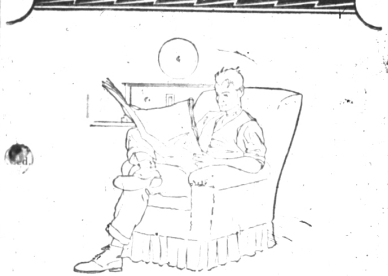


BIRMINGHAM BOYS LEADERS AT Y. M. C. A. CAMP NEAR FENTON

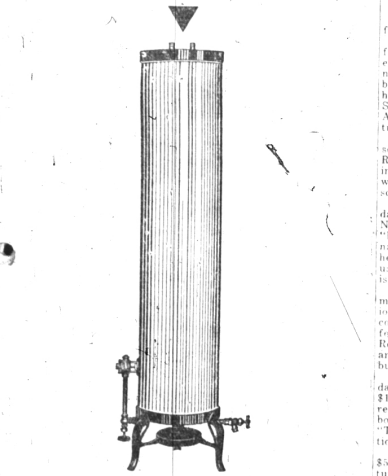
The following letter tells some of the things of what Birmingham boys are doing at the Y. M. C. A. camp near Fenton. It was written to the Eccentric by Robert Y. Lynd, secretary of the organization in the lower Oakland County.

There are eight boys and one leader in each tent. Nine sleeping tents, one tent for the director of the camp, and one tent for the boys' quarters tent for a bank



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where the boys deposit their money and spend more than 10 cents a day by check. This insures that they will not lose their money on the ground and makes them something about banking. In this tent are the store, the food supplies, and a book for the camp.

You will be interested to know that of the ten leaders in camp, six of them are from Birmingham. They are: Roy, Henry Evans, Edwin Neff, Loyal Campbell, Winfred Peck, Warren Pratt, Herman Schwartz. In addition to these leaders there are two from Ferris, one from Farmington, and one from Pontiac.

Each leader is responsible for a tent group of eight boys. He helps them to become interested in the program and in all phases of camp activities. In addition to these tent leaders there are two other men in camp, George Carhart, one of the secretaries of Lower Oakland County, and the general charge of camp, Marion Mewhorter, who is the athletic director and swimming instructor.

The boys are divided into three groups, those who cannot swim, those who can swim a little, and the fellows who are good swimmers. The beginners are taught to swim, the swimmers are given extra work in strokes and the advanced swimmers are given technical training in life-saving. Every boy has the opportunity to advance in his swimming ability.

The camp is organized on the basis that as far as possible every boy will be given a chance to do the things he likes best. The program includes nature study, first aid, aquatics, athletics, worship, life problem discussions based on the life of Christ, dramatics around the campfire, and various other features that are interesting to boys.

One of the interesting spots in the camp is the dining tent and we are fortunate in having a really fine cook, who is interested in boys as well as in feeding them. Mr. Phillips is a cook by profession and is spending his summer cooking out here in the camp.

The little village of 200 people have a very interesting time and receive valuable instruction in domestic living.

Your readers are welcome to visit us any time. The camp is situated five miles north of Fenton. Follow M-24 north of Fenton five miles, turn back through barnyard to camp.

STAR GAZING

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric

New York—Personal and confidential.

Helen Costello got a divorce from John Y. Deagan, now Yorker, after testifying that he would not work. Husband Irving that he had, production head at 11:45 A.M. has made a star of Wife Norma Shearer and given her "A Little Angel" as her first starring picture.

"The Singing Fool" is Al Jolson's second Vitaphone picture. Rin-Tin-Tin's various barks denoting alarm, pain, pleasure and warning are to be heard on the screen in his future movies.

Mrs. Frederick Talmadge's daughters, Norma, Constance and Natalie, will be hot selling but "Peg" Dolores Del Rio's maiden name was Astorside. August 11 is her 24th birthday. Which reminds us that Vilma Banky's real name is Banky Vilma, and no kidding.

It is no secret that John Barrymore is one of the most parsimonious of movie stars. Which is, of course, why he actually has a fortune of \$2,000,000. Gilbert Roland's real name is Luis De Alamo. He's the son of a Mexican bull-fighter.

Eve Southern's new Chippendale dining room furniture cost \$12,000. Tom Meighan says he'll retire—finally and forever, if the boxoffice reaction to his latest "The Racket" isn't up to expectations.

Rud LaRocca is giving up a \$5,000-a-week screen career to return to the stage in a Broadway play to be produced in September. He made a lot of money in the recent stock market flurry and now feels able to resume stage work, which he prefers to the screen.

Clara Bow now gets an average of 33,500 fan letters a month, or more than 1,000 a day. Of course, she doesn't have to answer them. A department at the studio relieves her of the task. Ruth Elder plays opposite Richard Dix in his next, "Moran of the Marines."

Mr. Will H. Hays, the well known bond salesman and \$100,000-a-year earner, is the person who is deciding whether it's safe for Kalamazoo, Kankakee, Emporia, etc. to see "The End of St. Petersburg," the Russian-produced drama which pictures the fall of czarism. It's getting crowds in New York.

Marie Snow, 14, won a spelling contest in Pelee county, Wis., defeating 175 competitors and spelling ten hours without misspelling a word.

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But Now That Marcella Calkins Can See She Knows Goose and Goat Are Different Creatures



MISS MARCELLA CALKINS, Eccentric Central Press Dispatch goat still sound alike to Miss Marcella Calkins, age 20, but for the Milwaukee, Wis., house and first time in her life she knows

that one is a bird and the other an animal.

For you see, until just the other day Marcella had always been blind. In her world of darkness words that sounded alike to Marcella always meant the same thing. Save for that which she touched all other creatures, and objects were just words, short and long words, soft and harsh tones.

And then a surgeon took Marcella, performed a delicate operation and gave to Marcella a gift she had never known before—her sight.

The first thing Marcella did was to go around seeing things. Folks showed her a goat.

"Oh, I know," she said, "I've heard of goats before."

Then she spied a goose.

"What's that?" she wanted to know.

"A goose," somebody said.

But Marcella knew better. A goose and a goat was the same thing. It had been that way in her world of darkness and Marcella found it hard to change.

However, the rest of this new, bright world couldn't be wrong, and Marcella is learning rapidly now that her eyes have stopped her ears from playing tricks on her.

BIRMINGHAM MAN JAILED BY JUSTICE

Thirty days in the Oakland County jail and a fine of \$50 was the sentence imposed upon Benjamin Ward, of Birmingham, when found guilty of a non-support charge last Thursday by Justice Floyd Huk.

The complaint was made by Mrs. Ward who claims that Ward has contributed scarcely anything to her support during the past three years. Chief of Police James Anderson made the arrest.

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