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VILLAGE BOY GIVEN AWARD

W. Stoddard White, Baldwin Student, Writes Essay On League Of Nations

W. Stoddard White, a student of Baldwin High School, was awarded one of the six prizes of \$5 each for his paper in the High School examination on the League of Nations.

Mr. H. Earle Corrovet was his faculty adviser. A student of Northeastern High School, Detroit, Miss Vivian Mitchell, received the first prize of \$25. Second prize was won by Mr. Edwin M. Snell of Central High School, Grand Rapids.

These prizes are known as the "Fanny S. Pope Awards" in honor of Mrs. Willard Pope of Detroit, through whose generosity the funds were made available and the awards established last year.

The contest in which these prizes are given is a national contest in which more than 1,300 high schools participated and for which a trip to Europe is the first national prize.

Michigan had the distinction of having more high schools entered in the contest than any other state in the United States. All Michigan entries were first considered for the national prizes and then returned by the state for local awards.

The purpose of the contest is to stimulate a study of the origin, structure and work of the League of Nations.

The Committee of Judges was

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Louis H. Charbonneau, assistant vice-president, Union Guardian Trust Co., of Detroit: "People who criticize the no-day service clubs, like Rotary, Kiwanis, Exchange, Lions, etc., do so only because they are filled with green-eyed jealousy over their success. I think that these service clubs more than justify their existence by their many acts toward the betterment of social conditions."

composed of the following: E. W. McFarland (Chairman) Professor of Political Science at Detroit Teachers College; John Brumm, Professor of Journalism at the University of Michigan; Howard Calderwood, Professor of Political Science at the University of Michigan; Jay J. Sherman, Professor of Political Science at the College of the City of Detroit; C. C. Barnes, Supervisor Social Science Department, Detroit Board of Education; and Franklin Reek, Assistant Managing Editor of "The American Boy."

The Michigan branch of the association maintains offices at 649-650 Book Building, Detroit. The director is George H. Smith. The officers of the Association recently elected are: President—Dr. William Henderson, Vice-Presidents—Mr. Samuel G. Mumford and Mrs. Willard Pope; and an Executive Committee of five persons: Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, Mr. Fred M. Butzel, Miss Frances W. Sibbey, Mr. Edgar H. Allen and Mrs. Charles D. Williams, Treasurer.

BANKER GIVES BUILDING HINTS

L. H. Charbonneau Tells Rotarians Necessity Of Village Planning

"No community can get very far in the realm of substantial building unless it has a purpose and a plan of correct development. Most vital of human things that is effected by a good or a poor community plan is the value of real estate. You will find that where municipalities have adopted plans the value of real estate moves forward, and may be turned into money when the occasion arises. Before Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon by Louis H. Charbonneau, assistant vice-president of the Union Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit. Mr. Charbonneau was the guest of Rotarian Robert Peck, assistant cashier of the local First State Savings Bank.

Mr. Charbonneau referred to the position of the banker as one who, though interested in loaning money for civic, residential, or industrial purposes, must always analyze the borrower's collateral or security from the standpoint of the ultimate future. With real estate as security, stated, an area that offers definite promise of retaining its present value beyond the proper city planning zoning ordinance, etc., has a great deal better chance of obtaining a loan.

He mentioned the terrific expense of street widening in these days of automobile transportation, and stated that property located on highways that may be widened at some future time stand less opportunity of being mortgaged. "Many of our streets were once cow-paths, and must be changed to meet today's traffic load—thing the banker must consider when making a loan," said Mr. Charbonneau. "You in Birmingham will do well to plan for your future, for I believe that you are just on the verge of a great expansion."

NEW DIRECTOR

ALFRED C. WERMUTH

Announcement is made today of the appointment of Mr. Wermuth, above, as a director of the First National Bank of Birmingham. The appointment was made at the most recent meeting of the board. Mr. Wermuth, a resident of Birmingham for the past five years, is a graduate of the Armour Institute of Chicago. He is the proprietor of the firm of Charles R. Wermuth, Inc., builders and lives at 408 Lakeview avenue. He is married and the father of four children.

Take advantage of the present sub-lease of the Michigan Municipal League. After the Everybody Wins campaign, the league is going to help to \$2.00 per year. Subscribe now and be a candidate. —Ad. 1c

REALTORS DONATE BOOKS TO LIBRARY

Reference Volumes On Land Values, Contracts, Mortgages, Etc., in Collection

Residence was made at the final regular meeting of the Birmingham real estate board at the new Community House Tuesday night that a new collection of books on real estate, the principles of land values, appraisals and city planning had been donated to the Baldwin Public Library as a nucleus for a reference department for those subjects. The announcement was made by Mr. David Levinson, who stated that the cost of the books had been shared equally by the library and the real estate board.

The intention of the board in making the donation was not to serve only real estate men, but also for the use and study of any subscriber to the library.

The list of books donated are: Depreciation, by Saliers; Commercial Problems in Buildings, by Evers; Principles of City Land Value, by Hurt; Principles of Real Estate Law, by McChesney; Long and Short-Term Leaseholds, by McMichael; the Annals of the National Association of Real Estate Boards for 1928 and 1929; Second Mortgage and Land Contracts, by Reep; Fundamentals in Real Estate, by Snyder; The Real Estate Handbook, by Snyder; Principles of Real Estate Appraising, by Zangerle; Science and Practice of Urban Land Valuation, by Pollock; Legal Aspects of Zoning, by Baker; National Conference on City Planning, and three volumes of Real Estate Appraising Costs, by Arthur, Barnes and Dingman, respectively.

The library has on file the following books on real estate: Appraisal of Real Estate by Bahnsen; Law of Real Estate, by Douglas; Law For the Home Owner, by Green, and Land Planning in the United States, by James.

EXCHANGITES GIVE Y. M. C. A. CAMP AID

Village Club Obtains Registration Of Milford Boys For Summer Playground

Eight members of the Birmingham Exchange club, bent upon seeking further Oakland County Village Club boys for their summer playground.

Those who attended from Birmingham were Melvin C. Hart, Luther D. Allen, H. T. Ellery, Charles A. Bingham, Richard Chisus, William H. Miller, L. W. Martindale, and Sam McCall. The support for the new Y. M. C. A. summer camp on Loom Lake, near Hale, attended a meeting of the Milford Exchange club Monday night, offered logical argument for their cause, and obtained the Milfordites' pledge to send two boys to the camp this season for two weeks each. They also obtained the Milford Exchangeites' pledge to consider the building of a hut next summer.

Orchard Lake Boy Has Highest Mark

Mr. and Mrs. E. Le Roy Pelletier of Orchard Lake, and Mrs. Mattie Walby, left Friday, by motor, for Fairbault, Minn., to attend the graduating exercises of Paul, the youngest son of Paul Pelletier, who finishes his preparatory course at the University of Minnesota.

Paul is one of the honor students of the military academy in America, having been awarded the modern languages prize. His average of 97% in French, was the highest earned in any subject by any student in the school. He plans to enter Dartmouth next fall.

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Two Seek Permits To Operate Taxicabs

The possibility of the entrance of two other taxicab companies in the Birmingham field was evidenced Monday night when applications for permits were made to the village commission by Charles Needham to operate two cabs in the village, and by Washington N. Berger and Harrison Burns to operate a taxi business in the village.

Upon the motion of President Harry Allen the applications were referred to the police committee, composed of Commissioners Robert E. Allen and Dr. Fred L. Tucker, for an investigation and report. The committee was in meeting today for a discussion of the applications.

TOWNSHIPS ILLEGALLY COLLECTING MONEY FROM VILLAGES, IS CHARGE

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 5.—That townships have been illegally collecting and retaining moneys from taxpayers in many of Michigan's villages for at least four years was disclosed in an article made public in the May issue of "The Michigan Municipal Review," published by the Michigan Municipal League, association of cities and villages in the state.

The total of the many sums involved, between the townships and villages, the state, will undoubtedly be several hundred thousand dollars, according to Harold D. Smith, director of the Michigan League, who added that the amount lost or owing to villages and townships in Oakland County, where a study of the situation was made, totals more than \$20,000.

The illegal practices have taken two forms, Mr. Smith said. "Statutes provide for the return to the village treasury of half of the township highway improvement taxes collected within an organized village. This law was passed by the 1925 legislature and has been operative for four years, but a large number of villages in the state have not been recovering their share of the tax. This is the most important phase of the situation."

"The second phase of the matter is that township highway repair taxes have frequently been assessed against village properties when the statutes specifically state that they shall only be assessed against township property outside of village limits.

"In the first instance, village can recover half of the township highway improvement taxes paid during the past four years, according to an opinion by Judge Emerson R. Boyles from the office of Attorney General Wilbur M. Brucker, while in the second instance, the township highway repair tax illegally assessed and collected from individual taxpayers cannot be recovered unless paid under protest.

is that the average village street is in much better condition than the average township highway in the same township, despite the fact that more people live on village street and there is a greater concentration of tax-paying wealth there," according to Clarence W. Shazel, of the Municipal League staff, who made the Washington County study. "In addition to that, the development of good township roads at the expense of the village taxpayers is usually consisting primarily of the business and industry properties of the village business man, therefore, helps to take business from these villages to nearby cities. The village business man, therefore, helps to a certain extent, to finance his own ruin."

Gravel Contract Award Is Made

Upon the recommendation of the Village Manager, the Village Commission Monday night unanimously awarded the contract for the gravel to be used this year by the street department to the Larson Bros. The approximate value of the gravel, pebbles and rock to be used, according to the contract, is \$15,000.

Larson Bros. was the lowest bidder with \$1.25 a cubic foot. Five different bids were submitted and Commissioner Robert R. Allen expressed the opinion that the contract should be awarded to Bloomfield Township if only a slight financial difference between the bidders was made. The recommendation of the manager was adopted, however, when it was seen that no more satisfactory arrangement could be made.

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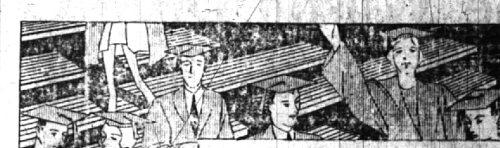
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