

# Fraternal, Clubs, and Personal News-Notes

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## Friendship Luncheon Is Open To Public

A Friendship luncheon given by the Women's Society of the Methodist Church next Wednesday in the church parlors, at 1 p. m., is open to all those who are interested. Miss Pauline McClaugh of Pontiac will sing two groups of songs, and Mrs. E. T. Reynolds of Detroit has been secured as speaker for the occasion. Reservations may be made at the church office, phone 1425, not later than Tuesday noon. Hostesses for the occasion will be members of Mrs. George U. Jones' group of the Women's Society.

April activities of the group led Mrs. Jones will include a bake plan for Apr. 4, the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Bailey on Apr. 15, a special study tea planned for Apr. 22 and a musical affair on Apr. 29. Mrs. W. G. Blumberg heads the press committee.

## Addresses Students

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of the Birmingham schools, spent Wednesday at Michigan State Normal in Ypsilanti where he visited the training classes with Professor M. S. Pittman, director of the training school at the college. Later, at 4 p. m., Mr. Vliet addressed the Student Teacher Assembly composed of seminary students on "The Executive Side of Modern School Systems."

In a few weeks Prof. Pittman will speak in Birmingham as a return favor to Mr. Vliet, visiting the schools here because of the splendid reputation the Birmingham schools have throughout the state.

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## Forum Discusses Influence Of Gold In World Affairs

Seventy persons imbued with enthusiasm for the idea of a Birmingham Forum and eager for the occasion will be members of Mrs. Gray and Mrs. William Hazard Knowles as assistants.

W. J. Norton of Pleasant Ridge was appointed chairman of arrangements for next fall's sessions, with Mrs. Hugh H. Wollman, Thomas Parker, Harold S. Gray and Mrs. William Hazard Knowles as assistants.

Informal discussions were held in the Community House auditorium, while the pot-luck dinner was being enjoyed, preceded the business sessions. Arrangements for next year's activities, and Mrs. Charles J. Shain's talk on "Gold and Its Influence on World Affairs."

Meetings for next year will be planned during the fall for the whole year, so that speakers can be secured well in advance for maximum seasons and that general assignments of subjects can be made to permit more study and research work. Besides, according to Mrs. Shain, stated evening can then conveniently be arranged for the subjects to give an airing for all the sides concerned, providing a genuine forum.

"Civilization is marked by the progress of money," stated Mrs. Shain in her address of the evening. "It is impossible to say to what extent wholesale price levels have been affected by restricted credit in the process of re-distribution of gold supplies."

"Given a certain ratio of gold, and a certain ratio of industrial expansion," said Mrs. Shain, "the residue must expand if price levels are to remain constant. Falling prices are an incentive to gold production, and at the same time falling prices add to the real cost of acquiring gold by exchange, and therefore check consumption."

"A tie-up between money and prices is assumed because of coincidental factors. It is a case for stabilizing prices, not that they impede progress, but that the situation should not be complicated further by the currency situation; there are enough other disturbing factors."

The scientifically maximum degree of stabilization can be attained only by abandonment of the gold standard, said the speaker.

Technical discussions of economic progress were outlined on the gold question, including Raymond Leslie Hull; John Maynard Keynes, Fellow of King's College, Cambridge; Henry Clay, British economist; Theodore E. B. H. L. Loyd of the British Marketing Board; Joseph Kitchin, former professor of Economics, History of Harvard University; Paul Knig, a Frenchman of the League of Nations; International Institute; and various representatives of the National City Bank, London Standard, League of Nations' Gold Committee, and other authoritative sources, were quoted.

"If we keep on insisting on policies requiring constant balance of trade, we are bound to be settled in gold," said Mrs. Shain. "When we disturb the world equilibrium to everyone's injury."

## Business Men Schedule Smoker

A general get-together smoker for all merchants of the village will be held in the Community House from Tuesday night, Apr. 7, to work an organization that will be organized to combat suburban business interests, and to discuss general business problems that arise in the process of serving Birmingham with the necessities and luxuries of life.

## Honor Mrs. Carson With Dinner, Friday

Village and township employees will give a dinner tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at the Coffee Cup, for Mrs. Myrtle E. Carson, retiring officer of the Legion Auxiliary.

## 'Enforcement' Group Meets Wednesday

"Youth Problems" will be the general discussion subject for next Wednesday's meeting of an "Enforcement" group in Birmingham, centering initially around the W. C. T. U. organization.

## Men's Club Meets

The first get-together of the newly organized Men's Club of the Methodist Church will be held Apr. 11 in the church annex, with George Steelman, president of the club, heading the committees in charge of entertainment details.

## Presbyterian Guild Meets

Madeline G. Puritan avenue is chairman of hostesses for next Wednesday's meeting of the Women's Guild of the first Presbyterian church, Mrs. M. A. Tyson will be in charge of the afternoon tea.

## Grades Give Operetta

"Twilight Alley," an operetta in two acts, will be given tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock by the fifth and sixth grades of Quanton school, with parents and other interested in the student body.

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## Poppy Contest Closes Apr. 15

Posters in the Poppy Contest competition, to which Barnum and Adams school students are contributing, together with a few of the Baldwin high school artists, will be exhibited from Apr. 15 for judging by a committee of local art critics chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary.

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