

BOY SCOUTS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

The Birmingham District Committee of the Boy Scouts of America Monday night elected an entirely new slate of officers for 1930 at the annual meeting and election held at the Community House.

James S. Martin, was elected president; Fred W. Johnson, vice-president; J. F. Wenzel, secretary-treasurer; and Lloyd L. Stanley, commissioner of the local council of the Boy Scouts for the past six years, was re-elected to the post.

Seven members of the district committee, including F. W. Heavener, scout executive for the north area, and Clay E. Herbst, who was appointed to the committee at the meeting, were present.

Completion of the Camp George regulations, providing for use and control of the lodge and equipment also were made at the meeting. The newly-elected officers take their positions immediately.

It was also announced at the meeting that Camp George will not be used by any scout troops until it is placed in appropriate condition, probably early next spring.

Thorough Workers
Voice from up stairs—Haven't you two finished hanging that mistletoe yet?

Sweet Thing—Yes, Mamma, but we've just testing it—London Opinions.

BOOK REVIEWS

By SALLY KNOX

"FALSE SPRING," by Beatrice Kean Seymour, is a very entertaining novel, not lacking, however, in didacticism. It tells the story of a woman's life—a life worth hearing about—and at the same time it appeals to women to stand on their own feet, to develop individualities and lives of their own apart from their relations with men, and to allow sex to have less importance in their lives.

It demonstrates, by the story of two women of different generations, that a sex affair for a girl of 17 while unwise, and certainly not to be encouraged, need not ruin her life and prevent her from later holding a responsible position or making a good wife and mother. Chastity is a fine thing, the novel teaches, but is not the priceless gem our forefathers have held it; nor is it worth the exorbitant price our social system charges for it. And there are other faults, even more blameworthy.

"Sin," said the new self-composed Virginia she did not know. "Sin, with you, is always one thing—sex. I recognize others, much more deadly—cruelty, self-righteousness, for example."

This last statement may be taken as a fairly succinct statement of the author's viewpoint. It is significant that her main characters are "virtuous" while the two who stray from the narrow path in their youth because of lack of direction, later turn out to be fine courageous women, perhaps even improved by their experience.

Despite Virginia's lack of sense of sin for her escapade at 17, the memory of it hangs over her like the sword of Damocles all her life—because, at two different periods of it she does not wish her fiancé and later her husband to find out about her affair, fearing that they will lose their good opinion of her. And the irony of the situation is that she tells both of them herself, in both cases as she finds out later, unnecessarily.

"False Spring," is well written. Although the author preaches to us through the mouths of her characters, it is not done in a way that offends the reader. The style is smooth and flowing, and adapted to the mood of Virginia—almost lyrical in the spots of romance, while short, jumpy sentences express her moments of despair or unhappiness. One style habit of Mrs. Seymour's which is rather to be censured is her method of introducing history into places where it is unnecessary, having no connection with the events transpiring in the book, and being uninteresting in itself.

"YOUNG MAN OF MANHATTAN," by Katharine Brush, is not a book that will be read and praised by our descendants 100 years from now, but it affords entertainment for an afternoon and an evening, and will doubtless make a "talker" of somewhat more than average worth.

A young sports writer for a New York paper, and a movie column syndicate writer fall in love and marry. But there is to be a different kind and the honeymoon, a marriage in which there will be love, but no jealousy, devotion but no sacrifice and constancy but no lack of friends of the other sex for either. So they start out on the sea of matrimony, but before the end of the honeymoon, the first big wave rocks their ship.

Shortly afterwards, a storm sets in, which turns into a veritable tornado, and just as their ship is to go down, the clouds break, the storms vanish, and their ship comes to light even sounder than before. The young husband is a jealous friar, the beginning of his wife is better writer than he, that she is paid more than he, and that in professional transactions, she retains her maiden name.

Other women, other men, mutual distrust and suspicion and too much liquor—all contribute to make the marriage less and less happy. Then because of a misfortune to his wife who nearly loses her eyesight, the young man pulls himself together, tends his wife with devotion, at last makes a reputation for himself by writing those stories he had been planning so long, but could never get around to. The book closes with the hero's inferiority complex vanquished, and the marriage, having weathered the storm, no longer is in danger of shipwreck.

The character delineation is true to type, but not very original, with one exception. Puff Randolph, the young society morn, who plays an important part in the family life of the principal characters, is worth the reading of the book, even if the rest is considered trivial.

Hoover Caricature Starts Row



Charles Dana, young Washington artist, is pictured here with his caricature of President Hoover, which was barred from an art club's exhibition in the capital because of adverse criticism. Hoover, however, liked the caricature.

2 MEN, 2 WOMEN HELD DISORDERLY

Arraigned before Justice Floyd S. Buck on disorderly charges were given the option of a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail; his companion, Miss Madge Smith, 24, of 112 Jackson street, the Legion was sentenced to 15 days in jail without option of a fine; Sam Peters, 35, 118 Wilson street, Pontiac, was given the option of a \$25 fine or 15 days in jail and his companion, Miss Marie Van Baskirk, 23, of 92 1/2 Bagley street, Pontiac, was given the option of a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail.

Patrolman Isaac Banks of the Bloomfield Hills Police, who made the arrests, reported that all members of the party evidently had been drinking and that his attention was attracted to them because they were driving on the wrong side of Woodward avenue.

social meeting held in conjunction with the Legion Auxiliary. Members of the organizations are planning a dinner in the Community House, according to Mr. Stanley.

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The other voting places will remain the same. They are: first precinct, voting booth on Harmon avenue, just west of Woodward avenue for residents living in the territory north of Maple avenue and west of Woodward avenue; second precinct, at the Adams School, for residents in the territory north of Maple avenue and east of Woodward avenue; third precinct, Municipal Building for residents in the territory south of Maple, west of Woodward and North of Lincoln avenue; fifth precinct, voting booth on Lincoln avenue just west of Woodward avenue for residents south of East and West Lincoln avenues. To date there are only 2,300 registered voters in the village, Mrs. Myrtle E. Carson, village clerk, announces. The final day for registration for Mar. 10 elections is Mar. 1.

Some of the new books added to the Baldwin Public Library since the New Year are:

Biography
Myron T. Herrick by Colonel Bentley T. Mott. The author of this biography was Ambassador Herrick's attaché in Paris and was selected by him to write the story of his life. The rise of a farmer boy and country school teacher to a place in world politics makes interesting reading.

La Fayette by Brand Whitlock. Brand Whitlock, former minister to Belgium, has written this detailed and careful account of the life and times of La Fayette in France and America.

War Books
Stretchers by Frederick A. Potte. A story of a hospital unit on the western front. Wei Flauders Plain by Henry Williamson; The reflections of a poet-novelist on visiting the battlefields of France.

Literature
Scandinavian literature by T. soe-Jensen. The great interest in Scandinavian literature makes this book welcome to readers who wish to get an estimate of the writers by one of their own people.

Why Janet should not shake-speare by Norman Hapgood. It answers by telling what Shakespeare has meant to the author all his life: what he has meant for three centuries to the world's foremost writers; what he does for our mental life, our style and our powers of observation.

Fiction
Joe Pete by Florence McClintock. A woman born in Sault Ste. Marie has written this book of the Ojibwa Indians of Northern Michigan. She has a home now on Sugar Island. Her sympathetic treatment of her characters shows a deep understanding which has been acquired after many years of study.

Hidden City by Phillip Gibbs. To a young London physician, through his practice, the hidden city of pain and heart aches is revealed.

Change Is Made In Voting Booth
The Village Commission Monday night adopted a resolution changing the site of the voting booth in the fourth precinct from the Village Players to the garage

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