER,
Hill School,
5-B.

A THRIFT LESSON

In a little village in New York there lives an old man and his wife. The old man sells brooms for a living. They are not rich but they have enough to live on.

One day some neighbors asked, "How do you keep your house up? We have a lot more money than you have, but you seem more comfortable and less worried about your house expenses." The old couple looked at each other and smiled, as the old man said, "We keep a budget which shows where every penny of our money goes. We put away as much as we possibly can. We invest our money where we think it is safe." Then he stopped and looked around, and everybody was listening intently. He continued "I have told you how thriftiness leads to success and happiness". Then without saying a word the neighbors went home and followed the plan of the old couple and found themselves happy and contented.

Be it a lesson unto you. Thrift always brings success and happiness.

VIOLET RUSCH,
Pierce School,
6B.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday evening, March 1, 1926, at 8 o'clock.

Present: Commissioners Bell and Ladd.
Absent: President.

Minutes of meeting of February 23, 1926, approved as printed.

64—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

Whereas, it appears from an examination of the plat known as Residence Park Subdivision of Birmingham, Oakland County, Michigan, said plat being recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, in Liber 19 of Plats on page 26, that there is according to said Plat included in Brookside Avenue and Ravine Road, at their intersections, a triangular park having an area of about one thousand square feet.

And, whereas, said Park has been only a paper park on the Plat, has never been used and accepted as a park by the public, and its use as such would not be beneficial to the public;

And, whereas, the land shown as a park on the plat has been continuously used as a highway ever since the streets were laid out in 1914, and has become a public street, without restrictions, by users for eleven years and upwards;

And, whereas, this Commission deems it advisable to vacate, discontinue and abolish said Park.

Now, Therefore, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved:

That the Park shown at the intersection of Ravine Road and Brookside Avenue, on the recorded Plat of Residence Park Subdivision, Village of Birmingham, Oakland Co., Michigan, in Liber 19 of Plats on Page 26, Oakland County Records.

Be, and the same hereby is, vacated, discontinued and abolished, and Monday, April 5, 1926, is fixed as the date when this Commission shall meet and hear objections to the vacation of said Park.

Further resolved that a notice of this meeting, with a copy of this resolution, be given to the owners of property abutting along the portion of the streets which includes the Park proposed to be vacated by serving the same upon the abutting owners either personally, or by registered mail.

Yeas—Bell and Ladd. Nays—None.

65—Moved by Commissioner Ladd that the bills and pay roll be allowed as read:

George Newman, $75.00; Wm. Lutz, $64.80; Willard Brown, $53.40; C. Corbourn, $43.20; C. Hiaby, $3.00; A. D. Morey, $6.75; John Berry, $64.80; Ernest Lutz, $13.50; Mrs. Winifred Burkman, $8.25; Mrs. R. E. Brown, $3.00; Roy Whitten, $3.75.

Yeas—Bell and Ladd. Nays—None.

66—Moved by Commissioner Bell that the Bloomfield Township Tax, amounting to $33.01 be allowed. Yeas—Bell and Ladd. Nays—None.

67—Moved by Commissioner Ladd that Sewer Bond in the amount of $11,256 be paid to the First National Bank from the Interest and Sinking Fund, and that interest on bonds amounting to $195.00 be paid to the Detroit Trust Co., from the Interest and Sinking Fund. Yeas—Bell and Ladd. Nays—None.

68—Moved by Commissioner Bell that H. W. Revere be granted Electricians License. Yeas—Bell and Ladd. Nays—None.

69—Moved by Commissioner Ladd that in the absence of the President from the Village, the President pro-tem be hereby authorized to sign and execute the Elevated Tank and Water Works Extension bonds when printed. Yeas—Bell and Ladd. Nays—None.

70—Moved by Commissioner Bell that bond of Robert J. Ernst covering Plumbers' License be accepted and filed. Yeas—Bell and Ladd. Nays—None.

71—Communication from Clemens, Knight and Menard Company re-Fire Protection was read and referred to the Village Manager for reply.

Moved by Commissioner Bell that the meeting adjourn. Yeas—Bell and Ladd. Nays—None.

HAZEL I. LAWLER,
Village Clerk.

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Royal Oak DeMolays as guests of the Birmingham chapter Tuesday night put on both initiatory and DeMolay degrees in a very impressive manner and different from the regular method of procedure used by the local DeoMlays. Those initiated and given the degree from Birmingham were Robert Lyons, Basil Quick, and Pringle Gould, while there were 41 taken in from Royal Oak. The ceremony was witnessed by 125 in the lodge room of the Masonic Temple.

Preceding this work a banquet was held at which Reverend R. M. Atkins was the principal speaker. He gave a very interesting talk on the importance of ideals in modern life.

Next Tuesday night the regular business meeting will take place and will be followed by ritual practice.

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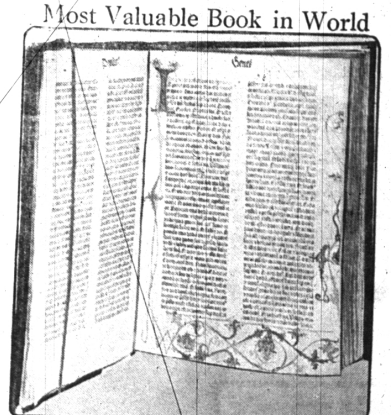

The above book, the Melk copy of the Guttenberg Bible, recently sold for $106,000. It is the first book printed from movable type and is in Latin. Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, New York city, now owns it.

Marion and Her Family

Marion Talley, 19-year-old Metropolitan Opera star, is shown with her mother, father and sister Florence reading scores of telegram congratulations following her grand opera debut before the most critical musical audience in the world.