FATHER-SON PLANS READY

Y. M. C. A. Appoints Ellerby On Committee; Boys Begin Basketball

Father and Son celebration plans for February featured discussions of the Y. M. C. A. meeting Tuesday, and H. T. Ellerby has been appointed to head the plans committee.

A basketball league of eight teams is in prospect, and boys are beginning practice for a schedule of games the first of the year. Athletic Club, DeMolay, David Fitch, Birmingham, Methodists, Firemen, First State Savings Bank, and Baptists. School gymnasiums will be used.

Leather craft is being studied by young men boys each Wednesday night at headquarters, under the direction of Merlyn H. Smiley.

In the whole organization now there are 15 groups of boys, totaling 300 members, with 20 leaders.

During the November campaign for funds, $6,986.50 was received from 434 persons, and officials expect to raise the total to $9,000.

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nian and he's got a lot of experience to go through with yet.

"I recall seeing Mr. Parry in the fire hall only once during the year. He didn't give us much attention, offered us no program and opposed our annual inspection of village homes. He said it wasn't necessary.

3 Fires in 3 Months

"I think, however," he continued "that it's a good thing. We were refused once to invite one home and that was where a woman explained her husband had instructed her not to let anyone in the house. I think the results of this annual inspection are excellent. We have had only three fires in three months and I believe that the prevention methods are largely responsible for the decrease in fire loss."

President Allen yesterday stated that under the village charter the appointments to the police department and the fire department, the engineering department and other departments the village might create should be made by the manager with the advice and consent of the commission. "In practice," Mr. Allen declared, "this has been uniformly followed and I have written to him calling his attention to the provision in the charter.

"I took the matter up this morning with Mr. Ogden. Mr. Parry may want to withdraw his appointment. I feel that Griffith ought not to be retained. This statement, however, has nothing to do with his fitness at all. I think he's a studious, able youngster but I want to stop all that everlasting quarrelling in the fire department. With the paid department, however, we need a full time chief and I am entirely in accord with such a plan."

Mr. Allen's letter to Mr. Parry follows:

Dear Sir:

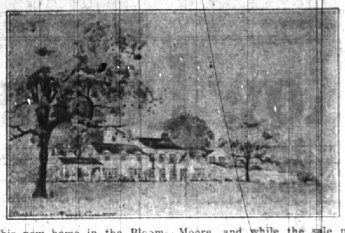
I am writing to you respecting the appointment of Mr. Vern Griffith as chief of the Fire Department. This appointment you advised me yesterday you had made, effective Dec. 15.

In consequence of the provisions of Sec. 7, of Chapter 10 of the Village Charter, particularly and of other provisions generally, this appointment must be submitted to the Village Commission for confirmation.

I am therefore advising you to this effect so that you may submit the name of Mr. Griffith to the Village Commission at its next meeting to be held Dec. 15th.

Very Sincerely Yours,
HARRY ALLEN.

NEW HILLS HOME SOLD



This new home in the Bloomfield Hills district, just south of the Bloomfield Hills Country Club in Briarbank, was reported sold recently by the Wormer & Moore Co. The sale was made through Clyde C. Bennett, of Wormer & Moore, and while the sale price was not disclosed it is understood the property was purchased for approximately $100,000.

The house is of southern Colonial style architecture and contains 28 rooms including 10 bedrooms and six bathrooms.

SPEECH OF WELCOME AND SONG ADOPTED BY VILLAGE EXCHANGITES

In a song and speech writing contest, staged by Birmingham Exchangites Tuesday noon at the Community House, H. Kenneth Bingham and Melvin C. Hart were winners. Mr. Bingham will receive five dollars for the best speech, appropriate to be C. Peck, Ralph Wilson, Jack Wilkinson, while Mr. Hart will receive a like amount for having written the best lyric for a song, to be set to music later by Eddie Edwards, the club's pianist. The two judges on the contest were Mr. Edwards and Charles A. Bingham, the club's first president.

Competing with Mr. Hart in the poem writing contest were Arthur C. Peck, Ralph Wilson, Jack Wilson, Robert R. Allen. Mr. Hart's winning lyric is as follows:

Hats off to the gang from Birmingham!
We're the club that's known as Exchange.
With greetings sincere and words of good cheer
The joy of true fellowship reigns.

(Chorus)
Then Hail! Then hail!
We pledge you with honor to serve;
Birmingham's name we will guard without shame
And ever her glory preserve.

And so may this same gang remember
While fun and goodwill shall prevail,
We're banded as one and there's work to be done.

Our slogan to serve must not fail.

H. Kenneth Bingham's winning speech follows:

"Now member's name) it is with pleasure that I introduce you as a new member to the Birmingham Exchange club. This honor has been bestowed upon you and it is your responsibility to uphold the dignity of this position by carrying out the spirit of Exchange, which is "Unity for Service."

It is also expected that, by virtue of your position and the privileges which you will enjoy, you will manifest a spirit of fellowship toward your fellow-members, and earnestly support the measures and functions adopted by Exchange. It is your duty to inculcate into everyday life all of those true and noble ideals exemplified in our code of ethics, a copy of which I now give you. Our purpose is to promote an unselfish spirit among the members and the community.

We hope that Exchange will assist in teaching you how to live a more useful life and, with this button, which is a badge of identification, I welcome you as a member."

Robert R. Allen's speech was declared second best, with Melvin C. Hart's third. Other speeches accorded honorable mention included those by Guy W. Jensen, H. T. Ellerby, Walter M. Pratt, Arthur C. Peck, Ralph Moulthrop, and Ralph Wilson.

The contest was declared by the club to be a fine educational project, since it offered an opportunity for every member to concentrate upon the tenets of the Exchange movement.

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of Michigan, and Mr. Arthur Wingerden, were largely responsible for the success of the Glee Club negotiations to Bring the Glee Club here.

There are about 60 voices in the club, Quartet numbers by the "Midnight Sons Quartet" will feature the program.

All the noon-day luncheon clubs, the American Association of University Women, University of Michigan Alumni Club, and the Village Players are behind the Lions Club, 100%, pushing the matter of ticket sales for this charity-fund concert.

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ness and Professional Women's meeting; Women's Union of the Presbyterian Church; Women's Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Lions Club luncheon meeting.

Fellowship Dinner for members and friends of the First Baptist Church, 6:30 in the banquet hall.

Pageant given by girls of World Wide Guild.

Thursday, Dec. 18—Zonta Club social meeting; Rebekahs (examination of new officers); Barnum School Christmas cantata; Swimming contest at the Barnum pool.

Friday, Dec. 19—Presentation of football letters and other awards, 3 p. m., at the Baldwin High School.

Saturday, Dec. 20—Second Village Players dance.

Sunday, Dec. 21—Mrs. Irwin Neff's piano students recital.

Monday, Dec. 22—Reunion of Baldwin classes of '27, '28, '29, and '30. American Legion feather party.

BALDWIN TRIO DEBATES FLINT

Contest Will Be Held At Library Auditorium Tomorrow

Birmingham High School's debating trio, upholding the affirmative side of the chain store question for the first time, will meet the Flint Northern team in a contest at the Baldwin Public Library auditorium tomorrow evening. The debate is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m. Charmion Vliet, superintendent of Birmingham Public Schools, will be chairman.

Phyllis Huston, Trowbridge Gail and Joseph Huston, will be the Birmingham speakers. The question on which high school teams from all over the state in the Michigan High School Debating League, are debating is: "That National Chain Grocery Stores operating in the State of Michigan are detrimental to the people of the State."

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or "Thank you." I'm very discouraged.

Then, too, I know you would help the other poor little children if only you knew how. Why don't you ask your mothers or fathers what to do? Maybe they can tell you how to make little children happy. And then, if you help some little girl or boy you'll be so much happier yourself! Christmas morning when you find I've been a visitor while you were sleeping!

This week I thought I'd tell you something about "the little birds." You know—the little birds who tell things. Last week I told you how I manage to visit so many places during Christmas Eve—how my reindeer became faster than lightning because they eat so much zzipp before we start on our journey.

Well, these little birds are the most cheerful creatures you would imagine. They make regular trips up here to see me and to tell me what children have been good and what children have been selfish, or mean. These little birds have a name. They're not called sparrows, as so many people think. They're called "Hearlings." The hearlings live in all countries of the world. They never sleep. They eat every now and then. They are very rarely seen because they're so fast that people think they're only the wind singing softly.

They aren't really tattle-tales. And they don't tell me every little mean thing they hear. Oh, no! They tell me only the selfish things that people do. So that, if you're not selfish, you'll probably get everything that's really worth while. The hearlings all have certain children to watch and to listen to. And they report the good things too. In fact, they report so many good things that I find it very hard, on Christmas Eve to punish some little boy or girl who might have been just a little bit selfish but who is sorry for it. I punish, of course, by ignoring children who think only of themselves. I do not bring them the toys they wanted. Sometimes I don't bring them any toys at all.

But the hearlings are cheerful little birds. And when they sing the music is so beautiful Pan puts down his silver pipes and listens in glee. Perhaps you have heard them sing and didn't know what it was. Well, it was the hearlings singing on their way to report something pleasant to me. You see, the hearlings really are never too far away from you not to know what you're doing, because when one flies up here to the North Pole to me, another one takes his place.

This week I received letters from Joan and Georgie and Donnie and Grace and Teresa and Lela. And I shall surely remember them if they are kind and unselfish.

And now to bed, for tomorrow will be a busy day.

SANTA.

James W. Parry Is Given High Honor

Worshipful Master, the highest honor in Blue Lodge Masonry, was conferred upon James W. Parry, village manager, above, at the election of Birmingham Lodge No. 44 F. & A. M. last Thursday in the Masonic Temple. He succeeds B. J. Meirow. Frank C. Deer was elected Senior Warden and Morris A. Wattles, Junior Warden.

Other officers elected are: Robert K. McClellan, treasurer; Orman B. Harper, secretary; Donald K. Plumstead, senior deacon, Wylie Groves, junior deacon and Harry Mudge, tyler.

The officers will be installed at a public ceremony, tonight at eight o'clock, with Past Grand Master F. Homer Newton acting as Grand Installing officer; Past Master Clyde H. Wood, Grand Marshall; Past Master Ralph W. Bricker, Grand Secretary; Past Master Charles A. Bingham, Grand Chaplain. Following the installation the customary presentations will be made. A short talk on Masonry will complete the program in the lodge room. Bridge and Five Hundred will be played in the parlors of the Temple.

CLUB REFUNDS MONEY

Money spent for tickets for the concert scheduled for last Nov. 21 by the Metropolitan Club will be refunded on application to LaRoy Weier, fireman at the Municipal building, financial secretary. Because other concert dates conflicted, the Municipal Club abandoned its plans for the concert. All money not refunded before Jan. 1, will go into the General Welfare Fund of the Metropolitan Club. The organization's books will be balanced at that time.

OFFER WINDOW DISPLAY PRIZE

In order to stimulate the creation of more attractive window displays in Birmingham stores, The Birmingham Eccentric is offering a silver loving cup for the store window introducing the most originality, cleanliness of display, illumination, artistry and sales appeal. Contest for the cup is open to all village merchants and a committee of five judges has been selected. Judging of store windows will be conducted between Monday, Dec. 15, and Christmas Eve, Dec. 24.

The trophy will be awarded on Dec. 31 and the merchant winning it three years will retain permanent possession of it. Judges are W. A. F. John, advertising counselor; James W. Parry, village manager; Mrs. Cora Farrar; James L. Oliver, secretary of George G. Booth; Helen R. Kidder, art instructor, Baldwin High School.

"HONEY DU" SHOW PROVES SUCCESS

Fellowship Club Raises Funds For Charity Loans To Needy Villagers

The "second edition" of the Honey Du Minstrels by the Fellowship Club was given Friday night before an audience of more than 500 in the Community House auditorium. Proceeds of the minstrel show, approximately $250, will be donated to a charity loan fund for needy villagers.

Unqualified success greeted the performance and the "wise cracks" and jokes of the end-men, "Bones," an interlocutor were especially appreciated. Art Kane, popular local entertainer, in a white satin, gold-trimmed suit, presided as interlocutor. Frank Trew and William Spence, were first and second "Tambo," and Loran Elliott and Harry Taschner were first and second "Bones."

Soloists were Howard Pollock, Clarence McMullen, Joe Purvis, Art Kane, and Howard Fiske. Specialty artists on the program included Miss Elizabeth Hester Warde, dramatic soprano, and the Honey Du quartet.

Half the program will be broadcast over WEXL, Royal Oak, at 10:15 p. m. Friday, and WWJ, Detroit, will broadcast parts of the Honey Du program later. Mr. Trew announces.

CRAMM TALKS TO LIONS CLUB

Lions Club members at their weekly luncheon meeting yesterday in the Community House listened to George Cramm, Pontiac attorney and a district governor of the Lions, who described the progressive public movements in Pontiac during the past few months as being largely due to efforts of Pontiac Lions. Booster Week, and bringing of the Navy Band, and the University of Michigan Band, to Pontiac were all projects of the club.

Kinnison Speaks At Rotary Club

Charles A. Kinnison, of Hawthorne road, known for his poems in a Detroit newspaper, was the principal speaker at the Birmingham Rotary club's meeting here Monday noon. He was the guest of George Baldwin, of Lakeview avenue. Mr. Kinnison departed from his usual program of verse, and offered instead two brief human interest narratives, both concerning the life of his father at Jackson, O. The narratives dealt with experiences which the elder Mr. Kinnison went through as a school superintendent, and later an aspirant for public office. The stories set forth certain moral values in life.

David Ladd, chairman of the club's crippled children's committee, distributed to each Rotarian the name of some child in Oakland County who is to receive a Christmas gift from the member. Mr. Ladd also asked each Rotarian to bring a used, or new, pair of shoes for distribution among the needy next week.

Gould Talk Nets Boy Scouts Profit

At the monthly meeting of Birmingham Boy Scouts on Monday it was announced that the lecture of Dr. Lawrence Gould of the University of Michigan netted more than $100 to help advance a constructive Boy Scout activities program in the village.

At the January Court of Honor, it was announced, a plaque will be awarded to the Scout who has accomplished the most outstanding service, as a recognition-medal from The Birmingham Eccentric.

Lack of Junior Examiners in the village was discussed at the Monday meeting.

ISSUE 1931 LICENSE PLATES NEXT WEEK

Motorists in Birmingham may obtain their 1931 license plates at the Birmingham Police Department this year, about Dec. 15, Chief John P. Hackett announced Monday night. No definite date for the opening of the sale of plates will be made, he said, but the plates will be obtained for applicants within 48 hours after their applications have been filed. It is expected that enough motorists will take advantage of the opportunity to obtain their plates in Birmingham beginning next week.

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STATE ATHLETIC OFFICIAL LEAVES

Report On Cranbrook-Baldwin Game To Be Made At January Meeting

B. E. Forsythe, of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Thursday conferred with officials of Cranbrook and Baldwin High School relative to the alleged ineligibility of one of the Cranbrook players in the Baldwin-Cranbrook football game. Following the conference Mr. Forsythe returned to Lansing where he will place the information obtained before the executive board of the organization at the January meeting.

Dr. W. O. Stevens, headmaster of Cranbrook, said that he believed the rules of the association were excellent for the protection of all schools, Cranbrook's athletic position, however, he said, would be handicapped unless provisions could be made to enable some Cranbrook boys preparing for certain colleges, to engage in athletics. Dr. Stevens again expressed himself in favor of Cranbrook-Baldwin athletic relations.

Melvin C. Hart, principal of the Baldwin High School, also expressed himself as favorable to continued athletic relations between the two schools.

COUNTY TAX IS LOWERED

E. J. Coryell, Bloomfield Township supervisor, yesterday announced that the school district which embraces most of the Village of Birmingham will pay a total tax of $36.90 per $1,000 valuation or 20 cents per $1,000 less than last year, according to the figures established by the State Tax Commission.

Because of the large increase in the amount necessary this year to provide for the county poor, the tax decrease was less than would otherwise have been established, Mr. Coryell said. The township and school taxes have already been spread but it probably will take another three weeks before statements can be sent out to taxpayers, Mr. Coryell added.

VILLAGE AIDS HOCKEY CLUB

The co-operation of the village in assisting the activities of the Birmingham Hockey Club was offered by the Village Commission Monday night when James W. Parry, village manager, announced he had told representatives of the club that if the commission approved the village would supply back-stops and goals for a hockey rink at Quarton Lake.

The village has the necessary material on hand to provide for the skaters, Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert remarked that the only drawback on the plan would be the probable complaint of youngsters who might be limited in skating area by the erection of a rink by older boys.

MISSING BOY FOUND

Mack Foss, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Foss, of Charing Cross road, was found by State Police officers at the Foss summer home in Antrim County, after he had been absent from his home in Bloomfield Hills since Tuesday morning, Mr. Foss reported last night.

VILLAGE PURCHASES 82 EVERGREEN TREES

The proposed erection of five bird shelters in village parks and the purchase of 82 evergreen trees at an approximate cost of $200 was reported Monday night to the village commission by James W. Parry, village manager.

Plan Meeting On Derby Well Refund

Representatives of the Harmon-Ness Co., well drillers who constructed the new Derby well at Eton and Derby roads, will confer with village officials this week relative to the refund of approximately $600 due the village on the contract. James W. Parry, village manager, told the commission Monday night, that in their most recent communication the representatives of the company expressed satisfaction over the work performed and the bill submitted but were desirous of making further study of the project before completing the transaction.

Willing Scribes Offered Lessons

Informal classes in news-writing will be held for all who care to attend, each Friday evening in The Birmingham Eccentric offices, beginning this week. Call the Society Editor for particulars, or come without phoning first.

Because clubs and social events in Birmingham are of a nature different and more intelligently constructive than in ordinary communities, it is felt that cursory coaching in practical news-writing for publicity directors of clubs, and all others interested in becoming specialized reporters for The Eccentric, can do more than any one other thing to further the interests of social organizations.

Public intelligence regarding the salient points of interest in connection with the daily and weekly work of the various clubs, each organized for very specific accomplishments, is of extreme importance in the general program, and of very direct importance to club members for purposes of record and reference.

PLAN MUSIC FOR BAPTISTS

Thursday Musicale Chorus Sings; Organist Plays; Feature Soloist

Mrs. William H. Heidt (Winifred Huntoon) will appear as guest soloist Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church, accompanying the regular organ recital by A. Shanley Rosso, with special Christmas music. Formerly of Birmingham, Mrs. Heidt is now a member of the Madrigal Club of Detroit and is also soloist at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church. Variations of "Silent Night," and "The March of the Magi" will be organ numbers on the program.

Thursday Musicale chorus numbers will feature the special program of music Sunday night, including "A Joyous Christmas Song," "Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus," "The Shepherd's Christmas Song," and "Carol of the Russian Children." Mr. Frederick A. Protheroe directs the Thursday Musicale chorus, which was reorganized under the leadership of Mrs. Orville Foster.

"If Christ Came to Birmingham" is the subject of Rev. David Leon Woodward's sermon.

RECOVERING

George Weyhing, Jr., 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Weyhing, 632 Rivenoak avenue, is recovering in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital from pneumonia, it was reported last night by Mr. Weyhing.

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