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## A Merry Christmas

Our wish to you is an old one . . . expressed in old words . . . yet words fuller in meaning through the appreciation and understanding which another year will have added to them. Soon a brand new year will be yours, with all its hopes and destinies. So fittingly we renew our wish that you will enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## MASONS HOLD INSTALLATION OF 8 OFFICERS

Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. Conducts Club Ceremony

### GAVEL IS PRESENTED

The first public installation of Masonic officers in Birmingham in many years took place Thursday night, when the Birmingham Lodge number 44, F. & A. M., was installed in the Masonic temple. Those sworn into office were B. J. Metrow, Worshipful Master, succeeding Ralph W. Bricker; James W. Farry, Senior Warden; Frank C. Dear, Junior Warden; Past Master Robert McClellan, treasurer; O. B. Harper, secretary; Donald K. Plumstead, Senior Deacon; Melbourne Roberts, Junior Deacon; and Bert Moore, Tyler.

The Grand Installing officer was F. Homer Newton, Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Mr. Newton was assisted by past Master Clyde Wood, Grand Marshall; Past Master Harold H. Cornon, Grand Chaplain; and past Master Robert McClellan, Grand Secretary.

Following the ceremonies, a musical program was presented. Clarence McMullen rendered two vocal solos, and William G. Schwalle played four old-time tunes. (Concluded on Page 7, Part 2)

## THE SOCIAL SIDE

Something About Village Clubs

### STUDENT LOAN ASSN.

The Student Loan Fund Association is an organization founded in 1919 for the purpose of procuring, receiving and administering funds of money or other capital assets in order to render

### Y. M. C. A.

Birmingham has the distinction of providing the nucleus around which the Oakland County organization of the present Y. M. C. A. is built. Back in 1912, several men in



MR. G. A. ZEIGLER

—Photo by Arnold.

Mrs. ALINE WOOD

financial assistance in pursuit of further education to such students as are deemed deserving and worthy by the corporation.

The class of 1919, on its graduation from the Baldwin High School, gave to the Baldwin High School \$100 to be administered as a student loan fund. Other organizations added to this fund, among them the Society of University Women (the predecessor to the American Association of University Women), which gave \$500. In August 1922, the assets had reached \$1,918.59. In order that the scope of the work might be enlarged, it was decided to incorporate.

### Adopts New Name

The new organization was called the "Birmingham Scholarship Fund Association," and its first officers were President, Mr. Walter M. Pratt; Vice-President, Mrs. Laura E. Lynch; Secretary, Mrs. Mabel V. Roy; Treasurer, Mr. Arthur C. Peck; and Trustees, Mr. R. J. Corryell and Mr. Clarence Vliet.

The fund is administered by six trustees, of whom two are elected by the voters at the annual school meeting in July. One is a member of the Board of Education. The Superintendent of Schools, the sixth trustee, is an ex officio member.

Borrowers are limited to \$1,000 at the rate of \$200 per year. Before they may receive money from the fund, they must have completed at least one successful semester of college, and they must take out a life insurance policy of \$1,000 with the fund as beneficiary. They are expected to repay in full within four years after graduation, with four per cent interest.

### All Money Loaned Out

At present, every available dollar is assigned or loaned for the second semester, beginning in February, 1930. At the meeting held December 18, applications for \$1,250 were received and granted. The trustees are now planning an intense campaign for the next college year, beginning in September, may be granted. So far, no deserving student has been refused money on request, and no borrower has defaulted in payments. A total of 22 students have been helped. Last year, receipts amounted to \$1,985.42. Donors included the American Association of University Women, the American Legion Auxiliary, the University of Michigan League, the League of St. James Women, the Ladies' (Concluded on Page 7, Part 2)

Birmingham met and subscribed funds with which to hire a secretary for a Young Men's Christian Association to be formed among the boys of the schools. Some of these men were George Brady, Charles R. Peck, Rev. F. F. Kraft, and John Hanna. Meanwhile, groups of boys were meeting and becoming organized in the various schools; out of these original groups of boys have since been recruited the present leaders.

The first secretary was Martin Verbart, who served for five years. He was succeeded by Walter Turpening, for one year, and then by George Kimball, who is still engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. The present secretary is Robert S. Lynd, who took over the Birmingham territory exclusively in 1927.

Began After War  
Mr. Lynd first came shortly after the war, when the work became too great for one man. For two years he and Mr. Kimball worked together in Birmingham; and in 1926, Mr. Kimball took over the secretaryship of the Town and Country group, in the northwestern part of the county. Five years later, an Industrial Secretary was established in Pontiac. Royal Oak and Bloomfield townships were then left under Mr. Lynd until 1927, when the membership became so large that it was decided to divide the groups and George Carhart, of Pontiac, long experienced in Y. M. C. A. work, was appointed to take office in Royal Oak.

The four large groups, which have sprung out of the one small one in Birmingham nearly 20 years ago, work together in perfect harmony for the character development of the youth of the county. Last year, the organization acquired an extensive camp site near Hale, Mich., 150 miles north of Oakland County. The site, which will be developed by the four groups, is large enough to allow expansion during the next 50 years.

### Meet Each Week

Small groups, subdivisions of the larger ones, meet every week in the various schools. During the meetings, which are self-organized, the time is devoted to a period of study, of which the subject is chosen by the boys and leaders; a short religious service, and some kind of athletic exercise. The ideal number for these groups to contain is 12 boys. Although the organization has no building of its own, leaders are hoping that one may be donated for temporary use.

The Board of Directors, of which Mr. G. A. Zeigler is president, consists of Clarence Vliet, (Concluded on Page 7, Part 2)



## With Christmas Almost Here!

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