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Slosson To Speak At Dec. 31 Service

Patterned after the past New Year's Eve service, Christ Church (Frankford) December 31 service will begin at 10:30 P. M. Dr. Preston Slosson, prominent University of Michigan professor, will deliver an address on "The Significance of the Outstanding Events in the Year 1936."

From 11:20 P. M. until midnight there will be a meditation service with special music by the adult choir, including Tertons's, "Ring Out Wild Bells" (music by Gounod).

The new year will be rangin' by a carillon recital by the Belmester, William Hall Miner. Immediately following this service light refreshments will be served in the Guild Hall, affording an opportunity for New Year's greetings and good fellowship.

SPECIAL SHOW ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Local Theatre To Feature Program Beginning At 10 P. M.

New Year's Eve at the Birmingham Theatre a special late show has been arranged to start at 10 p. m. and last until 1:30 a. m. The program will feature a double bill consisting of "Tarzan Escapes," with the original Tarzan, Johnny Weissmuller, in the title role and a second feature with the latest Radio City screen sensation, double feature starring in "Let's Sing Again" Bobby Breen is the boy who has repeatedly won many admirers through his singing on Eddie Cantor's radio broadcasts. He has just finished another outstanding picture, "Rainbow on the River" which will be presented in Birmingham in the near future. Other special added subjects will be Little Jack Little and the first feature, "Sindbad the Sailor." This cartoon is done in fascinating natural color combinations, and is outstanding attraction by itself.

The schedule time of showing these attractions will be "Sing Again" at 10:15; "Little Jack Little" at 11:25; followed by "Sindbad the Sailor" at 11:45. The program will be a big whoopee celebration to welcome the New Year and then comes the showing of "Sindbad the Sailor," which will be on the screen at 12:05. This special late show will satisfy all those that desire to watch the Old Year out and the New Year in.

Presbyterian Party Is Planned Tonight

Intermediate Christian Endeavorers of the Presbyterian church will hold a Holiday Party at the home of W. J. Seligman, on Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

At 4:30 p. m. on Sunday this group will travel to Alaska piloted by Patricia Kennedy, Sheldon Olson will lead to guide the tour. Games of Alaska and Frost Bites climax the tour.

Seniors will be led at 6:30 p. m. by Russell Fisher in discussing the subject: "Turning the Dial." Sixty young people assembled for fellowship and discussion last Sunday in the Young People's Group led by Tom Navin. Those who do not return to College here next Sunday will be guests again at the 6:30 p. m. hour, which will be led by Virginia Yarson.

"UNFIT" LIVES 75 YEARS

Jameson, N. Y.—Rejected as unfit for service in the Civil War because of a weak heart, Elliott A. Fenton died on November 26, at the age of 95.

AUTHOR WRITES OF OLD DETROIT IN "LUCKY-PIECE"

Novel Is Among Six New Editions Available At Library

Just as Margaret Mitchell wrote of her native state in "Gone With The Wind" so has Barbara Francis Flury, in her first book, "Lucky-Piece," written of her native city, Detroit. The novel is now available at the Baldwin Public Library. Miss Flury is a school librarian and from each a school librarian and from each a school librarian was able to receive what youngsters like to read.

The background of the story is laid in old Detroit, and though the author comes of a family dating back to pioneer days here, the work represents careful research in old records for exactness in detail. The hero is a 13-year-old kid when we find him in the opening chapter, living in an orphan's home, very very discontentedly. Jimmy finally runs away, and though he goes to a fire, and saves a family of kittens from a burning barn in a neighborhood which finds his own father and is reestablished happily with him. From then on the life of Jim is more than exciting. His background is a three-cent piece that he carried on his first job. It is an appealing story of a small boy's everyday experiences, and, at the same time, an interesting and authentic picture of Detroit in the latter part of the period of autos and electric lights.

A new factual story of aviation today, the fourth annual Detroit Book Exposition, "Flying for 1937," presents the accurate authentic story of American aviation which is being read from official sources making it technically exact in every detail. The book is in an appealing story of a small boy's everyday experiences, and, at the same time, an interesting and authentic picture of Detroit in the latter part of the period of autos and electric lights.

Another story of the air, this perhaps more fictional than factual, is "Adventures in the Air" by Commander F. Kofke Chatterton. This book will take its spell-bound readers across Arctic wastes and to the Himalayas with Captain Harwood who is charting a new route with his ship, the "Atalanta," in a desperate race to Calcutta against the ship "Illinois" owned by a gang of international crooks. The author and the three boys accompany him narrowly escape death any one of a dozen times. Some believe that the book is Commander Chatterton's most thrilling work.

Four illustrations from Indian books serve to make the edition more attractive. The blood and thunder book of the book is undoubtedly Jack O'Brien's "Corporal Carey of the Royal Canadian Mounted Action is the key word. The reader comes to know the art of living under discipline, how recruits are trained and educated and just exactly what lies behind all the glory of paucity in the Royal Mounted. In the book there is danger, thrills and hardship. Let it be left to the imagination for there are many full pages containing to make it more wonderfully realistic.

Ellis Gredle, born and bred in North Carolina, has rare understanding and knowledge of a small negro child, for into her new book for children, "Little Jesus Henry," she has woven a charming combination of pathos and humor in her presentation of the small boy's problems after his father left home. Miss Gredle is an artist as well as for her illustrations form an integral part of the book, helping to tell a story for little children that really will hold their attention.

What with the flood of psychology books on the market, some can scarcely speak for the fear that someone, perhaps even your best friend, is psychologizing you. Now another one is ready to be put into local circulation, "Be Glad You're Neurotic," by Louis B. Birch can give you many moments of fun and amusement at the expense of yourself and your friends, if you don't take it too seriously. One need not be neurotic to profit from the reading of this, for a test is provided for the readers and you can grade yourself accordingly. You are apt to have a new insight into yourself and also of your intimates and associates. May we repeat—don't take it too seriously.

DETROIT OFFICE OF REALTY FIRM EXPANDS

Announcement is made by Walsh, James and Wasey, realtors, that the firm's Detroit office has been moved to 700 Penobscot Building in order to accommodate clients and increasing business. The real estate organization has a branch office in this community and it was stated that while the collection and management departments are handled through the Detroit office it does not effect any change in the branch office in Birmingham which is handled through the local office.

DETROIT BUSINESS MEN who live in Birmingham and Detroit will be pleased at the efficient and helpful service rendered by the staff of The Eccentric. We have two classified and four unclassified in Detroit every day. (—AD—)

D. G. Finestone To Give Illustrated Address At Church



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Dr. D. G. Finestone, who has made quite extensive study of archeological discoveries as they are related to the Bible, will deliver an illustrated address Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian Church on "How Science Agrees with the Bible." Mr. Finestone will return to his First Presbyterian Church for his fourth lecture after an extended tour of Canada and certain mid-West cities.

During the period when archeological discoveries are so rapidly revealing the reality of ancient Egypt and the East have provided many facts pertinent to the information needed by students of the Scriptures. Mr. Finestone is becoming recognized as an authority on these facts and will speak at the Local Presbyterian Church at the seventh Sunday evening beginning at seven-thirty o'clock.

Detroit Town Hall Features Frances P. Keyes On January 6

Frances Parkinson Keyes will be the first speaker after the holiday interlude at the Wednesday Morning Town Hall at the Fisher Theatre, on January 6, at seven o'clock. She brings to Detroit a wealth of information gained through years of extensive traveling and residence in Washington.

Mrs. Keyes is perhaps best known to the local public as an associate editor of Good Housekeeping Magazine. She is a regular contributor to this publication and has encircled the globe as its representative, interviewing world-renowned statesmen. She also has toured South America, Europe and Persia under Good Housekeeping auspices. As the first wife of Senator Wilder Keyes, she is known in the United States not only as a prominent public figure, but also as a New Hampshire, whose Senator and Mrs. Keyes reside with their three children and just as in session.

Born a Southern woman and educated in Boston, Mrs. Keyes began her career as a writer with varied experiences. Later, residing as Senator Keyes' wife, she studied her knowledge of interesting political situations, many of which she incorporated in her novel, "Latter Days," published in 1928. "Senator Marlow's Daughter."

Perhaps one of Mrs. Keyes' most popular novels is "Queen Anne's Lace," a best seller of several years ago, though "The Old Home" and "The Queen of David's Nobles" and "Silver Seas and Golden Cities" are also among her outstanding books.

In adding lecturing to her already crowded career, Mrs. Keyes comes next another talent, which brings to her audience much of her vast store of unusual information.

Tickets for Mrs. Keyes' lecture are available at Grinnell's and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the lecture at the Fisher Theatre, \$1.00, \$1.10 and 85c including tax.

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Recently the General Motors company has turned its attention to the prefabricated house. The advent of one of the largest of the industrial companies into this field indicates prefabrication is no longer the pipe dream of some lonely inventor in an attic or the fantasy of some architect out of a job. It is a serious project of such large industrial scale, the Benjamin Franklin Building, the General Motors Building, and General Electric.

But results in cost saving to American home owners may prove disappointing, since even though the cost of construction is cut by the technological advances, the major factors causing the high cost of making such a home or an urban home remain. They are the realty tax we pay on such ownership, twice that levied by any other government in the world, plus the highest financing costs of any leading country in the world, a combination through which the home buyer has to pay for his home three times over an every twenty-five years, once in the purchase price, once in financing costs, and once in taxes.

Meantime, despite the intensive study going on of factory fabrication of new materials and new methods, other factors tend to send home building costs up, and there is no prospect of lowered prices just around the corner. Building costs are 75 higher this year than last according to two national-wide studies just completed.

For as little as 25 cents you may insert a CLASSIFIED AD in the columns of The Eccentric. Try one when you are in a bind or need a house or an office. For listing a home, telephone 11 before Wednesday noon each week. (—AD—)

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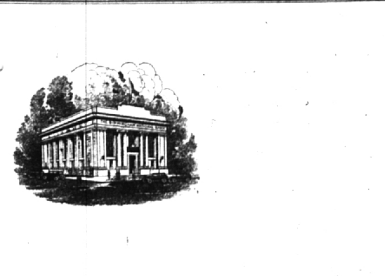
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- 1—Cube comes under new plan of United States, 1939.
- 2—Trial of Bruno Hauptmann for murder of Lindbergh child begins, 1939.
- 3—First postal savings bank established in United States, 1911.
- 4—Memorandum of understanding signed in Europe, 1936.
- 5—Capt. John Smith of American colony captured by Indians, 1608.
- 6—Benjamin Franklin, inventor of lightning rod, born at Boston, 1706.
- 7—Wooded circles hold first national election, 1891.

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