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H. P. PASTOR SPEAKER

More than 100 men gathered at the First Methodist Church Friday night for the dinner and program climaxed by a debate on capital punishment with H. T. Ellerby, village president, and James W. Parry, village manager, in the main roles.

No decision was given in the two-man debate and from the opinion generally expressed after

SCRIPT OF DEBATE
A complete stenographic report of the debate between President H. T. Ellerby and Manager James W. Parry held Friday night at the First Methodist Church will be found on page 4, this section.

The friendly hostilities ended, Mr. Ellerby, as an antagonist of capital punishment and Mr. Parry, as its exponent, did justice to their parts.

The Rev. Thomas R. Thornburn, pastor of the Trinity Church of Highland Park, gave the address of the evening, stressing the attitude of indifference on the part of church-goers and claiming it was one of the most serious problems facing the clergy. He appealed for more cognizance of spiritual values and less attention to the material side of life.

Debate Starts
Tracing the history of capital punishment, Mr. Ellerby maintained the rate of murder decreased in Michigan after 1846 when it was abolished, and that the murder rate in the eight states in America, where there is no capital punishment law, shows the lowest number of murders per population.

He declared the practice is not a deterrent to crime, that it is not Christian and it is ethically un sound. He cited the case of a murderer who had spent time in jail and returned to society, thoroughly repentant and with a desire to make good which materialized.

"Is that man not more valuable to society than if he had been put to death?" he asked. From this declared capital punishment was little different from lynching and that often its advocates were police who attempted to cover their blunders and politicians who were afraid of the public.

His Crime Philosophy He declared newspaper publicity put the condemned in the role of a hero.

"Four out of thirty-seven men

AMONG THE WOMEN

Experiences Of Dr. Hawkins In Medical World

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS
A little girl used to watch the health of her family. The least indisposition would bring advice, counsel and prescriptions from this very serious child, who noted the reaction to the remedy and the recuperation of the patient with the seal of the true scientist.

And so developed the ambition to study and practice medicine; not in the role of a nurse—that did not occur to her—but as a full fledged doctor.

Later Dr. Harriet Hawkins, of Redding road, was graduated from the School of Medicine of the University of Michigan with the much coveted M. D. degree.

Not Quite That Easy
However, it was not quite as easy as it sounds as medicine was planned for her. She wanted her daughter to be a teacher, so as a concession she first completed a two year teaching course at Michigan State College at Ypsilanti which was located in Dr. Hawkins' native village.

From the primary grades up she had been a student in schools connected with the Normal school. During her Normal school years she did considerable newspaper work but she still harbored the wish to become a physician. Upon completing her course at Ypsilanti she entered the Ann Arbor medical school at the time when an M. D. required four years of study in nine months each.

She progressed rapidly in her work at Ann Arbor and for two years was an instructor on the staff of Dr. William Campbell, who held the chair of internal medicine at that time. Her appointment as a resident was the result of a competitive examination and placed her in charge of the women's anatomical laboratory.

Her work under Dr. Campbell replaced a period of internship for Dr. Hawkins and immediately after leaving Ann Arbor she went to Detroit to practice as a physician.

She continued there for 15 years until severe injuries, sustained in an automobile accident three years ago, forced her to retire from active practice. Since that time she has made her home in Birmingham.

Women In Medicine
"I am often asked if I advise women to enter medicine," Dr. Hawkins said, "and I answer, 'No, unless they are urged to do so from the love of the work.'"

Medicine is a profession for those who have it as their one interest," Dr. Hawkins said.

"There is little that a woman can gain from practicing medicine. Financially it doesn't rate with some other less difficult professions and socially there is little

at Sing Sing innocent," he said, quoting Lewis R. Lawes, warden at that penitentiary. "There is no retracing steps when the wrong man is put to death."

Mr. Parry maintained most arguments against capital punishment are based on sentimentalities attached to the execution and suggested some of the feelings should be applied to the killer's victim and his family. "The life of one policeman is more valuable to society than the lives of a jail full of crooks," he said.

"Any protection society receives is for its moral and spiritual development," he said, declaring many murders had been prevented by capital punishment.

Save But Merciful
Citing Judge Marcus J. Kavanaugh, of Chicago, as a reference, he advanced the opinion murders in Chicago decrease after executions and that the practice is "savagely but merciful as the surgeon's knife."

"Probably 300 persons will die in Michigan next year at the hands of assassins. It is the duty of every citizen to stand against sentimentality and prevent this needless bloodshed," he said.

Complete indifference to other interests in life, besides "things" on the part of people, makes the task of the minister of today increasingly difficult, the Rev. Thornburn said. "The early church was so powerful mainly because its members did not deal to so great an extent with things. Theirs was a spiritual life," he declared. "Many of the things we do in this wonderful age of machinery are useless," he said.

Rev. Atkins speaks
A reading was given by Mrs. Ruth B. Middleton and H. E. Brown. He was accompanied by Mrs. Brown. Group singing was led by Megan C. Hart.

Louis Hassall was toastmaster and Forbes Hassall was in charge of the debate.

The Rev. R. M. Atkins, pastor of the church, spoke briefly, substantiating the convictions of the Rev. Thornburn relative to the trial of time.

recognition. It is a tiring life, and consequently is not popular among women." There are but 9,000 women physicians of the first order in the country, Dr. Hawkins pointed out.

For five years after she started practice in Detroit, Dr. Hawkins gave two days a week to work in the free dispensary for women and children in the Woman's hospital. "It is surprising what a need this sort of clinic fills," she said, "and it is most gratifying when these poor people are happy over the medical attention they receive. Their biggest tribute to the physician is the host of neighbors they bring to have cared on their next visit."

In Psychopathic Work
Dr. Hawkins has done considerable psychopathic work. For 15 years she acted as an examining physician for Detroit's probate court, handling cases from all over Wayne County. Her psychopathic work deals entirely with women, often with cases in the receiving hospital, Detroit.

Since Michigan's present provisions for housing the insane and feeble-minded as alarming and feared that the present legislation should make every effort to remedy the condition. "I am not certain that insanity is on the increase," she said, "but statistics would indicate that it is. I am inclined to believe that the public is more generally recognized than it was previously."

It is possible the fast pace at which the world is going at is responsible for the number of insane persons," she said. "The individual of today is too carefree in non-essentials and lacks a required balance to offset this. It is this lack of balance, coupled with fatigue which causes much insanity."

Faith In Heredity
There is one point on which Dr. Hawkins is most decided, that is, as she puts it, "Mendelian inheritance." She believed firmly that the person who is born with the characteristics of his or her environment, will be successful.

"I have seen many cases where a child has been adopted without knowledge of the parent's history. This child would be given the best of environments throughout childhood and yet turn out a petty criminal."

The individual born with a criminal background, even with the most favorable of environments has a hard fight to keep straight. He inherits "inherited traits are hard to do away with," she said.

Dr. Hawkins was a charter member of the Alpha Epsilon Iota national medical sorority for women and the first president of the Blackwell society of Detroit for women physicians.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD

By GROVE PATTERSON

CHANCES

Constantino Raimo, proprietor of a New York bootblack stand, died the other day, leaving to his heirs \$50,000. That meant lots of shoes shining, lots of hard work. Very hard work. He worked even more than eight hours a day. Doubtless Constantino did not save that \$50,000 out of ten-cent pieces. He probably did some sound investing and watched his investments. Very likely he was not a crass bootblack for large amounts. Gamblers frequently make money for a time. They are not so many of them when they die.

Few young men today would choose the trade of bootblack. Apparently even in that lowly calling there is a chance for distinct financial success. It only emphasizes the chances so many of them— for anybody who watches opportunity instead of watching the clock.

CHINA NOT DEAD

China may be slow but she is not dead. Things doing there despite the news of modern transportation and political peace. Nine thousand buildings were built in the city of Mukden in that country, last year. If you want to keep some sort of perspective on the general affairs of the world, read foreign news, magazines that deal with foreign affairs, and books about foreign lands. There is no defense for provincialism, for living in the backwoods of the mind. There are many ways finding out what is going on in the world. Keep the doors and windows of the mind unlocked and open.

ILL WINDS

It's a cold winter that doesn't blow anybody good. California reports the heaviest loss in ten years. Trains all winter have run in many sections. Florida reports its usual blizzard. Widely distributed wealth enables more people every year to defeat the annual of the seasons. Perhaps climate and the weather are taken too seriously. Why not carry your own weather. Why not? Why not let climate be a matter of the spirit?

NEW LIBRARY OPENS FRIDAY

Adams School To Have Branch For Distribution Of 300 Books

A branch library will open tomorrow in the Adams School with the placing of 300 books on the shelves. Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, Birmingham librarian, announced. The library will be similar to that at the Pierce school and will contain books of interest to students from the second to the sixth grade inclusive. It will be open Friday afternoons with Miss Gertrude Meloy in charge.

A circulation gain of 1,352 books over January was reported in the report for February made public last Thursday by Mrs. Thomas. The circulation for February was 4,725 books, 639 of these going out from the Pierce street branch. Registration for February nearly reached the 3,000 mark, with 2,843 names recorded. Shelves of the Baldwin library now contain 10,353 books. Mrs. Thomas announced, 196 of these being added during the last month.

NEW OFFICERS ANNOUNCED BY REALTY FIRM

E. S. Jackson, of Eberline-Jackson Inc. announces the opening of a Pontiac office of his firm on the third floor of the Riker building, Pontiac.

The opening of the Pontiac office comes as a direct result of the growing business of the increased activity in the real estate field in Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac, he reports.

Mr. Jackson plans to spend the greater part of his time in the Pontiac office.

Rev. G. S. Carpenter of Glasgow denounced his flock for "bargaining with Heaven" by paying half-pennies in the collection.

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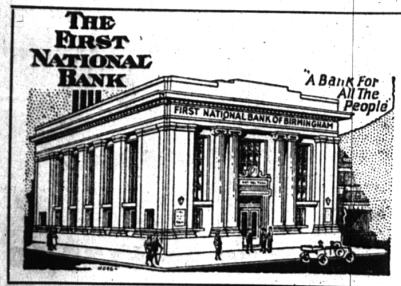
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