

### Plan Spectacular Initiation Ceremonies For DeMolays

"What are some of the things a boy likes? What catches his interest? What wins his approval?" are some of the questions which prompted the organization of DeMolay in the words of B. J. Meirow, local adviser, and "Dad" of the Order, examining the principles underlying a group that will gain 30 new boy members in Birmingham before Mar. 17, ready for initiation on Mar. 31.

"Boys like to parade, to participate in athletics, to wear ceremonial robes, to be bound by impressive initiation ceremonies, symbols, catchwords, and the like. It is their heritage. Most of all, boys like to know that what they are doing is winning the approval of their elders. In other words, they like to be admired. Who doesn't?" says Mr. Meirow. "These are a few of the ideas back of DeMolay."



B. J. MEIROW

**Age-Limit 16 to 21**

"Back in March, 1919, the first informal meeting of the Order was held in Kansas City, blazing the trail for one of the biggest boy organizations of all time—second only to the Boy Scouts, no boy is eligible to DeMolay until he is 16, and he automatically becomes inactive when he reaches 21," Mr. Meirow explained.

"Now the Order is international with 150,000 active members, half as many more passive members, and 1,350 chapters including some in Italy, France, Mexico, Panama, Australia, the Philippines, Porto Rico, and the Canal Zone, besides every state in the Union," the local "Dad" expanded.

"Protestants and Catholics alike are eligible; it is non-sectarian; it is separate and distinct from any affiliation whatsoever; though each DeMolay chapter is sponsored by a Masonic body, and a grand council of men high in Masonic work guides activities."

**Pledge 'Life of Service'**

"Pledging himself to a life of service is required from every boy who takes the life of initiation degree of DeMolay, the ceremony, which dramatizes the life of Jacques DeMolay, is intended to inspire the boys with similar steadfastness of purpose. DeMolay

encourages education, good habits, self-expression, study of current questions, cultivation of a life interest, self-mastery, nature study, and religious ideals. Loyalty to home, family, school, church, and the national institutions, is asked of every boy. They are urged to live cleanly and think cleanly, and to honor women," said Mr. Meirow in describing the possibilities open to the 30 new members.

"Handing the torch of high endeavor to young men, through DeMolay, is a serious privilege," Mr. Meirow avowed.

"DeMolay initiation ceremonies," said the local "Dad" of the Order, "border on the spectacular. Candidates enter by classes. Ceremonies are attended by choir and organ music, and by impressive display."

Miss Louise Leung, reporter for the Chicago Daily Times, is probably the only Chinese girl representative in the United States.



### EX-KAISER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY



Approximately 150 individual and troop awards were made last week at the largest and most spectacular Scout court of honor ever held in Birmingham. Frequently every award which can be made to registered Scouts was presented at the court.

Senior Patrol Leader Guy Laughlin, Jr., of troop B4, received a commission advancing him to the rank of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of his troop. Fourteen Scouts were awarded the Old Edwin S. George Psalm Medal, presented for memorizing six psalms and explaining seven others. The Scouts receiving this award were: Donald Perry, Donald Stewart, Thomas Navin, James Mastindale, Thomas Martindale, Howard Sentency, Randall Kinder, Jules Worzel, and S. M. Allen. C. Schalam, all of troop B3; Roy McDuatheon, Richard Gibbons, and S. M. Leo B. Williams, all of troop B1; and William Galt, of troop B2. Before this court of honor only two of these awards had been made, the first to Scout William Cruckshank, of troop B1, and the second to Scout Richard Hart, of troop B1.

Four Veteran Scout badges and certificates were awarded, one for 10 years and four for five each.

Troop B3 won the Charles R. Peck Sons Inter-Troop Advancement trophy for the last six-month period. This trophy was up for only the second time and has been won by B3 each time. The banner awarded for largest parent attendance at the court of honor also went to troop B3.

The Heavy patrol of Troop 3 also captured the inter-patrol advancement trophy for the most advancement made over a period between courts of honor. Donald J. Farry is patrol leader.

A new award, made in the form of a citation without medal, was given to six Scouts who, in the opinion of their Scoutmasters, had done the most for their in-

dividual troops during 1930. This is planned to be an annual citation. Troops 1, 2, and 4 each named one Scout, but troop 3 named three, unable to decide on any individual.

The Scout receiving the citation were S. P. L. Robert Gibbons, B1; Scout Ernest Pettigrew, B4; L. Thomas Martindale and Scouts William Cruckshank and Donald Parry, B1; and S. P. L. Guy Laughlin, Jr., B4.

A humorous but sincere token of appreciation of his efforts was presented to Shelton Wright, chairman of the court of honor, by the boys of Troop 3. This was a large lead medal in a ribbon, the face showing a common American buzzard. It has been decided that the award will be made to an officer of the district committee. Mr. Wright, a devoted volunteer worker in Scouting whenever it is deemed that his work stands out above that of the rest and that he is giving considerable of his time in work that is not widely advertised. The medal is the work of L. Donald Parry, of troop 3, who presented it to Mr. Wright. In making the presentation Parry stated that it would be impossible to properly reward Mr. Wright for his work, but that the Buzzard medal was presented in an attempt to bring the work public recognition.

The Birmingham Eccentric Honor award was presented to two junior officers of troop B3, J. A. M. J. Howard and P. L. W. Skoddard White.

Although the National Council ruling permits wearing of six inter-patrol badges on the right sleeve and requires that more than that number be worn on a merit badge sash, troop B3 decided last week that all merit badges awarded to its members must be worn on sashes.

Eighteen members and several fathers of troop B3 returned Sunday afternoon from an overnight camp at Camp George, on Lower Long Lake. A winter sports program was the main feature of the camp.

### Fifth Annual League of Nations Tests For High School Students, March 20

Announcement is made of the fifth national competitive examination on the League of Nations open to high school students throughout the United States. It is held under the auspices of the League of Nations Association. The examination is to be held Mar. 20, 1931. The first national prize again will be a trip to Europe, featuring a stay at Geneva, Switzerland. Second and third prizes will be \$100 and \$50 respectively. There will also be local prize state prizes.

The Fanny S. Pope Awards again will be given for the best papers of Michigan high school students who do not win one of the National prizes in the Fifth National Competitive Examination on the League of Nations according to George H. E. Smith, Director of the Michigan Branch of the League of Nations Association, 649 Book Building, Detroit.

**Has Most Entrants**

All high schools are eligible and should write to the national office of the League of Nations Association, of East Thirty-ninth Street, New York City, for full details and a registration blank. Registration should be made early so that there will be time to prepare for the examination which will be held in each school on Mar. 20.

For the last two years, Michigan has had more high schools entered in this examination than any other state in the United States, and in 1929, a Michigan student at Ann Arbor won the second national prize.

The examination is based upon a small textbook describing the creation, structure and work of the League of Nations. A copy of this book is supplied without charge to each high school registering with the national office of the association. To aid Michigan students the Detroit office has additional literature, slides, charts and maps for use in classes.

This is the third year that Mrs. Willard Pope of Detroit has given the money to stimulate Michigan students and reward their efforts. In addition to the National Prize of a Trip to Europe and cash awards, the Fanny S. Pope Awards will provide for Michigan students a first prize of \$25, a second of \$10, and three prizes of \$5 each.

### W. M. C. A. BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

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DeMolay	0	4	300
E. M.	0	4	0

### OPENS NEW STORE

Announcement is made today of the opening of a new Singer Sewing Machine Shop at 136 North Woodward avenue by C. L. Barnes, former manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Shop in Pontiac.

### Attending Diocese Meetings in Detroit

Yesterday and today, attending the ninety-eighth annual convention of the Episcopal church of the diocese of Michigan, are at St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit are four lay delegates from St. James' church, Birmingham: Meiers, C. E. Buck, C. G. Eden, George T. Hendrie and J. D. Howarth. Also Meiers, C. E. Eden, Elinshaw, E. W. Hest and M. J. Whitley as alternates.

Convening in St. Joseph's church, Detroit, at the same time are 130 representatives of the House of Church Women, the Birmingham women from St. James' church being Mrs. Warner Meiers, Mrs. Mary Unger, and Mrs. G. L. Welch. Alternates are Mrs. G. L. Andrews, Mrs. Joseph Hineshaw and Mrs. H. H. Shuart.

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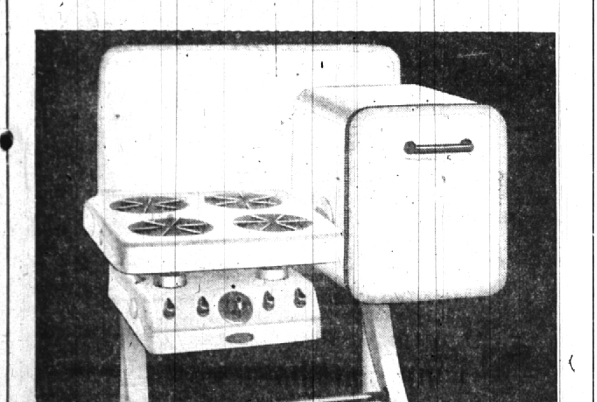
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