

"The language of excitement is at best but picturesque merely—you must be calm before you can utter oracles."—Thoreau.

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## CHURCH GROUP NAMES OFFICERS

**Baptist Brotherhood Elects George Dawkins President; Dr. Dewitt Jones is Speaker**

The Baptist brotherhood closed its year with its annual ladies night banquet last week and the election of officers for the coming year. Those elected were as follows: George Dawkins, president; Percy Farmer, vice-president; E. E. McMillan, secretary; and Eugene Parmenter, treasurer.

The setting president, Leiland Bunyan, acted as toastmaster for the evening, introducing the speaker, Dr. Edgar Dewitt Jones, of Detroit.

Dr. Jones' subject was "When Man's a Man."  
"When man masters himself, when he rules his own spirit, then he is truly a man," he declared.

"When he dreams noble dreams and tries to make them come true we find a true man once more," he said.

"We have Lincoln, the dreamer, and Beecher, the dreamer, as examples of this type, he stated, but there are dreamers who never awaken even in Aladdin's car in the Arabian Nights. A man's a man when he's big enough to acknowledge his wrong."

Emphasizing this point, Dr. Jones quoted Theodore Roosevelt, "A man who never makes a mistake never makes anything."

## BILLY BENEFITS THROUGH SHOP, BUT CLOTHES SUPPLY IS LOW

Billy went to school last winter with his small body snug and warm in clothes which his mother bought at the Community House Thrift Shop and his feet well protected by the comfortable shoes and rubbers which she found there. She paid only \$5.20 out of her scanty purse for his entire winter outfit. For they were given to the Community House by more fortunate mothers whose children had outgrown them. The money paid for the clothing of Billy will in turn be used for the welfare of other children, who like Billy, might otherwise be ill-provided for winter winds.

Billy was only one of many. During the past winter almost 100 children through the Thrift Shop received clothing which they needed, and their parents did not suffer the loss of self-respect which charity sometimes causes.

But the shelves of the Thrift Shop are bare and the racks with their rows of coat hangers are empty. The 1188 garments which stocked the shelves of the little shop last fall have nearly all been sold, to people of the village who were known at the Community House to be deserving of the privilege.

Unless the women of the community remember the Thrift Shop generously, while they are sorting over the family wardrobes this spring, there will be nothing on the shelves this fall for such as Billy and his sisters.

The very mother who gave of her surplus to clothe Billy may have a child in school who directly benefits by such generosity.

The Thrift Shop committee when it met this week to take a spring inventory found that the following large number of garments had found a place and a user:

- Sweaters, 24; Hats & Caps, 55; Shoes, 155 pr; Hosiery, 154 pr; Ties, 32; Coats, 50; Shirts, 46; Dresses, 119; Underwear, 160 pieces; suits, 67; Baby Clothes, 100 pieces; trousers, 35 pr; blouses, 43; rubbers and galoshes, 17 pr; Scarfs, 10; Gloves and mittens, 23 pr; bedding, 20 pieces; miscellaneous, 25 pieces.
- "If anybody who has wearable garments which are of no further use to them would send them to us this spring or next fall," said Miss Mary Clark Griffith, hostess, "we should be able to care for many more next year. We could have used more garments during the past season and we should have a much larger stock next year in order to meet the growing need of the village. The list given shows the type of garments most asked for and there is also a great demand for warm bedding.

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

R. J. Corryell, of the Corryell Nursery: "I think the most interesting things I know are these hills and rock formations around Birmingham. Right now we are examining a certain gravel bank for clay. That bank holds the history of a glacier period, millions of years ago."

## The Diary of a New Yorker

**Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric.**  
NEW YORK, April 24—(I got to thinking about taxi drivers when I heard about Arthur Sutton.)  
Six weeks' searching for a job driving a taxi gave Arthur the idea that he'd never find one. When, after automatically and spiritlessly going through the motions of asking one from E. D. Lotti, operator of a fleet, he was offered a job, Arthur got excited.  
"When I start?" he asked.  
"Right away," said Lotti, motioning to a cab.  
Sutton walked toward it, then toppled over, dead of heart failure.

Sun-tanned visitors from points west (to a New Yorker, any place beyond Hudson river is West), are in style here. Sunburn is fashionable because every one wants to give the impression of having spent the winter in Florida or California. Many of the tan one sees in the Fifth avenue parade doubtlessly were acquired in violet-ray outfits that provide a sunburn at \$5 a treatment.

One Broadwayite, whose name is synonymous with virility and the sort of thing, takes a violet-ray treatment daily to conceal the pallor he acquires through regular attendance at night clubs.

With four musical comedy hits running in New York, and another collecting dividends on the road, the natural conclusion is that Flo Ziegfeld is pulling up a fortune rivaling Henry Ford's. But Ziegfeld doesn't finance his own productions, upon which an average of \$200,000 is spent before the first curtain goes up, and only receives a salary and a bare of the profits.

A. L. Erlanger, theater owner, used to be the "angel" of the Ziegfeld productions. Now W. B. Hearst, the publisher, is.

Harry Bruno and Richard Blythe, press agents deluxe to Lindbergh and concerns with an aggregate capital of \$100,000,000, are two small-town boys who have made good in New York in a big way. Bruno, 35, is from Montclair, N. J. Blythe, about the same age, is from Edmonton, Ala. Both were newspapermen and war flyers. Previously Blythe followed Pancho Villa in Mexico. After the war they teamed, and opened for business as public relations counsels with a rented typewriter and \$1.38.

Blythe and Bruno are joint authors of a book, "The Modern Torchbearers," which gives the lie to the common assertion that newspapers give predominance place to crime and scandal news. An analysis they made of what constitutes the daily news diet of

## VILLAGE SCOUTS IN COUNTY AREA

**Decision Announced By Dr. Tucker At District Meeting in Pontiac**

Birmingham will join with Oakland County in an area Scout Council, according to an announcement made by Dr. F. L. Tucker, president of the Birmingham district at a recent meeting at the Hotel Holdenbrand, Pontiac. Representatives from all over the county were present at the meeting.

There will be three troops entering from Birmingham, Dr. Tucker stated. By his action, 17 troops will probably be added to the 28 under the Pontiac Council. The organization meeting will be held May 22. All communities of the county will be invited to send delegates to this meeting. C. G. Speer, who represented the national council at the meeting will again be present.

For the present, the Pontiac Council will provide office service only according to a decision reached Tuesday evening. Field executives and field service will be decided upon after the organization of the council when all communities will be represented.

Most Americans, as reflected by the columns of 60 representative newspapers, shows that only two per cent of newspaper space is devoted to what is classified as police, crime and scandal news. Sports news and pictures get six per cent of space, political and governmental, two per cent; comic strips, three per cent; editorial comment, exactly one-half of the space given comics; advertising, 18 per cent; syndicated text features, 11 1/2 per cent. Other straight news classifications fill the rest of the space.

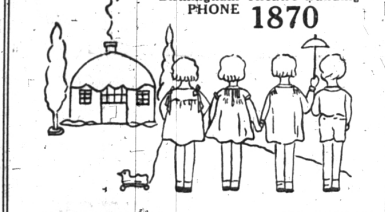


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## BAPTISTS ELECT OFFICERS TODAY

**Annual Meeting Planned For 7 p. m. Surprise Announced By Pastor**

Members and friends of the First Baptist Church have a surprise awaiting them when they gather for the annual business meeting and election of officers at 7 p. m. today at the First Methodist Church, Rev. D. L. Woodward, pastor said. "It is not only a real surprise but a genuine treat and many one who misses it will have occasion for regret," he declared.

At the meeting tonight reports on the year's work will be presented by the officers and heads of the various societies and organizations of the church.

The goals and plans for the new year will also be presented to the membership for approval. In addition to the business matters to be attended to, it is planned to make the meeting largely social and inspirational in character.

Friends and members of the church and Sunday school are invited to the dinner and meeting, he said.

David Evans of Davenport, Ia., was struck so hard by a flying partridge that one of his ribs was broken.

## DRIVER INJURED IN AUTO MISHAP

**Sudden Application Of Brakes Causes Car To Overturn**

Injured when his car overturned at Woodward avenue and Oak street Saturday morning, John H. Thomson, 15, Seabury avenue, Detroit, is recovering at his home today.

Thomson's automobile overturned when he applied the brakes suddenly. He was treated here for cuts and bruises and later removed to his home. The automobile was partially demolished.

## Bloomfield Village

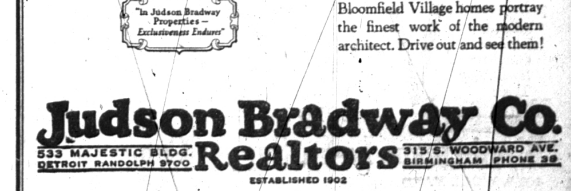


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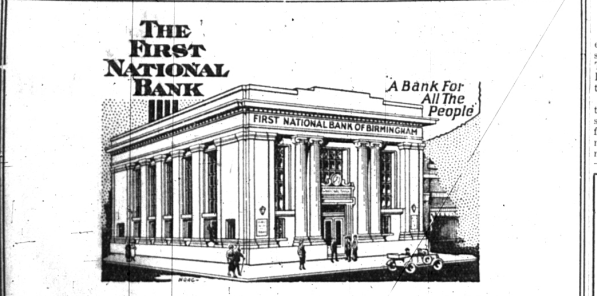
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