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Wayne University Students Give Spirited Talks Before Rotary

Two Wayne University students, William Burch and Paul Ricard, discussed in a spirited manner the pro and con of whether President Roosevelt should be re-elected to office as the feature of the Rotarians' luncheon in the Community House Monday. President E. H. Laird was in charge of the session while Earle Corvey acted as chairman of the day's program.

Burch, who spoke first, defended the nation's chief executive and his policies, pointing out that Roosevelt's supreme courage not only had lifted him from an obscure political position to that of President but that he had set the gold standard in the face of stern opposition as cited by Burch as an example of his courage.

"We must reelect Roosevelt if the constructive New Deal policies are to be continued or we must cast him out for the Republicans—calamity howlers—who are strong on criticism in the present government but shun constructive suggestions," the speaker asserted. Taking over the floor from Burch, Ricard, in a game and handling it efficiently, instigation of the Federal Depositors Insurance Corporation, and the establishment of the Works Progress Administration were referred to by Burch as examples of agencies which have accomplished nation-wide good and paved the road toward rapid recovery.

"The tendency of the New Deal is to take an active interest in the people and the business of our nation," he stated.

Ricard, taking up the negative side, pointed out that the Democrats say they respect the man Roosevelt, stressing his great personal magnetism as a leader rather than what he and his party have done while in power. The speaker referred to the fact that the President went into office with a stamp congress and a nation of people 100 per cent behind him at first because the complex he would carry out his campaign promises, which sounded too good to be true.

Instead of reducing the number of unemployment, as promised, Roosevelt's policies have only served to increase the millions of idle, Ricard asserted, adding that the charity work conducted by our government has struck down principles and manhood. Operating expense of government has been heavily boosted with the unnumbered alphabetical agencies added and our national budget has been increased ten billion since Roosevelt took office, Ricard said. Government regimentation of private industry is the problem now confronting the nation under the Democratic regime, the speaker explained, closing his talk with the witty remark that, while Jefferson founded the Democratic party, Roosevelt had derailed it.

New Member Introduced
Bob Mills was formally inducted into Rotary at Monday's session by Ray Cook. The former is proprietor of three local tire and accessory stores.

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1936 TRAFFIC DEATHS SHOW 10% DECREASE

Traffic deaths in Michigan for the first four months of 1936 are 10 per cent lower than for the corresponding period of 1935, according to statistics released today by the Michigan Department of Public Safety.

Automobile accidents took the lives of 416 persons in Michigan during the first four months compared with 462 deaths over a similar period last year and 441 in 1934. Traffic fatalities accounted for 122 lives in April, the highest monthly toll in 1936. Increased traffic and the urge for speed with the approach of favorable weather make spring and summer driving more hazardous than the winter months of winter. The small decrease in accident deaths so far this year is encouraging after the all-time high record of 1935 when 1,569 persons were killed by automobiles in Michigan and approximately 36,000 in the nation.

BOARD NAMES 2 FOR CONVENTION

Mrs. L. E. Holton and Raymond Will Attend Session At Indianapolis

Mrs. L. E. Holton and W. Whiting Raymond were appointed as representatives of the Birmingham Real Estate Board to the district convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at Indianapolis, Ind., May 27-28, when the local realty organization held a business meeting at the Community House last Thursday night.

It was announced that Donald D. James, Bloomfield Hills resident, will also attend the district convention as the official representative of Detroit's real estate board.

At the Thursday night session, general discussion was held and further plans were made to carry out the program of the Property Owners Division, which was talked about in detail by Vern Brown, publisher and state legislator. Raymond was in charge of the dinner at a dinner meeting on May 5.

Rev. Jackson Named To Baptist Board

Rev. L. Earl Jackson, pastor of the Birmingham Baptist Church, is one of seven members elected at the Northern Baptist convention in St. Louis to the board of managers of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The content of the organization is chiefly responsible for a great variety of christian educational and missionary work throughout the denomination. Board meetings are held quarterly in Philadelphia, the society's headquarters.

New Speed Records Expected In Race

Higher speeds and greater safety mark the 500-mile race this year, as the world's great racing drivers prepare for the annual Memorial Day Classic at the Indianapolis Speedway.

Reconstruction at the track invites the racers to greater speed, with the curves made ten feet wider and the straightaway smoothed out. These changes promise additional thrills for 150,000 speed fans when the starting bomb goes off, and tumbling world speed records before the final winner gets the checkered flag.

Veteran drivers predict that the 1936 race will be the fastest of them all. They say that with recent changes, top speed for the Indianapolis track has been lifted close to 130 miles an hour. President records for the course were set by Leon Duray eight years ago, with a single-seater, supercharged car that established marks of 124 miles an hour for one lap, and 122 miles an hour for ten laps. Both records are likely to fall during qualifying trials or practice heats before the race begins, according to expert dope.

A Mystery
Mother—Hello, do you know what happened to the canary? It isn't in its cage.
Helen—No Ma'am. It was there a while ago when I cleaned the cage with the vacuum cleaner.

CLASSES OFFER STYLE DISPLAY

WPA Educational Groups To Hold Exhibition Today And Tomorrow

Smart, well fitting garments fashioned from a few yards of inexpensive material, and hats and moose scarves made from a bit of yarn, in addition to many other stylish designs, dresses and accessories will be on display in the Briggs Building on Woodward Avenue today and tomorrow by the members of the WPA Educational Classes in Adult Education.

Since January, the educational classes have met regularly in the various public schools of the city. Much interest has been shown by the members in learning to utilize leisure time in an intelligent and profitable manner. It was said Mrs. Halladay asserted that work has gone on enthusiastically in dressmaking and designing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, rug and curtain making and embroidery, and that a visit to the classes convinced her that the women's spare efforts being put into the work by the members.

After the clothing, sweaters, sun suits for big and little sets, berets, gloves, purses, and little hats, scarves, socks, baby garments, rugs and albums, as well as alterations will be on display by the class members at the open display.

CRANBROOK GIVES OUT 32 LETTERS

Athletes In Golf, Tennis, Track And Baseball Receive Awards

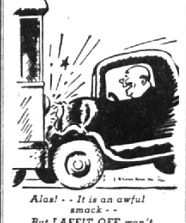
The Cranbrook Athletic Awards Committee, composed of the coaches and captains, awarded trophies to the winners of the following activities: Of the number ten were given to track members, with nine more given to the basketball and tennis teams, respectively, while four letters were given to the members of the golf team.

The track awards are as follows: Seymour Avery, Robert Clegg, Robert Franks, Frank Hoffman, Roger Oeming, Willard Parker, Ray Bode, Woodward Roe, Paul Selzer, and Thomas Taylor.

Among those who received a baseball "C" are Arthur Burt, Jack Churn, Earl Derickson, Wellesley Kaye, Jack McPherson, William Markey, Jack Peters, Lloyd Taylor, and Grant Valley. Members of the golf team to receive letters are: Robert Henry, Donald Leighton, Harry Pooley, James Van Horn.

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Service Honoring Baldwin Class To Be Sunday Evening

The Baccalaureate Service in honor of the Junior Class of 1936 of the Baldwin High School will be held Sunday evening in the First Baptist Church. The Service will begin at 7:30 with a fifteen minute organ recital by M. A. Shanley, organist.

Prayer will be offered by the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth, of St. James Episcopal Church, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. R. D. Hopkins, of the First Methodist Church. The Baccalaureate preacher will be the Rev. W. Clarence Wright, of the First Presbyterian Church, the sermon subject being, "In the Days of Thy Youth."

The Rev. L. Earl Jackson, of the First Baptist Church, will provide the music for the service, which will be played promptly at 7:45 o'clock.

Much of the service will be furnished by the Minneagers, a group of thirty young men from the Edison Institute of Grosse Pointe Village. They will sing two groups of songs.

DIVORCES TRACED TO CHURCH DRIFT

Exchange Club Speaker Says Real Causes Seldom Named In Cases

Divorce cases are on the increase in Oakland County, and generally arise in families that either never have attended church, or have drifted away from their religious affiliations, according to a talk given before local Exchange clubs at the Community House Tuesday noon by C. Earl Currah, friend of the Oakland County Circuit Court. Mr. Currah's department handles cases principally where there are children under 17 years of age involved.

"Our Court now has about 2,000 active divorce cases, whose delinquency we are administering," stated Mr. Currah. "The rate of divorce cases in Oakland County is constantly on the increase. An investigation of most cases shows that causes other than those mentioned in the original bill of complaint are behind the differences. Our office does not try to act as a conciliator, but we do inquire if there is any prospect of conciliation."

"An interesting fact is that divorced mothers try to keep their husbands in jail, or out of the State so that they may get on the mother's pension list."

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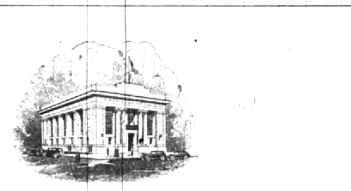
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