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ROSICRUCIANS TO BUILD A PYRAMID

Local Representative Says Tower Will Be Erected This Year

An Egyptian Pyramid, housing ultra-modern scientific apparatus and all the conveniences of a Twentieth Century tower of business will be erected in America by the Rosicrucians during 1937. Emulating the great pyramid of Cheops built 5000 years ago, the Rosicrucian pyramid will also be a temple of learning. Its stone chambers will be numbered to correspond to the degrees of advancement of the students who will occupy it.

S. L. Beardslee, local AMORC Rosicrucian representative, said he was informed by the Secretary of the philosophical Order in San Jose, California, that, like the pyramid of Gizeh, the one to be erected in America will be windowless and the entrance to it will be subterranean. The interior will reflect the skill of modern engineering. Indirect lighting will illuminate the passageways and all lighting fixtures will be concealed. The temperature will be kept at 69 degrees Fahrenheit, which is the constant temperature of the interior of the Great Pyramid. Newtories who attend the Order's annual Convention sessions will receive preparatory initiatory rites in subterranean chambers corresponding to the Hall of Darkness of the Cheops Pyramid. They acquire, a knowledge of the basic sciences and the Rosicrucian tenets they will be advanced, level by level, until they attain the highest Chamber located in the apex of the Pyramid, S. L. Beardslee stated.

This Chamber will be named the Hall of Illumination after the original, in which rests the empty sarcophagus of the Pharaoh. The ancient Pyramid, it is believed, was erected as a monument of learning embodying all the fundamentals of the sciences then known to mankind. To commemorate the ideal of the ancient pyramid builders, the Hall of Illumination of this Rosicrucian structure will contain models, photographs and schematic diagrams of modern science's latest contributions to the world, creating an atmosphere, it is hoped, which will inspire Rosicrucian members to aid to the advancement of learning. The AMORC pyramid will scale in size, proportionately to the magnificent ancient edifice of which it will be a reproduction. The actual date of construction, it is said, will be announced upon the return to America of Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, Imperator of the Order, from a visit to the organization's Egyptian Grand Lodge in Cairo.

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The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1937

FOR AULD LANG SYNE

Birmingham, Ala.—A hold-up man entered the filling station where Judson Martin works, for the second time, and asked: "You remember me, don't you?" Assured by Martin that he did, the bandit ordered him to a corner and then proceeded to take \$20 from the cash drawer.

Glad to Get Back.

A grandfather visited a household in which he had a little grandson who had spent part of the summer at a boys' camp. The grandfather was so enthusiastically about the camp that his grandfather offered a slight reminder. "After all, the," he remarked, "you were rather glad to get home, weren't you?" "Well," replied the grandfather, "I was glad to get home, but I was a bit added: 'Some of the fellows were—those that had gone to.'"

Breaking away from the swankiness of the Oaks and Hills affair, we might feel you folks who DO read these lines written at random, about an unusual place, right here in the city of Birmingham. Over on the corner of Perry and George can be seen a real, old fashioned farm, all without the acres of land which usually form the background of the country home. In front stands the large, frame farmhouse, with its innumerable rooms. Directly attached to the house is the well remembered (to some ex-farmers) wood shed. Then out in back in the usual order are to be found the leaning out-house, the corner of the V shaped side, the wagon shed, which still has various farming tools hanging on the walls and ceiling of the barn, but no wagons. Directly behind these buildings stands the big, unpainted, hip-roofed barn, with its small windows and big sliding doors, followed by the lower wing which was known as the cattle barn. Even the fenced-in cow yard still remains and to those who have "done the chores" on a farm, it serves as quite a reminder of the days and nights when so many cows had to be milked before breakfast in the morning and after supper each night. It is really quite an unusual thing to find so complete a farm set-up right within a five minutes walk of one of the world's busiest highways. And yes, out along side of the house—perhaps you've guessed it, is the old horse shoe pitching court, with the pins still standing, just waiting to catch those ringers. If you're interested, drive over and see Birmingham's Farm corner.

And now, even though we have not told you about any of our neighbors this week, we'll have to write "30" to this bit of rambling and save any bit of gossip which we might have for next week. So Long, and here's hoping you do not get so "burned-up" that it's painful.

That Makes It Quite Clear

Many of us are quite on posting up on Einstein's new theory because we haven't yet got a clear idea of his first one.

A western professor can help us in this respect. "When a man holds a pretty girl on his lap for an hour, it seems like a minute. But when he sits on a hot stove a minute, it seems to him like an hour. That's the relativity."

Gets Film Role of Tom Sawyer



Chosen from more than 25,000 candidates on the strength of a screen test, 12-year-old Tommy Kelly, above, New York, East Sider, will play the coveted role of Tom Sawyer in the new film version of the Mark Twain juvenile character. Son of a relief worker, Tommy is 4 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 85 pounds, has light brown hair and blue eyes.

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The Arnold Studios

Expect Capacity Enrollment For Summer Conference At Cranbrook, June 27 to July 3

Miss Elizabeth S. Thomas, director of religious education of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, announces that the Cranbrook Summer Conference, an annual feature of the diocese department of education, will be held for the sixth consecutive year at Cranbrook School, June 27 to July 3.

Miss Thomas stated that about 215 persons can be accommodated for full attendance. She said there has been an annual capacity enrollment for the past few years. However, she pointed out that a limited number of non-resident students, attending classes and staying for lunch, can be accommodated.

The conference will open with

annual Corporate Communion and final breakfast.

Bishop Creighton To Attend

New to the annual summer conference will be the Rev. Frank W. Creighton, S. T. D., bishop coadjutor of Michigan, and Rev. Grafton Burke, M. D., of Fort Yukon, Alaska. Returning leaders include Rev. R. E. Charles, chairman of the 1936 conference, who has since become rector of St. John's Church, Ithaca, N. Y.; and Rev. Herman R. Page, of Dayton, O., son of Bishop Page and a former conference leader.

Plan Sunset Service

Evening activities include the sunset service, which this year will be led by Bishop Creighton, followed by a specially planned event, Monday night is left free for purpose of getting acquainted. On Tuesday the annual stunt night will be held; on Wednesday the conference hall and on Thursday, an evening of one act plays. Bishop Page will have

charge of the preparation for the annual Corporate Communion service, on Friday evening.

Attending the Cranbrook Summer Conference from All Saints' Church this year will be Margaret MacGregor, Margaret Jane Elliott, Dorothy Browne, Mary Neale and Marcelle Kilsen.

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