# SCOUTS HOLD YULE PARTY

### Troop Three Will Meet In Bloomfield Park On Friday

Birmingham boy scouts, troop number three, will hold their annual Christmas party tomorrow night in the Bloomfield Park clubhouse. The boys' mothers, headed by Mrs. Lee A White, will prepare for them a pot-luck supper.

There will be a Christmas tree, and the boys will exchange gifts, each boy bringing to some other an inexpensive piece of scout equipment. Mrs. Dewey Kimball will give readings, and Coach George Johnson, of the Baldwin High School, will speak on the subject, "What Scouting Does to Prepare Boys for High School Athletics."

Besides the 35 scouts and Mr. Johnson, H. G. Crull, scout leader, M. H. Smiley, assistant scout leader, Lloyd Stanley, Commander of the American Legion, Charles Edwards Post, and G. Dewey Kimball, will attend the supper.

The decorations were carried out by members of the troop. Boys in charge of the party arrangements are Howard Senteney, senior patrol leader, and Stoddard White, Don Stewart, Clarke Matthews, and Dument Mills, patrol leaders.

At a recent meeting, the boys voted to make their good turn this Christmas the caring for a needy family. They will raise the money themselves for this purpose.


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### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

**H. T. Ellerby,** village president: "This problem of modern charity is a serious one. It is not only a professionalized thing from the side of those who administer the resources of a community toward it, but often is professionalized by families who find in it an easy source of supply. In a community like Birmingham I believe that we can obtain a more effective charity program if we work through a central source, such as the Community House. Incidentally, people must be taught that they should save from their days of sunshine some funds with which to carry them through the rainy days."

## LIBRARY NOTES

By MRS. NANCY B. THOMAS

The year 1929 is ending soon. Thousands of books have been published, thousands have been read. The patrons of the Baldwin Public Library have read their share of the output. In going back over the year it is interesting to note some of the worthwhile books they have read and enjoyed.

Francis Hackett's "Henry the Eighth" has been outstanding among the numerous biographies. "The Tragic Era" by Claude Bowers and "Life and Labor in the Old South" have proved interesting and stimulating histories of our own country. Robert S. Lynd's "Middletown" will be of value for many years for it is carefully written and has valuable data on conditions in a representative small city of our immediate district.

Walter Lippmann's "Preface to Morals" is a thoughful book which has raised opposition but which has made people think. And we have learned what it means to do that in Ernest Dimnet's "Art of Thinking."

The late war has received much attention from novelists and playwrights. Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front" has been read by old and young and the two plays "Journey's End" by Sheriff and "Wings over Europe" by Nichols have had more readers than any half dozen modern plays.

Poetry production has been light. "Further poems of Emily Dickinson" and Robert Frost's "Cavender's House" represent the American poets. Women have written some very good fiction this year. "Dark Hester" by Anne Douglas Sedgwick, "Expiation" by M. A. Russell, "Homeplace" by Maristan Chapman "Whiteoaks of Jalna" by Mazo de la Roche, "They Stooped to folly" by Ellen Glasgow, "Galaxy" by Susan Ertz and "Ultima Thule" by Henry Handel Richardson (pseudonym). Norwegian fiction has had many readers, especially the books of Sigrid Undset and Ole E. Rolvaag. Stories of the colored people have been represented by Julia Peterkin's "Black April" and DuBois Heyward's "Mamba's Daughters." The year has seen the publication of the "Encyclopedia Britannica," an unusually fine set of reference books. The first three volumes of the "Dictionary of American Biography" give promise that that work will be equally good in its field. To name all the good books of 1929 would be a task for they reached into many fields and concerned various interests. The best of them will survive but many soon will be forgotten.

**Continued Next Month**

Author—This is the plot of my story. A midnight scene. Two burglars creep stealthily toward the house. They scale a wall and force open a window. As they enter the room the clock strikes one—

Sweet Thing (breathlessly)—Which one?—Union Pacific Magazine.

### BILL BOOSTER SAYS:

# EXCHANGITES HEAR TALK BY GEO. S. YAPLES

### "Human Kindness" Is Topic Of Community House Official

### URGES CHARITY WORK

"Human Kindness" was the subject ably discussed Tuesday noon at the Exchange club luncheon at Lone Pine Inn when George S. Yaples, executive secretary of the Birmingham Community House, spoke. He was introduced by Ed S. Watko, local Graham-Paige dealer, who was in charge of the program. Mr. Yaples' talk followed close on the heels of an open forum discussion that had been going on by the Exchangites during the luncheon hour, when the subject of local charity was being handled from various angles by several members.

Mr. Yaples divided his subject into two general groups, one of them community welfare work, the other the devising of a system that will analyze the shortcomings of individuals and readjust them to their business or social environments.

"Right now we all know that there is lots of unemployment in this Detroit area," stated Mr. Yaples, "but we also know that this condition will be relieved very soon when the automotive industry gets back to work. In the focusing of our attention upon charity, we must at all times prevent our emotions from running away with our better judgment. The need for charity exists, we admit, but the application of a remedy to this social need must be made intelligently, according to the best experience obtainable.

"We need to apply preventative methods to cure conditions that require charity, for often bad management results in lack of the necessary things of life. Many people need to be educated to use budgets for their household expenditures, and always they need to have emphasized for them the necessity of laying up during sunshiny days a supply for rainy days."

Welfare work of a readjustment nature, declared Mr. Yaples, is invaluable in bringing boys and girls, men and women, to a realization of their latent abilities, to the end that the development of these abilities will provide them with poise, self-confidence, and the capacity to hold their own right ful places in society.

Prior to Mr. Yaples' talk brief comments on the necessity of aiding local families on and after Christmas were made by Dr. Fred L. Tucker, Ralph Moulthrop, Robert Y. Moore, Ralph Wilson, and H. T. Ellerby. A motion was made to empower a committee composed of Dr. Tucker, Robert R. Allen, and Robert Y. Moore, to spend $200.00 in conjunction with other local service clubs, cooperating with the Community House.

**Natural Question**

Teacher—We must always remember we are here to help others.

Little Susie—Yes, Miss Perkins but what are the others here for?—Brooklyn Eagle.


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## Money Prizes Given Winners In Ad Contest

Prize winning is a new experience to the holders of both the first and second prizes in The Birmingham Eccentric Ad Contest of Dec. 5.

"Although I never before won a prize in Birmingham I have always been interested in such contests," Miss Constance Wilson, 787 Vinewood avenue, winner of the first award of $10 declared, and because it is "lucky money" Miss Wilson is going to deposit it in the bank.

Time was one of the important elements in the contest and Miss Wilson explains the reason for the prompt return of her contest answers. "It was just that I forgot the postage stamp for the letter containing the answers and slipped the envelope under the door of The Eccentric rather than post it," she explained. "That was my time saver."

Twelve-year-old Ellen Miller, a student at the Holy Name School and winner of the second prize of $7.50, is looking forward to a gay Christmas shopping trip when she will buy gifts for her mother and friends. For her the $7.50 is the answer to Christmas problems. "I'm going to buy presents with my prize money," she said. "I never dreamed I would win the prize. Now I am going to enter more contests and perhaps I'll be lucky again," Ellen said.

Mrs. William McIlroy, 911 Madison avenue and Harold Atwell, 731 Townsend avenue, are winners of the third and fourth awards. The prizes were awarded the contestants for furnishing a tabulation of the various stores using advertising space in the Dec. 5 issue of The Birmingham Eccentric. Answers were judged on their promptness and accuracy.

### WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

**Al Charlebois,** Royal Oak newspaperman: "Conditions among many families in Berkley, Clawson, and Hazel Park are acute. I have never seen so much actual want in this territory."

### "CITY SLICKERS" STILL PREY ON FARMERS

East Lansing, Dec. 19.—"Easy money artists" apparently have selected Michigan farmers as good prospects for various types of fake services which are sold with the representation that they are to be supervised by some department at Michigan State College.

G. A. Hood, of Lapeer County, recently reported that two men called on him and tried to sell him a year's subscription to the bulletins issued by the College and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Single copies of all college bulletins except one published for general use by farmers by the State College may be obtained free by writing to the director of the experiment station at East Lansing. A charge of 10 cents is made for one horticultural bulletin, "Diagnosing Orchard Ills."


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