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DEBATE TEAM CLINCHES HOLD ON HIGH PLACE

Defeat of Fenton Places Birmingham Among 16 Leaders

VICTORY UNANIMOUS

By winning an unanimous decision over Fenton last Friday evening in the Baldwin High School, the Birmingham debating team remains in the running for state championship. This debate was the second of the elimination contests.

The Birmingham debaters are now one of the 16 surviving teams but must win the next three debates to compete in the final contest.

The Baldwin High School debating team, composed of Norma Martin, Leland Gunn and Mildred Patterson, under the coaching of Earl Corvessant, upheld the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, that the direct primary system of nominating candidates

SPEDDER FINED

Speeding on north Woodward avenue 45-49 miles an hour was the charge brought against Roland Spedder, 715 east 47th boulevard, Detroit, Monday morning in the court of Justice Floyd S. Buck. The court paid a fine of \$10 after pleading guilty to the charge.

HAZEL PARKER FINED

Walter Keller, 655 east Myers street, Hazel Park, pleaded guilty to speeding in the court of Justice Floyd S. Buck Monday morning and paid a fine of \$10.

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Fraternal News

Before the largest gathering of Master Masons that ever witnessed the initiatory degree of the Order of DeMolays at the local level, James S. Hassberger, Chapter Tuesday night put on their work taking in four candidates. Ninety-two Masons, from Rochester Royal Oak, Detroit, and Birmingham were present, and were impressed with the excellent and ritualistic work executed by the faithful officers of the Order.

Frank P. Wilson, deputy Grand Chancellor of the Order of DeMolay for Michigan, was present and praised the boys after the ceremony. Candidates initiated were Nelson H. Vanderpool, Alfred Wahl, Roland Gaster and Lawrence Bassett. Ralph A. Wilson, Master Chancellor of the Hassberger Chapter presided during the evening, and was commended for the splendid manner in which he and his fellow officers of the Order carried out the work.

Tuesday night's degree work was the final of four months of competitive activity during which time Chapters from Royal Oak and Northville have been competing with the local boys for a silver loving cup, donated by the Royal Arch Masons of the above three towns for the best initiatory work exemplified. Although no official announcement of the winner has been made, it is rumored that the Birmingham boys will receive the cup at a banquet to be held in the local Masonic Temple Tuesday evening, March 20. Another contest will be staged next fall between the local Chapter and Chapters from Pontiac and Mt. Clemens.

The James S. Hassberger Chapter was started here four years ago, and now has 99 active members, whose ages are from 16 to 21. Charles A. Bingham, known to DeMolays as "Dad," has been chiefly responsible for the success of it, although he has been aided greatly by B. J. Meiorow, chairman of the advisory committee, and a few others. In short talks made following the degree work, tribute was paid to Mr. Bingham and Mr. Meiorow, and to the boys for bringing the local Chapter up to such a high standard of perfection.

Frederick W. Stephenson, known as the "grand old man of Man-toba," died at Fort Garry at the age of 103.

Strange friendships sometimes arise through a common peril. Two hounds and a fox which were chasing all fell into a well at Breckridge, Mo., and remained here three days before being fished out, after which the dogs seemed chummy with the fox and refused to bother him further.

CHARTER COMMISSION CANDIDATES



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—Photo by Arnold Studio

FREDERICK H. HOLT
—Photo by Arnold Studio

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RADIO SPEAKER LAUDS MEMORY OF BROOKS

A tribute was paid to Harry J. Brooks, lost Southfield aviator, Thursday by DeWitt B. Lucas of Birmingham over the radio from station W. G. H. P. of Detroit.

Of the flyer, Mr. Lucas said: "I have been requested to ask you to pause for a moment reverently while we bring to mind Harry Brooks, who last Saturday, smilingly gave his life to the cause of aviation. All of the real progress of the world and the advancement of civilization depends upon the willingness of brave men and women to sacrifice their lives in the service of humanity. No greater loss hath a man than this,—that he lay down his life for his friend. There is great comfort in the thought that he who loses his life shall find it and that no human effort, that has been courageously and sincerely directed, shall have been in vain."

THEATER OPENING AT R. O. COLORFUL

Crowds Attend First Night At New Kunsky House; Building Praised

Persons from all parts of Oakland County helped make a notable event of the opening last Tuesday evening of the new Kunsky-Royal Oak Theater, Fourth and Washington streets, Royal Oak.

The new playhouse amazed the "first nighters" with its beauty and beauty. Its 2,000 seats provide comfort for the crowds handled by the staff of Kunsky theaters. This is one of the few suburban theaters in Detroit district giving daily matinees, indicating the confidence of the Kunsky organization in the draw-population of Royal Oak.

The announcement of coming attractions at the new theater indicates the high class of screen entertainment to be expected as a regular policy of the house.

Thursday and Friday (March 15-16), Billie Dove in "The Love Mart" Saturday (March 17), "Clancy's Koshier Wedding," St. Patrick's Day, Sunday (March 18), George K. Arthur, Billie Wilson in "The Gingham Girl"; Monday to Thursday (March 19 to 22 inclusive), "Underworld."

PANCAKE FEAST PROVES SUCCESS

More than 100 persons were served by members of the Senior Washington group at their annual pancake breakfast held Saturday at Baldwin High School.

The veterans, which supplied an appetizing breakfast, according to those who attended, drew considerable interest and is announced as a success with a net profit of \$60.

The filming of the guests and work in the kitchen by photographers was one of the features of the affair.

A bake sale is next planned by the Seniors who are rounding up their abilities in money earning schemes for a final campaign before leaving for the capitol, April 15. The bake sale will be given Saturday morning at Stroup's market.

Flying under radio control without a pilot a French biplane has taken off and landed 11 times without a mishap.

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NEW STABLES OPEN IN HILLS

Keeping pace with the rapid growth in the riding and hunting in Oakland and Wayne counties, announcement is made today of the establishment of the Bloomfield Hills Stables. Located on the Collier Estate, Woodward avenue and Square Lake Road.

Included in the establishment is a spacious indoor ring and 24 stalls, many of which now are occupied by boarders. Adjoining the property is cross country trails, dirt roads away from motor traffic.

J. E. Welch, proprietor of the Bloomfield Hills Stables, is a well known horseman, formerly president of the Michigan Trotting Horse Breeders' association and interested in hunters and saddle riders.

One of the features of the new stable is the attention paid to breeders. Instructors are there to impart to those who desire to ride the manner of handling the saddle or halter.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD

PRIVACY

The poor goldfish lives a life in secret compared with the program of Harriet Kullen, Harriet, daughter of a Columbia professor, is only a dozen weeks old and she is being made the subject of experiments. A new theory of education holds that habits start at birth and that character is formed in the first few years of life. Several experts are going to study Harriet right from the word go. One will observe her laughter; another will study her serious emotions; another her bodily developments. And Silas Bent, journalist will record Harriet's reactions. It is funny and yet it is serious. Any honest effort which seeks to get at the springs that make the human being "tick" is worth while.

FACT AND THEORY

Trying to live up to a theory, and ignoring the daily facts, is a common practice that causes much unhappiness and gets many people into trouble. There are few things more dangerous than a craze for consistency. The ease with which you can make reasonable adjustments to your environment, is one of the marks of education—and civilization.

THE KIND AND THE HARD

All folk might be divided into two groups in this world: the kind and the unkind. Strange as it may seem, many of the unkind are those who are the most active in trying to make other people good or make them over. The kind people are those who are the most likely to be weak about their convictions. One wonders which group does the most good in the long run. One wonders if there is anything this world needs more than simple kindness.