

The Eclectic

PART TWO

When one of my children comes to my knee, with a question upon the lips, I try to find an honest, understandable answer. Thus I project into the consciousness of my children my own attitudes toward life.

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TWO BANDITS SENT TO JAIL

Judge Dots Sentences Thugs Who Held Up Drug Store Here

Two young thugs who confessed to holding up the Wabek Pharmacy and robbing the proprietor, Samuel Mills, of \$104 on the night of Jan. 25 last, Thursday and the price demanded by the State for their crime. The younger of the two bandits, James O'Brien, 17 years old, was sentenced to spend from 5 to 10 years in the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, and his companion, William Murphy, 23, was sentenced to spend from 4 to 10 years in the same institution. Judge Frank J. Doty in the Oakland Circuit Court.

According to the police report of the hold-up, O'Brien, dressed in the uniform of a sailor, entered the store, purchased a drink and when leaving, turned suddenly, a revolver in his hand, and ordered Miss Myrtle Anderson, a clerk, to open the cash register. She refused and he threatened her.

She repeated her refusal to obey his command and called for Mr. Mills who was in the rear room of the store. Mills came out



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Principal Suggests New Washington-Trip Policies

Suggestions of Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High School, relative to fundraising for the Washington Group trips each year in the future, and general points of procedure and control suggested by the principal, were read Monday night at the meeting of the school board.

Efforts should be made to present more events on a larger scale, such as a carnival, vaudeville, musical show, lampoon, summer etc. The participation of such a large group as is here suggested, would make each event an all-school interest and should prove more profitable to all, according to Mr. Hart's list of suggestions.

Service groups should be maintained for providing workers for such community jobs as working on lawns, carting ash, gathering old papers, caring for children, evenings and Saturdays, helping in offices and stores Saturdays, evenings and on certain holidays, and

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Chosen Property Owners' Director

At the organization meeting of the Property Owners' Division of the Birmingham Real Estate Board in the Community House last Thursday night, Mr. Charles J. Shain was chosen temporary chairman. The meeting was attended by many property owners of the village and was addressed by Lester Haddock, of the Detroit Real Estate Board, on the purposes and operations of such a unit.

The next meeting of the organization will be held next Wednesday, Mar. 25 and will be open to the public. The speaker will be A. L. Moore, of Pontiac.

Brokers Mr. Shain, among the guests at last Thursday's meeting were A. C. Urie, Charles B. Randall, George Allen, Arthur C. Peck, Public and American Bank, J. J. Zolale, Harry R. Ayell and Edward L. Bryant.

Practical training in public speaking, English composition and parliamentary procedure is possible.

Many personal experiences and contacts that will remain with these young people all of their lives will arise from the following:

—Historical contacts that will bring to life the story of our history and lead to the incidents of that story, new life and interest and a deeper appreciation of our country.

—Many points of scenic beauty will make a lasting appeal to the young people and as they find it in their own country.

—Contact with the fine people of the South in a way that encourages sympathy, tolerance and mutual respect.

—Many enriched experiences and inspirational contacts in the center of our government can be

procure counsel, the court shall, before requiring the accused to plead to the information, appoint a competent attorney to represent, said accused person at the preliminary hearing, trial and in the appeal. The attorney so appointed shall be entitled to receive from the county treasurer on the certificate of the judge that such services have been duly rendered, such an amount as the judge shall, in his discretion, deem reasonable compensation for the services performed. All necessary costs and expenses of the hearing, trial and appeal in such cases shall be paid by the county upon the certificate of the judge.

Section 5. In all cases where judgment of conviction of murder in the first degree, or of any other capital offense, has been entered, the complete record of all proceedings, evidence and charge of the court in such case shall be submitted to the supreme court for review upon the law and the facts, under such procedure as the supreme court shall designate. The supreme court shall, upon the record so submitted, affirm the conviction or reverse the conviction, and grant a new trial.

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FANS AWAIT FITCH-KURTH CAGE TILT

Feature Contest For 'Y' League Title To Be Played

With only one game remaining to be played between the First State Bank team and the league-leading Fitch quintet before the close of the schedule, Birmingham basketball enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting the contest between the Fitch quintet and the Kurth Realty five, formerly the B. A. O., on Friday evening, Mar. 27 at Baldwin High School.

Last Thursday the Merchants defeated the First State Bank team in a whirlwind finish, 26 to 25. The Kurth quintet at the same time was awarded a victory over the E. M. T. on a forfeit.

Tickets for the Fitch-Kurth quintet may be obtained at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters on Bates street and Maple avenue.

Standings of the teams:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Fitch	10	0	1.000
Kurth	10	0	.909
Brimmen	8	4	.667
First State	6	5	.545
Merchants	5	7	.416
E. M. T.	1	11	.083
D'Molay	1	11	.083

Plankur Out On Bond In Fatal Auto Crash

Louis Plankur, 21 years old, 75 Dakota avenue, Detroit, is out on \$2,300 bond today awaiting trial in a charge of negligent homicide as a result of an automobile accident Mar. 4 at Woodward avenue and Catalpa drive, Berkeley.

Plankur was arrested by Berkeley police following the accident, at the request of Coroner G. Dewey Kimball of Birmingham. He had been driving south in Woodward avenue, Plankur told the police, and swerved his machine to avoid a collision with another car. His own machine overturned when he applied his brakes and Miss Perene, who was riding with him, was killed when the car overturned.

Plankur was bound over to the Circuit Court for trial following his examination last Friday before Justice Robert C. Baldwin. He pleaded not guilty upon arraignment.

Candidate's Name Ruled Off Ballot

Glenn W. Ladd, re-elected clerk of Troy Township last Friday announced that William H. Majorbanks, 1351 East Lincoln avenue, whose name was written on six ballots at the township primary election for nomination as justice of the peace to fill vacancy, had not qualified for the position. Mr. Majorbanks' total vote was not sufficient to regularize the township clerk to order his name removed from the regular election ballot, Apr. 6, Mr. Ladd explained.

ALLEGED CAR THIEVES FREED IN BLOOMFIELD

Four youths arrested by Pontiac police for the Bloomfield Hills police department were released Sunday when the owner of the automobile they were charged with unlawfully driving away, admitted he had never seen them before. The owners of the car, John Rosenkrans, of Silver Lake, reported to the Bloomfield Police at 415 B. M. Thursday that he had picked up three youths at Woodward avenue and the Ten Mile road and that they subsequently threw him from his own automobile at Woodward avenue and Brady Lane and drove off in his car.

Ted Anderson, 20 years old, 48 Marks street, Pontiac, said that when Rosenkrans was questioned regarding the alleged theft of the car he gave evidence of having been drinking and said he could not recall the boys. Chief William Putman of the Bloomfield Hills police department, said, upon Chief Putman's request, the boys were released.

CONFIRM ELECTION

In the absence of Commissioners Charles E. Lewis and Dr. Fred L. Tucker, the Village Commission Thursday night met in special session to confirm the election of Frank S. Packard, Lawrence Hulbert and Maurice Lewman to the commission, Irene Hanley, as clerk, and Mrs. Mary K. Wellman and Clarence Vliet as library board members.

HEALTH GROUP TO MEET HERE

Annual County T. B. Ass'n Banquet At Community House, Mar. 26

William S. Marshall, recently appointed director of the State Welfare department by Governor Wilber M. Brucker, will be the principal speaker at the fifth annual health conference and banquet of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Association at the Community House, Mar. 26. Mrs. Zella B. Hale, secretary of the organization, announces.

The monthly meeting of the Oakland County Welfare society will be held in conjunction with the health conference and between 150 and 250 persons are expected to attend. Dr. Walter I. Werner, medical director of the Oakland County Tuberculosis Sanatorium also will speak. A program of music and entertainment also is being planned. Mrs. Hale announces.

The committee in charge of the affair includes Mrs. L. Virginia Hewitt and Mrs. Cecil Whalen of Birmingham; Mrs. Clarence L. Bracy, Mrs. Jean Ayers, Judge John P. Couden, Cass Gittins of Milford and Joseph Haas of Holly.

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FIRE CAUSES \$15 DAMAGE

Firemen at 822 p. m. Thursday extinguished a blaze in the auto of Mrs. Henry C. Herry, 1425 East Buffalo street. Herry was driving on Oakland avenue when the automobile caught fire, probably from an overheated motor, the firemen report. The damage was estimated at \$15.

Leading By a Nose

In the race for success in business or private life you will find that the stability of a strong banking connection is a big advantage. The leaders of today are those men who yesterday built solidly by maintaining sound banking backgrounds. A bank with adequate facilities to handle your every banking need, a bank of prestige, will help you forge ahead and make the most of your opportunities. Consult us about your problems; our executives are friendly people who will be glad to help you and give you the benefit of their knowledge and experience on financial matters of every nature. We are always glad to make the acquaintance of people whom we can serve.

First State Savings Bank

Northwest Corner of Woodward and Maple

Capital Punishment Bill

Senate Enrolled Act No. 2

An act to define the crime of murder in the first degree; to prescribe the penalty therefor; to provide for an appeal and procedure thereon; to prescribe the necessary regulations to be observed in executing the penalty imposed; to provide for a referendum thereon; and to repeal section one of Chapter one hundred fifty-three of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred forty-six, being section sixteen thousand seven hundred eight of the Compiled Laws of nineteen hundred twenty-nine.

The People of the State of Michigan enact: Section 1. All murder which shall be perpetrated by means of poison, lying in wait, or any other kind of willful, deliberate and premeditated killing, or which shall be committed in the perpetration, or attempt to perpetrate any arson, rape, robbery, burglary, or kidnapping for ransom, or which shall be committed in escaping or attempting to escape from any penal institution of this state, or while being transported to or from such institution, shall be deemed murder in the first degree, and shall be punished by death. Provided, That no person under the age of seventeen years, at the time of the commission of the crime, shall be sentenced to death, but in case of conviction of such person of murder in the first degree, he shall be imprisoned in the State's prison at hard labor for the remainder of his life.

Section 2. If the accused shall plead guilty to an information charging murder in the first degree, the court shall proceed to take sufficient evidence and determine therefrom the degree of the crime which the accused has committed and shall pass sentence accordingly. The court shall also determine the manner of the execution of the sentence and as to whether the accused has been placed under duress or fear.

Section 3. Punishment by death shall be inflicted by electrocution. The electrocution shall take place within the walls of the Michigan State Prison at Jackson. Such electrocution shall be by the warden of the Michigan State Prison or by some person deputized by him. It shall be the duty of the warden and the prison commission of the State of Michigan to provide the necessary means and appliances to carry out the execution of sentences to death by electrocution as provided in this act.

Section 4. Whenever any person shall have been brought before the court on a charge of murder in the first degree and shall be found to be financially unable to

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