

MUSIC GROUP PLAN OKAYED

When the next group of children attend the special school concert by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, going by bus chartered by two members of the Thursday Musicals organization, they will have the official sanction of the School Board members who were unanimous in their approval of the Thursday Musicals idea at their most recent board meeting.

Danger of setting a precedent that would be taken advantage of by other organizations wanted children excused from classes for the reason or another, was denied by the President of the Board, Mr. Hugh Lynch, in defending the Thursday Musicals project.

"We are teaching music appreciation in the schools, to lend to appreciation of these specific concerts. Setting a precedent by giving our sanction to excusing a group for each concert could not be dangerous. If we believe that children will benefit by this music appreciation course we have no objection to it," Lynch said.

"Of course many complex questions have arisen in connection with this one problem, showing how many things have to be taken into consideration by the board in deciding any question that comes before members."

"For example, when the application for this project started, it was an idea of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and was supposed

to be a part of school activities. When the School Board did not favor the plan, the Thursday Musicals took up the matter to see that it came through to successful fruition. This was a very laudable and criticized thing to do, and is an example of the way citizens should respond to public needs.

"The School Board really has every wish to co-operate with public interests. When the matter was first presented to the Board, however, it was proposed that the children should go in individual cars. This was possible, as responsibility and insurance in case of possible accidents would be too hard to fix. Chartering a bus was found to be more practical. Then, all the music teachers planned to go to charter the children chosen to attend the concert.

"This would not work out because too much time would be lost for music classes, and the time is already too limited to please many citizens. As for the matter of payment of fares, the School Board was on the point of suggesting that all fares be paid from school funds, for each of the trips, when it was remembered that returning teams and debaters, and manual training classes and art students and chemical classes, all make trips from time to time, or want to make them, and to set a precedent along this one line would be fatal.

"For the first two trips the Thursday Musicals organization paid all the fares of the students chosen for the concert, but now the students are to pay 30c each for the round trip and the Thursday Musicals organization pays the balance of the charges for chartering a bus for the trip down and return. The School Board, as individual citizens, we are heartily in favor of giving the children every advantage possible and within reason," said Mr. Lynch, President of the Board.

Villagers and the Village

Midnight motorists on Christmas sometime between midnight and 1 a. m. played a practical joke on Mrs. Dawson on Adams road for a proving ground, the police report. The joke was that they destroyed trees, shrubs and the lawn, this Wanderer learns.

Children using George street between Woodward avenue and First street for the first time Monday night caused Frank Case, 879 Greenwood avenue, to sidle into the curb and break two wheels on his car, this Wanderer was informed by other motorists who found the street treacherous because of the ice and dangerous to the safety of children.

Arthur C. Peck, vice president and cashier of the First State Savings Bank, was elected president of the Birmingham Exchange club at the Community House Tuesday noon. He will succeed Harry S. Starr, who will hold the office for the next six months. Mr. Peck has been president of the club for six months, and in that office is commended by E. W. (O) Osborne, general automobile dealer, and J. A. Hart, and Walter Levin.

The new officers will be installed next Tuesday noon. Robert Richards, "singing preacher" of the Southfield Methodist church, was elected to honorary membership.

Birmingham restaurateur will hold their next meeting Tuesday evening, January 6, at 6:30 o'clock in the studio of George Wellington Smith, at Franklin, according to Robert A. Allen, president. A hot luck supper will be a feature of the affair, followed by installation of officers and business entertainment. The board's program for 1931 will be outlined.

Evidently men don't care for roses color, at least in certain foreign countries. Blue looks like a lot more money to them, according to the School Board members' arguments over the color curtain for the order of the Barnum School auditorium. That may seem to be disapproved by all the board members, but every other auditorium curtain in the village, they say, is rose color.

In Royal Oak all the school have entertainments and raise the money to buy them or a curtain, but it wasn't started that way in Birmingham. The Board has had to choose a curtain for every school, Barnum included, and every other auditorium adjunct for dramatics. No wonder, this Wanderer observes, that

was taken suddenly ill and died yesterday at 6:30 a. m. in St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, after a three days' illness.

Engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Ann Arbor for 26 years, Mr. Gfell leaves, besides his daughter in Bloomfield Hills, his wife, Mrs. Carolyn L. Gfell, and another daughter, Miss Constance Gfell, and two grand-children.

Born in Norwalk, Ohio, Mr. Gfell will also be buried there, Friday, in St. Paul's Cathedral cemetery.

3 Sire Brothers Open Store Here

Three brothers, the oldest of whom has been in the grocery business in Detroit for the past 15 years, last week added a Birmingham branch store to the chain of stores which has prospered because of their efforts. The new store is the Sire Brothers Grocery Store on West Maple avenue and is stocked with a complete line of groceries, meats, fish and vegetables.

Sam Sire, the youngest of the brothers, is the manager of the Birmingham branch. The success of the brothers lies in the theory of Farris Sire, the oldest brother, who contends people will buy at one store so long as he offers them superior quality goods at reasonable prices.

Rotarians Find What Ails Their Song—And Stop

But Not Until The Last Seven Note Cuts Up Its Ties—And Trembles

Birmingham Rotarians staged a frolic at the Community House Monday noon and, as the society columns might say, "everybody had a good time." It all started when Morse Cooke, the club's program chairman, found it necessary to improvise a program for the hour. So he began it something after this fashion:

Four Rotarians, Clara H. Ogden, Jack Lynch, Chad Ritchie and Elmer C. Huston, each of them seated at separate tables, were required to raise their voices above the confusion by complete name, and identify him by his business or professional classification. Mr. Huston missed, but one name; Mr. Ritchie failed to register a single failure; Mr. Ogden managed to skip only two; and Mr. Lynch with a bit of Irish wit, obtained about a sixty-one and 73/8ths steady.

Then the indomitable, punishment-taking chief—we mean Cooke—introduced a second feature of the program. He required each Ro-

tarian to offer a New Year's resolution, and empowered Dr. Harold Roehm, Joe Stroup, and George R. Averill to not as judges, to determine the three best or worst resolutions.

However, between the offerings of the resolutions, Mr. Cooke had arranged for the showing of (or should we say hearing?) some musical gifts by two quartets, by Eddie Edwards. The quartet led by Louis Hassall consisted of S. G. Wylie Bell, Thomas H. Cobb, and Jack Lynch. They sang several heart-breaking numbers, including one that you couldn't even hear it was so sad. In fact, as Tom Neal was heard to remark to Frank J. Mulholland, "Wylie doesn't seem as happy as a funeral." Mr. Lynch, whose voice borders upon the coloratura, obbligato, interspersed with dramatics and dynamics, as well as some first-class ruttage, refrained from raising his voice above the flounders of his companions. Perhaps it was just as well—whe could think of it was easy to see, also, that Tom Cobb, banker, takes more interest in other pursuits than singing.

Well, as we started out to say in the beginning of the above paragraph, the New Year's resolutions were of varied kinds. The three judges, discussing the matter over while the quartets were carrying on, lost their composure; so they agreed to wait until a couple of

years had passed before finally awarding the awards to the three best resolution-makers in the interim giving the whole honor to the janitor of the Community House who, although not present, would manage to keep the prize unspoiled until it was obtained and then awarded.

Finally, after David Ladd's quartet, including Charles G. Parks, James V. Bayley, and Harold H. Corson, had blundered through their part in a primitive interpretation of musical harmony, both quartets were assembled around the piano, and sought to penetrate the ether with—what shall we say? Well, as soon as they started in to wait, every other Rotarian in the room quitted got to his feet and walked out of the room. It was the end of a perfect melange of musical melody; it was the finish of the club's annual "stunt day." In another 52 weeks it might well be repeated in some manner.

As Walter Connelly, club president, later related to W. B. Howarth, secretary, "who knows" who cares?—L. R. A.



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Visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frank J. Ortmann of Bloomfield Court for the holidays, Mr. Andrew R. Gfell of Ann Arbor, 55,

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Village Commission, Monday, December 29th, 1930, at 8 p. m.

Present: Mr. G. W. (O) Osborne, Chairman; Messrs. Lewis, Tucker, Connelly, Hubert and Allen.

Absent: Commissioner Allen.

Approved: Resolving that the Commission be and it is the duty of the Commission relative to preparing and presenting a zoning ordinance to the people.

Moved by Commissioner Hubert that a taxi cab stand for Vern Carlson be located at the intersection of Woodward and Maple streets on the south side of Merrill Street at Woodward Ave.

Yeas: Allen, Lewis, Connelly, Hubert and Tucker.

Moved by Commissioner Connelly that the following bills be paid: Anderson, Rev., \$1.85; Birmingham Community House Assn., \$24.00; Grant Printing Co., \$21.00; Car also, \$10.00; December, \$16.75; Eberhart & Son Co., \$11.00; Birmingham Cemetery Association, \$11.00; Michigan Valve & Foundry Co., \$11.00; Birmingham Electric Co., \$11.00; Expense, Chas. Plumstead, \$11.00; Super, \$11.00; and \$11.00; Vest, \$11.00; M. G. Co., \$11.25; A. W. Wertheim, \$11.00; Bonds, \$11.00.

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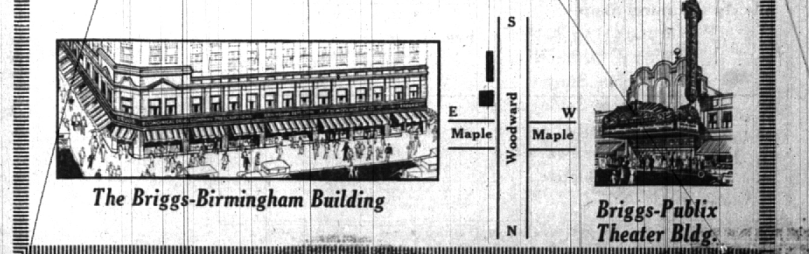
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