

The Birmingham Centric

PART TWO

What a wonderful thing is the ability of human beings to blend their voices into a concord of sweet sound! Only ordinary voices, alone, may not sound so good; but let them unite, and how they are transformed!

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 52

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1931

\$2.00 PER YEAR—SINGLE COPIES 5c

ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY HOUSE IS 4,822

Mrs. Halgren's March Report Shows Increase in Civic Activities

EMPLOYMENT GIVEN

Four thousand eight hundred and twenty-two people attended various activities in the Birmingham Community House during the month of March, according to the monthly report of Hape Halgren, executive secretary, to the Community House Board at its regular meeting Monday night. A total of 1,512 people were provided with paid meals during the month. The attendance figures do not include members of the House's staff, or Boy and Girl Scout organizations. Some idea of the increasing activities of the House may be gleaned from the fact that Girl Scouts met seven times each week, Boy Scout meetings are held three times weekly, 21 different organizations met there every week, and a total of 31 each month, the report shows. Other statistics revealed in Mrs. Halgren's report indicates that 687 boys of the community used the games room last month, 62 persons were given employment through the employment office of

Fair Weather Brings Big Attendance At Opening Of Oakland Hills Club

The Oakland Hills Country Club opened its fifteenth season Saturday, April 3, under the most favorable circumstances. The weather was perfect, and the condition of the two 18-hole courses approached mid-season form. This was made possible by special care during the winter when ice was kept off the greens to prevent killing of the grass.

Close to 200 players helped to open the courses Saturday morning and afternoon, and fully as many took part in the play on the House; 125 boys and girls from the high school were chartered at dances each Saturday night.

Welfare Work Reported
Free milk to the amount of 290 quarts was given to children; 290 garments to needy families were given away; 85 calls were made on families by the welfare department; there were 25 office interviews held; layettes and hospital goods, together with needed householding, were given to a number of families. Furniture was provided for one family whose home was burned.

"It is gratifying to learn that a fine place the Community House plays in the affairs of this district," stated Charles A. Bingham, a member of the Board. "When other statistics revealed in Mrs. Halgren's report indicates that 687 boys of the community used the games room last month, 62 persons were given employment through the employment office of

ROTARY AIDS MELLON TO ASK ARTISTS TO SUBMIT DESIGNS FOR WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL QUARTERS

Service Club Hears Gilbert Hopper Extol Its Many Advantages

Birmingham Rotarians Monday evening were told that their organization brings into the lives of all who are part of it a new perspective of the meaning of life, especially its business and professional opportunities for every citizen. The speaker was Gilbert Hopper, 18-year-old Baldwin High school senior, who attended the annual Rotary District Conference at London, Ohio, last week. The young man, president of the conference as the guest of Birmingham Rotarians, to absorb the meaning of the organization's personal advancement. He was the fourth Birmingham youth to be elected to the office of district president in the past four years.

"Before I was privileged to attend the conference, I knew nothing at all about the Rotary movement, or what it means to me," he said. "I now know that an organization exists that spends much time and money to help other people.

Gives Broad View
"I had always thought that the chief aim of the Rotary was to help other people. It gives us a broader view of life, it teaches us to meet the world as it is, it removes a barrier toward an inferiority complex. It suggests that we should live a life of service, tearing it down. I heard and saw things that I am sure will have a lasting beneficial influence upon my own life."

Gilbert was introduced by George B. Averill, chairman of the program for the day.

E. S. Barden, local tire dealer, was accepted into membership as a teacher from the Royal Oak Rotary club, where he has been a member for several years. His wife, a former local hostess with the Birmingham club, is a member of the Birmingham club, Birmingham necessities.

Mellon To Ask Artists To Submit Designs For Washington Bicentennial Quarters

Within the next few days, Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, will invite prominent artists throughout the country to submit designs for the new quarter dollar which will be issued next year as part of the nation's celebration of the Two-Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington.

This will be the first United States coin of regular issue to bear the image of Washington. It is authorized by legislation enacted just before the adjournment of Congress.

While the selection of the exact design for the George Washington quarter rests with the Secretary of the Treasury, Representative Sol Bloom, Associate Director of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, will be consulted before the decision is made. Mr. Bloom has furnished the Treasury with a profile photograph of the bust of George Washington by Houdon, now at Mount Vernon, which has been selected by the Portrait Committee of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission as the best likeness of Washington in existence. This profile probably will be used on the new twenty-five cent piece.

Replaces Regular Quarter
The portrait of the First President was based on a few coins made or approved by the government. Such approval might have been given but for Washington's modesty which no doubt made him feel that such honors were not for the living.

Although issued in commemoration of the bicentennial of Washington's birth the quarter will not be a commemorative coin in the true sense of the word. It will replace the twenty-five cent piece which

WILL SELECT BEST ESSAYS

Judges Of Community House Articles To Announce Winners Next Friday

The first quarters were coined in 1793, the year following the first Congress establishing the mint. Since that time, \$100,485,000 have been produced in twenty-five cent pieces. The annual issue of this coin in recent years indicates that its popularity is increasing.

Interest In The Mint
George Washington always took a keen interest in the mint, and he frequently visited it to supervise personally some of the work carried on there. Many of his messages to Congress contain references to the mint which show his solicitation for its reorganization. It has been said that Washington gave some of his private stock of silvers to produce half dimes because those small coins were in demand among the poorer people and the mint was unable to procure enough of the white metal to supply the need. The female head which appeared on some of these pieces was popularly supposed to represent Martha Washington for she was usually set for the artist who created the design.

The opening of the George Washington quarter dollar during the Bicentennial year, to be continued as a coin of regular issue, will be a notable event in the history of the Treasury Department. The design of the current quarter dollar has been the subject of considerable criticism. It is so very badly and is a difficult coin to manufacture; the design

Judges who will select the best essays in the Community House contests are expected to announce the names of the winners in the coming tomorrow. Mrs. Edward L. Bryant, one of the three judges, announced yesterday. The other judges are Mrs. Clarence Vliet and George R. Averill.

Enthusiastic reports of the general excellence of the essays selected from the three groups so far were made by the judges and the essays will be judged rather on their content than on their rhetorical eloquence.

Five prizes will be awarded to the high school entrants in the contest; six prizes in the junior high school and eight prizes in the fifth and sixth grades. Mrs. Bryant says. Ten prizes will be awarded for stories of human interest in the Community House or its activities.

Roland Davis of Warren, O., is a golf professional at the municipal course at the age of 14.

Courtesy, painstaking care and faithful attention to all details... this is our creed at all times.

Kimball-Bailey

G. DUNN KIMBALL MANAGER
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
Ambulance Service
311 NORTH WOODWARD BIRMINGHAM 810



What have you and Where?

Bonds, insurance policies, notes, jewels, heirlooms... what are you going to do with these treasures?

They are not safe outside a safe deposit vault. Why run the risk of loss when a safe deposit box at this bank—at a cost of only a few cents a day—assures you of a definite, convenient place for them?

We will gladly furnish you with complete details, there are boxes as low as \$2 per year.

FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK
Northwest Corner of Woodward and Maple
MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Mrs. Lucy Athey Dies In East

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Lee Athey, 72 years old, who died Monday, were held at the chapel in Brint Hill cemetery in Park road, W. Va., where interment took place Wednesday. Mrs. Athey was a resident of Birmingham for three or four years. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Gertrude E. of Birmingham and a son, Charles Athey of Detroit.

Girls' Guild Initiates

An initiation ceremony conducted by the girls of the World Wide Guild will be a part of the evening worship service at First Baptist Church, Sunday night at 7:30. Ten girls will be initiated and will take the pledge that thousands of girls all over the world have taken.

The initiation of Christian Baptism will be administered to 20 or more candidates at this service. This is the first Easter baptism that had been postponed one week. Mr. Frederick A. Protheroe will sing a solo.

LIBRARY NOTES

"Murder in a Library" is the latest mystery story to be added to the shelves of the Baldwin Public Library. Professor Watty says that the mystery of Michigan League Monday evening sad detective stories were being read because the superintendent was able to outwit the superintendent. This story is written in the form of a novel.

More important books added this past week are "History of the Maya, from the Earliest Times to the Present Day" and "The Quixote and the Head" by Gamaliel Bailey. The book on the Maya is written by Thomas Gann, in charge of recent expeditions at the British Museum, London, America and by Eric Thompson, assistant curator of the Field Museum, Chicago. The book on Quixote, art, architecture religion and daily life of that interesting people. The book on the Maya is a collection of short biographies of well-known men who are still living or have died recently. This author was among the first if not the first to present biography in its now fascinating style. Which of the few pages devoted to Roosevelt, Wilson, Ford and others he is able to pick out something which makes each person more human and understandable.

9 BOYS GUESS MODEL DIRIGIBLE'S WEIGHT

Eight Birmingham boys and a Cleveland High School boy, assisting here last week, revealed their remarkable ability at guessing weights by accurately estimating the weight of a model dirigible which was suspended from the model mooring mast in the Woodward Pharmacy for the admiration of the boys.

The dirigible weighed 15 ounces and the nine boys out of 27 who entered the guessing contest were awarded prizes. Following are the prize winners: Billy Heavens, Cleveland Heights; Billy Schaffner, 824 Woodward avenue; Jack Saunders, Linden road; Tom Wilber, 519 East Lincoln avenue; Ted Cummings, Ridgeville avenue; (late, 841 Ann street); Carl Naumann, 4702 Hampton avenue; John Frost, 404 West Barile avenue; and Paul Leopold, Hamilton avenue.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Mrs. W. E. Mosher, Lakeside Drive: "We enjoy The Birmingham Centric very much each week. Sometimes there is a veritable scramble for it when it arrives."

WOMEN WHO PLAY FAIR...



"It isn't a question of honesty—but promptness!"

Mrs. Jones had started it all. Someone had told the lady-next-door and the lady-next-door had told Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Brown told Mrs. Jones that the new woman up the street let her bills pile up "something scandalous!"

"You don't mean it!" "Well, I never..."

Then, suddenly, they all looked self-conscious.

"Well, come to think of it," Mrs. Smith said, "I have some bills myself that should be taken care of..."

"Yes, me too. But the stores expect to wait for their money. A few months later is just as good then as now."

Mrs. White burst in with her usual vigor

"Let me tell you ladies something! It's not playing fair with your creditors when you let your bills drag!" She gave them a chance to think it over and then she went on.

"They're fair enough to believe you're honest... they give you the goods and allow you to keep the money that belongs to them! Of course, you're honest and will pay some time, but money paid later is not 'as good then as now!' In the meantime, how are your creditors going to eat and live? They have bills to pay too..."

"What I say is, give them their due. And if you can pay your bills promptly, you should not be careless

about them. It wouldn't be long before you'd be in the good habit of paying promptly and you would have real peace of mind!"

Yes, the Pay Promptly habit is a good one to form. Bill fretting is ended and credit is a joy to use.

Free Booklet "How to Use Credit to Your Best Advantage"

Helpful new booklet will be a revelation to you. Sent to you free and without obligation. Mailed in plain wrapper. Write or mail coupon below.

...BIRMINGHAM... CREDIT BUREAU Inc.

An Association of the Retail Credit Merchants, and of the professional men and women of Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM CREDIT BUREAU
First National Bank Building,
Birmingham, Michigan

Please send me Free Booklet "How to Use Credit to Your Best Advantage." No obligation, of course.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____



Pay Promptly
Bills paid promptly help us to help you.