

C. M. T. C. CAMP AIMS OUTLINED

Col. Clark Tells Lions Club of Organization's Many Advantages

The aims and activities of the Citizens Military Training Camp was the subject of the talk given yesterday afternoon by Col. Francis Clark at the regular meeting of the Birmingham Lions Club in the Community House.

Col. Clark, who is the director of the C. M. T. C. for the Sixth Corps Area camp at Camp Cluster, gave a brief history of the organization and compared the different military systems of training the youth of the country. He stated that the voluntary training camps in the United States were centers of physical and moral character training and that the military system is superior to the compulsory military training camps in Europe.

There are now approximately 1,000 boys trained annually at Camp Cluster in the Oakland County. The quota for the camp is 100 but this quota has already been exceeded.

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TWILIGHT LEAGUE SEASON IS OPENED

Lions Club Beats DeMolays, 20 to 15; Masons Lose To The Eccentrics

Birmingham's Twilight Baseball League opened its season with two games on the Hill School baseball diamonds Monday evening. The Eccentric team defeated the Masons, 13-11, and the Lions Club defeated the DeMolays, 30-15.

These four teams make up a league of amateur players which will play weekly on Monday evenings throughout the summer until Aug. 18. The Oakland County, represented by D. A. Green, representing the Lions Club; Walter Morgan, representing the Birmingham Eccentric; B. J. Metrow, representing the Order of DeMolay; and Stockton King, representing the Masons.

A meeting will be held in the near future to revise the rules of the league, which will tend to cut down the high scores being made in the games, officials say.

The Twilight Schedule for the remainder of the season is as follows: (1) Lions vs. Eccentric, July 7—(1) Lions vs. Masons, July 14—(2) DeMolay vs. Lions, (1) Masons vs. Eccentric, July 21—(1) Lions vs. Masons, (2) Eccentric vs. DeMolay, July 28—(2) Eccentric vs. Lions, (1) DeMolay vs. Masons, Aug. 4—(1) Lions vs. DeMolay, (2) Masons vs. Eccentric, Aug. 11—(2) Masons vs. Lions, (1) Eccentric vs. DeMolay, Aug. 18—(1) Lions vs. Eccentric, (2) DeMolay vs. Masons.

Schedule: (Numbers in parenthesis refer to diamond numbers) June 23—(1) Lions vs. DeMolay, (2) Masons vs. Eccentric; June 30—(2) Masons vs. Lions, (1) Eccentric vs. DeMolay, July 7—(1) Lions vs. Eccentric, (2) DeMolay vs. Masons, July 14—(2) DeMolay vs. Lions, (1) Masons vs. Eccentric; July 21—(1) Lions vs. Masons, (2) Eccentric vs. DeMolay, July 28—(2) Eccentric vs. Lions, (1) DeMolay vs. Masons, Aug. 4—(1) Lions vs. DeMolay, (2) Masons vs. Eccentric, Aug. 11—(2) Masons vs. Lions, (1) Eccentric vs. DeMolay, Aug. 18—(1) Lions vs. Eccentric, (2) DeMolay vs. Masons.

New Auto Service Station Opened

Birmingham's newest garage and auto service station is the General Auto Service, in operation today at 438 East Maple avenue. It is operated by Eric Kirch, who for eight years was service manager of the Bell Brothers garage, and Oliver Corry, until recently connected with the local Buick sales.

Service will be given to all makes of cars, either by day or night.

At the close of The Eccentric's "Everybody Wins Campaign" the subscription for Oakland County is going to be raised from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per year. Help a candidate now and save.

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Mrs. Mollay Propp



"Are you sure," said MRS. MOLLA PROPP, "that the alignment is perfectly tight?"

I HAVE always said, my dear, that Henry is so MECHANICAL. I mean he knows all about cars and things. And he's always explaining the car to me. Just the other day he told me all about the choke—the button that one pulls. It has to be timed so carefully because if one doesn't keep just the right air pressure in it—well, it won't go—REALLY!

And then there is the electrical circuit that does so many things—'and there's the thing you turn before you start. It all seems so clear to me now. You just step on that down there... and there you see! Isn't it simple?

Of course, all women can't have a husband like Henry who is so mechanical, really isn't it necessary to know all those scientific words like HOU-DINI or shoddily or shoddy?

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TRAVELLER HAS EARLIEST TYPE OF FIREARM IN HIS COLLECTION

A remnant of a once large collection of valuable antique firearms and weapons is the Japanese gun, owned by Dr. John H. Stover, of Birmingham, now on display in the window of the Pure Food restaurant.

"The gun is one of the very earliest types of weapons using gunpowder," Dr. Stover says. "It is probably well over 300 years old, made even before the Japanese had any knowledge of firearms, and modeled after one picked up elsewhere."

A small brass seal on the side of the gun is the stamp similar to a coat-of-arms which was only placed on guns belonging to the nobility, Dr. Stover says. Also engraved in Japanese are the name of the Emperor at the time the gun was made, the name of the maker, and the date.

Dr. Stover acquired the gun in his travels, which have taken him to several corners of the globe. He has traveled considerably in the United States, has made two trips to Europe, and one to the Philippine Islands. He thus acquired a large collection of weapons and firearms, and also a collection of watches, timepieces, and other antiques.

Dr. Stover outlined the five steps in the evolution of the gun, of which this weapon is the first. The matchlock type was first. In this type of gun a lighted fuse is placed with powder in the firing pan. This is the crudest form of

Just the same it gives one a lot of confidence to be able to explain it all like I can now. Why, only the other day I got stalled in the traffic and the officer came up to me and was going to be real nice. But when I had explained to him just what had happened he scratched his head and walked away. I simply told him that the choke was a little out of gear and that the crankshaft had lost some of its compression.

But a car can't stand at the intersection all day, my dear, and finally the policeman came back, pushed me to one side and then the garageman told me that I was out of gas! Well I could have told the policeman that I had thought of it.

—John Jensen.

VILLAGE YOUTH TELLS A TALE OF THE SEA AND ALMOST TRAGEDY

CHURCHES

Into the harbor at Seah Bay, a small inlet on the coast of Washington, last December a tragedy, three-master schooner was killed. And the eight members of her crew were guant men, men who had fed for many days on fish, and hard tack and water. They had been lost at sea for weeks and had miraculously escaped perishing in one of the most violent storms on the Pacific in recent years.

Among the members of the crew was a young man, M. A. Ross, 25 years old, 5'4" Willis street who had experienced his first not with the expected shudder of a man reviewing an appalling near-disaster, but as one who merely had the engaging story to tell, and like the Ancient Mariner, delighted to tell it.

"We left Trices on Oct. 30," he said, "with a load of salt and we were due in Seattle within two weeks. There aren't many sailing vessels at sea nowadays, but with good weather, we were expected to arrive with our cargo for the codfish packing industry in about two weeks.

"We were out at sea only a few days when the storm broke. Suddenly a violent gale. The captain said he had never been in a worse one. The sea was so high it cracked and cracked out. Every time we got a sail patched together the wind just blew through her.

Reported Missing

"No one was disabled or sick and all worked hard to keep the boat in shape. She began to leak after a few days and the storm lasted for almost two weeks. We were 500 miles off our course, without wireless, and the captain and first mate got different readings on the sextant. It was quite a storm. There were three coast-guard boats out looking for us for many days and finally we were reported lost."

The ship was the "Charles R. Wilson," her captain, J. J. Kelly.

The first seen of the ship after search had been begun by coast guard cutters was when she sailed into the straits from out of the Pacific haze, turned slowly in the roll, the incoming waves and dropped anchor. The food, during the long days at sea, had spoiled, and the men had had only water and hard-tack.

"The first meal was as good as the doldrums and the sailors prayed for the wind that would take them away from the specter of starvation. And still no sign of sail or smoke.

"They were pretty good fellows," Ross said, "and although there were no fights among the men, I imagine things might have been more unpleasant if the trip had taken much longer.

"I'd begun to get hungry. I should say that I got back on the lakes again. I've got my A. B. on the Great Lakes and as soon as I get a ship I'll sail."

Before his experience in the Pacific, Ross sailed for seven months out of Bering sea on the "Sophie Christiansen."

PROGRESS MADE ON G. T. PROJECT

Officials Announce Advances On Railroad Construction Work

Work on the Maple avenue crossing of the new Grand Trunk railroad is progressing rapidly and probably will be done within three or four months, officials of the railroad announce.

The contract for construction of the new depot at the Maple intersection has not yet been let, but it is expected that these contracts will be let soon. Slight alterations in the original specifications for the depot have been made.

Traffic is being rerouted to Yorkshire road for two blocks to allow the Maple work to proceed. All the bridge construction work by the railroad at the intersection with the Fourteen-Mile road is now complete, it is announced. Bids have not yet been let on the paving of the grade separation, according to Leon V. Belknap, county engineer, but it is expected that these, too, will be let immediately.

SPEEDER FINED

O. A. Lamoreaux, 116 East Howard street, Pontiac, was arrested by Patrolman Robert Appel Friday, for speeding 50 miles per hour from Quanton road to Oakland avenue on Woodward. He paid a fine of \$10 and \$5 costs before Justice Floyd S. Buck.

A three-legged cat in Beacon Falls, Conn., has entered a freak competition with a two-tailed cat which is the pride of a New Haven firehouse.

PRAWLERS ABANDON ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN

Prowlers were unsuccessful in effecting an entrance to the David G. Fitch haberdashery shop in the new building last Thursday morning.

When Paul Medinger, a salesman in the Fitch shop, owned the broken bronze lock had been badly damaged, apparently with a cold chisel or similar tool, and the tongue of the door handle had been pulled loose. The prowlers evidently were frightened away and beyond the lock nothing was damaged.

Tests at Mammoth Cave in Kentucky demonstrated that ordinary rain penetrating waves can penetrate 300 feet of rock.

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