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FIFTY-NINTH YEAR—NO. 52

HILLS TROOPERS VISIT SCOUT CAMP

Attend Eagle Invitational Assembly at Camp George, Mar. 19

On Friday, March 19, at four p. m., twenty scouts and two leaders left the Bloomfield Hills Scout Camp for Camp George. The event was an Eagle invitational camp. Each of the seven Eagle scouts of the troop invited either one or two scouts from the troop who were working on their first class tests. The Eagle scouts helped them with their outdoor tests during the late afternoon and morning sessions. In the evening an initiation ceremony was held which even the neophytes enjoyed. Saturday morning was spent in clearing

camp. The group returned at noon. Those who took the trip included: Richard Shepherd, Robert Luce, Robert Hill, Ronald Hall, Gordon Craig, Arthur Gibson, and Frances Carrette, Eagle Scouts, Kenneth Brown, Nathan Dorrance, Philip Maxwell, David Mott, Gordon Northrup, Edwards Brewster, Bill Brewster, Bill Ewald, Dick Page, John Exakt, Peter Higgins, Wallace Peters, and Edward Cochran. Mr. R. J. Spies, A. S. M., and Mr. Carl Wood, S. M., were the leaders of the group.

THE BAR VOTES.
The American Bar Association reports that its members, by a vote of 16,132 to 2,663, record its opposition to an increase in the number of Supreme Court Justices. The voting was also against such increases for other Federal Courts. On all other changes proposed, the lawyers voted affirmatively.

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In a book that hints with the noise of a million motors and backfires with the dying notes of cars, that failed, the "Skids and Crashes of the Automobile Industry" are recorded by C. B. Glasscock in his, "The Gasoline Age." The story of the motor which brought about the era, is one of several new books placed on the shelves of the Baldwin Public Library this week, by Miss Adelaide Cook, librarian.

The novel fairly crackles with action as its men of the motor kingdom crowd, stamp and shoulder their way through pages of excitement, giving the reader a thrilling life which those leaders imparted to the great companies they founded. Here, the big men and the little men, the winners and the losers; men from the counting houses, the pioneers of the industry, Duryea, Haynes, Winston, Olds, and Henry Ford, whose whole career is set out fully in frank and illuminating detail. For the first time, the story of General Motors is told from the inside angle.

It has been said that he who reads this book will be unable to look at his car without remembering in some detail all the romantically fascinating history of the motor industry that is related within its pages.

Among other recently acquired works for Birmingham readers are Ethel M. Dell's "Honeyball Farm" and Compton Mackenzie's "The East Wind." This latter is the first of "The Four Winds of Love" and is the foundation of what reviewers forecast as a major literary achievement. Mr. Mackenzie produced in this book a huge quantity of characters painted in full detail and in such a manner as to be fully and completely to the reader's interest.

For the benefit of the history students of the local schools Ellis Paxson Oberholzer's "History of the United States" in five volumes has been purchased. Of this series the new Republic says: "These are books which will not only be helpful to scholars but exceedingly interesting to the intelligent public."

From the Boston Transcript the following report was gleaned regarding the work of these books: "No writer of his day has treated his period more fully, more surely and more keenly. The five books cover the United States from the Civil War to the present day."

"The Crucible" by Ben Ames Williams would lead the reader to believe in its opening chapter that it was a mystery story. To the contrary, though, it is entirely a story of character development. The character as developed by a wife and three children of a prosperous business man who is arrested, indicted for murder, tried and convicted in the closet of an aristocratic rectory. It is a story of a skeleton Boston family, which, hidden by a loyal wife for twenty years, is suddenly revealed to the world across the front pages of the newspapers.

The technical and legal phase of the tragedy is skillfully handled and the reader will not weary of the fact that it is expensive. It is a tale, full of suspense, moving rapidly to an unforeseen ending. With this family the reader is acquainted as the first fatal week of July approaches, but strange, though it may seem, it is the effort on Arthur Sentry's wife and children that is uppermost in your mind, even then.

WATCHING
Conjectures that the President is watching the world situation in hopes that an opportunity will be offered for a proposal for further efforts to curtail armaments get no confirmation anywhere although most observers believe that, second only to the Supreme Court issue, this problem is in the President's thoughts.

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Until the temporary closing of the shop recently, contributions for its stock were accepted in any form. Now that the Red Cross appeals have drained Birmingham, the shop has closed for reorganization and renovation. Since contributors usually are unable to check the condition of the articles they send, the House plans to employ someone to make repairs before the stock is put on display. It is impractical to sell Thrift Shop merchandise to any person, no matter whom, if torn or soiled. They reason that torn and stained garments and furniture, in all stages of disrepair, can be almost such a handicap as none at all.

Since the heaviest demands are made on the Thrift Shop in the

CLUB DISCUSSES PROBLEMS FACING LOCAL RETAILERS

"Competitive Relations" Topic Reviewed On Monday By Rotary

An open discussion on the problem of "Competitive Relations" featured the Monday meeting of the Birmingham Rotary Club. The Community House Club, Mrs. S. Hascall presided at the meeting while Lou Hascall was the day's program chairman.

Chairman Hascall opened the discussion by reviewing a number of problems facing the local merchant in the conduct of his business, pointing out that the most serious one is competition largely around how well the public likes and accepts him. He then asked the members of the problem: Why do many local residents pass up the opportunity to make their purchases in Detroit?

Several interesting answers were advanced. It was suggested that many of the merchants in Birmingham come from suburban sections close to metropolitan centers, similar to Detroit here, and that they have developed the established habit of shopping in the larger center.

It was brought out the individual merchant must attempt to break down this habit by maintaining proportionate prices and acquainting the public with the variety and quality of goods on hand. The ability to personalize contacts is a factor in favor of the local business man, it was declared.

Another speaker pointed to the fact that chain and variety play a prominent part in merchandising today and the larger stores in the larger cities are becoming so successful that this obstacle that deters the smaller merchant because his volume of business is not as great.

On the other hand, another speaker referred to the fact that almost all of the people who live in the metropolitan center and that it was only fair that a portion of their funds be spent with business houses there. He said the situation presented a "give and take" problem.

One of the club members advanced the theory that local merchants were faced with a psychological problem in that many women (who make approximately 70 per cent of all purchases) come to the Birmingham shopping district dressed in their usual house attire, intent on making a few hurried purchases and returning home. The speaker stated that these shoppers are not in the mood to buy items other than small necessities. He said that when they go to Detroit they dress up and plan the journey partly as a shopping tour, partly as an outing, and that, in consequence, they are in a better frame of mind to make substantial purchases.

MAPLE BASEBALL ASPIRANTS START PRACTICE APRIL 5

Golf And Tennis Squads Also To Open Season After Vacation

By Bud Cox
Baldwin High's baseball team will start its 1937 season the first week after spring vacation. The schedule for this year is being drawn up, but there are still several details which will be filled in.

As yet, no coach has been selected as Mr. Robinson, last year's coach is now Principal of Barham Junior High School and will not be able to handle the team this year. The men accepted to coach the team are Mr. Ebersole, Science teacher, Mr. Murray, Civics and Mathematics teacher, Mr. Smiley, Manual Training instructor, and Mr. Tynald, Science teacher.

Goals To Practice
The Golf team will also start practice the first week after vacation. There are only two letters men back from last year's team, and ten new candidates: Don Clark, letter-man and swing coach and manager; Bill Salisbury, letter-man; Robert Brooks, Ed Wolf, Julian Feiler, Ed Watkins, Bruce Corson, Roy and Robert Ulman, Bill Price, Dave Thompson, and Bob Duffield.

The schedule will be completed after vacation and the team will start playing soon after resumption of classes. Of the twelve boys, out for the team, about five or six will be dropped in round robin matches.

Net Squad Formed
This year's tennis team will be made up of seven or eight boys who will be chosen from the winners of the elimination matches to be played this week, also a rating of the players will be established.

Those who are out for the sport are: "Bancker" Hill, who will play Jack Gary, Harry Sevin, who will play Harold Roy; Bill Spinning, who will play Bernard Carey; Herbert Berdan, playing John Bathgater; Bill Robinson, who will play Paul Stark, acting coach and manager; Edwin Conroy, playing George Lawler; Warren Dalley, playing Bob Bolton; and Dick Williams, playing Bill Vinton. Lawler and Stark are the only two who are last year's returning letter-men. The schedule has only a few dates now filled but it will be completed soon.

WANT RELIEF.
The mayor of twenty Eastern cities outlines a campaign for WPA outlays during the next fiscal year. They estimate that 2,800,000 employables must be supported by Federal projects and insist that, in spite of business improvement, the problem of unemployment is far from being solved.

First place in the East-West section of the tournament was won by Mrs. J. Bullock and Mrs. J. Howard, who topped their field with a mark of 63, high score for the match. Finishing seven and one-half points behind the leaders was the men's pair composed of E. Wagner and H. Child, competing for the first time in the local round matches. Third place in the East-West division went to Mrs. G. C. Richards and Mrs. H. Ingram.

Twenty-four players took part in the past week's match, none of the former winners finishing in the lead. Perfect scores for the 25 rounds played was 100. A good-sized tournament is expected to follow when play begins again in the Ruth Shain Room of the Community House.

TEN BALDWIN COURT PLAYERS GET LETTERS

Baldwin High's Basketball players were awarded their varsity letters at school assembly last Thursday. Coach Franklin Whit-

ney expressed satisfaction with the past season and expects great things from the team next year. Taking all things into consideration, he said that the team was ed 515,228 classified employees better this year than it has been in the past seven or eight years. There will be six letters-men in six months and the latter group increased 9,677.

will be leaving. Those who received letters are: Fritz Adams, captain; Jimmie Lawler, Don Clark and Red Howling, seniors; Roland Langerman, Don Upward, Lorrie MacDonald, Bob Peabody, Junior Forester, Charles Hallett, and Bernard Carey, manager.

EMPLOYES.
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