

**BIRMINGHAM FELLOWSHIP CLUB
LOAN FUND SUCCESS IS LAUDED**

The successful efforts of the Birmingham Fellowship Club to raise a loan fund for welfare work in the village, has received the praise of many men and organizations. Mr. Frank Trew announces, included among which was Philip S. Slomowitz, editor of The Detroit Jewish Chronicle, who sent the following self-explanatory letter to Mr. Trew:

Mr. Frank Trew, President, Fellowship Club, Birmingham Community House, Birmingham, Michigan.
Dear Mr. Trew:

I regret exceedingly that I shall not be able to attend your minaret show tomorrow night, but I take this opportunity to commend your effort to do a great piece of humanitarian work without placing the stigma of charity on it. Your attempt to create a Free Loan Fund, will, I venture to predict, make your organization stand out among the pioneers in worthwhile efforts of philanthropy.

The Free Loan movements began among the Jewish people more than twenty centuries ago and are today considered the most important institutions in Jewish life. They are an outgrowth of religious and national obligation among our people to help build up human life and to uplift mankind without shaming men and women into accepting charity.

While the Jews have been referred to as a charitable people, the term "charity" is in truth a misnomer. There is nothing in either ancient Hebrew or the Holy Scriptures or modern Hebrew spoken in the Holy Land of Palestine to correspond to the term "charity." The Hebrew word "zedakah," commonly translated as "charity," really means "justice," and it is justice that the Jewish religion teaches and not charity. Justice demands that men be helped to become self-sustaining and self-supporting. Justice demands that individuals be uplifted rather than degraded.

The Free Loan Funds are the noblest efforts at practicing justice and for the elimination of degrading charity. Instead of distributing alms, the Free Loan Fund advances sums to poverty-stricken individuals and to financially embarrassed business men without charging interest, the fund helps men and women to get back on their own feet.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Neuhann and Mr. E. J. Rismann of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loree of the Sixteen Mile road.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fraza and their daughters, Loraine and June and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mac Ches and their daughter, Margaret of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Howell of Rochester road.

Mr. Norman C. Orr of the Sixteen Mile road entertained 20 guests at a birthday surprise party honoring her mother, Mrs. Mac Hopkins at her home Monday afternoon. Luncheon was served and cards were enjoyed during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Miller of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of the Sixteen Mile road.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hunt of Birmingham and Mrs. Marquette Harris of Ferndale, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lamb of Royal Oak and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leighton, Mrs.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP S. SLOMOWITZ,
Editor of the Detroit Jewish Chronicle.

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BIG BEAVER

Many people of this community attended the chicken supper given at the Troy Methodist church Friday evening.

Mrs. M. Creider, member of the Detroit Symphony Choir will render several vocal selections at the M. E. church Sunday, Dec. 21. She will also sing at the Troy M. E. Church.

The Bible class of the Big Beaver Sunday school were entertained at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Baker of the Sixteen Mile road, Wednesday evening, Dec. 10.

The Bible class will present an adaptation of Dickens' "Christmas Carol" at the church Monday, Dec. 22. Practicing is now going on and small children will participate in the musical selections.

The Misses Mary Patterson and Ruth Miller of the Sixteen Mile road have vocal parts in a Christmas cantata to be given at the Clawson High School this evening.

Mr. Henry James of the Sixteen Mile road will render a vocal solo and Miss Margaret Williams of Rochester road will also participate in the "New Born King," a cantata to be given in Birmingham Sunday, Dec. 21.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. A. Balgovan of Troy Wednesday, Dec. 17. Mrs. Charles Black and Mrs. Balgovan are joint hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morden of Lansing were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry James of the Sixteen Mile road.

Mr. Minnie Dennis of Indianapolis, Ind., was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers of Royal avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Neuhann and Mr. E. J. Rismann of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loree of the Sixteen Mile road.

Mrs. Ward Tewksbury and her daughters, Jean and Elizabeth of Bay Center were week-end guests with Mrs. George Forsythe shown that men and women helped in this way are grateful and honest, because Jewish funds have never lost more than one per cent of the funds advanced.

You are undertaking a great piece of work and I congratulate you upon it. God bless you in your great work.

Members of Franklin Girl Scout Troop No. 1 and their leader, Miss Florence Bingham were entertained at the home of Miss Dorothy Sherwood, Friday evening, Dec. 10. Refreshments were served following a pleasant afternoon at games.

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WILL SING "MESSIAH"**

The Royal Oak Choral Society will sing Handel's "Messiah" on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the Royal Oak Methodist Church under the direction of Federal Whittlesy.

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—Townsend.

Nothing Serious
Judge—You have been arrested for stealing fifteen times. Can't you give up stealing?
Accused—It is my only hobby, sir.—Der Brummer.

James Truesdale, Mrs. Carl Miller of Centerline and Mrs. E. V. Welch and her daughter, Dorothy of Clawson were guests at the Harris home on Rochester road during the past week.

Mrs. Martha Goodale of Royal Oak was a Thursday dinner guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Miles, of the Sixteen Mile road.

Mrs. Harry Loree of the Sixteen Mile road was a Tuesday guest of her mother, Mrs. W. Ward of Detroit.

The Misses Margaret and Dorothy Black returned from the Western State Normal Wednesday, December 17 to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Black of Rochester road.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hardy and their daughter, Shirley and son, Tom, of Detroit were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hardy of Boyd avenue.

Miss Madeline Beaubien of Boyd avenue was the guest of Mrs. Fred Tiedgen of Royal Oak at the H. P. Junior College from last Friday evening.

Miss Ruth Miller and Miss Mary Patterson of the Sixteen Mile road were among the winners of Clawson High school who attended a party at Pettibone lake last Saturday. The winners were the guest of Vernon Wass at the Clubhouse. Dinner was served and dancing was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Crank and Mr. James Jack of Detroit were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson of Rochester road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ogg of Pontiac and their daughter, Betty Ruth, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren James of Rochester road.

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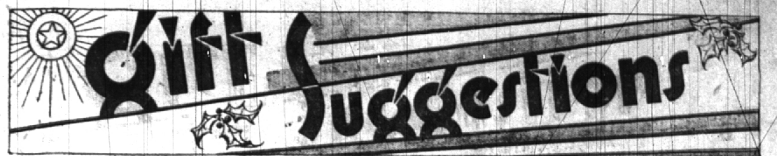
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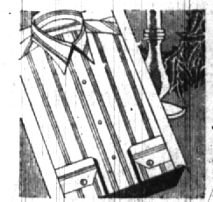
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