

ESSAY PRIZE CONTEST SET

School Children Will Compete; "Our Community House" Is Subject

School children will be busy during the next week writing 200-word essays on "Our Community House" to submit by April 3. The prize contest sponsored by the Community House to emphasize its service value to the community prior to the annual maintenance fund drive.

Prize money has been donated by public-spirited citizens, totalling \$64, and four groups of awards will be made, in \$10, \$5, \$3 and \$1 amounts. A \$10 prize will be given for the best essay from the fifth and sixth grades, from the seventh and ninth grades, and from the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. In each of the three groups of school students a \$5 prize will also be awarded, and a \$3 prize is being offered for the third best essay submitted from each of the three groups. Ten \$1 prizes are being offered for the ten best business-interest news stories submitted by villagers at large, bringing out human-interest service values rendered by the Community House and its volunteer and regular staff workers.

Awards will be made Apr. 10, by the judging committee composed of Mrs. Edward L. Bryant, George E. Averitt and Mrs. Clarence Vliet. Morse Cook, principal of Adams school, and Miss Madeline Frederick, principal of Quantan school, are serving in an advisory capacity on the essay contest committee.

Essays from the three age groups of school children must be written in the school. Students from outlying schools in the township will also be permitted to take part in the contest.

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opinion of Cram is correct, then let him take whatever action is necessary to invalidate the contract.

"Why not get him to get an opinion from the Supreme Court?" interjected Bayley—and received foreign acknowledgment from Coryell who explained quietly that such was not the procedure followed in cases which had not even gone to court.

Having received no support on his motion, Hunt offered another—that the clerk be instructed to obtain bids from several auditing companies for an audit of the township books extending over the period of the past 10 years. "If they get this general audit out, said Bayley, "we'll know just where we stand and everything will be all right." Referring to the auditor, now engaged in auditing the books, Bayley added: "He's going back through 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930 but the audit he's doing now is just a general audit for this past year."

May Not Have Records
"Personally, I don't object to the motion that way," said Coryell, "but I don't think that's just the way to go about it. The audit they're taking now should show just how we stand."
"I don't think we could go back that far," Bayley surmised. "You know the records were kept in good form." "I guess, as a matter of fact," Coryell added, "there are any books kept that far back."

Coryell then suggested that Bayley hunt go over the old ledgers and records to determine just how far back in the township's affairs an audit could be made and Hunt assented to the suggestion, at the same time withdrawing his motion until the next meeting of the board which will be held Mar. 31.

Bayley's motion that the meeting adjourn until March 31 at 9 a. m. for the reason that the delinquent taxes are not written up and books closed, was unanimously adopted.

Hunt Will Try Again
Following the meeting, Hunt declared that he would again bring his motion before the board when the board takes office. Mr. Coryell, asked if he intended to seek an opinion from the township attorney as to the legality of the purchase of the gravel pit, replied:

"Judge Hunt started this thing and he wants to know what that's his business. I don't intend to do anything about it myself."

One of the peculiar features of the gravel pit transaction was that the procedure followed was chronologically in juxtaposition to the usual procedure in governmental purchases. In the purchase of the pit, on which a \$12,000 payment and interest are due next April 15, the contract was first entered into between the township and the South Pontiac Development Co. on May 15, 1928. A month later, on June 15, 1928, the formal resolution authorizing the Township Highway Commissioner to purchase the property for the township was adopted by the board, and a week later, on June 22, 1928, Robert Y. Moore, then township supervisor, received a letter from Blakeslee in which he (Blakeslee) stated he believed the form of the contract was all right. Usually the legal advice is first sought; then the resolution authorizing the purchase is made, and lastly, the contract is entered into.

"In order that there may be no misunderstanding in regards to my attitude in presenting certain resolutions at the Township Board meeting, Mar. 24, I give the following explanation," Hunt said. "The reason I offered a resolution to have an audit of the Township books for the past 10 years was because the Township books have not been audited by auditors at any time until this year, and I believe the Township has been big enough and did enough business so that there should have been an audit annually. Therefore, I believe it is just good business to have such an audit, not that I have any information or any idea that there is anything wrong in Township affairs during that time. It is not my intention to cast any reflection on any past or present Township officer, as I have known them all for a great many years and have profound respect for their integrity. Some of them have rendered great public service in difficult public offices and I believe they have been honest and conscientious at all times."

"The reason for making a motion to instruct the Township attorney to take whatever legal steps that are necessary to invalidate the land contract, which some 33 acres of gravel was purchased, was because it is the opinion of the Prosecuting Attorney's civil counsel George Cram, a well known Pontiac attorney, that the Township Board had no authority to purchase this land on land contract. Therefore, I believe the deal should be cancelled and the money returned to the Township and also believe the township of the balance of the indebtedness. In regards to the purchase of this gravel pit by the township, I believe that they acted in good faith and were of the opinion that it was legal and legal to purchase this gravel pit on land contract and they believe it was a good investment for the Township."

Legal, Cram Says
In Cram's opinion the gravel pit was purchased illegally because the procedure followed did not comply with the statute regulating such purchases. "The statute conveys no authority for any method except for cash," he stated. The purpose for which the expenditure was made was not mentioned in either the contract or the resolution.

The contract provides for the purchase of 34.25 acres of land at an agreed price of \$104,850.00, \$20,570.00 down and the balance of \$84,280.00 payable \$12,000.00 in one year and a like amount annually thereafter. The whole of the contract is due and payable on or before April 15, 1930. The contract carries six per cent interest, payable semi-annually with a penalty clause of seven per cent if interest or principal are in default.

In the beginning, Shain's was a drug store that dispensed drugs and groceries. By that we mean, there were not the distractions of phonograph records, hardware, light latches, nick-nacks, toys and what-nots to be found in the modern city drug store. Not does Shain's today offer much merchandise that varies from the standard drug store stock. Its prescription department is responsible for a large part of the institution's business.

But what makes Shain's the institution it is lies in the store's personality. Shoppers still leave other packages there. Familiar friends meet at Shain's. The school children skate in and out. Missing youngsters are found there. It is a market place, a place of exchange, a bazaar, a modern drug store, a forum and a place of rest.

Some of the old-timers still drop in to discuss politics, religion, taxes, weather and chronic ailments with Mr. Shain. Then, too, Mr. Shain's assistants have their special customers who ask for them when they order things.

Miss Ethel Bassett, for instance, has been a permanent source of information and a cordial, genial worker there for the past 19 years. She is the only registered woman pharmacist in Oakland County. Miss Hattie V. Arden has been at Shain's since 1926 and Foster Toothacker, a clerk and pharmacist, has been contributing to the personality of the institution for the past five years.

Many old timers will be "dropping in" next Wednesday to offer congratulations. Will we see you there?

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High School Girls' Athletic Assn. will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the classes in International Affairs this season. DeMolay initiation and banquet.

Wednesday, Apr. 1— Friendship luncheon (open to all) in Methodist Church parlors. "Enforcement" meeting of W. C. T. U. group (open to all) in the Baldwin Public Library.

Thursday, Apr. 2— "The Devil in the Cheese." Junior play. Mrs. E. A. Bartraw entertains American Legion Auxiliary. DeMolay theater party at Detroit Civic Theater.

Friday, Apr. 3— "Younger Married Set" of the village "dance" at Community House.

Saturday, Apr. 4— Young People's dance at the Community House.

Sunday, Apr. 5— Presbyterian Church cantata, 7:30 p. m. "The Greatest Love." 4:30 Methodist Church cantata "Overt to Calvary."

Tuesday, Apr. 7— Smoker at Community House for all Birmingham merchants. **Thursday, Apr. 9—** Pleasant Ridge Community Club dancing party at the Birmingham Community House. Adams Junior High School operates "The House That Jack Built."

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proud to have been a part of this growth and to have contributed toward it. In every community there should be a drug store whose personal service reflects the honest and sincere desire of its owner to give his best as a business man, with the welfare of the customer predominant at all times. We like to think we are that drug store. We hope you will visit us on April 1st to help us celebrate our anniversary. Our appreciation of your patronage and friendship is sincere and we would like this opportunity to voice our gratitude.

Wednesday Is Open-House Day - - Visit Us



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The Shain Store Has Been An Integral Part of Birmingham's History

There are not so many, probably, who know the Birmingham of twenty-five years ago, nor the Shain Store of that time. Here, on the Shain site, was born the first bank of the village, one of the first post-offices, the first telephone service, the first newspaper and one of the first "soda fountains."

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