

EDITOR GOES VISITING AND FINDS VILLAGE AND HILLS INTERESTING

(Editor's Note: The following praise of Birmingham and vicinity was written by Muri H. DeFoe, of the Charlotte (Mich.) Republican, one of the State's outstanding weekly newspapers. Mr. DeFoe and Mrs. DeFoe, together with Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler L. Marshall, of the Clinton County (Mich.) Republican-News, of St. Johns, Michigan, visited Birmingham two weeks ago as the guests of the publisher of The Eccentric. Mr. DeFoe's comment is re-printed here to let readers of The Eccentric know what an out-state editor thinks of the section.)

Birmingham, Feb. 27, 1928. One of the most practical and consequently most useful exhibits of a public philanthropy to be found anywhere is the Cranbrook school for boys now well toward completion just at the edge of this village. This school was created by the gift of George G. Booth, president of the Detroit News, and Mr. Booth, in January, 1926, and occupies a campus of 65 acres located in a beautiful section of Woodward, about a mile west of Woodward, and on the Lone Pine Road. The buildings consist of the main school unit, dormitory, dining hall, gymnasium, and infirmary. The football field, surrounded by a quarter mile track, was constructed and turfied last fall, so that it is in excellent condition for use this year.

excited much interest among architects and artists generally. All the buildings are fire-proof and designed to meet the needs of a modern school. It is worthy of a Cranbrook. The school has a small but complete astronomical observatory. This will add to the interest and value of the science work, and is unusual among secondary schools. Another feature is a mineralogical and biological collection of twenty thousand specimens. The school auditorium will be equipped with the most modern motion picture projectors for use in providing instruction in the sciences as in connection with the program of visual education; and it will also have a stage adequate to the needs of amateur theatricals. For outdoor dramatics and pageantry, the students will have the privilege of using the beautiful Greek theater on the Cranbrook estate of Mr. and Mrs. George Booth adjoining the school and college type of architecture, he has produced a style that is individual as well as beautiful. As an organic part of this architectural scheme he has introduced details of stained glass, mosaic, wrought metal work, and sculpture that are in themselves works of art of unique interest. Professor Gera Marzari, of Budapest, was called to Cranbrook to design and execute the sculptural and ornamental of the school building. The entire plan of the Cranbrook School group has

twenty-eight of the number have been accepted. The admission is free, and the school is open to all. Headmaster Stevens was eventually to see all parts of Michigan, and Cranbrook is a village which at present is confined largely to the Detroit territory. "We want all our graduates," said Mr. Stevens, "to have a sense of appreciation for fine arts rather than to develop into mere gentlemen. Whenever a boy shows a marked degree of ability in the sciences, engineering or art, already provided by Mr. Booth for the student to continue with his education. When finally completed in all detail the Cranbrook School will have no close up competition in the state. At Farmington, Conn. Mrs. Theodate Pope Riddle has the Avon School but the plan is not the same. At Avon the boys do a certain amount of work on the farms in connection with their studies. The word 'Cranbrook' comes from England and dates of the earlier generation of Booths. Despite the elaborate setting and gesture of wealth on every hand the school is a place of democracy will be maintained in Cranbrook school. All boys will enter on the same footing, and the standards will be determined by citizenship rather than the usual making of distinctions. The special privileges and this group of students. The school leaders in Cranbrook do not permit other than a reduction to the village which are desirable in the school life. Every boy takes his turn waiting on table, and no one is preferred to others. Every one serves.

great concert in this church Friday evening, March 16. Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lincoln at Amy. R. E. Scaer, Minister. In the special Lenten service Wednesday evening, the Word of God preached on the Word of Jesus on the cross: "Today, thou shalt be with me in paradise." The special Lenten series of sermons is based on Jesus' seven words on the cross. In continuing his Sunday series of sermons the pastor will preach on the assertion of Christ, I Am the Good Shepherd, in next Sunday's service. The Sunday School service begins at 9:30 a. m. with special classes and teachers for children of all ages. Redeemer Lutheran League meets at 7:30 on Sunday evenings. I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.



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