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BUSINESSMEN AID BOY SCOUT EXAMINATIONS

Eighty-six Villagers To Lecture Youths On Various Professions

NEW PLAN EXPLAINED

Innovations in the Birmingham Boy Scout Troop are announced today by members of the executive committee. The trend of the new plan is to offer scouts advice of men who have become specialists in their lines.

Eighty-six Birmingham men, representing as many trades and professions, have been enlisted to give 10 minute lectures to the troops in Birmingham and to aid in framing examinations for candidates for the Eagle badge.

"It stands to reason the boys will derive more benefit from studying under specialists than from studying under men who were going entirely out of their line to give the instruction," Sheldon Wright, chairman of the Court of Honor committee, said.

Twenty scouts who will pass examinations to qualify them as junior examiners will be enlisted to aid in the tests for merit badges, it is also planned.

Besides Mr. Wright on the committee are: Lawrence C. Col. Edwin S. George, Dr. Harold Boehm, Commissioner Lloyd L. Stanley and Rev. Mr. William H. Allenbach.

William Brown of Birmingham, Eng., has completed paying a branch of promise judgment on the installment plan. It took him eight years.

GHOSTS AND GOBLINS WILL WALK IN VILLAGE TONIGHT



The Druids in autumn held a great festival and lighted fires in honor of the Sun-god in thanksgiving for the harvest. They also believed Saman, lord of death, called together the wicked souls that, within the last twelve months, had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals.

Ghosts of the centuries, embodying the superstitions and beliefs of ancient and medieval times, fit past as Birmingham celebrates "again" All Hallow's Eve, or Halloween as it is popularly known in this country.

But while you are engaged in the customary pleasures of bubbling for apples, dancing about bonfires, or hunting for witches and spooks you perhaps might be interested in the reason for your actions and the history of the events which led to the annual observance of Halloween in this fashion.

Generally speaking Halloween is regarded as a Christian festival, but actually it antedated Christianity. By a good long while, in fact.

In ancient England, and also

The Roman festival in honor of Pomona, held about the first of November in which nuts and apples played an important part. Thus the roasting of nuts and "apple ducking" by the young of the town were distasteful to the folk of medieval England on the 31st of October.

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VILLAGE HUNTERS SCOUR WOODS FOR GAME AT SEASON'S PEAK; 400 LICENSES ARE ISSUED HERE

With the hunting season for small game at its peak today Birmingham hunters are reported to be securing the woods, 300 strong. Approximately 400 small game licenses have been issued here, the majority going to villagers, Lester J. Sluszer, deputy game warden, reports.

Hunting has shown a marked rise in popularity this year, according to Mr. Sluszer. "We expect to issue about 100 licenses over last year's 600," he said.

"Many persons who know nothing about the sport have purchased hunting equipment this year. But it is not only a season for new hunters. The old hunters are out stronger than ever," he said.

In a struggle with two rough who tried to rob him, Frederick Harrison of Chicago lost his new wig, but saved \$100 in his pocket.



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PASTOR CHOOSES 'HELL' AS TOPIC

Sequel Of Previous Talk Announced; Organ Recital Planned

"Is There A Hell?" is the question to be discussed by Rev. David Leon Woodward at the Sunday evening service at 7:30 at the First Baptist Church. Last Sunday evening Mr. Woodward spoke on the question, "Is Sin Out of Date?" The sermon next Sunday follows as a sequel to the question previously discussed.

The sermon Sunday night is one of a series of Sunday evening sermons now being given on "Vital Questions." The remainder of the series are as follows: Nov. 10—"When Is A Man Saved?" Nov. 17—"Why There Be a Second Chance?" Nov. 24—"Can We Believe In Heaven?" One of the features of the Sunday night service is the music by the enlarged choir under the direction of Frederick Protheroe. The first 10 minutes of the service is devoted to a brief recital of organ music by Shanley Rosso, organist.

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DRIVER INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Wade Wilson, 292 Brown street, Birmingham, is recovering today from a broken nose and other minor injuries incurred at 7 p. m. Friday when his machine crashed into the rear of a car parked on Floyd street. The parked machine was owned by D. Livingston, of 1629 Floyd street.

LAUDS PIONEERS IN CLUB TALK

Lynch Praises Hardihood Of Trail Blazers In Oakland County

James H. Lynch, president of the Oakland County Pioneer Society, briefly outlined the history of Oakland County before members of the Birmingham Exchange club at their meeting Tuesday noon at the Lone Pine Yca House.

A tribute was paid by the speaker to the hardihood of the pioneers of the county who blazed the trail for the progress of today.

Birmingham AS SEEN BY—



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How long have you been in this type of business?

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What led you to choose Birmingham as the location for your store?

When I came to Birmingham 42 years ago, I was not attracted by its business possibilities as I was by its desirable residential features. The population of the village was about 1100, made up of a prosperous class, interested in its pleasant home conditions rather than the bright business future.

What do you think of Birmingham's business future?

Birmingham has always been a progressive community, and I look for further slow, steady progress, but I do not anticipate any long periods of great stride forward following rapid transit facilities or any other venture. Birmingham has never had too many homes for the people here, and I think we shall continue to have that slow steady influx.

What do you consider Birmingham's greatest need?

We need the improvement and beautifying of our parks. From a business standpoint we should encourage the construction of office buildings. Birmingham is situated between Flint, and Detroit and with our banking and transportation facilities we have ideal conditions for large office buildings. Life insurance companies, for instance, could have their headquarters here satisfactorily.

Are you desirous of seeing the village of a residential nature?

Surely.

What factors will encourage more buying in the village?

The merchants would be able to meet competition and offer inducements for buying at home that the public wants if they received cash for their merchandise. Birmingham has always been a credit community. When I came here, it was made up of retired farmers who necessarily required credit and for long periods of time in seasons of poor crops. This credit system has never been outgrown and Birmingham people look for it more than in most communities.

In what way can the merchants make the village a better shopping area?

By putting their businesses on a cash basis, and if my firm opinion that all local stores are going to establish this at some future time.

What growth do you expect of



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