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Rev. L. Carl Jackson, formerly of St. Louis, Mo., and now spending a few months in Detroit, will preach at the morning service next Sunday in the First Baptist Church. Mr. Jackson was at one time associated with the First Baptist Church of Detroit.

A musicale program by the choir, under the direction of Frederick A. Prothero, will be given at the evening service.

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40 BOY SCOUTS WILL BE CITED

Members Of Four Troops Slated For Honor Court Awards

A total of 40 Boy Scouts, representing four Birmingham troops, will make their appearance for advancement awards and merit badges at the annual winter Court of Honor to be held at 8 P. M. Friday in the Community House. Troop B-4, with 11 of its members slated to receive 41 awards, has the largest representation scheduled for citation.

As a means of increasing the impressiveness of the event, it is the plan of the Court of Honor Committee to have the program, conducted entirely by the scouts themselves. The program will open with a novel ceremony to be presented by Troop B-2, to be followed by group singing led by Bill Gail and a short investitute ceremony for the new tenderfoot scouts.

Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, assistant rector of Christ Church Cranbrook, will speak briefly on advancement, after which Troops B-1 and B-4 will each stage a short skit.

Music will be furnished by a brass quartet of scouts. Following is a complete list of awards to be granted:

First Class Badges

Arthur Gibson, Fred Gibson, Jack Montgomery and Melvin Morehouse, Troop B-3; Andrew Watson, Troop B-4; Delbert Harris and James Hancock, Troop B-5.

Second Class Badges

David Wallace and Neville Foss, Troop B-2; Ralph Hoofnagle, Billy Martindale and William Loud, Troop B-3; Arthur Foley, Troop B-4; Jack Haldane, Troop B-5.

Merit Badges

Troop B-2—Franklyn Phillips, woodwork, firemanship, first aid, personal health, scholarship, automobiling, pioneering, swimming, athletics, public health, pathfinding, reading; Dean Smith, metal work, firemanship; Francis Allen scholarship, firemanship, pathfinding; William H. Hossick, cycling, scholarship, firemanship; Bruce Pettypiece, pioneering; Bennett Root, automobiling; Charles Fletcher, cycling; Bud McCormick, firemanship.

Troop B-3—Robert Peebles, woodwork, farm home and planning; John Wilson, firemanship, pioneering, stamp collecting, civics, scholarship; Arthur Gibson, horsemanship woodwork, handicraft, bookbinding, firemanship; Frederick Gibson, bookbinding, woodwork, horsemanship, handicraft, swimming; Jack Reynolds, scholarship; Jack Montgomery, swimming; Eugene Merz, basketry; Robert Grimmelsman, woodwork; George Wellman, woodwork, firemanship, pioneering; Melvin Morehouse, swimming, reading, leathercraft, woodwork; Thomas R. Navin, Jr., hiking, gardening.

Troop B-4—Robert Mack, firemanship, first aid; Andrew Watson, firemanship, personal health, handicraft; John Neerken, firemanship, chemistry, scholarship, farm home and planning, farm records, farm layout, soil management, fruit culture, beef production, sheep farming, hog and pork production; John Barby, hog and pork production, angling, soil management, beef production; farm home, civics, first aid to animals, farm records; Winston Cox, first aid, woodwork, firemanship; Charles M. Boynton, hog and pork production, soil management, firemanship, scholarship, civics, first aid to animals, farm records, beef production, farm home; Baird Thomas, scholarship; Walter Forbes, first aid; Walter Randall, scholarship.

Troop B-5—Dick Allman, handicraft; Dick Kimbrough, farm home and planning, leathercraft, animal industry, architecture, handicraft, beef production, firemanship, first aid, sheep farming, photography, bookbinding, reading, farm records, hog and pork production, carpentry, soil management, stamp collection, fruit culture, aviation, farm layout.

Star Awards

Franklyn Phillips, Troop B-2; Dick Kimbrough, Troop B-5.

Life Award

Franklyn Phillips, Troop B-2.

Eagle Palm Award

Robert Peebles (bronze palm), Troop B-3.

89-Vote Margin Returns Him To Coroner's Office

By a margin of 89 votes, G. Dewey Kinsel, Birmingham funeral director, stood re-elected today as one of Oakland County's two coroners.

Dewitt C. Davis, Democratic candidate for the office, who had filed for a recount, withdrew his petition with the votes in one Farmington precinct still to be recounted, and after it had become evident that the returns there could not change the result.

Library Circulation Passes 1931 Total

More books have already been circulated from Baldwin Public Library for 1932 than were circulated for the entire 12 months of 1931, according to the November report of Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, librarian.

A total of 10,686 books were issued from the Library during November, the report shows, bringing the total for the year to 105,373, or 1,485 more than were circulated during all of 1931. The circulation for November, 1932 was 390 books greater than that of the corresponding month last year. It included 8,609 books issued from the central library, 787 at Adams School, 681 at Pierce School and 609 at Quarton School.

Eighty-seven new registrations during the month brought the total registration to 5,252, or approximately 85 per cent of the entire population of the village.

Donations of books were received from S. V. Norton, the Monday Reading Club and the family of the late Mrs. Alvie Currin.

Sounds Need For Chivalry Of Old

As the guest of Rotarian Charles James, Rev. Ralph Crissman, pastor of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church, spoke to Birmingham Rotarians here Monday afternoon, taking as his subject, "Four Service Essentials."

"Friendship of an unselfish kind, if expanded, extends into the greater circle of brotherhood," stated Mr. Crissman. "These two attributes, erected upon the solid foundation of faith that is based upon a trust in God and Jesus Christ, must then find expression in service to our fellow-man. The world today craves the old-fashioned chivalry of service and self-sacrifice."

The speaker emphasized the need for the elimination of the word "depression," and suggested that in its place we use the more cheerful word "re-adjustment." He pointed out his belief that the only thing that will cure our world of its troubles is an understanding and application of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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By SCHUYLER L. MARSHALL
Editor and publisher, Clinton County Republican-News and president of the University Press Club.

IT DOESN'T PAY IN COLLEGE

Friday afternoon, Nov. 25, the Board of Agriculture, governing body of Michigan State College did some plain and fancy firing. They fired Dr. Frank Kedzie, one time president of the college and connected with it for over 50 years. They fired Dean Joseph F. Cox. They fired faithful Jimmy Hasselman, head of the publications department. These men were fired because they talked too much. They had not tried to sell the college a horse for twice its worth. They were not charged with graft. Nothing was said about lack of ability to discharge their respective duties. They DID talk about some things they believed were wrong, and for their pains they were labelled troublemakers and disloyal to the college.

HOW AN INVESTIGATION WORKS OUT

Several publishers, the writer among others, were extended the courtesy of hearing the report of the special investigator, Joseph Baldwin from the attorney general's department. This report emphasized that Dean Cox and Mr. Hasselman had TALKED TOO MUCH. The things they had talked about were NOT emphasized. In fact, we thought in some cases, there was a distinct disposition to dodge the indiscretions of others. The school of music was costing $47,901 a year. It used to cost $12,000 a year. The $5,000-a-year head of the school of music was making $9,000 a year through extra fees. One official of the college had engaged the state police to trace another official. This, the investigator carefully explained, was foolish, perhaps a bit vicious and surely unbecoming but it was NOT CRIMINAL. Therefore, according to the reasoning, Dean Cox and Mr. Hasselman should NOT TALK ABOUT IT. There was the matter of an official of the college trying to sell a horse to the college for more than it was worth. That was underhanded and sneaking but not actually an act punishable by law—therefore the men who talked about it were fired and the man responsible for it was kept on the payroll.

WE WANTED TO SAVE HESSELMAN'S SCALP

For many years the weekly publishers through the Michigan Press Association have held their annual meetings at State College. Mr. Hasselman, head of the publications department, has been the contact man. His publicity work has been satisfactory to the newspapers and valuable to the college. Michigan weekly newspapers (there are over 300 of them) have generally been loyal to this institution which they felt had valuable information for the farmers of the state. It was through Mr. Hasselman's efforts covering 17 years of service at East Lansing that this relationship was built up. They felt that he was very valuable and an institution. The group present last week wanted him retained. They wanted the board to hold a public hearing, giving Hasselman and others an opportunity to defend themselves. This was refused instead the board fired them, and did not discharge others who seemed equally indiscreet.

WAR AND RUMORS OF WAR

Dating away back to President Friday's administration, later Hartsfield's and breaking out again two years ago when the unusual development of a music school came into the picture, Michigan State campus has been more or less torn by rumors and gossip. This institution consumes a sizable portion of the Michigan taxpayer's dollar. There has long been a well established suspicion on the part of many taxpayers that some of the things introduced and paraded under the banner of higher education are extravagant. Because it was education and because it should not be influenced by politics, people generally and newspapers have been reluctant to treat it as they might other institutions. The welfare of students is the first consideration. But when outbreaks like the present one occur, it begins to look as if the glare of publicity should be turned on the whole affair. Perhaps a series of articles similar to the one written by Editor Vernon J. Brown last spring would be healthy. After all, the college belongs to the people of the state and the students are largely Michigan boys and girls. We can see nothing but good that would come from people knowing that a music teacher draws $9,000 a year and a football coach well over $10,000 a year, and other details that would be enlightening.

POWER RETURNED TO PRESIDENT

Over 20 years ago a statute was passed by the Michigan Legislature which placed the business administration of the college in the hands of the secretary. The was a mistake. Michigan State presidents have found themselves rather helpless in times past. In the public mind, at least, they were held responsible for the policies of the institution, while as a matter of fact the secretary had more financial power than did the so-called head. President Shaw was temporarily granted this power and Secretary Halliday asked by the board to relinquish it. The incoming Legislature will be asked to make the necessary correction in the laws. This is as it should be. Place the power and responsibility in one place, and demand results. According to our light this was the best thing the board accomplished.

PLUMSTEAD HEADS F. AND A. M. LODGE

Chosen Worshipful Master At 89th Annual Communication Thursday

Donald K. Plumstead, 348 George street, will be installed as worshipful master of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. and A. M., at public ceremonies to be held in Masonic Temple here Thursday, Dec. 15.

He was elected to the office at the 89th annual communication of the lodge last Thursday, succeeding Frank C. Deer. Other officers chosen, who will also be installed Dec. 15, included the following:

Wylie Groves, senior warden; Melbourne Roberts, junior warden; Robert K. McClellan, treasurer; O. B. Harper, secretary; Mark Smith, senior deacon; James Baynes, junior deacon, and Ellsworth Plumstead, tyler.

George B. Dolliver of Battle Creek, newspaper editor and a past grand master of Masons in Michigan, will serve as grand installing officer. He will be assisted by the following past masters of the Birmingham Lodge:

Clyde Wood, who will act as grand marshal; Harris Lamb, grand secretary, and Harold H. Corson, grand chaplain. Short talks and a program of entertainment will follow the installation.

Members of the lodge will be guests Friday night at a banquet to be given in Pontiac Lodge No. 6, to be given in Pontiac by Pontiac Lodge No. 21, F. and A. M. The banquet will be followed by the conferring of the third degree by the St. Andrews Society of Detroit.

HILLS WOULD CUT COSTS OF LIGHTING

The Bloomfield Hills City Commission Tuesday night authorized its treasurer, Robert C. Hargreaves, to confer with officials of the Detroit Edison Company over the possibility of reducing the city's street lighting bill from $478.50 a month to approximately $320. Results of a survey of the city's roads to ascertain the traffic danger involved in further reductions will be presented to the Commission before the reductions are approved.

The Edison Company previously volunteered one reduction in Bloomfield Hills' lighting system, which was accepted by the Commission last spring.

CHARTER COMMISSION DISCUSSES TAXATION

A prolonged discussion of taxation and financial matters prevented the Birmingham city charter commission from continuing its consideration of the proposed justice court at its last meeting Thursday night, as had been expected. The next meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, Dec. 15.

A straw vote showed that a majority of the members were opposed to including in the new charter a provision which would make it possible for the city to seize personal property from residents whose taxes are delinquent.

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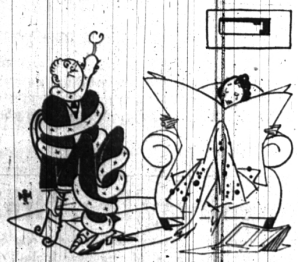

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