DEBATE TRIO IN FIRST TEST

Baldwin Orators Open Season Against Ann Arbor Tomorrow

The Baldwin High school debating trio, directed by H. Earle Correvont, journeys to Ann Arbor tomorrow to oppose the strong Arborite debaters, in a contest scheduled to begin in the Ann Arbor high school at 7:30 in the evening.

According to the Baldwin Coach the Ann Arbor team has an exceptionally experienced mind. One speaker from the University city is now starting his third year on the debate team while another of the trio has had previous experience on the Varsity squad. The three Birmingham orators who will be under "fire" tomorrow night for the first time, are Trowbridge Gail, Phyllis Huston, and Joseph Huston.

"In spite of their inexperience, they are going to give the Ann Arbor team a real contest," said Mr. Correvont. "The debaters have certainly accomplished the extemporaneous method very efficiently. In the practice debates held thus far in preparation for the Ann Arbor event you could easily see the advantage Birmingham had over their opponents because of the difference in style."

Use Set Methods

In all of the four practice debates with Rochester, Detroit Central, Detroit Cooley, and Hazel Park, the teams opposing the Birmingham trio used a set method of delivering their speeches.

On this same date 276 high schools in every part of the state will meet in 138 debates in which 828 high school pupils will participate.

The subject of this debate as well as all debates throughout the state during the coming winter months will be: "Resolved: That National Chain Grocery Stores operating in the State of Michigan are detrimental to the people of the State."

The debating of this question has been endorsed by the National Chain Store Association, Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, Kroger Grocery and Baking Company, The Independent Merchants Association, and the Independent Grocers and Meat Dealers Association in Michigan.

This debate followed by others on November 21, December 12, and January 9, will constitute the four debates of the Preliminary Series in which every high school must participate in order to qualify for the Elimination Series of debates.

They'll Work Together Again

Left to right: Luther D. Allen, county road commissioner; Burton P. Daugherty, county Clerk, and Sheriff Frank Schram, all of whom were re-elected by comfortable majorities.

COMMUNITY HOUSE ACTIVITIES AND PLANS TOLD TO ROTARIANS

Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon were given a close-up picture of the activities of the Community House by Hope F. Halgren, executive secretary. Mrs. Halgren was introduced by James W. Cobb, local postmaster, who was in charge of the club's program for the day.

Mrs. Halgren briefly sketched the organization of the Community House, from its board of trustees, holding title to the property for the whole people, through the board of directors, and thence down through the personnel at the Community House, comprising six persons.

The speaker outlined the various phases of work being carried on by the Community House, especially as it pertains to the need for welfare work. She said that at present the House is on a paying basis, although plans are under consideration by the directors to create sustaining membership, in lieu of the annual campaign for funds. "If we can get enough sustaining members, at about $10 each, whom we can depend upon annually, we can eliminate the annual drive for funds," stated Mrs. Halgren. "Of course, we shall seek to obtain new members each year, as new residents come into the area."

The Community House is receiving fine support for its various activities, Mrs. Halgren revealed; scarcely a day passes but what one or more persons offer some service, or item for welfare work. "We have never been refused by a local merchant, or other citizen, when we have asked for something that some needy family requires," said Mrs. Halgren.

Plans for the holding of a "men's night" once a month are being considered, according to Mrs. Halgren. Such an affair would provide an opportunity for better community contact, and the stimulation of the community spirit, it is hoped.

The Rotarians were impressed by the talk, and applauded the speaker heartily.

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—Albert W. Willson 18,344, Blanche Manly 10,390; Register of Deeds—Mabel L. Brondige 19,096, Mona A. Connelly 9,880; Circuit Court Commissioner—Harry J. Merritt (R) 18,540, William Dohaney (D) 9,540, Earl L. Phillips 18,930 (R); County Drain Commissioner—M. D. Van Wagoner (D) 14,807, Arthur W. Spencer 14,628.

County Coroner—G. Dewey Kimball (R) 17,798, DeWitt C. Davis (D) 10,580; J. Lee Voorhees (R) 18,763, William Sullivan 9,554; County Surveyor—Maurice E. Baldwin (Unopposed) 19,729; County Road Commissioner—Luther D. Allen 17,723, Washington E. Irish 10,909.

Troy's Tabulation

The following tabulation was recorded for Troy Township: Brucker 455, Comstock 538; Dickinson 551, Sawyer 319; Fitzgerald 547, Abbott 299; Voorhies 592, Kirby 281; Lawrence 562, Stebbins 275; Fuller 554, Stack 284; Butzel 554, Henry 186.

Couzens 830, Wendock 133; Person 641, O'Brien 222; Lawson 710; Lee 625, Bilkovsky 200; Smith 569, Adams 282; Schram 433, Dunston 268, Wheeler 260; Daugherty 622, MacIntosh 242; Willson 637, Mann 233; Brondige 641, Connelly 231; Merritt 621, Dohaney 228, Phillips 619; Spencer 422, Van Wagoner 406; Kimball 616, Davis 237, Voorhees 602, Sullivan 259; Baldwin 650, Allen 605, Irish 271, Norman C. Orr 159.

Southfield's Tally

Brucker 184, Comstock 291; Dickinson 248, Sawyer 91; Fitzgerald 253, Abbott [illegible]; Voorhies 268, Kirkby 181; Lawrence 254, Stebbins 189; Fuller 255, Stack 185; Butzel 256, Henry 176; Couzens 369, Wendock 102; Person 283, O'Brien 160; Lawson 292; Lee 225, Bilkovsky 212; Smith 27[illegible], Adams 174; Schram 175, Wheeler 196, Dunston 188; Daugherty 270, MacIntosh 161; Willson 281, Mann 163; Brondige 275, Connelly 161; Merritt 273, Dohaney 165, Phillips 283; Spencer 183, Van Wagoner 244; Kimball 74, Davis 160, Voorhees 266, Sullivan 160; Baldwin 292; Allen 27[illegible], Irish 189.

Cigarette Tax Loses

The proposed cigarette tax lost by almost a two to one vote while the four other amendments submitted to the voters won by large majorities in Bloomfield Township.

The vote on the cigarette tax here was yes, 537; no, 923. An act for reapportioning representatives and senators in the state legislature was approved 1,128 to 502. Popular favor was stamped on the act providing for election of township officers every two years in counties with an assessed valuation of less than $100,000,000 by a vote of 1,090 to 358.

Bloomfield voters approved an act authorizing the state to improve or assist in improving the rivers and streams by a 1,085 to 421 vote, while a 1,181 to 340 vote for increasing the homestead exemption to $3,000 was registered by the voters of Bloomfield Township.

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lowing amounts: $50,000 by Nov. 1, 1931; $100,000 by Nov. 1, 1932 and $150,000 by Nov. 1, 1933. The notes are to be issued in anticipation of taxes payable in 1928, 1929 and 1930.

The total amount of taxes levied during 1928-29 and 30 is $1,410,465.47, according to the reports of Charles E. Plumstead, village treasurer.

JUNIORS WIN SCHOOL MEET

The junior class of Baldwin High school won the annual Field Day Meet held yesterday afternoon at Pierce Field with a total of 54 points beating the seniors who finished second in the contest with 36 points. The freshman were third, scoring 30 points to crowd the sophs into last place with a 27 point total. All of the students of the four upper grades at Baldwin high participated in the events.

1931 LICENSE PLATES ISSUED

Municipalities of Southern Oakland county are receiving 1931 automobile license plates for municipally-owned motor vehicles. Birmingham, Berkley and Royal Oak have received plates for all equipment except police department automobiles, which carry a special issue of numbered plates.

The new plates are black with the raised figures painted a bright red. They offer a distinct contrast to the present orange and black plates for 1930.

New plates will not be installed on the automobiles until Dec. 1, when they are on sale to the public. Until that date the plates cannot be legally attached to the automobiles.

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MASONS HOLD ANNUAL MEET

Past Masters' Night To Be Held Nov. 11 At Masonic Temple

Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., will hold its annual Past Masters' Night, Nov. 11 at the Masonic Temple. The lodge will open at 5 p. m. and the master mason's degrees will be conferred upon two candidates at 6:30 p. m. A chicken dinner will be served in the dining room by members of the Order of Eastern Star.

Reservations for 150 are expected to be made for the banquet. C. Joseph Purvis, Birmingham tenor, and the Detroit Edison Quartet, of Detroit, will sing. The address of the evening will be given by the Rev. W. H. Aulenbach, associate pastor of Christ Church Cranbrook.

Following the banquet, B. J. Melrow, Worshipful Master, will formally receive the Past Masters into the lodge. The entire third degree will then be conducted with various Past Masters filling the offices.

An invitation is extended to members of other blue lodges living in Birmingham and vicinity. Those desiring to attend the banquet are requested to make reservations by phoning the Masonic lodge or writing the secretary.

The following Past Masters will be guests of honor on this occasion: Daniel M. Johnson, Will W. Masters, Charles J. Shain, H. G. Hendrickson, James H. Terry, Maurice R. Blair, Percy W. Parmenter, John W. Rainey, Samuel W. Howting, Roy E. Brown, C. W. Haven, C. A. Bingham, Harris A. Lamb, Ernest A. Burtraw, R. K. McClellan, Clyde Wood, Harold Corson, and Ralph W. Bricker.

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a repealing ordinance to do away with the outworn ordinances. The complexity of amending and repealing ordinances may be seen from a typical ordinance recorded several years ago. It reads:

"An ordinance to amend section designated at "23" of ordinance No. 73, approved Feb. 7, 1916 and entitled 'An ordinance repealing Section 2 of ordinance 14 as amended by ordinance No. 50, also repealing sections 11, 18, 23, 28 or ordinance No. 14 also repealing ordinance No. 18 and amending section 20 of ordinance No. 14 as amended by section 1 of ordinance No. 15 as amended by section 1 of ordinance No. 51, also amending section No. 33 of ordinance No. 14 as amended by section 1 of ordinance No. 35 and adding two new sections to be known as sections No. 34 and No. 35 respectively of Ordinance No. 14."

Civic consciousness was rewarded in the good old days, for returning again to the first ordinance mentioned, it was further ordained that "it shall be the duty of the marshal of said village to drive the same horse, mare, mule, colt, etc.) to the pound or cause the same to be driven and from driving the same to the pound as aforesaid, the marshal or any person so driving shall be entitled to receive 25 cents for each horse, mare, mule, colt, hull, ox, steer, cow, calf, hog or shoats and 10 cents each for each sucking pig, sheep, goose, duck or chicken so driven to the pound."

The Bee Ordinance

This was amended in 1915 and further amendments make the offense a misdemeanor punishable only by a slight fine. Ordinance No. 48, however, inspires reflection and wonderment. It ordains "No person shall keep any bees within the village limits." The fine for such an offense may not exceed $100.

Back in the good old days, too, fees were obtainable for permits for itinerant hucksters, circus performers, etc., and it is solemnly recorded that tight-rope walkers must pay $2 per day for a permit to perform. Other members of the circus troupes also were issued permits.

The morals of the village were well guarded. In 1895 the village clerk wrote the following ordinance into the book: "All saloons, bars and other places where liquors are kept for sale at retail or wholesale (except drug stores) may hereafter be opened not earlier than 6 a. m. and may be kept open not later than 11 o'clock in the afternoon except such days as ordered closed by the State of Michigan and provided all punishments for the offense are under the same provision as the said State of Michigan. Later it was made even more drastic. Saloons, etc., were allowed to remain open only from 7 a. m. until 10 o'clock in the afternoon. And the next step was prohibition.

Play No Pool

"No person shall keep, maintain or assist or aid or abet in keeping or maintaining any billiard room or table or pool room or table in the village of Birmingham," was another ordinance which was soon repealed (July 9, 1900.)

In 1902 the ordinance requiring the muzzling of all dogs was repealed and many a Birmingham boy danced with glee. The year 1904 saw the advent of illuminating gas and the prevalence of the joke on farmers who blew it out at night before retiring. Four years later electricity was established in the village.

Birmingham residents, always thoughtful of the care of its natural beauty, passed the following ordinance: "It shall be un-

Calendar of Coming Events

Today: Rebekahs will meet tonight at the Oddfellows Temple.

Tomorrow: O. E. S. rummage sale in Pontiac; annual supper and bazaar of the Ladies' Aid society of the Franklin M. E. Church, at the Franklin Community Hall; founding of Cranbrook School will be commemorated at the school.

Saturday, Nov. 8: First Players' Dance; O. E. S. Rummage Sale in Pontiac; illustrated lecture at Cranbrook assembly hall will be given by Miss Claire Creighton.

Monday, Nov. 10: Birmingham branch of the National Farm and Garden Club will meet at Community House; Rotary Anns will meet at home of Mrs. S. O. Wylie Bell; Holy Name Altar Society will sponsor benefit bridge party at Oakland Hills Country Club; Fythian Sisters will meet at 8 p. m. at Castle Hall.

Tuesday, Nov. 11: Flag raising ceremony will be conducted by American Legion at 7:15 a. m., observing Armistice Day; Past Masters' Night at Masonic Temple; Municipal Club will meet; Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church will hold monthly luncheon and meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 12: Birmingham chapter No. 220, O. E. S., will hold party; Birmingham branch of A. A. U. W. will meet at home of Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, 372 Hawthorne road, at 2 p. m.; Kirby Page will address second of International Relations forums at 7:45 p. m. at the Community House.

Thursday, Nov. 13: Thursday Musicale will give program at 10 a. m. at the Community House.

Friday, Nov. 14: Oakland County Hi-Y will meet in Birmingham.

Saturday, Nov. 15: Deer hunting season will open.

Wednesday, Nov. 19: Bloomfield Hills unit of the National Farm and Garden club will meet at the home of Mrs. James Vernor, Jr., at Lapeer.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Ossip Gabrilowitch will give piano recital in Community House, under the auspices of the Thursday Musicale.

Friday, Nov. 28: De Molay will give annual fall dance at Bloomfield Park clubhouse.

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With a record of three victories and one defeat so far this season, Cranbrook will enter the lists a favorite against the Detroit University School at Cranbrook tomorrow. The Blue and Gray will be considerably strengthened by the return of Henry Rauch and George Renaud, star back and lineman, who have been out of the game for more than two weeks with injuries.

Coach Charles J. Keppel is giving his team some new plays this week, and is counting on his boys to display the same energy they showed last week in beating Berkley 13-2.

This afternoon, Pontiac Eastern Junior High will play a return game with the Cranbrook Junior Varsity at Cranbrook. Two weeks ago the Pontiac boys trimmed the Blue and Gray juniors 12-0, but with the home team in a fighting spirit, a more closely contested game should result. Several changes in the lineup have been made by Coach Carl Wonnberger of Cranbrook, chief among them being the use of Leonard Lapinscki, a fast track man, in the backfield.

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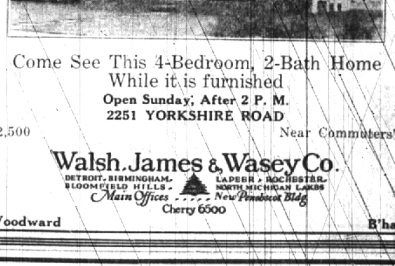

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