

It is not so much what you have, as what you are. What you have signifies only that you possess so much of this, or that, worldly goods; what you are signifies Heaven's eternal belongings.

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BANDIT ROBS GAS STATION ON WOODWARD

Takes \$31 And Escapes After Threatening Attendant With Pistol

HOLD-UP INTERRUPTED

Berle Carter, 19 years old, an attendant in a gasoline filling station at 1427 South Woodward avenue, was held up and robbed of \$31 by a lone thug who entered the station at 2 a. m. Thursday, forced Carter to hand over the money at the point of a pistol, and then escaped. The description of the bandit given by Carter corresponds with that of a lone thug who is being sought for a holdup near the County Jail in Pontiac earlier in the week.

Detective Joseph McGregor, who investigated the holdup, reports that the bandit was believed to have been seen a short time previous to the holdup, near a gasoline station at Woodward avenue and George street.

When the bandit ran into the station, Carter believed he was seeking shelter from the rain, he said. The bandit asked Carter what time it was and when Carter turned to face him the bandit thrust a pistol against his stomach.

"Where's the dough?" the bandit demanded.

Carter indicated that he kept it in his shirt pocket. The thug took the roll of bills. "Now, where do you keep the change?" the bandit asked. Carter pointed to his trouser pocket. "You can keep that, but this gun shoots real good and I'll let you have it if you stick your head outside this door," the bandit threatened.

While the hold-up was in progress, Howard DeLongchamp, 1011 Chapin avenue entered the station, dressed only in his pajamas and bathrobe, to make an emergency telephone call. A member of his family was ill, it was reported. The bandit was startled by the man's sudden appearance and ordered him outside. The bandit then ran to his automobile, which was parked near the station and drove rapidly away. Carter called the police who arrived in a few minutes. Word was sent immediately to neighboring police departments, with a description of the thug.

Albert Forbes, 1235 Smith avenue, is the owner of the station and a brother-in-law of Carter, who lives with him at that address.

The bandit, who escaped east in Chapin avenue, was described as being about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing about 170 pounds, of blond complexion and wearing a light tan topcoat. He was hatless, Carter told Detective McGregor.

Program For Conference On Industry Opens Tomorrow At Pine Lake House

Prominent speakers interested in economic and sociology are scheduled to address the conference on industry which opens tomorrow at the Pine Lake House, Pine Lake, under the auspices of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Included among the speakers is Mayor Frank Murphy of Detroit, William Frost, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Engineers; William Haber, professor of Economics, Michigan Agricultural College; Edward J. Jeffries, Judge of Recorder's Court, Detroit; Harry Riseman, J. J. Scannell, Harry Slavin and Nevyn Sayre.

Old age pensions, unemployment and the need for independent political action are among the subjects for discussion. The conference will be held tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday, with registration at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow and a discussion of current situations which are delaying such social programs as old age pensions, unemployment insurance, etc., conducted by Bishop Paul Jones, student pastor of Antioch College.

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Carillon Recital Series Concluded

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CRANBROOK OPENS CHURCH CLASSES

Rev. W. H. Aulenbach Announces Sunday School Program For Season

Sunday School classes at Christ Church Cranbrook are now being conducted each Sunday morning by members of the faculties of Cranbrook School and the Brookside School in the Guild Hall, St. Dunstan's Chapel, and the Library.

The classes are conducted for kindergarten children, children in the grades and those in the preparatory classes. The aims of the school are: "to bring the children and their parents together weekly in the services of the church; to provide regular and intelligent religious education through skilled and experienced teachers; and to so interpret Jesus for them, that they may readily understand the wholesome, divine life lived by him and in turn be lived by them—even here, to help them realize that the advancement of their form of civilization depends upon the fulfillment of the Master's ideals," the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, assistant rector, says.

The members of the school, with the exception of those in the pre-school and kindergarten classes meet in the church for the opening service at eleven o'clock. After the presentation of the offering, they then retire to their classes in the Guild Hall until 12:30 p. m.

SEWAGE PLANT NEED IS SHOWN

Cost Of Project Would Be Comparatively Small, Corson Tells Riarians

Pointing out the necessity of joining with other Oakland County areas in the building of a suitable sanitary sewage disposal plant for Birmingham, and estimating the cost of such a project as less than one cent per day against the average village lot, Harold H. Corson, village engineer, spoke before Birmingham Riarians Monday noon at the Community House. Mr. Corson is chairman of the club's civic committee.

Showing the need for a new sewage disposal plant by the present polluted condition of the River Rouge, Mr. Corson told his audience that pressure from state officials and Lansing demands that something be done to clear up the stream contamination in this district. "In the near future Birmingham, along with other Oakland County communities, must take steps to solve their individual and collective sewage disposal problems," stated Mr. Corson.

Are Several Methods

"There are several methods of sewage disposal. One is by dilution, but this method requires a great deal of water action, and is not alone suitable for Birmingham. Two other methods are the Imhoff tank or Dortmund tank, in which bacteriological action takes place on a settled sludge, which we now use, and the activated sludge method, in which the sewage is aerated and settled. Under greenland plans, and in cooperation with other communities through the County Drain Commissioner, we recommend the use of a sewage disposal plan that combines the dilution and Imhoff tank methods.

"While accurate figures are not yet available on probable costs, this project would certainly not amount to anything nearing a million dollars, and the cost would be spread over an area including parts of Southfield, Bloomfield, Troy, Avon, Pontiac, and West Bloomfield Townships, as well as part of Birmingham, Pontiac, and Bloomfield Hills Village. Payment would probably be spread over 20 years, and in cooperation with other communities that any plan other than one including the entire drainage area would be uneconomical, and very expensive in the long run.

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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Harold H. Corson, village engineer: "When I was a boy, I learned to swim in the River Rouge, which was then a clear, sparkling stream. Today, however, I would not desire to see my children play along its banks, not to mention wading in it. The great increase in our population in this area, with the dumping of sewage into this stream, are the reasons why it is badly polluted. But we hope, some day, to restore some of its former clearness."

Mr. Corson is chairman of the club's civic committee.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MAJOR SILLS

World War Veteran Died Friday After Six Months' Illness

Funeral services were held at 4:30 p. m. Saturday at the St. James Episcopal Church, for John H. Sills, 48 years old, of 650 Linden road. Burial was held Sunday at Trenton, Ont.

Mr. Sills died Friday in Grason Hospital, Detroit, following an illness of six months. Following the church services, the body was taken to the G. Dewey Kimball funeral home.

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Your BOY

What Is He Worth . . . ?

YOU have high ambitions for that lad. You cherish the hope he'll go beyond the goals you have reached. You're giving him the best education you can afford. You have counseled him on the right use of his time—have tried to build sturdiness into his body and into his character. Without wanting him to be a saint, or a goody-boy, you want him to be wholesome, two-fisted and true—and to become that sort of man that other good fellows know as a "regular guy".

THESE are some of the reasons, perhaps, why you came to Birmingham to live—to allow your boy to be molded by influences that are good. Among these good influences out here, is the Y. M. C. A., that holds out a friendly, helpful hand to all the Boyhood of this town—and stands as a Big Brother to every lad, Catholic, Jew and Protestant, alike.

THE Public Schools will tell you what the "Y" is doing. Or ask any kid who went to one of Oakland Co's "Y" Camps this summer. See his eyes shine, as only the eyes of a boy can shine, as he exclaims, "Keen!" "Swell!", expressing his enthusiasm with the slang of boyhood.

IT WOULD be nice if the "Y" could do these good things without money, but it can't. The camp activities are given to the boys at cost, but the town activities cost them nothing. The expenses of the local organization have been cut to the limit; the budget is two thousand dollars less than last year; Bob Lynd, the Secretary, voluntarily offered to take a 10% salary cut. The "Y" never did have any fancy, useless frills—but it does have bills. And it's having a tough time, like the rest of us, trying to keep its financial slate clean. And what are we going to do about it? Shall we give good excuses as to why we can't help, and give little or no support? If we do, it means that the boyhood of Birmingham must foot the bill—not in dollars and cents—but in the giving up of one of the finest influences that touches their lives.

DURING the week of Oct. 5th, about 100 business men of this town will give up most of their evenings for this cause. When they call on you, it will be easy to turn them down—because they come merely to accept your support, and not to sell. But if you CAN help, they believe you will—for your boy's sake, or for the sake of your girl, who may some day be the wife of a Birmingham lad. And even though you be childless, they still believe you will help, because—"As ye do it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it also unto me."

Do You Know Your Policies?

Do you know if you are properly insured?

It may be that you are under-insured . . . it is even possible that you are over-insured.

Changes in policies, rates, and endorsements make it advisable for you to again have your policies inspected.

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