

ARMY SCHOOLS EXALT STRIPES, STEVENS SAYS

Cranbrook Headmaster Pleads For Initiative At West Point, Annapolis

TALKS TO ROTARY CLUB

Uncle Sam's Army and Navy schools, respectively known as West Point and Annapolis, are steeped in the atmosphere of "gold braided tradition" that a great many of the graduates from both schools are almost bereft of any creative or initiative ability when they enter the self defense service; the academic part of the training is generally administered by incompetent commissioned Naval officers, and the only manner in which efficiency can be instilled is through the use of civil-tutted instructors and the encourage-

ment of high scholarship among the students. That is the opinion of Dr. William O. Stevens, Headmaster at the Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, who was a member of the Annapolis Academy faculty for 21 years. Dr. Stevens' talk was given before members of the Birmingham Rotary club Monday noon, where he was the guest of George R. Averill.

Exalts Gold Braid

Dr. Stevens stated that the Army and Navy training schools emphasize too strongly the traditional discipline that exalts two stripes of gold braid above that of one stripe, and place too little stress upon the individual's ability to use self-discipline. He pointed out, as an illustration, how upper classmen provide a sort of honor classmen to follow, wherein even the wrong-doing of an upper classman provides a sort of honorable alibi for the lower classman to use in doing the same thing. "Officer instructors at Annapolis live by tradition only," said Dr. Stevens. "They are always in rank. An officer who has not studied mathematics, for example,

for many years, may be ordered to report to the superintendent of the Academy, and assigned to teach this subject. In most cases he will stand up before his class and say something like this: 'Men, I don't know a thing about this subject, but I'll try to be a fair referee between you and the text book.'

Without Initiative

"This officer instructor has been deprived of initiative during his classroom days; he knows that he will not be removed from the service for incompetency, and so he just accepts the new assignment as a matter of course. 'If the United States is ever to rank with England, France, Japan, or pre-war Germany in the realm of national defense officers, a change must be made in the methods of conducting Annapolis and West Point Academies. Admiral Simms has the right idea. I believe, when he advocates that students for these two institutions be given a four year course first in some reputable college, after which they may finish their training for the Army or Navy in the government schools. The problems of national defense, in these days of rapid scientific progress,

Calls on a King



Mrs. Mille Gale Corson of New York, the first mother to swim the English channel, is shown leaving the royal palace in Copenhagen, Denmark, after the King of Denmark had conferred upon her a decoration for distinguished bravery.

are as important in a professional way as law or medicine. Dr. Stevens, opening his talk, stated that he is appreciative of the cordial welcome that he has received on every hand since his arrival here a few months ago, and he offered the use of some of the Cranbrook School athletic facilities for local youth during the Summer months.

SUIT IS STARTED TO OUST NEGRO

Subdivision Residents Claim Man Is Violating Restriction

Action will be taken Monday in a suit in Circuit Court, Pontiac, by 28 residents of the Bonnie Acre subdivision of the Twelve Mile road, against T. R. Stringfellow, a negro who lives on the property, who they claim, is violating a building restriction on the property which limits residents to members of the Caucasian race.

First steps in evicting Stringfellow, were taken by Thomas Carey, a resident there, and a civil suit was filed by 28 persons who signed the petition last Monday. This move was backed by the Twelve Mile Road Community association. The colored people are said to have moved in several weeks ago.

It is claimed by those who filed the suit that there is a registered building restriction on the land excluding any but white people. Felton & McGee attorneys of Pontiac represent the plaintiffs in the testing of the validity of the restriction.

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BIRMINGHAM WOMAN IS GRANTED DIVORCE

After testifying in Circuit Court, Pontiac, that her husband, Kenneth Beatty, a bus driver now living in Detroit, failed to support her, Nora Beatty, 105 Davis street, Birmingham, was granted a divorce. The husband was ordered by the court not to remarry for one year. The mother also was given the custody of the child. The couple were married in February, 1925 and parted in July, 1926.

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Theaters

GARRICK

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Wallace Ford, Joseph King, Marshall Bradford, Grace Huff, Harriet E. MacGibbon, Lee Smith, Catherine Collins and Gustave Rolland are among the leaders in the cast of the Detroit company and those fortunate patrons of the theatre who have seen the New York and London companies now playing declare that the Detroit company has nothing to fear by comparison with those in the major cities. This company is scheduled to go to Chicago following the Detroit run.



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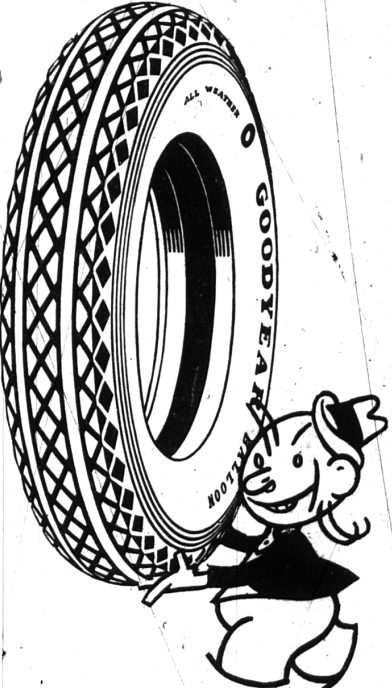
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