A beautiful building is more than the vision of the architect who designs it. It can't be erected without the help of interested and able artisans from many fields of human endeavor. A nation, likewise, is only as great and as beautiful as the vision of its leaders, plus the willing help of its entire population.

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Untold millions of people have died for the right of self-government, yet how cheaply it is held today is shown by the fact that comparatively few adults know the names of the men and women they depend upon for the making of their laws. Really and truly, folks, are we capable and deserving of the best in self-government?

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A 92-year-old Detroit woman admonishes the modern girl to "quit smoking cigarettes and go in for the pipe." Next it will be the cigar and then the women can paraphrase Kipling by saying that "a man is only a man, but a good cigar is a smoke."

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Years ago highway officials in some states used to place white crosses at locations where people were killed. Perhaps it will become necessary, in order to impress careless motorists, to place effigies, in coffins, of people killed on the highways, at the locations where such fatalities occur.

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Fear of Governor Frank Murphy's threat against lawless operation of gambling devices has caused many Macomb, County "fleecers" to close up, we hear. It will be to the new Governor's everlasting glory if he can keep them closed.

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Well, John Barrymore is having difficulty with his latest wife, Elaine—the gal who chased him across the continent before their marriage. Seems as though John doesn't want his wife to get on the stage. Poor John, even as an actor he doesn't seem to want a leading lady.

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Europe continues to have its international troubles. Well, it's about like expecting ten families living in one house to get along without squabbles, isn't it? (But even the families in the house ought to be able to settle their problems without shooting one another up.)

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Personally speaking, I'm fed up on all the patter about the University of Michigan's inability to win football games. I'm also tired of the jibes thrown at coach Harry Kipke who, despite his earlier tremendous success in winning Big Ten honors, is now being roasted because his gridders fail to come home the hides of their opponents. After all, folks, football in these modern times is only an excuse to herd people up in great mass formations in the stadiums of the country, where they may witness something spectacular, something amusing, something of pageantry. Now, if the U. of M. is satisfied that it won't win many games next fall, I've a suggestion to offer coach Kipke and others at Ann Arbor who want to keep the crowd entertained. It is simply this: train the boys NOT TO WIN—but also TRAIN 'EM TO BE ENTERTAINING! There are many ways to do this. For instance . . .

Suppose Kipke, after the first quarter of a losing game, when he figures the Wolverines can't win anyway, should put on some burlesque; he could dress the boys in some high school raggery and pull off the following play: arrange to make four and a half lateral passes one of his men finally getting the ball and starting toward the opponents' goal posts. After this man had run about sixty yards he would encounter two of his opponents who, in flying formation, would tackle him at this crucial point the man carrying the ball could release some leather grips, specially built on each side of his pants, and the two tacklers would get hold of these grips, causing a zipper arrangement in each pants' leg to rip open, resulting in the loss of the player's pants. Due to the embarrassment in which he finds himself, the Michigan ball carrier would put on eight extra running spurts (to get himself from the prying eyes of 89,000 people—not counting those too drunk to see), and thus, you see, folks, the Michigan man would easily outdistance his remaining opponents and make the desired touchdown.

Another stunt is to get the ball into the hands of a Michigan player and, while he starts running for a touchdown, have him deflate the football tucking it beneath his sweater. The opponents wouldn't know who had the ball, and the second touchdown could be made. Then, to show the opponents that they are, after all, friendly enemies, Kipke could instruct one of his players to run for the opponents' goal post, giving them a touchdown. This would keep them feeling better. Still another good stunt would be to have Michigan freshmen move the Michigan goal post up within a few feet of the location where Michigan has the ball on the first down; this would require that the Michigan boys run less distance, and also would save the strength of the opponents, because they wouldn't have to cover too much territory as a protective measure.

There are many more good ideas that I can furnish, if coach Kipke

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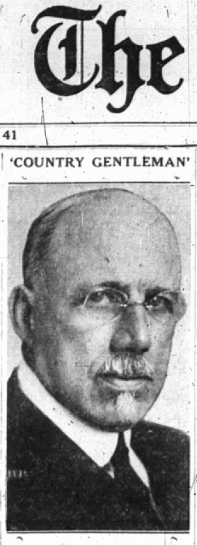
'COUNTRY GENTLEMAN'



George G. Booth

George G. Booth, founder of Cranbrook Institution, and president of Cranbrook, was named Michigan's foremost country gentleman at the annual dinner and meeting of the Michigan Horticultural Society at the Detroit Golf Club, Monday evening.

The estate of Mr. Booth was selected only after the Horticultural committee had toured the entire state visiting other properties. Size, character and quality were considered in the selection and it was because Mr. Booth's estate came the nearest to those of the noblest estates of England that he was so honored.

"He has personally directed the development of his estate in such a manner that we think he should be given the title of Michigan's foremost country gentleman," said H. O. Whittemore, professor at the University of Michigan, and chairman of the committee appointed by the Society to make awards for the various classifications considered.

SPEAKER ENGAGED FOR GRADUATION

Dr. David Henry To Deliver Commencement Address To 41 Students

With the announcement this week that Dr. David Henry, assistant to the vice-president of Wayne University, will address the seniors of Baldwin High School on "New Horizons" at their commencement exercises, Jan. 28, in the high school auditorium, plans for graduation week for 41 seniors are nearing completion.

Earl Toter, president of the Board of Education, will preside throughout the evening's program, while diplomas will be presented to the students by Superintendent of Schools, Howard D. Crull. In addition to three selections by the Girl's Glee Club, under the direction of Edith Roach Coryell, there will be the addresses of Salutorian Charles Boynton and Salutatorian Mary Sdunek. Dr. John E. Martin of the Methodist Church will pronounce the invocation and benediction.

Sunday evening, Jan. 24, the class will hold the traditional baccalaureate service at the Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Joseph A. Mears of the United Presbyterian Church delivering the sermon.

The seniors appear for the first time in their caps and gowns at the high school convocation Thursday, Jan. 21. At this assembly awards of merit and scholarship are presented.

CUP AWARDED TROOP B-4 AT SCOUT COURT

Large Crowd Is Present To Witness Semi-Annual Ceremonies

A crowd of 200 mothers, dads and interested spectators were present at the semi-annual Boy Scout Court of Honor at the Community House Friday evening and watched the impressive ceremonies highlighted by the presentation of the Charles R. Peck loving cup to Troop B-4 for making the greatest advancement in scouting during the past six months.

The winning troop, sponsored by the local Lions Club and led by Ernest Engel, Scoutmaster, amassed a total of 154 points to its credit to retain possession of the trophy won in June of the past year. The nearest competitor was Troop B-6, Bloomfield Hills, with 101 points. Each merit badge presented counts one point and the troop having the greatest number of advancements is declared winner.

Led by the color guard, eight troops and the cub pack, composed of very small boys, filed into the auditorium under the leadership of Andrew Watson at 8 p. m. After the bugler sounded retreat and the flag was saluted, the scouts recited their oath and motto. W. J. McKenna, Detroit Area Council, welcomed the large crowd present and then led the scouts in a series of amusing stories and songs.

W. A. Shunck presided at the speaker's table as chairman of the Court of Honor. The court commissioner of Bloomfield Hills spoke briefly on the awarding of badges and then introduced District Commissioner Carl Woods. The latter welcomed the Tenderfoot group of boys assembled before him and led them in reciting the scout oath.

T. W. Eustis, Chairman, of Troop Committee No. 5, presented merit badges to over 40 scouts. Charles Hall, of Troop B-4, received the greatest number of awards, getting 15 badges to establish a record.

Howard D. Crull, Chairman of the district committee was called on to award Star Recognition to nine scouts who qualified for any five merit badges and have become first class scouts. Julius F. Wenzl, Sr., followed Mr. Crull, presenting six youths with Life Badges. Life Scouts outrank Star Scouts and are under the Eagle class.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies marking the awards to Life Scouts, Cub Pack No. 1 formed a guard of honor while Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Christ Church Cranbrook, presented ten Eagle awards. The ceremony of pinning Eagle badges participated in the rites, Rev. Aulenbach handing the awards to them and they, in turn, pinned the badges on their sons. The minister made a short talk to the scouts, remarking, "You know, where there are good boys you'll find good mothers and fathers."

Col. Edwin S. George, who has strongly contributed to the development of scouting in Birmingham, presented advancement awards beyond the Eagle rank to four scouts, two from Troop B-4 and two from Troop B-6. Colonel George, addressing the youths, stressed the splendid work scouting accomplishes in teaching boys principles that guide them through life.

Chairman Schunck completed the presentation of awards, giving Francis Carrette and Arthur Gibson veteran's badges for five years service in scouting.

The names of scouts, their troop numbers, and the type of awards received are given below.

Merit Badges

Troop B-4: Joe Stutte, Jr., Earl

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President Clyde Bennett of Real Estate Board Reviews 1936 Building Activity

By Clyde C. Bennett

The Eccentric has asked me for a summary of the local real estate and building picture during 1936. The following article I have tried to use, as far as possible, definite figures of what has happened.

To begin with, 117 new residences were built within the city limits of Birmingham during this period at a total cost of $1,198,550.

These figures do not include the cost of land on which these new homes were built, the landscape, or the sale of two hundred homes which were already built.

If we take the accepted figure of four people to the average family, 117 new homes means an addition of practically 5% to the estimated Birmingham population of 10,000.

Probably 50% of these new homes were built by families who have lived in rented houses in Birmingham and have realized that this was the spot where they wanted to make their permanent home.

Part of their urge to build was the in-born American instinct to own their own home and part of it was economic. These people have seen their rents advance over the past two years and realize that there is bound to be an upward swing in residential property in every part of the country and that

Mr. Bennett

it is better business to buy and have experienced in 1936, there build today than to pay the advanced rents of tomorrow.

In addition to the largest sales in both new and older residences,

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Boys Missing From Home Since Jan. 11

Frightened because they feared arrest for breaking windows in the south end of Birmingham, John Bodard, age 14, and Eugene J. Johnson, 12, have been missing from their homes since Jan. 11, when they ran away.

Eugene, the son of Mrs. A. M. Johnson, 891 Humphrey, was wearing a yellow sweater, sheepskin leather coat, high top boots, and blue stockings. John, who is five feet two inches tall was dressed in dark pants, a brown coat and red stocking cap. The boys had four dollars with them when they left.

AVERAGE FIRE LOSS 98 CENTS FOR PAST YEAR

Annual Report By Chief Griffith Itemizes 1936 Activities

Per capita loss by fire in Birmingham during the past year amounted to only 98 cents and of the total, $10,995, all but $300 was returned to the owners of destroyed or damaged buildings in the form of insurance, according to the annual report of the fire department submitted to the city manager by Chief Vern Griffith this week.

The yearly summary shows that 229 silent and seven general alarms were answered in addition to 31 miscellaneous runs where nothing was exposed to fire. The inhalator crew responded to six calls. The greatest number of alarms were for grass and rubbish blazes, the department extinguishing 131 such fires. Sparks and ignited pieces from chimneys, falling on roofs, caused 40 fires while carelessness in handling fires and in smoking resulted in the department being summoned 21 times.

Colbert Loss $9500

All but $1500 of the year's total fire loss occurred when the Tex Colbert home on Glenhurst burned Feb. 20. Residents of the house were not at home when the blaze started and the fire had burned for nearly two hours before neighbors observed it and aroused firemen. By that time little could be done to save the structure. The loss for this fire was placed at $9500.

Actual time spent in fighting fire throughout the year totalled 101 hours. Four trucks travelled 637 miles enroute to fires and 39 hours were spent pumping water.

Seven Benefit Meetings Held

During the year 12 drills and an equal number of firemen's fund association meetings were held for the benefit of companies No. 2 and 3. Approximately 24 drills on various phases of fire fighting were held for Company No. 1, the paid department.

Miscellaneous Service

The department was given the responsibility of handling the new voting machines when they were placed in service for the primary and presidential elections. In addition, firemen painted 575 hydrants beside all pump houses. The Lincoln well pump assembly was completely overhauled, the well cleaned and repaired and a more efficient pump installed by the firemen.

OAKLAND B & L TO PAY 15% DIVIDEND

Liquidating Stock Payment To Investors Effective As Of Jan. 15

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oakland Building and Loan Association recently, a 15 per cent liquidating stock dividend was declared, effective as of Jan. 15.

Ten per cent of the dividend will be paid in shares of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association, with the remaining five percent being paid in cash. A total of 1,000 shares of the liquidation dividends has been paid off by the Association since last July. A 25 per cent dividend was declared at that time.

The Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association was formed in June, 1935, with a working agreement with the Oakland Building and Loan Association to consume the latter gradually. It is hoped that the Oakland Association will be able to pay off 100 per cent on the dollar since 1929 has been paid in nearly six months time. Practically all of the investments of the Building and Loan association are in land contracts and mortgage loans. Officers of the organization include: Ralph C. Moulthrop, president, Emerson Brown, vice-president, and Mrs Hazel Lawler, secretary.

A. L. Moses, as president, James W. Taylor as vice-president and Mrs. Lawler, secretary, make up the officers of the Birmingham Federal Savings and Loan Association.

MARTZ NAMED CHAIRMAN OF BIRTHDAY BALL

Mayor Will Designate All Committee Heads At Meeting Tonight

Mayor John E. Martz has accepted the general chairmanship of the President's Birthday Ball in Birmingham, scheduled for January 30 and, already, he has written to a number of local residents requesting them to serve as chairmen under him. The initial meeting of these proposed committee leaders will be held in the Community House at 8 p. m. tonight for the purpose of a general discussion of plans and the appointment of permanent chairmen.

Mr. Martz

It is expected that at tonight's session, chairmen will be named for the following committees: Tickets and donations, Music and Entertainment, programs, dance, and reception. A floor committee also may be chosen.

An affair similar to the one planned was held in the Community House in 1934 but it was discontinued here after that date. The purpose of this nationwide series of balls on Jan. 30 is solely for charitable purposes. Of the entire proceeds raised in any town, 50 per cent remain within the city for worthy charities which are so designated by a local committee while the remaining 50 per cent is allotted to the Warm Springs Foundation, Warm Springs, Ga., founded by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt as a center for the treatment of crippled children, victims of infantile paralysis. The work of the foundation was begun and is, at present, backed by President Roosevelt.

LIONS CONTRIBUTE $560 DURING 1936

Boy And Girl Scouts, Needy And School Children Are Benefited

A statement of club activities during the past year shows that the Birmingham Lions Club spent $560.25 in support of five worthy causes here. Russell McBride, president of the organization in 1936, expressed the club's appreciation of the splendid support given by the public at the annual Keno party. Sufficient funds were raised at that affair to carry on the work in all fields during the 12 month period, he stated.

As part of their program, the Lions supplied 37 needy school children with eye glasses at a cost of $222.50. The school nurse, Miss Emma Christjansen, furnished the names of the needy boys and girls to the club. In scouting, the civic group contributed $69.75 to Troop B-4 for equipment and other necessities. The troop is sponsored by Ernest Engel, Lions club member, serves as Scoutmaster.

Local girl scouts received a cabin near Springdale Park as a result of the Lions contributing $60 for material and at the same time donating the labor to construct the building. The Baldwin high school baseball team was given $25 with which to purchase part of the uniforms needed to compete in scholastic circles. Miscellaneous gifts at Thanksgiving and Christmas Time amounted to $183.00. Those gifts consisted of shoes, clothes and other necessities for needy families.

BALDWIN TO HAVE SOUND PICTURES

Concert Planned Jan. 20 To Help Finance Project For Students

A machine for sound pictures on film will soon be purchased for the Baldwin High School, it was announced yesterday. In order to obtain the machine certain projects will be carried out, backed primarily by the students.

Each student will be asked to sell one magazine subscription to finance the project. At the end of the campaign, if successful, there will be enough money to buy the apparatus and leave a balance of nearly one hundred dollars in cash.

Mr. A. W. Berndt will sponsor a band and orchestra concert to be given January 20, at 8:00 p. m. in the school building. The money will be used to pay for operating the machine and for purchasing films.

An agent from the Crowell Publishing Company demonstrated the machine at a faculty meeting, Monday, January 11. Friday an agent will give a demonstration before the student body.

Directors Of B'ham National Reelected

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Birmingham National Bank, held Tuesday evening, the following directors were reelected: H. E. Edwards, Charles F. James, John E. Martin, George R. Averill, E. W. Scaholm, Chancey Nixon, and A. G. Wermuth. Following the stockholders' meeting a directors' meeting was held at which time Mr. Edwards was reelected chairman of the Board, Mr. James president, Mr. Scaholm vice-president, and A. G. Burnett, cashier.

A resume of the institution's business during 1936 was given to the stockholders by Mr. James, in which he pointed out the continuous growth of the bank. "We have established the bank as a strong link in the community's chain of economic life and are looking forward to further fine relations with the people of Birmingham and vicinity," stated Mr. James.

SPEAKER RELATES INDIA'S GLAMOUR

Detroit Woman Speaks At Teachers' Club Meet Last Night

All the beauty and the glamour that is India was described in glowing terms by Miss Geraldine Brasie, of Detroit, to the Birmingham Teachers' Club and their guests last night at the Community House.

Miss Brasie was introduced to the audience of approximately 150 by Schools Superintendent Howard D. Crull, following two selections given by girls of Miss Evangeline Purcell's homeroom. Miss Purcell accompanied them at the piano.

Miss Brasie's presence for the evening was obtained through the efforts of the new Public Relations Committee of the Teachers' Club. As Superintendent Crull explained it, the committee is endeavoring to bring to the fay people of Birmingham outside speaking engagements pertaining to them the different phases of activity of the Teacher's Club.

Before Miss Brasie showed her slides of India she displayed many articles of beauty and curiosity which she had purchased in that country and that the natives of India weave in their homes. To make the description of the native dress more realistic Miss Brasie, who has spent two years in India, had a native mounted a table and explained in detail the intricate manner in which the safaris are worn.

The slide pictures shown to the audience were produced entirely by Miss Brasie and all were of unusual phases of the life in the near east. Miss Brasie explained each slide carefully, adding intimate personal touches that made them more interesting and fascinating to the listener.

Following the lecture refreshments were served to the guests.

GREEK DRAMA TO BE ENACTED HERE

Knights Of Pythias' Program Also Includes Dinner And Dancing

Four acts of the Grecian drama, Damon and Pythias, will be presented at the Community House on Friday evening, Feb. 5 by Pythian District No. 7, which includes Knights of Pythias' lodges in Pontiac, Oxford and this community.

The impressive program will include the enactment of a play by a dramatic team from Ypsilanti and also a number of entertainment in floor work by the Star Union Staff of Detroit. The latter is composed of a picked team of 30 women, beautifully gowned. They have been selected from various Pythian temples of Detroit. The staff has become famous throughout Michigan for the excellence of its performance.

A dinner will precede the floor program and immediately after the entertainment dancing will follow. A spokesman for the local committee stated that those desiring to attend the unusual program will make their reservation at an early date as many out-of-town guests have taken a large bloc of available tickets. Pythian members here, Van's Drug Store and the Community House all announced the sale of tickets, while in Clawson, Gregory's Store will sell them.

The entire show will last approximately one and one-half hours. Details concerning arrangements for the dance and the name of the orchestra will be announced in next week's issue of the paper.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

William E. Moody, City Commissioner: "I feel that Birmingham needs a Zoning Ordinance, and I hope that the one we are now considering will rouse a public interest in the proposition of zoning. Every property owner ought to visit the City Hall and inspect the map we have prepared, showing just how every section of the community is to be restricted."

Passage Of Zoning Ordinance Set For Monday, Feb. 8th

MASTER COUNCILOR

Strong Support For Measure Expressed At Public Hearing Jan. 11

NEED IS RECOGNIZED

Machinery To Meet Future City Problems Found In Legislation

With 50 local citizens in attendance, representative of every possible phase of business and residential interest, Birmingham's City Commission Monday night spent over two hours in a public discussion of the proposed Zoning Ordinance. At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that on Monday, February 8, the Ordinance will be passed by the Commission, and in the meantime the public is invited to present further objections and suggestions relating to its final content.

In a brief explanatory talk prior to the open discussion that followed, Mayor John Martz gave a resume of the City's effort to produce a statute that will "preserve and enhance the nature and value of local properties, with special emphasis on keeping the high type of residential homes in the community." He pointed out that the proposed Zoning Ordinance is the result of many years of thought by past City Commissions, together with aid they have received from a City Planning Commission, composed of able local citizens.

"There is no question about the legality of such a protective Ordinance," stated Mayor Martz, who is a lawyer. "Under the State Home Rule Act, Birmingham has the right to create local legislation that will tend to prevent the destruction of residential property values by allocating the use of areas for future development, to the end that homes may be free from the fear of being invaded by nearby business, industrial, or other undesirable encroachments. The proposed Zoning Ordinance which we have developed thus far endeavors to provide for the future expansion of every type of construction, and is based upon a City whose ultimate population may reach up to 100,000 people."

Idea Is Approved

While a number of citizens present offered objections and suggestions to the present Ordinance, a vote taken at the meeting revealed that there was not a single one was opposed to the need and value of such a statute, and this evidence gave the Commission renewed enthusiasm to carry the project to an early completion. Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody proposed a resolution, which was unanimously approved, calling for Monday evening, February 8, as the date for officially passing the Ordinance. Under the State law, either an Ordinance as drawn by the Commission itself may be amended or changed as the need arises in the future by a three-quarter vote of the City Commission; or the Ordinance is referred to a vote of the people, then any future

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Bill Bawden

Succeeding Milton Freeman, Bill Bawden was chosen Master Councilor of the De Molay chapter here at their public installation in the Masonic Temple Tuesday evening.

D'MOLAYS FIFTH IN U. S. CONTEST

Local Chapter Also Places First In State For Efficiency Rating

The public installation of the officers of the Hasshegger Chapter Order of DeMolay for the ensuing term was held Tuesday evening at the Masonic Temple with 125 people present. During the assembly it was announced by R. J. Mejerow, Deputy from the Grand Council, that Hasshegger Chapter had been chosen as first in the state of Michigan and fifth in the United States in the National Efficiency Contest, a contest to see which DeMolay Chapter offered the most diversified program for 1936.

At the installation of the new Master Councilor, Bill Bawden, took the oath of office and succeeded Milton Freeman, the retiring Master Councilor. Many gifts of appreciation and gratitude were presented to Mr. Freeman for the splendid work he did while with the chapter. Jack Emerson was installed as Senior Councilor, James Lowman as Junior Councilor; Art Gibson as Senior Deacon; Charles Clark, Junior Deacon; Duane Roy, Senior Steward; Stewart Adams, Junior Steward; Jack Hoarock, Marshall; Junior Timm, Chaplain; Jack Bell, Orator; Bob Freeman, Almoner; Art Jones, Standard Bearer; Harold Roy, Sentinel; Murray Townend, Scribe; and as Preceptors, George Woolfenden, Bill Ackrill, Jack Robinson, Whitney Colenso, Edward Furman, Frank Peabody, and Robert Bolton.

During the program Bill Denyes, play two songs on his marimba, and Adelaida Delgado, 12 years old, and her brother Luis, 10 years, did some excellent entertaining with several Spanish dances and one acrobatic dance. They also accompanied on the piano by Miss Amelia Lozzara; the latter three were from Dearborn.

James R. Baines, Worshipful Master of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., presented the DeMolays their new Advisory Board, which includes Wylie E. Groves, the new "Dad" of the Chapter, Mark Smith, Harold Carson, Lloyd McQuater, William Merz, and Milton Freeman.

Mr. Frank Fleming, past "Dad" of Hasshegger Chapter, took this occasion to present to George Flower a Past Master Councilor's Jewel.

Les Schneider, present District Master Councilor and from Detroit Composite Chapter, was present and witnessed the installation.

Afterward the new officers, with the ones Past Master Councilor Freeman and Deputy Mejerow, had their pictures taken.

Have You Met?

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Le Pire, who have purchased a new home at 285 Hawthorne Road. With their son Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Le Pire, both natives of Michigan, have moved to Birmingham from Detroit, where Mr. Le Pire is employed in the wholesale paper business.

"It had become almost impossible to find the type of home we wanted in Detroit," Mrs. Le Pire said. "In looking around Birmingham we found exactly what we wanted, and we are more than satisfied with our selection. We think Birmingham is a splendid place to live."

Home Town Boys Make Good In Big City

A vast metropolis lay stunned late Monday night when word was flashed to the three and one-half corners of Detroit that an unheralded little lad, born and composed of Charles J. O'Connor and E. G. Whitney had swept through a brilliant field of 102 card players to capture the place on the Detroit Athletic Club bridge tourney that same evening.

Frantic investigation by newspapermen and Whitney hail from Birmingham and serve as a power for good in their community despite the fact that they can deal aces to their partners with suspicious regularity.

When asked to give his public a statement Mr. O'Connor said, "I attribute my success to long hours of hard work and a strict adherence to high principles plus increasing interest in the betterment of myself to fit me for greater responsibilities." The reserved speaker did not comment, when asked whether or not his interest in bridge exceeded the principle derived from the game.

Whitney, rather shy and known for his antipathy toward all forms of publicity, asserted to reporters, "I think this victory stamps O'Connor and myself as master experts although I have sensed this fact for some time, particularly in my case. We fought against overwhelming odds to amass a terrific lead." (Editor's note: The terrific odds mentioned by Whitney were brought about by each player trying to interpret the other's bidding.)