

DMOLAYS PLAN INSTALLATION

McMullen To Succeed Spence As Master Councillor in Hazzard Chapter

A public installation of officers of DeMolay is to be held at the Masonic Temple at 8 p. m. Tuesday evening in charge of the Legion of Honor De Molays of Detroit, Pontiac and Birmingham. Clarence McMullen succeeds William Spence as master councillor. Other officers to be installed include: Henry Way, senior councillor; Henry Bradley junior councillor; Clifford Harper, scribe; and Frank Higby, treasurer.

CHURCHES

First Baptist Church High School Auditorium, David Leon Woodward, B. D. Minister, 116 Ferrate Ave. Phone 1312

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Miss Carrie M. Stoddard, police clerk: "Forty-one sets of 1928 license plates were issued up to noon, yesterday at the Police Station here."

by the choir and the congregation sing and carry out the theme of the sermon and give a unified service. The pastor will speak on "The Unknown God." You and your friends are invited.

Young Peoples Union, 6:30 p. m. A special treat is in store for the young folk at this service for the president of the Detroit B. Y. P. U. is to be our leader Jimmy Stollenberg. He will likely be liked by those who know him and if you didn't hear him when he was here before you surely can't afford to miss him again. A large crowd is expected.

Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m. A very special nature of this service is the music that will be furnished by the High School Choral Club. There will be a Christmas Cantata "The Wondrous Story." Miss Mae Brumstead is the director and a splendid selection is promised. The pastor will speak on "An Unanswerable Argument." Come to our worship.

Mid-week service, Wed. 7:30 p. m. The prophet Hosea will be continued at this service.

United Presbyterian Church On Woodward at Forest, Henry S. Evans, Pastor Bible School, 10 a. m. Morning Worship, 11:15 a. m. This service will be our regular Christmas Communion. We would like all our friends and members to be present.

The pastor will preach. Evening Union Service 7:30 p. m. In this church, Mr. Evans preaches.

Friday evening 7:30 service of preparation. Everyone invited.

First Methodist Episcopal Church Robert Marcus Atkins, Minister, 11:00 a. m. Sunday School. Classes for evervone. 11:00 a. m. Sermon Subject, "Wise Men." 5:00 p. m. Family Hour Service. "Where Christmas has no Stars." 6:15 p. m. Epworth League, for young people. Mr. Atkins preaches at both services. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

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STOCKHOLDERS' ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Birmingham Savings Bank of Birmingham, Mich., for the election of directors and the transaction of other business, that may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday the eighth day of January, 1929. Full open from 9 A. M. to 11 A. M. L. W. MARTINALE, Cashier, 15-36

Our Society Editor—

Visits Birmingham's Little Known Underworld

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS
Birmingham has its own "underworld" and it's dark and fearsome a spot as any known to a Chicago gunman. I know because I've been there.

I have gone into the night of this underworld, and have seen the curious and live the curious creatures who live there. Silently they live and as silently die unaccountably to the village who goosally go about their work, feeling only security and serenity in his Birmingham.

There have been those who have stood up and defied me. There have been those who have said, "Never heard of the place."

Where Ya Been? Perhaps they have never heard of but it exists all the same. The damp darkness lit only by the faltering lights taken to these haunts by an occasional visitor from a workaday world. There they live from day to day, heedless of their damp and gruesome surroundings.

"True, our well ordered village never catches glimpses of them, never sees them burst in unceremoniously forth on Woodward avenue, a seasoned gunman in pursuit of some grizzled bowery kid."

A Little Excitement But, to the visitor in their world, there is just as much fear as if it were a common occurrence to feel the barrel of a gun in one's ribs, and a mumbled remark about "Goin' for a ride."

There is little color in this lower world. Merely squalor and a host of beings living their pale lives far from the light of day. There is little gaiety, rather the hazy greyness of a junkie's stupor. There is little of anything but dampness, shadows and air chilly from contact with dank stones.

And now, you villagers, if you would visit your underworld, this colony that toils and lives in your midst, stop on your next roller skating trip and muse and then take yourself to the village underground and ask for a guide. Yes, that's where they keep 'em.

Ask Someone And after you have made certain that you can trust this guide, that he is a person with the eyes of an owl to penetrate the dark, and, most of all, that he will protect you against marauders (he should be well armed with a mighty pick axe and hip boots) go with him to some nice culvert and thus descend to the same well ordered existence.

Seldom does the motorist realize that those roadways he travels are to be accompanied by a host of lines for cables, telephone and electric power, and often by viaducts.

While the world goes about its affairs on the earth's surface far beneath men are working to make living in 1928 a well ordered existence.

I took a walking tour through one of Birmingham's viaducts well equipped with rubber boots and slicker. (Above all, don't forget those boots on that slumming party.)

In the shadows and swish of creatures passing by, by creatures which my guide assured me complemented were rats, there was as much of the mystery and thick darkness as would be found in any true underworld haunt. The chief difference in the upper and underworld of Birmingham is in the air. One is fresh from mossy rock, while the other is smoke-laden.

A viaduct stroll can prove rather terrifying when there is no light, only the promise of a beginning and end to the long pipeway.

Well, Well, So This Is Home When I was once more in the light, looking at a very ordinary landscape that still remained very ordinary, I felt the same relief experienced by the harassed husband, after a period of absence, upon hearing his wife tossing the furniture about the apartment in a rage, grinned and sighed cheerfully, "Home again."

MOTHERS GIVE SCOUTS PARTY

The mothers auxiliary of the scout troop No. 3 will give a Christmas party for the boys at the Community House next Wednesday night. Eighty persons are expected to attend the party, directed by Mrs. A. C. Utter of Southfield avenue. Howard Crull, scoutmaster of the troop which meets at the high school.

NURSERY SCHOOL HAS OPEN HOUSE

An open house is to be held this Saturday at the Birmingham School of Childhood at Brown and Bates street. Miss Gertrude Burns, who is in charge of the school, will be there to show visitors the building and to demonstrate the work done. The project is backed by the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women.

ROTARIANS ATTEND CHARTER CEREMONIES


Sixteen members of the Birmingham Rotary club attended the charter presentation to the new Romeo Rotary club in that village Tuesday night, the presentation being made by Richard Hedke, of Rotarians from Detroit. Other Rotarians from Detroit, Highland Park, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Mt. Clemens, St. Clair, Port Huron, and Sarnia were in attendance. The new Romeo Rotary club was formerly an Exchange club.

PLAY ANNOUNCED BY REBEKAH GROUP

"Help Wanted" is the name of the play being staged next Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. in the I. O. O. F. Temple by the entertainment committee of the Birmingham Rebekah lodge. Mrs. Ida Dawson is directing the production. Parts are being taken as follows: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Adams; Mrs. Wentworth, Mrs. Flora Haney; Mrs. Aiden, Mrs. Ida Dawson; Bridget O'Brien, Mrs. Viola Mjox; Kate Aiden, Mrs. Dorothy McGirr. Plans are under way for dancing to follow the entertainment, those in charge announce.

PRIZE IS OFFERED IN STORE CONTEST

The Trux Hardware & Furniture store at 104 north Woodward avenue plans to give a bad apple to one customer on Christmas eve in a contest that is starting today. Persons who make purchases in the store are entitled to participate in the contest. 52 Issues of The Eccentric \$1.50



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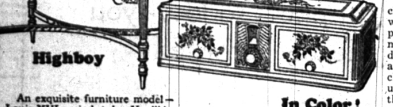
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