

CLOSE SCORES MARK OPENERS

Stroup's, Miffits, Bergman's Win First Y. M. C. A. League Games

Stroup's Market, Miffits and Bergman Drug teams got off to a winning start in the opening games of the Y. M. C. A. basketball league season on its 16th annual school court Wednesday night of last week.

In three tilts which gave early promise that the battle for the championship this year will be a close one, Stroup's shaded the Birmingham Athletic Club quintet, 16 to 14; the Miffits defeated Holy Name, 21 to 11, and the Bergman five nosed out the Lakelays, 20 to 19.

Because of the holidays, the second round of games will not be played until Jan. 10. It has been announced by Robert D. Lynd, director of the league.

The Stroup outfit was never headed in its tussle with the B. A. C. for the title. In the first half, it was able to coast through the last two periods, although some accurate shooting by

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Robert D. Lynd, secretary, Birmingham Y. M. C. A.: "I have noticed that boys and girls who belong to fraternities and societies at Baldwin High School seem to dominate school functions, and that the other students feel they are 'out of it.' It is too bad such a situation exists."

Hart Ladd, who scored seven points for the B. A. C. in the last half, nearly left the market men on the short end of the count.

The Miffits had little trouble in disposing of the Holy Name five. With Hallock, Bell, Symann and Latham all figuring prominently in the scoring, they were never in danger at any point.

The Bergman Drug players were forced to come from the rear to take their game from the Lakelays. Trailing at half time, 10 to 13, the druggists put on steam in the last two periods to gain a thrilling one-point decision. Streb, playing left forward for the losers, set fine field goals for high scoring honors.

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NORMAL CHOIR SCORES AGAIN

Big Audience Hears Ypsilanti Singers in Second Christmas Festival

By FREDERICK A. PROTHERO
Again, Frederick Alexander and his joyous singers from Ypsilanti have come and gone, leaving upon Birmingham their Christmas benediction. They sang their second annual Christmas Festival program before a packed audience at the First Baptist Church, Friday night, under the sponsorship of the Thursday Musical, and the reception given them left little doubt that their visits here must continue to be yearly affairs.

From the quaint writing of the centuries old "Ave Verum Corpus" to the modern harmonies of Dorothy James, the choir traversed various paths of choral writing and seemed equally adept at sounding the different depths of beauty in each.

Dr. Alexander interpreted with exquisite care the music and text, and leaves with his hearers a beautified reading of his words. In Shvedoff's "We Have no other Guide But Thee," one could actually feel the great depth and humility of the Russian religious life. This number set a high standard for the evening, and was one of the finest renditions this writer has ever heard.

The "Gospod Pomilui," always a welcome number from this organization, was also favorably received.

It would be difficult indeed to pick a favorite from among the group of carols which followed. All rendered most carefully and in detail and all were charming in their different ways. Robert Lascombe's splendid voice and good singing added so much to the enjoyment of "Cornelius" "The Three Kings" that the number had to be repeated at the end of the regular program.

Miss James' "Christmas Night," dedicated to Dr. Alexander, is a welcome addition to the repertory of the choir and demonstrates a fine sense of choral writing.

John Challis and his harpsichord provided a charming interlude to the program with numbers from early times in musical history. With ample technique and a keen understanding of the instrument, which he made himself, he gave performances of old classics that will be remembered as memories of a glorious concert.

Many of the listeners would have enjoyed another hearing of the Barbeck chorus "On Himalay" which was sung by the Madrigal Club and chorus. It is a beautiful piece from the pen of one of the foremost English composers and gave the choir opportunity to do some of its best singing of the evening.

The program closed with Rossini's "Glo" highly involved arrangement of a well loved Irish air, done so deftly that one was hardly aware of the excellence of the choir's work.

The year's concert showed an improvement in the bass section, both in quality and depth of tone, the tenors upheld their part splendidly, and the sopranos and altos were at their usual best. All of these singers bring to their work an enthusiasm and earnestness, which must be a joy to their director, and certainly an inspiration to their many Birmingham friends.

ROTARIANS FETE YOUNG CRIPPLES

35 Handicapped Children Are Guests At Club's Annual Christmas Party

Birmingham Rotarians held their annual Christmas party for crippled children Monday noon at the Century House. David H. Ladd played the role of Santa Claus to 23 handicapped boys and girls who were brought to the meeting by the Rotarians. Many of them live in remote and dis-art sect ons of Oakland County.

The Christmas party tradition was started here four years ago by Harry E. Bissett, and has been carried on each year since. A Christmas tree, gaily decorated, with presents for each child, was placed at one end of the room. Ralph I. Coryell, as chairman of the club's committee on crippled children, aided by Rotarian Robert D. Lynd, was in charge of the program.

Victor Peek, song leader, sang several Christmas carols, and was followed by Hal Shearman, an ed Detroit young man who highly amused everyone with his presentation of a quartet of children's stories.

Miss Leola B. Jacques, who is chief field director and nurse for the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children, in behalf of the kiddies, thanked the club for its thoughtful-ness. Miss Blanche Breakey, city health nurse, and Miss Emma Christensen, school nurse, both of whom do much for crippled children, were also at the party.

CHILD'S STORY HOUR

A Christmas story hour for children will be held at Baldwin Public Library at 10:30 A. M. Saturday, in charge of Mrs. F. W. Niesendur, 208 Eriechla drive.

Mrs. Niesendur, who has entertained Birmingham children at story hours held by the library on numerous past occasions, was formerly a member of the children's book staff of the New York City Public Library.

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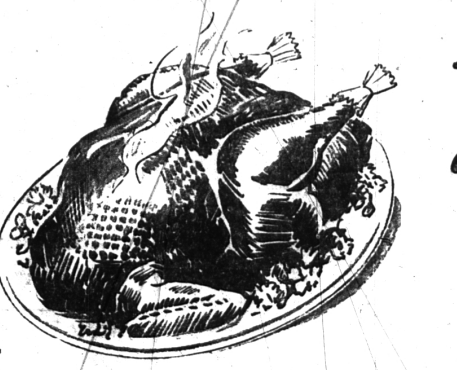
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