

Winter's spending its way toward spring. Soon Mother Earth will send forth new life to this portion of the land, and in our hearts new enthusiasm and new hope will spring, to sort of decorate this drab and colorless desolation of seasonal discouragement. Thanks be to perennial spring!

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BIRMINGHAM THEATRE

TODAY - FRI. - SAT.
"Flirtation Walk"

with
Dick Powell Ruby Keeler

Richard Arlen Ida Lupino
"Ready For Love"

SUN. - MON. - TUE. - WED.
Shirley Temple
"Bright Eyes"

With James Dunn
George Raft Jean Parker
"Limehouse Blues"

3 Days Beg. Next Thurs.
Stan Laurel Oliver Hardy
"Babes In Toyland"

Gene Raymond
"Behold My Wife"

Three Hurt As Car Rams Stalled Auto

Three persons were cut and bruised early Wednesday morning when an automobile crashed into the rear of a station wagon which had run out of gas and stalled on Woodward avenue near the Donovan estate in Bloomfield Hills. The car which ran out of gas was driven by Steve Connon, 767 Young street, Pontiac, who had got out and started walking toward a gas station, leaving Andrew Cronin, 870 Baldwin avenue, Pontiac, sitting in the car. Cronin was one of the three injured when the second car, driven by W. C. Wieringham, of Oshtemo, crashed into the rear of the stalled auto. Wieringham and his wife were also hurt. All three were removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, from which Cronin and Wieringham were discharged a short time later.

JURY PANEL DEBATE HELD BY ROTARIANS

Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon at the Community House held a jury panel discussion on the general topic of "What can my classification do to improve the value of our club?" Those participating in the affair were chairmen of various club committees including Harry Bissett, Joseph E. Stroup, Forties S. Hascall, Ralph J. Corbett, George R. Averill, Louis Hascall, Charles J. Shain, and George B. Boutwell. F. Moore, Cook, president, was in charge of the meeting. During the latter portion of the panel, members of the Rotarians who constituted the audience joined in the discussion. It was the first panel discussion ever held by local Rotarians and, according to President Cook, will be continued at frequent intervals in the future.

9 O'CLOCK TOWN

Byron McNellis, dapper West Maple avenue jeweler, has a manner born of experience. His swarthy complexion would lead you to believe him a misanthropic Egyptian, but he is not. He is a Canadian who came to America in 1915. He fought in the Western front and in Mesopotamia and was transferred from England to Egypt. He entered the Royal Flying Corps. Yes, he has played hockey when he was in Winnipeg. They played with seven men on a team in those days. He lost track of the game for a while, but the Detroit Red Wings revived his interest in the sport. We wonder what he thinks about now, when it is tinkering with someone's timepiece. Turn back the clock.

On one of our bitterest days, when the mercury was shrunk down in the bottom of the thermometer, we saw a young lady who was obviously out for a stroll. The kid, no doubt, was of Nordic extraction, for the sauntered along with neither coat nor hat, and had her collar opened in seeming contempt for the frigid winds of winter. We last saw her on Tooting lane. Maybe she's a "throwback."

"Dutch" Groves, another southerner who will probably never grow up, suffered an accident long ago when he slid down the fireman's pole in the Municipal Building. He was so scared that the boys were forced to polish the pole.

The brightest thing since New Year's is Tom Moore's shuffling orange jacket. The thing penetrates like a dozen Kleenex. On one corner, in modest submission, are the letters LCC. On questioning him, he informed us they stood for Liquor Control Commission. We know he received it while playing for a ball club in Lansing, and all that, but this seems little excuse for staring stupid citizens. Supposing he injured someone's retina.

Girl with the smilingest eyes—Miss Ann Minter.

Charles Latham, of Southfield avenue, resumed football play Thursday night at Quanton School, where the B. A. C. League games are held. He is just about tops for Baldwin high production, and regained a little of his old touch as he completed the gym floor. We could think of nothing but another "wild horse" of the night.

Friend of ours who detects publicity has a job which requires considerable getting around town. Sometimes he is fortunate enough to be able to use the family car, sometimes not. Last week he

PLAY IN CAGE LEAGUE OPENS

Birmingham Fruit, Sire's, Mulholland's Win B. A. C. Loop Openers

Teams representing the Birmingham Fruit Company, Sire Brothers, and Mulholland's were victorious on the Quanton School court last Thursday night when play opened in the Birmingham Athletic Club basketball league.

Tonight's games, also the play-off at Quanton, will bring together the Lions Club and Mulholland's, DeMolay and William's Boot Shop, and Sire Brothers and the Hill Billies. The Hill Billies, a team of Bloomfield Hills players, is a new entrant in the league, bringing the total number of teams to seven. This means that one of the seven will draw a bye each week. Birmingham Fruit has the bye tonight.

Last Thursday's games were featured by the Birmingham Fruit quinton's narrow victory over the DeMolays, 24 to 12. The Lions Club was no match for Sire Brothers, which put over a 30 to 18 win. Doug Berger leading the attack with five 12 goals.

Mulholland's defeated William's Boot Shop in the third game, 26 to 12. "Dutch" Hurl, Mulholland's guard, was high scorer with 10 points.

The box score follows:
Birmingham Fruit G F T
DeMolay 12 15 10
Rohrer, If 2 1 5
Ladd, c 0 1 1
Hick, rf 2 1 5
C. Lawler, rg 1 0 2
Collins, rg 0 0 0
G. Lawler, lg 0 0 0

Totals 8 2 19
DeMolay 12 15 10
Norton, rf 4 0 8
Strub, If 2 3 6
Walt, c 1 0 2
Merz, rg 1 0 2
McBride, lg 0 0 0

Totals 12 0 24
Referee, R. Schwarze; umpire, Spencer; timekeeper, Neff.

Lions Club G F T
Hudson, rf 3 0 6
Hailo, If 4 0 8
Bell, c 0 1 1
Engel, rg 0 2 2
Walt, c 1 0 2
Symons, lg 2 1 5
Crull, lg 0 0 0

Totals 7 4 18
Sire Brothers G F T
Hick, rf 1 0 2
Daley, If 3 0 6
Berger, c 5 0 10
Kimes, c 0 0 0
Bunyan, rg 2 1 5
Freeman, lg 0 4 1

Totals 14 2 30
Referee, R. Schwarze; umpire, Spencer; timekeeper, Neff.

William's Boot Shop G F T
R. Schwarze, rf 3 0 6
Brown, If 2 0 4
Jones, c 1 2 4
McBride, rg 0 0 0
Kitchen, lg 1 1 2
Barber, lg 0 0 0

Totals 7 4 18
Mulholland's G F T
Canever, rf 2 2 2
Hollins, If 1 0 2
Latham, c 1 1 3
Hogan, c 1 1 3
Hick, rg 0 1 2
Moore, lg 1 0 2

Totals 11 4 28
Referee, R. Schwarze; umpire, Spencer; timekeeper, Neff.

trapped all day through snow and sleet and arrived home a tired man. Imagine his amusement, then, when his mother asked him the whereabouts of the car and he recalled that he had driven it to work in the A. M. and that it was still parked outside his office. We guess he walked back and got it.

It may be necessary for us to dismiss little Red as a correspondent. To date he has brought us nothing but scandal, and seems to be rapidly developing into a tabloid. Yesterday, for instance, he "accused" a couple of six-year-old pals of his, "Scandio" and "Scandio," he told us, "and I want you to put that in the paper." Red will no doubt deny this, since, by omitting the names, we have misquoted him.

We loathe the ordinary "Sweet Adeline" singers but report comes to us that Dick Brown and Reynolds Griffin struck some fair harmony on a once notable dirty old tune. Everett's other night. They are both drummers as far as orchestral talents are concerned, but this night they just wanted to sing.

Bill Axler looks like Claude Rains, stage and screen guy.

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Purely Personal

Purely Personal is grateful this week for a letter from The Outraged Quartet, which passes on a lot of information about a lot of people, all of whom happen to be members of the Service League (except Turkey Neff and Howard Houseman—or are they?)

Anyhow, the letter goes on to say that Sire's own idea to buy groceries, that Jeanie Howard Guckelberg has pretty red cheeks, that Lucy Chamberlain has painted her bathroom navy blue and white, that Betty Lou Myers, knitting herself a nice green sweater, that Evelyn Salisbury, recently moved to Chicago, can hardly wait for The Centric each week, etc., etc., etc. Thanks, gals, and we shall expect to hear from you again.

G. A. Ziegler will lead the Methodist First Parish this Sunday, and the topic will be "The Church Program." Rhoda Starr Green, who is a candidate for Oakland County School Commissioner on the Republican ticket, and who is living now in Royal Oak, was superintendent of the Birmingham schools from 1911 to 1924. Dr. Ralph E. Hall has gone to Columbus, O., to take a special course in foot study.

Merritt C. Hill of Birmingham has a license to marry Georgia Douglas of Uta. Sidney Wells is about the fastest and the most interesting person he'll wear at the Scarab Club Ball on Feb. 8. Albert J. Jardine, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jardine, recently passed the state board examination for licensed embalmers and is practicing in Detroit.

Ernie Buttraw was welcomed into the Birmingham club Tuesday. Mrs. Harry Starr is this week's nominee for the title of one of the town's best-looking women. Phil Abbott was an interested spectator at the Commission meeting Monday night. S. meadow stole some groceries out of Helen Shepherd's car the other evening. Mrs. P. J. Pinner used to play football in college.

Essays Completed In FHA Competition

Public School, Holy Name Students Wrote Compositions On National Housing Program

Winners in the essay contest for students in the Birmingham public schools and Holy Name Parochial School, sponsored by the local Federal Housing Administration committee, will be announced next week, according to Ralph C. Moulthrop, secretary of the committee. The contests in all schools have been completed, and members of the committee will judge the essays within the next few days. In the public schools, essays were written by all students in the fourth through the eighth grades, while at Holy Name, students from the fourth through the eighth grades are competing.

The compositions will be judged by grades in the public schools, with students of the same grade in all schools competing against each other. At Holy Name, the essays of students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be judged together, and the essays of seventh and eighth grades will be judged together. Cash prizes of \$2.50 each will go to the home room of the author of the winning essay in each group, and the essays in each group will be published by The Centric.

The fifth and sixth grade students in all schools wrote on "What the FHA can do for my family," while seventh, eighth and ninth grade students wrote on "What the FHA can do for the community."

The local FHA committee projected the contest as part of its program of disseminating information about the National Housing Act, which enables private owners to repair and modernize their homes or business buildings with the aid of federal loans.

ROTARIANS TO SEE GOLDEN GLOVES MEET

More than 1,000 Rotarians from Michigan and Western Ontario, including members of the Birmingham Club, are planning to attend the annual mid-winter meeting sponsored by Royal Oak Rotarians, to be held at Northwood Inn next Thursday evening, Jan. 24.

Following the banquet and program at the inn, the Rotarians will go to Royal Oak High School where the second annual Golden Glove boxing tournament will be held. At the tournament, 600 seats will be available for the general public in addition to the accommodations for the Rotarians, according to A. B. Perry, a member of the committee in charge.

The Rev. Dr. M. S. Rice, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church of Detroit, will be the principal speaker at the banquet. Cotton gloves shipped from Germany to the United States last year weighed nearly 500 tons.

PROSECUTOR PLEDGED AID

County-Wide Law Enforcement Body To Be Organized In Oakland

Preliminary steps toward formation of a county-wide law enforcement organization, to include civilians as well as police officers in its membership, were taken at a meeting in Paul Weyer's Tavern, Royal Oak, Friday noon, attended by about 20 representatives of municipalities in the southern part of the county.

The gathering adopted a resolution commending the work of the United States Department of Justice in warring on major crime, and endorsing Attorney-General Harry S. Toy's projected program for state-wide law enforcement in Michigan.

The meeting had been called by Prosecutor David C. Pence, who appointed City Attorney William O. Fernalde of Ferndale, and Orph Holmes of Ferndale, and City Manager Ed Shaffer of Royal Oak as a committee to draw up by-laws for the proposed county law-enforcement organization. It was assumed that all those present at the meeting, as well as other police officers and municipal officials throughout the county would be members of the association.

Every municipality represented at the meeting pledged its support to Pence's announced intention of strict and uniform enforcement of the law. Sheriff Roy Reynolds offered to deputize every police officer in the county, thus enabling them to make arrests wherever they might be within the limits of Oakland.

Pence declared one of the most urgent problems at present is that offered by the presence in the county of a large number of gamblers. He said he intended to call a meeting of city attorneys within the next week in an attempt to reach a uniform agreement as to what constitutes a gambling device. Such an agreement, he said, would be necessary before a uniform policy of prosecution in such cases could be carried out. In any case, he said, he does not intend to interfere with the operation by clubs or organizations for charitable purposes.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Louis H. Schimmel, of the Michigan Municipal League: "It will be too bad for government if there is any more coddling of the taxpayer."

of keno games, punch-boards or other devices which might be construed as gambling devices if operated for private gain.

Birmingham was represented at the conference by Police Chief John P. Hackett, City Manager James W. Parry, and Justice Forbes S. Hascall. Others in attendance were:

City Manager William A. Edmonson, Ewart and Acting Police Chief Charles McMillan, Pontiac; Sheriff Reynolds and Chief Deputy John C. Marek, Mayor Theodore Degenhardt, Holmes, City Manager Irwin and Police Chief C. J. Barnett, Ferndale; Police Chief Clarence Carson, Orchard Lake; Police Chief L. P. Straub, Clawson; City Manager, A. J. Burt, Pleasant Ridge; Police Chief A. Reynolds and Shaffer, Royal Oak, Police Chief Frank Irons, Berkley, and Pence.

The group agreed to hold regular meetings about once every two months.

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