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THIRD GAIN SHOWN IN BOOK LENDING

Circulation 754 Over Year Ago At Baldwin Public Library

Reporting at the regular monthly meeting of the Library Board Monday evening, Miss Adeline Cook showed a gain of 754 in the November book circulation, as compared with November of last year. At present there are 4,235 persons registered to use books in the Baldwin Public Library, of which there are 14,524 to date.

This is the third consecutive month in which a circulation gain has been shown, Miss Cook said. The cards, both postal and envelope enclosure types, bearing the picture of Baldwin Public Library for which Marvin Hahn won first prize in the recent drawing contest, have been printed and are being used. They are done in brown on a buff card stock.

HOMECOMING AND DAD'S NIGHT SOON

Hassberger Chapter Of De Molay Will Hold Banquet On December 23

Hassberger Chapter, Order of DeMolay will hold its fourth annual Homecoming and Dad's Night banquet Monday evening, Dec. 23, at 6:30 p. m. at the Masonic Temple, Howard C. Baldwin, president of the Detroit Bar association will be the principal speaker. His topic is "The Lawyer and the Public." In addition, arrangements are being made to have Bill Hoggel of the Detroit Tigers on the program. Dr. Jack Hassberger is to serve as toastmaster.

Short talks by one of the fathers and one of the sons, and a program of entertainment described as "unusual and different" will complete the evening's entertainment. Every effort will be made to make this year's affair the most outstanding of any yet held.

A cordial invitation has been extended to all active and majority DeMolays and their Dads and Master Masons. Reservations must be made with Milton Freeman not later than Dec. 21.

IN CHRISTMAS CONCERT FRIDAY EVENING



The Ypsilanti College choir of 200 voices which will appear at the Baptist church in Birmingham, Friday, December 13, beginning at 8:20, is under the direction of Fred Alexander. It will be the choir's only appearance outside of Ypsilanti. The organization provided very popular with Birmingham audiences on its two previous concerts here.

CHURCH PRESENTS DRAMA AT SERVICE

"The House On The Sand" To Be Given At Presbyterian Church

A religious drama of unusual quality and power will be presented by an adult cast from the congregation of the First Presbyterian church as a part of the regular worship service next Sunday evening.

The drama, entitled, "The House On The Sand" was written by Elliott Felt for dramatic use of churches. The presentation throughout the United States has drawn large and appreciative audiences.

The local cast, which includes individuals with special dramatic training, has spent more than a month of intensive preparation for the presentation. Francis Dubois will interpret the part of Tom Reynolds; Maude Reynolds will be seen in the person of Mrs. Herbert G. Wood; Alice Reynolds as a child will be Warren Watts; as a young physician, Howard Coe; Phyllis Reynolds as a child will be personified by Margaret Plumsted and as an adult by Mrs. Franklin Whitney. William Cunningham Jr. will appear as Max Reynolds; Walter Elliott will interpret the character role of Dan Mulvaney; while Mrs. O. F. Achtenhagen will be Rose Mulvaney. Miss Margaret Ross will interpret another character part as Mag and Mrs. Charles A. Cole will appear as Mrs. Snuggles.

This religious drama which will be presented in one forty minute act has been under the general direction of Mrs. Whitney.

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9 O'Clock TOWN

I have sometimes wondered if there is any such thing as a Santa Claus . . . at different strategic points in my career I have had my doubts . . . for it's hard to believe in the Old Fellow when all the youngsters tell you there's still . . . nevertheless I'm sure there's such a person . . . or spirit perhaps . . . and no amount of youthful cynicism can discourage my faith when I'm feeling like I do now . . . for I've seen Santa Claus

... he came to see me in the persons of many different people . . . the Goodfellows who are determined that no little boy or girl in Birmingham shall go without a Merry Christmas this year . . . the roaring . . . but gentle . . . Lions who plan a grand party for the kids soon . . . the teachers who helped all their pupils to write letters to Santa Claus . . . the many big newspapers who carry stories of the good men do at this time of year . . . in partial payment for the harm they do the rest of the time . . . and I don't care if every little kid who wrote a letter to Santa with his tongue in his cheek . . . because he knows his parents would probably read the letters anyway . . . tells me confidentially that I must be nuts if I believe in a Santa Claus . . . I'll just answer . . . "I know there is a Santa Claus, because there are so many of him" . . . for seeing a funny little fellow in red flannel underwear trimmings with cotton stuff every time I turn around downtown doesn't destroy my belief . . . the more the better is especially true of St. Nicholas . . . for after all . . . one Santa Claus would have an impossible task if he did nothing but read letters all day . . . let alone answer one-fifth of the demands made upon his generosity . . . well of course there's always New Year's Day ahead . . . the day when we all get blotto in order to forget that it's the first of a month . . . when Santa Claus usually seeps us a good stiff bill for his services . . . but I can't bring myself to worry about New Year's Day yet . . . Christmas is coming and in spite of the claims of both political parties . . . that season is still more exciting than a presidential campaign . . . even though I look as though we'd have to put Santa Claus in the White House . . . some people would say . . . again.

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Emil Ludwig To Speak At Detroit

Emil Ludwig, internationally famous author, whose biographies of Napoleon, Goethe, Bismarck and Hindenburg have been translated into all modern languages and rated as best sellers in two hemispheres, will speak for the Detroit town hall at the Cass Theatre on Friday morning, December 13th at 11 o'clock. His subject will be "The Fate of Europe 1914-1940." Few are better equipped to discuss this question than Emil Ludwig who has been observing the European scene and its chief actors from the neutral territory of Switzerland ever since 1902. As a biographer, Ludwig's outstanding gift has been to combine historical accuracy with dramatic vividness, and Ludwig's speaker vividly personifies Ludwig the biographer, displaying factual accuracy and dramatic power. Tickets may be secured from the Town Hall Office, Room 749 Book-Cadillac Hotel, or at the Theatre the morning of the lecture.

MEN'S FORUM HAS BROADER PROGRAM

Re-organization This Fall With Committees To Lead In Work

The Men's Forum which for the past four years has met each Sunday morning under the sponsorship of the Methodist church, has reorganized this fall to offer a broader program supplementing the discussions which have been a feature of the meetings.

Two standing committees are now working, with Clarence P. Davey as chairman of the fellowship committee composed of chairmen from the attendance, membership, social, sickness and employment committees. The members are Henry Wagner, Luther Hasselquist, Clifford Harper and Dewey Kimball.

Harry Brelsford heads the program committee, consisting of Melvin C. Hart, John Martz, and Howard Ritter. Meetings since December 1 have been planned by the committee. On December 1 Mr. Brelsford gave a summary of the Federal Social Security Act. Last Sunday E. B. Root outlined the basic thought for a discussion on "Why I Attend Church."

The forum invites all men who enjoy the opportunity to share ideas on current topics with others to attend its meetings, which begin at 10 a. m. each Sunday and close promptly at 11, in the Community House.

The program next Sunday will be "What is the Objective of the Protestant Church?" The question will be placed before the meeting by Robert D. Lynd, for open discussion.

Obituary

CAROL ANN COOPER
Aged seven months, Carol Ann Cooper, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Cooper, 32640 Beaconsfield, died of pneumonia, their home December 5, of pneumonia. She was born April 24, 1935.

The body was taken from the Kimball Funeral Home in Birmingham Saturday, to the home, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jorgensen of Detroit. Burial was made in Acacia Park cemetery.

MARY CABOT GRIFFIN
Mrs. Mary Cabot Griffin died Tuesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. K. Latham, 128 Southfield road, with whom she had lived for the past 18 years. Funeral services will be held at the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. W. L. Forsyth officiating. Burial will be made in Woodmere cemetery.

Mrs. Griffin was born in Detroit February 20, 1847. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Latham and Mrs. J. V. Harris of Detroit; one son, W. W. Griffin of Detroit; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

MRS. J. B. PURVIS
Mrs. John B. Purvis, late wife of John B. Purvis, for ten years water works engineer for Birmingham, was buried yesterday morning in Mt. Elliott cemetery, Detroit, following her passing at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Detroit, last Sunday morning. She had been ill for several years. Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Church, Detroit. During her residence in Birmingham she lived on West Maple avenue where the old steam water works station was operated, and later on Martin street.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Irene, and a son, J. H. Purvis, all of Detroit.

MARK SMITH NEW MASONIC MASTER

Installation Of 1936 Officers To Be Held At Temple Wednesday

At an election held in the Masonic Temple Dec. 6, Mark Smith, 1039 Floyd, was named Worshipful Master of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. for 1936. Together with the other 1936 officers, he will be installed Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, at a ceremony in the Temple beginning at 8 p. m. The Past Master club of will do the installation and provide entertainment.

Following are the other elected officers: Senior Warden, James B. Baynes; Junior Warden, Ernest E. Morrow; Secretary, James Gordon; Treasurer, P. G. Burnett; Senior Deacon, See K. Bird; Junior Deacon, Fred Seaman; Tyler, Emil G. Olin.

PENCE WARNS AUTO BUYERS OF CROOKS

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Warning is being given by Prosecutor David C. Pence that his office from people purchasing new and used cars, who find that after purchase with all or part of the purchase price, the car is covered by an unpaid mortgage, which fact was not disclosed to them at the time of sale.

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