

MRS. SHAIN'S CLASSES ARE ALSO FEATURE

Study Group In New Building Expected To Resume Its Courses

A group that has been meeting at the Community House for educational purposes rather than for social purposes is Mrs. Charles J. Shain's class in International Relations, which, on Feb. 18, concluded its third consecutive yearly term.

As a result of the interest manifested by a number of men in the community, growing out of the mass meeting of members and their husbands at the home of Mrs. Harold S. Gray Feb. 9, several meetings probably will be held in the evenings this spring for men and women, with a view to establishing a regular weekly meeting on the next Fall, in addition to the morning meeting for women.

Mrs. Shain first organized a class in the Fall of 1926 with the purpose of establishing a better feeling between nations by enabling Birmingham women to become acquainted with the nature and problems of the nations. That year and the next, the class met one morning each week for 20 weeks.

This year, there were two weekly meetings, one for the "advanced" members, and the other for beginners.

Members of the class took turn presenting topics. Following the talks, there would be general discussion, modeled after the mapped outlines prepared by Mrs. Shain. Some of the topics discussed were: League of Nations, the World Court, the present London Naval parity, the Chinese-Russian situation, reparations, and individual nations.

Jackie Ott of Miami, Fla., 9 years old, is a swimming and diving marvel, one of his stunts being to make a high dive into a pool covered with burning gasoline.

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BOOK REVIEWS

By SALLY KNOX

ESCAPE, by Francesco Nitti, G. E. Patena's son. For years, we have been stupefied with Fascist propaganda. We have heard at some length how Mussolini has brought industrial prosperity to Italy, and how he has introduced order to replace the chaos which formerly existed in the country. In *Escape*, by Francesco Nitti, we learn the other side of the question. We are told by a bitter opponent of Fascism what he believes Italy's reaction to the system to be, and we learn first-hand from a sufferer under Mussolini's regime of how the government deals with its political opponents.

Nitti, the author, is the nephew of the ex-premier of Italy, because of the same name, who writes the preface of the book. He is the son of a Methodist minister and was a member of the cabinet of his arrest, which occurred because government officials believed he was a dangerous man, guilty of conspiracy against the government. "The proofs of the crime," he says, "lay in the fact that I had been leading an altogether too serious and secluded life for a young man of my age, that I had 'betrayed' my mistress, that I didn't amuse myself like other young men, that I was a Freemason, and that I had 'democratic ideas.' That was sufficient to brand me as a dangerous man."

Without trial or examination, Nitti is sent to a convict island, where the director of the prison life is broken only by the periodic outbreaks of brutality by the government officials. A regime of the political prisoners is described, and the conduct of the government is revealed, with the actual names of the actors in this drama given, except in the case of a few who are described as his friends, and still under the jurisdiction of the Mussolini government.

Letters are opened, money sent in larger demonstrations than a few dollars confiscated, and prisoners are frequently searched. They are insulted and beaten for the most ridiculous reasons and are nagged constantly by detectives. In short, life is made unbearable; and Nitti and two comrades determine to escape.

Under cover of black night, they leave their houses, and in disguise make their way to the water, swimming to a spot previously appointed as their rendezvous. At the moment of their dash for liberty their absence is noticed, the alarm is given and police boats start in pursuit. But they launch easily outdistances them, and after a thrilling ride, lands them safely on the coast of France.

Without literary pretensions, the author unfolds a drama of great interest. As a piece of fiction, it would be a good story; as an account of real events, it is a gripping story. Add to that the curiosity which Americans feel about the situation in Italy, and it becomes a book of exceptional value.

The reader must keep in mind, however, that it is, after all, the presentation of but one side of an important political question, and that while the writer has told the truth to the best of his knowledge, it is, naturally, prejudiced. While the author sees no good whatever in Fascism, Americans should view the book in a disinterested manner, judging the virtues and defects of each system of government.

PURE GOLD, by O. E. Rolvaag, Harper and Brothers, publishers. The astonishing fact that money can get over simple and lovable people is realistically described in *Pure Gold, by O. E. Rolvaag, a novel of the Norwegian farmers of Minnesota. Louis and Lizzie Hougum are newlyweds struggling to pay off the mortgage on their farm when Louis brings home a \$10 gold piece, which he and his wife, fascinated, gloat over and caress lovingly.*

From then on the object of their lives is to acquire more of these gold pieces. Expenses are reduced to a minimum and every price is bargained over as if a cent more or less were a vital matter. As the years pass and the farm yields bounteous crops, piles of money hidden in secret places all over the house and barn grow in size and value. Even pet names are invented for the different kinds of money. The gold pieces are

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Best Of Care To Be Given Oakland County Boys At "Y" Summer Camp At Loon Lake



Supervised "Y" Swimming Classes

The old haphazard way of doing things when boys "went camping" years ago, with little or no safety program in mind for the welfare of the youngsters, has become outmoded. At the modern summer camp every precaution is taken to guard the health of the boys, from the time they arrive until tents are struck at the close of the season. "Safety First" is an uppermost, as paramount, as in any home or school, or any industrial establishment.

Time was that when boys "went camping" there was a sort of care-free vagabond air about it all, and while that might have been very well in a way, and in keeping with the spirit of the times—nobody knew any better, years ago—such a system of absentee hygiene and sanitation would not be countenanced today.

So, the foregoing will be reassuring to the parents and guardians of Oakland County boys who this summer, will share in the fun and physical benefits of the big Y. M. C. A. camp to be held on the shore of Loon Lake, near Harkness.

Care Exercised

To what great extent the sponsors of the camp have gone to insure the good health of the boys

is illustrated by the fact that the well for drinking water and all matters of sanitation will be under the supervision of the State Board of Health. Both the milk and the drinking water will be tested. In addition there will be at all times a student physician in charge, together with a trained nurse, should any boy be found in need of such ministrations. It should also be borne in mind that the boys will be only 50 miles from Bay City, where there are splendid hospitals, and 20 miles from East Tawas, where there are practicing physicians.

But the first and the underlying safety feature of the camp consists of the fact that even before he arrives at the camp every boy must undergo a physical examination to prove that he is fit. Thus the heads of the physical education groups, will know to what degree each youngster can participate in the camp athletic activities. The boys will, obviously, lead an outdoor life all during the camping period, and sleep in tents; none will have to make his bed on the ground. Wooden floors will be provided in the tents at the camp proper. On hikes to nearby places of interest, where the program calls for an overnight stay, provided

them. But every time he feels he ought without the necessary urge to do as he feels, he weakens his sensitivity to "ought." He becomes a weaker character. Every time we say "ought" to him without affording the necessary urge for him to respond favorably to the "ought" we have weakened his will.

We say "ought" too often and too carelessly. We do damage by this word. By it we annoy and curse our children. It is about the naughtiest word that we can use. Tell the child he ought to do something which he does not do and you make him less ready next time to co-operate.

Make the child feel he ought but don't tell him he ought. Don't even put too much trust in the sense of duty. Teach the child to do many things long before he is



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