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CAR UPSETS, 2 BOYS HURT

4 Other Local Youths Are Uninjured in Crash Near Jackson

Two Birmingham boys are slowly recovering in Frodo Hospital, Jackson, today, from severe injuries received when an automobile in which they were riding left the pavement and overturned on the highway near Clear Lake late Sunday night.

Clark Matthews, 16 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, 251 Brown street, the driver, was the most seriously hurt. He suffered possible internal injuries. Harry Collins, Jr., 17 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry V. Collins, 248 Pilgrim road, received a fractured breast bone.

Four other Birmingham boys who were riding in the car were unhurt. They were Richard Coons, 18 years old, 407 Greenwood street; Eldridge Drury, 16, 827 Pilgrim road; Frank Smith, 406 Pierce street; and Luke Lucas, 18, of 612 Frank street.

The boys were spending the week-end at a cottage on Clear Lake, and were returning from Jackson to the cottage after attending a theater when the accident occurred. They were within two miles of the lake when the car overturned.

Matthews said the machine left the pavement when he turned out too sharply to avoid a large pool of water in the middle of the highway.

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would be necessary to have some good, straight, inside advice, would not."

Mr. Palmer admitted that he would. "By questioning a change in school administration this year, when further reductions in operating expenses may have to be made," Mr. Shain said, "I am not questioning the integrity or sincerity of the members of the Board of Education, but only their possible inexperience."

He emphasized the fact that three of the present Board members—Mr. Potter, Mr. McKinney and Mr. Martz—have had less local school affairs experience in local school affairs.

Cites School Efficiency
Mr. Clark next took the floor in defense of the present school administration. "I have never heard of any discontent or lack of sincerity on the

part of officials in the operation of school affairs," he declared. He cited the records made by Birmingham graduates in colleges and universities, and asserted that new comers to the city would find no exception declared the Birmingham schools to be superior to those of the communities where they formerly lived.

"This has rather impressed me that the Board is a bit hasty in making such a change," he said, and questioned the action by declaring he had never heard any adequate reason for it.

H. D. Roe, 1568 Yorkshire road, said Mr. Clark's statements by declaring he believed "the work of our schools is far above the average of that throughout the state in general."

He pleaded that politics be left entirely out of the issue. "From rumors I have heard," he said, "it has been impressed on my mind that this (politics) has been the case, and I don't see why we should beat around the bush about it. Let's come out and admit it. This is a public, not a private school."

Mr. Martindale, asserting that he had never heard that Mr. Vliet was derelict in his duties nor behind the times in his educational program, stated that it appeared to him it might be well to hear some of the reasons why the superintendent is being considered for dismissal.

"It would certainly be a handicap on the community, an all of it if this should happen at this time," he added, and turned to Mr. Palmer for a direct answer to his question.

"I don't think that under the conditions I should make any attempt to answer that question," Mr. Palmer replied. "If some of the other members care to answer, that is all right. None of the others arose, however, and Mr. Palmer asked that the discussion be confined to the financial aspects of the question."

The suggestion that the query be posed to the School Board at next meeting came from Ingwald Wangberg, 1011 Pierce street, who also took occasion to defend Mr. Vliet in much the same sentiment to which he subscribes in a letter appearing in the People's Column in this edition of The Eccentric.

The proposal that the School Board be confronted at its own meeting met instant favor. "I believe the members would be duty bound to give an answer to the question at the next Board meeting," Mr. Shain commented.

Mr. Martindale then went forward with the statement that he had not expected Mr. Palmer to raise his question at that time, and that he had asked it only to impress on the minds of members of the Board that the question was uppermost in many persons' thoughts.

Defends Martz

After Mr. Boutwell had outlined his conception of the political picture bearing on the matter, Frank J. Ortmann, 652 Bloomfield court, rose in sharp defense of Mr. Martz against any attempts to influence his opinion as a School Board member.

"I believe that Mr. Martz is fully competent to reach a decision after careful study and consideration," he said, "and I don't believe it is quite fair to get up in this meeting and ask Mr. Martz to give his reasons for making what decision he did or to get him to change his mind."

Mr. Shain here declared that he regretted personalities had entered into the discussion, and repeated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider School Board affairs principally from a financial angle.

"What I've tried to point out is that we face a very serious financial problem," he said. "Tax collections last year came to only about 50 percent of the total, and it is not likely that conditions will improve very soon."

"I've known this man Vliet for a long time, but I'm not going to make this a personal matter," he continued. "It's purely an affair of hard-boiled economics with me. I don't believe the members of the Board have had enough experience in affairs of government to give them the right to play fast and loose with the taxpayers' money to that extent."

Maintaining that his remarks were not intended as any reflection on their sincerity or characters, he repeated that three members of the board "have served less than a year and know little about it," and declared they themselves would resent anyone "playing horse with something they know nothing about."

"My plea to the School Board is to let them allow us to try to show them that it would be more advantageous for everyone concerned not to make a change this year," he said. He referred to his own experience as a former School Board member and village commissioner as giving him at least partial justification for criticizing decisions of the present Board.

Another Vliet defender who spoke was William A. Daley, 687 Vinewood road, who cited the superintendent's opposition to the construction of Barrum School swimming pool as proof that he is not extravagant.

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term. Jay Chatfield of Troy, William Majoribanks of Birmingham and William Reading of Troy have applied for petitions for the two-year vacancy, but the four-year term is still without a candidate.

7 For Contestable
Seven men are in the field for the four-year term as contestable. They are Edward Vanities, William J. Renshaw, Anthony Williams, George Baldwin, Chaskey Newton, H. E. Pearson and W. L. Poole.

The Troy election is scheduled for Monday, Mar. 7, when the polls will be open from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. The deadline for filing nominating petitions is Feb. 16.

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fare of the middle class for the welfare of the working class. "Do away with liquor once and for all! Here is a law with every word of it for the benefit of the nation. If the Government must go into business, let it be something that will uplift mankind instead of the liquor traffic."

Mr. Leverage Subsidizing
Mr. Lewis retorted by announcing that the Government is and is not in the "liquor business," and cited the financial support given through the Farm Bureau to grape growers of California for the production of "22 percent tonic wine" as evidence.

You can count on the fingers of one hand the United States Senators and Congressmen who are dry," declared Mr. Lewis, who produced a speak-easy map of the city of Washington, D. C.

The audience again voiced its protest with cries of "I don't believe it." "You've been right there all the time, haven't you?" "How many of you do you ask?"

In rebuttal, Mr. Nelson admitted the "most conditions in Washington by saying that politicians considered themselves 'privileged' characters."

A sub-battle between Edward L. Bryant, attorney, and Mr. Nelson on the alleged weakness of the Wayne County Bench followed, with Mr. Lewis offering occasional statistics regarding the consumption of malt in the county and the increasing wealth of the bootlegger.

Courts Site Argument
"As I said before," Mr. Nelson declared, "politicians consider themselves 'privileged' characters. I admit that men who are on the bench are wet in principle and practice, but I maintain that no man has the right to take the oath of office who does not intend to observe the law regarding prohibition."

Others who took part in the discussion from the floor were Mrs. Joseph L. Huston of Pierce street, John McCall of Park street, and J. N. Hadjisky of Bates street, who asked Mr. Lewis to state his platform.

Crusaders' Program
Mr. Lewis responded by giving as the program of the Crusaders the regulation of liquor traffic by "bringing it into the open, to put the blind pig operator out of business, to keep liquor away from school children, and put the revenue in legitimate channels."

"But you can't accomplish this until you have repealed the law," suggested Mr. Hadjisky.

Discussion was at its height when interrupted by Mr. Gray because of the lateness of the hour.

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ation in all its phases and to point out the benefits it offers to the youth of the community and to the nation. Among the interesting awards to be made at the Court of Honor will be the "Outstanding Scout Award," presented annually by The Birmingham Eccentric to the scout who is adjudged to have done the most for the advancement of the movement during the past year; the advance trophy, presented to the troop which has demonstrated the greatest progress; a pennant to the patrol with the most individual advancements among its members, and a banquet to the troop with the most parents present at the banquet.

Begin At 6:30
The banquet will begin promptly at 6:30 P. M. The first 300 persons to arrive will be seated in the main auditorium, while all others, available at Shain's, will be seated in side rooms. A few tickets were still on hand. Those who do not care to attend the banquet, but who are interested in the speeches and awards, will also be welcome.

Following is the list of winners of the higher awards to be conferred at the Court of Honor:

Star Awards—Frederick Boynton, Charles Lawler, Jr., Peter Schaefer, Richard Gibson, Eugene W. Merz, John Wilson, John Neerke, Jr., John Bagby, Charles Boynton, Frederick Ball, Walter Randall.

Life Awards—Robert D. Gibbons, Ralph DuBois, Rub Camp, Don Ellenwood, Walter Jensen, William Gail, Randall, Kidder, William Cruickshank, Harry Stark, Jr., Eagle Awards—Don Ellenwood, William Cruickshank, Clinton K. Kidder, Harry S. Stark, Jr., Robert S. Peebles, Thomas R. Navin, Jr., Donald C. Mann.

Eagle Palm Awards—G. W. Updegraff (silver), William W. Daley (bronze), David Burgess (gold), John E. Mills (bronze), Guy Laughlin, Jr. (bronze), Campbell Brigham (bronze).

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B. Brown, and Fred Woodruff, appointed by the board to fill the unexpired term of the late Charles A. Ringham.

The board will elect its own officers following the meeting.

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for one year, the agreement is that it will be renewed for at least two more years if sufficient interest is displayed. Seminars for Singles and doubles will be played in both divisions. Entries will close May 29, and arrange-

ments will be made at the school to provide living quarters for at least part of the contestants during the tournament.

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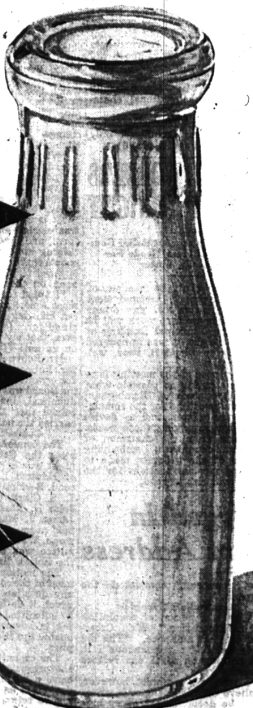
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