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1,000 TO ATTEND ANNUAL TRIP

Washington Group Plan Annual Bob-lo Excursion Saturday

Estimates of nearly 1,000 students are given on the attendance for the fifth annual Bob-lo Park excursion, planned by the Washington Group at Baldwin High School, Saturday.

Two main athletic events, girls' baseball game with Grosse Pointe High School and a boys' game between the combined Junior High teams of Adams and Baldwin Junior High Schools against that of Baldwin Senior High will be played. Difficultly in getting contestants to participate in other forms of athletic contests in previous years has resulted in their cancellation this year.

Special cars will leave Maple and Woodward avenues at 7:45 Saturday morning, meeting the 9 o'clock boat for the Island. Most students will leave on this boat, although there will also be one an hour later.

The five o'clock boat leaving the Island and arriving at Detroit at about 7 o'clock will also be met by special cars.

The Washington Group receives a liberal commission from the ferry company on the sale of tickets.

THREE MEN NAMED AS CIRCUIT JURORS

Fred Mallender, of Bloomfield, Albert Roadger, of Southfield, and Leonard Sargent, of Troy, have been named jurors of the circuit court and their names passed upon by the sheriff, clerk and one judge.

AMONG THE WOMEN

Children Taking To Mathematics, Teacher Finds

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS
Even in the days of the hickory stick it was a tradition that boys excelled in mathematics. They were just supposed to be more mathematically minded.

The same is true today, but the girls are fast catching up with the boys in math. The time has come when they too are mathematically minded, according to Miss Merle E. Taylor, for the past four and a half years, instructor in mathematics in the Baldwin High School. For four consecutive years Miss Taylor has been business advisor for the high school annual, the Baldwinian, which was dedicated to her this year.

"Boys still lead the girls six to one in the advanced math classes," Miss Taylor said, although four times as many girls are taking advanced mathematics in the Baldwin High School as when I first came here."

Children Take to Math

Interest in math is increasing daily, Miss Taylor declared. "I think that in general children are becoming more mechanically minded. Consequently they take more math courses because their chosen professions require them. The tremendous interest in the engineering field, especially aeronautical, and in architecture makes necessary a mathematical background. The fact that girls are, daily being admitted into these fields probably accounts for their increased interest in the study. Girls of today are in general more academically inclined than those living in the more sheltered past," she said.

Although Miss Taylor's primary interest is math, and has been

since her early school days, she devotes a great part of her time to school activities. She will again be a business advisor for the Baldwinian staff next year and is also advisor for the junior class.

Activities Important

"Activities are important in the life of the high school student, but they should not overshadow scholastic achievement. If a ratio were established, I should give activities one third importance with the remainder of the 'stress' placed on classwork," she said.

Too much outside activity almost invariably shows in the class work, Miss Taylor believes. "An intelligent apportioning of the student's time is desirable," she said.

Birmingham students have exceptionally high education ideals, Miss Taylor finds. "They are for the most part children of educated parents and all their lives have grown up with the idea of a higher education. They merely take it for granted that upon leaving high school they will automatically enter a high grade university or college. All through their school days they have planned for a higher education and they want the best."

Educational facilities in the village are of the best, Miss Taylor believes. "This is advantageous to both the students and the teacher. The schools are pleasant and well equipped, providing a favorable mental reaction. Never have I taught in a school system where conditions were as pleasant," she said.

Taught 11 Years

Miss Taylor has taught mathematics for 11 years. "As long as I can remember I have wanted to teach," she said, "and always I have enjoyed it. Even when I was a child, going to school, I thought of the day when I would teach. Possibly the fact that I was the daughter of a teacher had some bearing upon it. At least three of us ultimately entered the teaching profession."

She received her life certificate at the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, later graduating from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor with a bachelor of arts degree. Her home is in Sparta, Mich.

STATE COLLEGE HONORS PINSON

(Special to The Evening Star)
East Lansing, Mich., June 5.—J. Parkes Pinson, of Birmingham, has been awarded a varsity "S" in reward for his service as yell master by the board in control of athletics as announced today by Director Ralph H. Young.

Pinson has been a member of the cheer-leaders squad four years and yell master since his sophomore year. He is an outstanding figure at football, basketball games and track meets at State.

Pinson is also one of the most popular men on the campus, and he has been a leader in campus activities. He is a member of the Triomira fraternity.

OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

All women teachers are not returning to their tasks in Rochester schools next fall. How come? Ask the Clarkston school with a loving heart married during the summer.

Thirteen seniors from the Graded Lake high school will be graduated June 13. Several fetes are planned for the students.

The Detroit Automobile club recently presented students of the Clarkston school with a loving cup for their safety patrol work. Not an accident has been reported since the student patrol was organized.

In full view of a horrified holiday crowd of merry-makers, Precor Daniels, 24 years old, 55 Oakland avenue, fell to his death from a roller coaster at the Graded Lake Thursday. He died at City Hospital about four hours later.

Two of the holiday visitors who thronged to Oakland County lakes, were slain from the extreme Memorial Day heat, met their death by drowning Thursday afternoon. The victims were: Constance Regina Hall, 9 years old, 11185 Elmidae avenue, Detroit, drowned at Lake Orion.

Merrill Raymond, 24 years old, 12298 Ward street, Detroit, drowned at Lakeside four miles east of Orion. The two fatalities were the first accidental drownings of the "ear heat." Coroner J. Lee Courties, summoned to the Lake Orion case and Coroner O. C. Farmer, called to Lakeside, announced this morning that no inquests would be held.

Apparently S. Jay Lishness, building inspector, and Dr. D. J. Dumond, health officer, will continue in their respective positions in Ferndale. A secret meeting of the commission a week ago decided it. Commissioners Donahue and Stark, who fought for retaining the men, gained a victory over the other three men on the board. Petitions signed by several hundred property owners asked that the men be retained.

More than 550 students of Oakland County rural schools were graduated at the commencement program Saturday in Pontiac. Webster H. Pearce, as the speaker.

The village council of Utica is offering a reward of \$100 for the capture of the thugs who shot Marshall Andrew Hastings when he attempted to prevent them from robbing a store.

Forty-two persons were injured, six seriously, when a north-bound Eastern Michigan express interurban plowed into the rear of a gravel train on a siding 1,000 feet north of the Octoville depot at 5:05 p. m. Sunday. The front of the interurban was wrecked.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

L. G. Green, west Maple avenue: "I wish to commend the Birmingham fire department for the efficient work in putting out a fire Sunday morning on my property on Townsend street."

and the last car of a string of loaded gravel carriers was forced off the track by the impact. An investigation was begun immediately by Eastern Michigan railway authorities.

The second reading of an ordinance which will stop public dancing in Royal Oak at 1:30 a. m. instead of midnight is scheduled for Monday night at the commission meeting. Protests against the midnight closing hour were made by owners of barbeques on Woodward avenue who said it was hurting their business. Counter protests were made by citizens who wanted the midnight hour enforced.

Whether Royal Oak should have a police trial bond will be debated prior to Friday night at a meeting of the charter commission. Carl A. Braun, president of the Metropolitan club, urges the bond. Police Chief William T. Lorimer is strongly opposed to it. Braun presented the motion in the form of a charter amendment.

The hubbub in Rochester caused when Editor Seed published an editorial criticizing a woman school teacher for smoking a cigarette in Detroit is quieting today although there is still talk in the town about his right to say what he said. And this is what he said:

"Dressed in a dainty green dress with a smart black hat, a Rochester school teacher was seated at a table in the Hotel Statler grill room Friday night with a male escort. So far the picture is correct, and offensive to no one. But we are extremely glad that the pupils and friends of this teacher did not see her proceed to light away with an air of sophistication, which made her anything but a model for growing youth to pattern after."

"Her appearance was that of a lady, up to the introduction of the cigarette. The cigarette did more than spoil the picture; it drew attention and smiling comment from those seated around her and this was the gallery, was obviously playing to. Her greatest desire, apparently, being to display her accomplishments as a smoker, with little realization of the vicious habit and example she was setting."

"That she was an adept smoker could be judged from the clever way in which she handled the weed—as artfully as the most habitual tobacco addict."

"As we implied in the beginning, it isn't what I do that affects me alone, but example is contagious—and the fact that there is more smoking among high school students, in Rochester, and all over the country, may be due somewhat to the example of sophistication."

VILLAGE LAB. GAIN REPORTED

Village Technician Announces Increase in Test Cases During May

A steady increase in the number of tests made at the village health department is shown in the report made public today by Miss Clara Diekmann, laboratory technician.

During May 417 tests were made against 348 of the previous month. Of this number 321 were throat cultures, the largest number for any month in the history of the department. March records as a month of marked activity showing but 265.

Other tests were as follows: 45 milk, 17 water and 34 miscellaneous.

SCHOOL FEED IS EXPLAINED

Coryell Urges Bond Issue Approval in Monday's Election

Emphasizing the need for the proposed addition to the Barnum grade school, bonds for which are to be voted on next Monday in the amount of \$210,000, R. J. Coryell, president of the local board of education, and Clarence Vliet, superintendent of public schools, addressed Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon. The meeting was held in the First Baptist Church, which will hereafter be the assembling place for the local Rotary club, as the result of arrangements made between the club and Wales Price, of the Chateau Tea Room, where the club has been meeting for several years.

"As long as Birmingham and vicinity continues to maintain its fine type of progress, bringing in many new families each year, the need for additional schools will be manifest," stated Mr. Coryell. "In recent years approximately 200 children are added to the school system annually, requiring that you board of education come to you from time to time for the funds with which to erect more rooms for educational purposes."

Swimming Tank

Mr. Coryell stated that the \$210,000 issue to be voted on next Monday, added to the \$140,000 in bonds approved, but not yet issued, in 1918, would provide \$350,000 needed to erect the Barnum school. An additional \$35,000, on a separate ballot, for a swimming tank, was also explained by Mr. Coryell, who declared that "the people of the school district apparently feel that such a feature should be erected and maintained by the school authorities."

"Of course, I am a hopeless optimist when it comes to visioning the educational features of this district. Members of the school board often become hopeless pessimists when they think of having to go to the taxpayers for funds with which to carry on the school work, yet we compromise in our views and bring before the voters each time we seek approval for school bonds, propositions that are very carefully weighed, and which are believed to be consistent with the ideals and paying ability of the citizens who comprise our district," said Mr. Vliet, who has seen Birmingham grow, since his arrival here 15 years ago, from a quiet, unglazed village, to its present size as one of Detroit's best suburban communities.

Estimate Tax

Both speakers, in response to a question relative to the tax rate for schools, should the proposed bond issues carry, replied that "should the district receive the usual increase in assessed valuations, the new school tax rate would be in the neighborhood of \$18 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, or about fifty cents less than last year. However, we have learned from Mr. Moore, supervisor, that the total valuation may not be increased as much as was expected, which may result in an increased tax rate of perhaps not more than fifty or seventy-five cents per thousand."

Both Mr. Coryell and Mr. Vliet advised very strongly the approval of the bond issues, especially the \$210,000 amount, declaring that it would result in an economical expansion of the school facilities of the district, and would aid materially in creating a safety factor for children while going to and from school each day.

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