

CLUB AND PERSONAL NOTES

Social Briefs

Church Groups Hold All-Day Meetings To Sew

The divisions of the Women's Union of the First Presbyterian Church met Wednesday, Division No. 1, with Mrs. Harry Allen as leader, most of the day at the home of Mrs. Christopher Brown of Woodwood avenue at 10:30 A. M. for Red Cross sewing. Potluck luncheon was served at 12:45. Division No. 2, Mrs. Royce L. Bess, met at 1 P. M. with Mrs. H. P. Harris of Glenary road for luncheon and sewing.

Division No. 3, Mrs. F. B. Westcott, met for an all-day session of sewing with Mrs. Henry Berry of Payne street, Division No. 4, of which Mrs. F. H. Mellinger is leader, met at her home on Sheffield drive at 10 A. M. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Ralph Corvill.

Division No. 5, with Mrs. Byron Whitsett as leader, met at the home of Mrs. Seymour Adams of Adams road at 10:30 A. M. for Red Cross sewing. A luncheon and business session followed.

Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Chester street and their family celebrated New Year's Day with Mr. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Lulu Donahoe of Romeo.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. C. Murray of Hester street spent the days over the holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Fox Hills.

From A WOMAN'S ANGLE

(We offer this little travesty with due apologies)

About Ben Taxpayer (my favorite) I once wrote one night from a deep dream of peace, and saw within the street light in my room, making rich and like a lily in bloom, a figure writing in a book of what appeared to be gold.

"Exceeding serenity made our Ben bold, and to the presence in his room he said, 'Whowritest thou?'"

"Only trying to balance the budget," replied the vision, sharpening a pencil.

"How do you figure on doing that?" inquired Bennie, now wide awake and sitting up in bed.

"What," asked the vision raising its head, "do you possess that hasn't been taxed already?"

"My mother-in-law," Bennie replied. "I know that joke is a little thread-bare, but if you can think of anything else I possess that isn't taxed—well, you're telling me!"

"But," continued Bennie, rising from his couch of repose, as he sensed an opportunity to expound his favorite economic theory, "it has always been my contention that the Government is overlooking an important source of revenue in failing to tax conversation monopolies!"

"Now, why, I ask you, man—by the way, what are you, ghost or Democrat?"

"A President, merely a President," replied the Shining One.

"Oh, on second thought, it occurred to me you might have something to do with the gold standard," explained Bennie. "But to proceed, why, as I was about to say, should this Government permit conversation monopolies any more than it should sanction railroad monopolies, food monopolies, public utility monopolies?"

"I don't understand," interrupted the Presence.

"You would if you were all fed up on having the necessities of life taxed and, the—well, other things allowed to go Scott free."

"My idea is this, I don't know how it is in your world, but down here we have conversation monopolies who talk and talk and talk, taking up valuable time, without making any contribution to the

knowledge of the world or the enjoyment of society.

X, here is a golden opportunity for some bright young chap to invent conversation meters, similar to taxicab meters, only tabulating in minutes rather than miles.

"And this is where Uncle Sam comes in. Such monopolists could be, and certainly should be, allotted a definite period for conversation each day. For every minute in excess of that time, the monopolist would have to be taxed according to the over-time registered on his conversation meter."

"And when I think of all the people I know who would become eligible for this tax, it looks like a gold mine for Uncle Sam!"

"I know it sounds complicated, but do you get my idea, and what do you think about it?"

"Splendid," exclaimed the Presence with enthusiasm. "To show my approval, I shall make out a list of representative persons taxable under this classification." And the Presence vanished.

The next night it came again, with a great awakening light, to show the names selected as the best.

And lo! Our Bennie's name led all the rest!

CLUB NOTES

The Present Day Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Floyd Krause of Smith avenue. As a program for the evening, a discussion of books was conducted under the direction of Mrs. Theodore Kasarberg. Plans were formulated for the club's party which was recently postponed. A social hour followed.

The executive board of the Methodist Episcopal Church Women's Society met Wednesday at the church for a potluck luncheon and executive session.

The Philemon Club will hold its regular meeting, Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Edward McQuater of Chester street.

The Baptist Women's Union will convene Thursday, Jan. 12, at 1:30 P. M. at the church for an afternoon session only. The topic, "Missions," will be presented by eight or 10 children from the Baptist Children's Home on Greenfield and Thirteen Mile roads, under the direction of their matron, Mrs. Dora Ballard. Mrs. Earle Cunningham is president of this union.

Mrs. R. D. Hopkins of West Main avenue will hostess next Tuesday to the junior and senior groups of the Methodist Girls World Friendship Club. Mrs. John H. McCombe of Pleasant Ridge, secretary for the young people's work of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Detroit Conference, will give an inspirational talk on missions. Mrs. Everett Allen is leader of the senior group and Miss Marion Masters is president. Mrs. G. A. Ziegler is leader of the junior group with Miss Mary Jane McCurry, president.

Another trip through Cranbrook School will take place next Wednesday, weather permitting, under the direction of Union with Mrs. Mabel Reed in charge. Those desiring to go will meet at the church at 1 P. M. Men are invited and cars will be provided.

Luncheon will be served Thursday from 11 until 1 o'clock at the Methodist Church by Mrs. H. C. Murray's group of the Ladies Society.

The Ladies of the Lions Club will be entertained Friday afternoon at a dinner bridge at the home of Mrs. Leslie J. Benjamin of Brown street. The hostess will be assisted by Mrs. J. P. McConkie and Mrs. Emerson Bay.

The Men's Club of the Baptist Church will meet tonight for dinner at 6:30 o'clock at the church. Robert W. Yerkes of Northville will give a lecture illustrated with moving pictures.

At the regular meeting of the Pythian Sisters Lodge at the Pythian Hall Monday evening, the installation of officers will be held, with Mrs. George Daynes as installing officer.

The Birmingham Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet for a pot-luck luncheon Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Roy Bethards of Pierce street.

The League of St. James Woman met for luncheon at 1 P. M. Wednesday at the church parlor.

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Peace Delegate Will Attend Meeting of State Committee

The report of the state committee on Macpherson Sound Tables for Peace, which will be conveyed to the Conference on the Cause and Care of War in Washington by Mrs. Charles J. Shain, Jan. 17, will be drafted at a meeting of the committee in Detroit Friday.

Those attending the meeting from Birmingham will include Mrs. Shain, official delegate to the Conference; Mrs. Frank W. Hawley and Mrs. William E. Lowery.

Mrs. Shain will represent Michigan at the Conference which will outline a program for 1933, based on reports of 48 state committees. Mrs. Shain plans to leave for Washington Jan. 17.

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Dr. and Mrs. N. West Burkman of West Frank street had as their guests at New Year's dinner, Mrs. Winifred Burkman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee of St. Clair Shores, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McQuater, and Reynold Griffin.

Mrs. Eva Drumheller of Brown street has returned to Birmingham after spending the holidays with her parents at Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Hallock of Ann street and their daughter and son, Miss Dena and Clark, were guests on New Year's at a large family gathering at the home of Mr. Hallock's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Hallock of Summit street, Pontiac. Twenty-nine guests, representing five families of Hallocks at the gathering.

Mrs. H. J. Dewey of Park street entertained at luncheon last Tuesday with Mrs. Dorothy Townsend of Highland Park, her children,

Singer Will Return To Direct Concert

W. Petram Beer, for a number of years, director of music at the First Presbyterian Church here, will return with 20 members of the Eastminster Choir of Detroit, of which he is now director, to give a concert at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.

When in Birmingham Mr. Beer, with Emerson C. Brown, Walter L. Reynolds and Floyd A. Franklin, sang at numerous community affairs under the group name of "The Goodfellowship Male Quartet."

In addition to the choral number on the program for Sunday evening, vocal solos also will be given by Leonard Highfield, Detroit baritone.

Rev. W. Clarence Wright will preach briefly.

Wolfe, Bobby and George, and Mrs. Townsend's mother, Mrs. Ellen Freeman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kidder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Kidder of Brown street, returned from the University of Wisconsin to spend the holidays with her parents. She was accompanied by a guest, Howard Darbo, who is also a student at Wisconsin.

Mrs. Ellen Freeman arrived Tuesday from Detroit to stay for an indefinite period as the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Premise Mark Smith of Floral street.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller of Smith avenue, their children, and Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. Marian Lander, spent New Year's at the guests of Mr. Miller's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carl of Grosse Pointe.

Miss Freda Huggert of Henrietta street returned Tuesday after spending the holidays in Battle Creek with her parents.

Morgan Carter, home from Michigan State College over the

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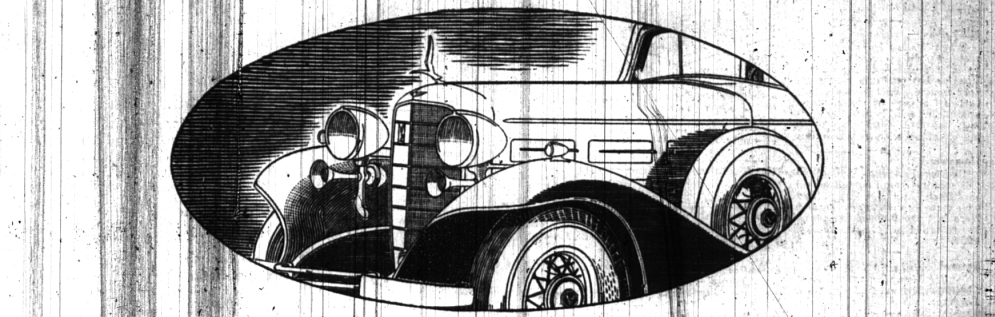
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