Local Girls Will Lead Bible School

Miss Harriett Clark, of Oak Street, and Miss Lucille Bell, of Knox Street, will represent Birmingham and the First Presbyterian Church while working under the Presbyterian Board of National Missions in the Upper Peninsula. The two young missionaries will leave Friday evening to conduct two weeks of vacation bible school for the community of Big Bay. Miss Clark, after graduating from Wooster College, taught for a year in the public school system while Miss Bell has spent four years as a teacher with the Presbyterian Church School.

Ten delegates from the Presbyterian Church here leave Saturday for the Waldenwoods Conference where they will receive leadership training in the work of the church. Those who will attend include: Barbara Brusse, Virginia Akerley, Flora Belle Irwin, Bette Elliott, Ilene Williams, Muriel Conley, Joan Seligman, Georgina Hind, Agnes Crawford, Kate Osborne, and Marianna Bell. Miss Ester Grether, representing the board of foreign missions on the faculty of the conference, will accompany the group. The conference lasts eight days. Mrs. Thomas Hind, Mrs. Satia Osborne and Mr. Fred Reffe are providing transportation.

BUYS MASK; ROBS STORE

Chicago.—Walking into a tailor shop, a youth purchased a 10 cent handkerchief. Using the handkerchief as a mask, the youth and a companion locked the owner, three employes and a customer in the basement and escaped with $1,100 in cash and jewelry valued at $278.

The BOOK SHELF

Late Book Reviews and Literary Criticism

by Doris Flint

This year marks the 150th anniversary of our American Constitution and in the face of the controversies over its meaning, isn't a complete biography of it a timely piece of work. Burton J. Hendrick's "Bulwark of the Republic" has just been published and it is as he describes on the title page "A Biography of the Constitution." Within this great biography are many other biographies of great men including justices, major statesmen, and great presidents.

After reading it you are going to see in a different light such men as Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Andrew Jackson, John Marshall and more recent justices, Oliver Wendall Holmes, Hughs and Brandeis. You are going to review the Dred Scott Decision, The Dartmouth College Case and all the attacks on the Supreme Court. No sooner had Jefferson become president than he started his fight on the Court. A quarter century later Jackson started the fight which became a national scandal and Lincoln had a constitutional row with them because of the Dred Scott Case. Later Grant, needing a congenial Court, tinkered with the personnel of it and now in our own time resident Roosevelt is doing the same thing.

The book is written in the language of the people yet with such care that it might be used as a textbook. It is first of all a human story of a living thing and for a ready reference one could do no better than have a copy of it at hand.

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Marjorie Hillis had no sooner taught us how to "Live Alone and Like It" when she comes out with a new book on how to wangle orchids out of your budget. The main theme of her "Orchids On Your Budget" is to cut down on the major expenses in order that you may increase the minor ones. She believes that it is possible to live "nicely" on limited incomes.

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Kenneth Horan—not masculine but feminine—writer of the book column in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" has just recently published a new book "Remember the Day." It is the reconstruction of the recollections of a little girl who grew up in the Middle West during the nineties.

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A recent lecture given by Ben Abramson of Chicago's Argus Book Shop was "The Influence of Books on People Who Don't Read Them." Makes us wonder doesn't it?

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Many people are under the delusion that the author of a Best Seller makes a heap of money and because of it should subscribe to all the hospitals, charities and other worthy causes. But even that phenomenal seller "Gone With the Wind" which took seven years to incubate brought its writer no more than a business deal might in a few hours.

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Noel Coward, author of "Cavalcade" who is often accused by critics of being a parlor entertainer, has just written a very interesting autobiography called "Present Indicative" which appears like it might be a splendid parlor companion for a rainy afternoon.

Record Time

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If the present pace continues, phonograph fans won't be troubled half so much by a dearth of discs as they will be lack of funds to add all these worthy items to their collections. Right now I'm just hoping for room to write about all the finds Sells (Electric, in the Wabeek Building) is selling.

You may not be a Louis Armstrong fan but if you are, you'll like his treatment of that old favorite, "Cabin In the Pines," for Bluebird. Louis' boosters can never get enough of that hoarse, breathless vocalizing and his wailing trumpet. Both are featured at their best in this, and on the other side, entitled "I've Got the World On a String." The latter is danceable as only a colored band can make it. We approve.

Bluebird is Alma Mater for Ozzie Nelson right now, too, and we wouldn't be surprised if he turned into a favorite son. His band has lost a lot of its former rattling sound, and Ozzie's voice is better too. Try "It's Swell of You" and "Never In a Million Years," and see if your verdict doesn't agree with ours: that Nelson's success story might well be entitled "from thinness to finesse."

Paul Whiteman hasn't abdicated the throne as King of Jazz. He's recording for Victor, which organization should be plenty satisfied with the stout one's recent work. "For You" is a brand new fox trot, not to be confused with the old waltz by the same name. Paul and his boys show what a large, perfectly trained band can do with an ordinary piece, by making it quite special. Allan Holt sings the nice words, with one of the swellest light baritones we've heard yet. "Shall We Dance," on the other side, is a definite upset. Anti-swing fanatics used to say that nice boys didn't do it, but Whiteman does in this, and right well, too—and his boys are really good stuff, too.

Decca's two Jimmies polish off the list with a fast and a slow one apiece. Jimmie Lunceford serves up "Running a Temperature" with his usual smoothness, and a nice introduction. "My Last Affair" is plenty lowdown and gives a good showing to some unidentified vocal chords. We think you'll like it.

Jimmy Dorsey's musical menu offers a piping hot dish of "Slap That Bass," trimmed with assorted horns. We don't care for the vocalist, but then, vocals don't count on a fast one anyway, and the main, listeners merely hope that they won't spoil the rhythm. "They Can't Take That Away From Me" is one of everybody's favorite pieces lately, and Jimmy does right by it. There's a tricky but nice interchanging between the wood winds and the brasses, and an adequately handled refrain. And so for the moment, try these on your talking machine, and don't say we haven't your best interests at heart. P. S. Thanks for your kind words, Jim Allen.

For as little as 25 cents you may insert a CLASSIFIED AD in the columns of The Eccentric. Try one when you want to buy or sell, locate a house or sell one, or for hiring a maid. Telephone 11 before Wednesday noon each week. —(Adv.)

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