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Benjamin West declared, "A kiss from my mother made me a painter," which should be cause for the thoughtful mother to ponder on the importance of even her most casual gesture in influencing the life of her child. With this consideration on the part of both parents, greater inspiration might be given in the training of children.

THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Some months ago Elton R. Eaton, Plymouth publisher, member of the Michigan House of Representatives, declared that Governor Murphy has never paid taxes in this State. Mr. Eaton challenged the Governor to produce a single tax receipt. So far as we know to date, the Governor has not accepted the challenge. Candidates Fitzgerald and Toy ought to have something more to say about "tax-receiptless," but "tax-eater," Murphy.

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Some people think that this country is going to the political bow-wows. Well, as a nation, for long years we've been putting on the dog—and some day we'll all get dog-tired of it and act like two-legged beings, perhaps.

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The main intersection of Birmingham is getting to be a mighty dangerous corner. To date, fortunately, there has been no fatality, or bad accident; but from the complaints we hear from pedestrians who try to negotiate that corner every day, we suggest that Chief Hackett's boys do something to make motorists aware of the fact that Woodward and Maple avenues was meant for people on foot, as well as in automobiles.

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Soon another school year will begin over the United States. Another crop of graduates will come forth in the spring of 1939 to learn more about an alphabet that doesn't confine itself to the elemental spelling of c a t, d o g, etc.; this new arrangement of the alphabet spells, too, effort, politics.

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Some people say that the Wagner Act abridges the right of freedom of speech to employers who are opposed to certain labor tactics. Personally, while in accord with the idealistic objectives of this Act, we think it really harms the enduring cause of labor. If our country remains a free one, you may rest assured that the Wagner Act will be changed.

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Do something unusual in this world and you make the front page headlines of the world. If 26-year-old John Ward, who jumped from a 17th floor New York hotel last week and killed himself, had not jumped, he could have gone into vaudeville and made himself a lot of money; or the movies would have picked him up; and why some radio advertiser failed to get him to speak into a microphone while standing on the hotel ledge, and had him describe his fall, I do not know. Beating a tom-tom is the world's favorite sport.

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For a while you will hear from various candidates for public office, from county coroner to Governor and U. S. Senator. If half of the candidates would do, after election, what they promise to do before election, they would improve conditions a whole lot. Why can't candidates be candid about their aspirations?

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Your average voter, when he votes for a public official, is about as gullible as a chap who buys the Brooklyn Bridge every so often. People, in general, make a greater disturbance about the incompetency of their baseball star than they do their high public officials.

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Governor Frank Murphy made a commencement address before graduates of the Michigan State College, at East Lansing, a few weeks ago; he accepted the check for $200 given him for the assignment. In a State whose economic affairs are so impoverished, what do you think of a Governor who, while being paid by the State for being Governor, also accepts from the State College's treasury (which is also kept filled by the taxpayers), a sum of money for making a speech?

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It appears that Richard P. Frankensteen, Detroit labor leader accused of playing into the hands of the Communists, has created a "Frankenstein" for himself. Let's all hope that Homer Martin reveals the whole truth about UAW; Martin was once a preacher, and ought to be accepted as a truthful being.

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A Produce Proposal

Do you carrot all for me?
My heart beets for you
With your turnip nose
And your radish hair
You are a peach;
If we cantaloupe
Lettuce Marry;
We'd make a swell pear.

Exchange.

Some one has said that shrewdness and dishonesty are identical twins—that shrewdness is merely the one wearing the dress suit.

COMMISSION VOTES 'YES' ON ZONE CHANGE

Plan Is Presented For Erection of 102-Family Dwelling Project

The City Commission cast a unanimous vote Monday evening to amend the Zoning Ordinance, at a public hearing called to consider plans for the erection of a 102-family dwelling on the so-called Jewett property bounded by Woodward avenue, Lakeside drive and Quarton road.

As planned by the architects, Morison and Gabler of Detroit, the project required a depth beyond the limit provided by the Zoning Law as it now stands, which is 125 feet. The amendment in the Zoning Ordinance will permit the extension of the proposed buildings and grounds to a depth of 270 feet from Woodward avenue.

The entire project will cover an area of 19 and one-half acres and will be erected at an estimated cost of approximately $600,000. It will house 102 families in apartments and terraces with an average of five rooms, but varying from three and one-half to seven rooms. The rentals will range from $55 to $90, it is estimated.

Appearing before the Commission were Andrew E. Morison and Cornelius T. Gabler, the architects, and R. P. Runstadler, Detroit coal and lumber dealer, who purchased the property from Mrs. Mary Wendell Jewett. The meeting was attended also by property owners and residents of the vicinity.

In the event that the Zoning Ordinance had not been changed, only a portion of the project, a row of apartments bordering on Woodward avenue, could have been erected. Under the plan as approved by the Commission, the project will include apartments on the side of the property nearest to Wood ard avenue, with terrace dwellings extending in the area beyond. All buildings will face the park which is to be part of the project. Tentative plans also include tennis courts and play yard for the children.

The general style of architecture will be early American. The Commission set Aug. 22 as the date for a hearing on another proposal to change the Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction of a two-family residence on property owned by Mrs. Ida Dewar on the south side of West Maple avenue between Baldwin Park and Rouge Park.

SUMMER ACTIVITY SCHOOL TO CLOSE AFTER SIX WEEKS

The Summer Activity School, which is held annually for a six week period each summer at the school on Vaughan Road, will close Friday.

The enrollment for the six weeks course has been 20 pupils ranging in age from four to ten. Instruction and supervision have been provided by Hazel Taylor, elementary grade supervisor and teacher of grades one and two, Virginia List, and Marianna Craig.

The twenty Bloomfield Hills and Birmingham children enrolled in the activity school have been enjoying a most unusual program. The activities have included free play, organized play, free dramatization, work in industrial arts including weaving, clay work, painting, wood work, sewing, and paper cutting. Gardening has been another interesting activity, the group of children taking care of their own flower and vegetable garden.

The academic side of the picture has not been ignored, considerable time is being spent in the fields of literature, science, and social studies.

Possibly one of the most interesting and valuable portions of the summer program has been that connected with excursions taken by the group. During the summer the children and their supervisors have visited the Detroit Zoological Park, Radio Station WWJ, Greenfield Village, a farm, a dairy, and have taken a train and bus ride.

BEARDSLEE FAMILY WILL HOLD REUNION

The yearly reunion of the Beardslee families will be held at the home of its oldest member, Samuel T. Beardslee, 6649 Pine Knob road, on Saturday, August 13. A cooperative dinner will be served at 1 p. m.

Mr. Beardslee, who will be 82 in October, has always held the reunions at his home. This year approximately 100 are expected to attend, with three generations represented. A committee is in charge of entertainment.

BUILDING ACTIVITY SLIGHTLY LOWER

During the month of July, building permits to the total value of $35,410 were issued, being slightly less than the amount in June. Thirteen such permits were issued, five being for single family residences, with an estimated value of $33,800. Three were issued for private garages, amounting to $285, and four were for alterations on residences to the amount of $1,325. One temporary business permit was issued.

The report for June showed that 13 permits were granted with a total valuation of $37,040.

BOARD ADOPTS SCHOOL BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

A tentative operating budget, nearly $7,000 in excess of last year's appropriation, has been submitted to the board of education for the 1938-39 school year. The budget which totals $250,179.66 exceeds by $7,000 the budget in operation last year which, in turn was $47,000 in excess of the year previous.

The budget provides $127,825.63 for operating and $107,208.60 for debt service. A major decrease of $5,640 was shown in the maintenance schedule. Last year heavy expenses were incurred in the repair of boilers and the roof at Baldwin High School.

Estimated credits for the coming fiscal year include primary money, $49,220.75; State aid, $50,648.29; tuition, $9,000; other revenues, $3,475, and $4,123.40 delinquent tax collections in addition to the amount to be raised by the tax levy and an allocation of $7.50 on assessed valuation in school district No. 1 Fractional of which Birmingham composes a large part.

Valuation in this school district has increased $440,415. This increase is in those parts of the cities of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Township included in No. 1 Fractional. The portions of Troy and Southfield Townships included show a slight decrease in valuation.

THREE ACCIDENTS RAISE TOTAL HERE DURING WEEKEND

Birmingham's accident total rose over the week end, with three accidents taking place Sunday, one woman being injured.

The car of Marvin R. Johnson, 21, 14047 Marlowe road, Detroit, was struck from behind as he attempted to stop too quickly at Woodward and Maple, by the car of Charles Waldi, of 5100 Beedford street, Detroit, at 2 a.m. The cars were going slowly south when the collision occurred at 9 p. m. Emma Detrick, 12789 Mark Twain street, Detroit, who was riding with Johnson, received neck injuries.

Rolland Clippert, 18 years old, of Eighteen Mile and Rochester roads, had his car totally wrecked when he met another car in a head on collision at Big Beaver and Coolidge highways at 3 p. m. Clippert was driving west when Glenn Patchett, 848 Bennaville road, driving east, attempted to pass another car without sufficient room, and collided with Clippert. The car of Patchett had the windshield, left front, and side smashed. According to police records, both cars were going 30 miles an hour.

The coupe which William Aikens, 34, colored, of 5553 Brush street, Detroit, was driving north was completely wrecked when he struck the curb at Lincoln and Woodward at 5 a. m. The car swerved on the roadway, hit the east curb and rolled over five times, according to witnesses. It was going at a high rate of speed. Officers found that his operator's license had been revoked in Detroit in 1936. Charged with reckless driving and operating without a license, he is held in the local jail.

LOCAL DEMOCRATS WILL HOLD PICNIC

The Oakland County Democratic Club will hold a picnic next Saturday at Springdale Park, Birmingham, at 2 p. m. Everyone is welcome—there is no admission charge. Guests are asked to bring a basket lunches, and there will be games and prizes.

At 4 o'clock there will be a baseball game. Added attractions will be a German band, shuffle board, horse shoes, golf, tennis, and dancing in the evening at the clubhouse.

For further information phone D. H. Thompson, 1040 Bates street, president of the club, or Mrs. E. O. Brownell, 1159 Smith street.

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ATTENDANCE HIGH FOR PLAY ACTIVITIES

Pool Holds First Place As Sport With 400 Daily Going To Swim

The popularity of the summer recreation program of which Miles W. Robinson is chairman, seems to increase as the season advances, judging by the growing attendance and increasing number of hours devoted to play.

Attendance last week approached the 3,000 mark, Mr. Robinson reports, bringing the total for the summer so far, to more than 13,000 student hours of participation. The Barnum park unit ranks first as a recreation attraction, averaging close to 400 a day, including large classes for adults in the evening. Because of the number of adults wishing to join these classes, it has been necessary to bar high school students from the evening groups, Mr. Robinson announced.

In addition to swimming, tennis and golf are claiming their share of participants. In the boys' singles tennis tournament at Barnum, Loyce Reynolds defeated Gordon Bean. There were 46 original entries.

Monday will mark the opening of the golf tournament, when score will be kept for the first 18 holes. Score for the second 18 will be kept on the subsequent Monday. In the practice round a week ago, Derek Bolton came in with a 41 and 43.

Buttons for Beginners

Of the beginners in the swimming classes, buttons have been awarded to 96, including 38 new members. They are: Jimmie Arnold, Richard Herman, Cherry Konersman, Robert Hurley, Gordon Haglund, Paul Neilson, Colleen DeVaney, Ann Ledwidge, Alice Stauffer, Donald Thornton, Nancy Buhl, James Green, Jack Daeschner, Robert Adams, Paul Weier, Robert Orr, James Jenne, June Hackett, Patsy Furlong, Royce Thorpe, Edith Capling, Norton Behn, Dick Daeschner, Calvin Fyfe, Warren Smith, Barbara Ann Harold Danks, Marguerrite Kurth, Edward Beekman, Richard Dunn, Arthur Roberts, Jerry Wooden, Perry Knox, Bob Daeschner, Donald Andrade, Burl Vanderpool, Nancy Bell and Herbert Kilby.

Advanced Swimmers

Swimmers buttons have been awarded to: Adrianne Volberding, Wynona Reuter, Allen Dunne, John MacGregor, Daryl DeVaney, Roger Cummings, Tom Cummings, Henry Dahlquist, Robert Murray, Bob Erwin, Earl Bedard, Dorothy Porter, Martha Grimes, Jack Filkins, David Haines, Robert Aikens, Eugene Haglund, Bill Fyfe, Robert Dunn, Clarence O'Shaughnessy, William Shaughnessy, Russell Bedard, Earl Reuter, Leo Reynolds, Robert Gove, Robert Clements, Earl Guckelberg, Earl Jagger, Alfred Hoppe, Richard Burkett, Donald Flynn, Randall Johnson, and Ann Ledwidge.

WILLIAM BELL, 15, WINS 4TH PLACE IN SOAP BOX DERBY

Birmingham awaited with open arms Saturday night for the return of a hero in the person of William Bell, who captured fourth place in the Soap Box Derby sponsored by a Detroit newspaper. The race was run at Rouge Park.

Bill, the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bell, of 860 Knox street set the day's record according to witnesses when he made his run in the first round in 22.1 seconds.

An accident which smashed a rear wheel of the boy's car immediately following this run was, according to Mrs. Bell, his mother, responsible for his not placing higher up in the bracket of winners for this annual derby. "Bill would probably be on his way to Akron if it had not been for this accident," Mrs. Bell said today.

Bill's victory came after he had battled for his place from an entry of 138 boys. In addition to a silver medal he was presented with a chest of Stanley tools. Later in the day he broadcast over Detroit radio stations describing his participation in the race.

Have You Met?—

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Watson of 2324 Yorkshire road? They have two boys, Jim, who is two and one half years old, and Jerry, five weeks old. Mr. Watson is affiliated with the Detroit Edison Company. The Watsons were formerly of Detroit, and Mr. Watson is a graduate of the University of Detroit.

Said Mrs. Watson, "We're just crazy about Birmingham and wouldn't move back to Detroit for anything. There's no spot in Michigan that we like half so well."

FIRE LOSSES TOTAL $80 DURING JULY

In his monthly report for July to City Manager Donald C. Egbert, Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith reported that of the 18 alarms, 16 were silent alarms and 2 were inhalator runs. The estimated loss by fire was $80, of which $25 was on buildings and $55 on contents.

According to the report, the actual hours of fire fighting and rescue work totaled six hours and 53 minutes.

Besides engaging in actual fire-fighting, the local fire department spent 18 hours and 43 minutes on well inspection.

DONALD C. MANN TAKES OWN LIFE IN HOME HERE

In the gas-filled kitchen of his home at 547 Hanna street, the body of Donald C. Mann, 34 years old, was found Tuesday night by his brother Ernest. Cracks in the kitchen had been stuffed with paper. Coroner Donald S. Bell who pronounced the case a suicide, stated that Mann had been dead about 24 hours when the body was discovered.

Mann was a consulting engineer for the Johnson and Larson Co. His wife, the former Catherine Bellchamber and their son, Peter, were spending a vacation at Torch Lake. With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland H. Mann of 611 Greenwood avenue, Mann came to Birmingham in 1916 from Detroit.

He was born in the latter city July 7, 1904. He attended Birmingham High School, the University of Michigan and Cornell University. He was a former assistant Scout Master, and was a candidate for the City Commission in 1934.

Surviving besides the widow and son, are the parents, a sister, Miss Katherine Mann, and the brother, Ernest E., all of Birmingham.

Private funeral services will be held today at 11 a. m., from the S. O. Wylie Bell funeral home. The Rev. Thomas L. Harris will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

SENATOR'S WIDOW TO FINANCE BOYS AT CAMP SESSION

At the close of the present session of Camp-Mahn-Go-Tah-See, Oakland County Y. M. C. A. camp for boys, the camp will be taken over by a group of 100 boys from this county whose expenses will be paid by Mrs. James Couzens, widow of the late Senator Couzens, according to an announcement made today by Robert D. Lynd, of Birmingham, director of the camp.

Boys who would otherwise not be able to attend camp will have their expenses fully paid by Mrs. Couzens for the week of August 20 to 27 in commemoration of the birthday of her late husband which will be observed Aug. 26, Mr. Lynd said.

The committee which has been appointed by V. M. A. camp trustees to choose eligible boys is headed by Maurice S. Cole, attorney of Ferndale. He will be assisted by Dr. John K. Ormond, Raymond H. Peck and Miles Robinson of Birmingham; Arthur Bogue, attorney, Dr. E. Kyle Simpson and Caleb Summers, of Pontiac; and Dr. Palmer Sutton and George Carhart, member of the Council of Social Agencies, will represent the Royal Oak and Ferndale area on this committee.

The camp which will close its regular eight weeks' session on August 20 is composed of 75 boys living in Oakland County. About 20 boys from Birmingham are attending the camp according to Mr. Lynd.

COMMISSION SELLS BALANCE OF BONDS

The balance of the sewage disposal revenue bonds, amounting to $13,000 will be sold to the C. W. Mercer Company of Detroit, the City Commission decided Monday evening in accepting the company's bid. The bid was accepted on an offer of $11,176.80, on a basis of five per cent yield.

A week ago, the Commission approved the sale of $90,000 in bonds to the Stranahan Harris, for $86,647, at the rate of 4.5 per cent interest.

WORK PROGRESSES ON PIERCE TRACK

At a meeting of the Board of Education Monday night, Charles S. Kinnison recommended that J. Mark Hardin take his place on the Pierce Field track committee. One hundred and twenty-five men are at work on the field, working in two shifts, which go on at 6 a. m. and noon, and employing four trucks. At present, they are excavating and screening cinders. It is hoped to have the track in readiness for use by Sept. 1.

NET FINALISTS TO PLAY OFF GAMES TODAY

Howard Johnson In Line For Men's Champion Of The City, This Year

With finals scheduled to be played off before Friday participants in the Service Tennis Tournament being sponsored by the Birmingham Eccentric in conjunction with the Detroit News, matches were being played today in an attempt to finish up before the deadline tonight. State finals will be played off Saturday in Detroit.

Howard Johnson, of Villa road, runner-up in the contest conducted here last year, advanced to the finals and was today awaiting the playoffs in the quarter finals in order that he might meet the winner to determine the novice men's champion of the city.

John won his place in the finals by virtue of his win over William Collins earlier in the week. Johnson defeated Collins in three matches by scores of 7-5, 6-2, 6-1.

Victors and their scores in the semi-finals of play are as follows: Howard Johnson, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 over Robert Zeigler; Robert Porter 6-3, 6-4 over Ted Huxford; William Collins 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 over Loyes Reynolds; Herbert Bordan 6-3, 7-5 over Russell Grinnell; Lee Pearsall who advanced by virtue of a default by Art Neff; Earl Ziegler 6-3, 6-2 over Robert Hall; Warren Dalley 2-6, 6-3, 9-7 over Leo Ward; Bill Cole 6-2, 6-0 over Henry Dahlquist.

Johnson defeated Robert Porter 6-3, 6-3 in the semi finals and William Collins defeated Herbert Bordan by scores of 6-1, 6-1. These two will play matches which had advanced to the semi finals at 4 p. m. Wednesday.

In the girls' tournament, which has been played off at the same time as the men have been playing their matches, Lilah Johnson and Margaret McKee had advanced to the finals by Wednesday afternoon. Miss McKee, women's champion in the single women's tennis tournament conducted here last year advanced to the semi-finals by virtue of her win over Joy Johnson 6-3, 6-2. Miss Johnson won the right to play in the finals when Betty Miller defaulted this week.

Victors in the first round of play in the women's division were as follows: Lilah Johnson 6-2, 6-2 over Dorothy McCormick; Betty Miller 6-4, 8-6 over Carol Clark; Joy Johnson 6-2, 6-2 over Margaret Coryell; Margaret McKee 6-3, 6-2 over Betty Stoll.

Winners of the local contest will enter the state play-offs to be held in Detroit Saturday at Palmer (Waterworks) Park according to Miles Robinson, Birmingham director for the tournament. The contest which began the past five years to any amateur tennis player who has never won a major tennis title, been ranked in the first 10 annually or received a collegiate letter in tennis or won a previous novice event.

HILLS MATRON CAST IN PLAY AT UNIVERSITY

Helen (Mrs. Pat) Eden, of Hickory Grove road, Bloomfield Hills, is a member of the cast of the play "The Whitehead Boy" which is being presented by the Michigan Repertory Players at the University of Michigan Wednesday through Saturday of this week, according to announcement made by the group.

The Ann Arbor production is under the direction of Whitford Kane, a product of the Abbey Theatre where "The Whitehead Boy" had its premiere in 1916. Originally projected as a play symbolizing the British Empire as a large sovereign family knit together by a scheming, lovable mother, "The Whiteheaded Boy" failed of its purpose and eventually became the comedy that it is, filled with homely human characters entirely devoid of symbolism.

Lennox Robinson, author of the play which started out to be a symbolic, political drama ended up as one of the most delightful of the Irish comedies said recently in speaking of the work. When it started to write, the Goeghegans and the Duffys took the bit between their teeth and for a fortnight drove my pen exactly in the direction they wanted to go.

"I haven't the remotest idea what it means politically," he concluded.

Librarian Attends Institute

Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian at Baldwin Public Library, is leaving today to attend an institute of Library Administration for Librarians in Service given by the graduate Library School at the University of Chicago. She will attend the last week of the two weeks' course.

Afterwards, Miss Cooke plans to visit her parents at Kaukauna, Wis.

SENIOR

Miss Chissus

LOCAL STUDENTS TO CONTINUE ON SCHOLARSHIPS

Birmingham's contingent of students attending the University of Michigan as holders of Michigan Alumni Undergraduate Scholarships, is getting an enviable record for future recipients of the same award, according to a report from the University to the local committee.

They have been awarded scholarships for the coming year because all maintained the required standard of classroom work, which makes them eligible for a renewal of the award.

Students from Birmingham who are scholarship holders, will be enrolled in all four classes, from the freshman, represented by Robert H. Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Latta Porter of 271 Baldwin avenue, to the senior, of which Roberta I. Chissus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Chissus of 1105 Cedar drive, is a member.

Miss Chissus will be the third local recipient of the Alumni Scholarship to carry it through successfully to the senior year. The others are Henry Foley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Foley of 588 Madison avenue, and Robert Judson, formally of Birmingham. Foley, who was graduated in June, is also the winner of a Fellowship which will enable him to return to the University for graduate work.

Sophomores Now

Three girls who were freshmen for 1937-1938, Jean A. Baker of 684 Madison avenue, Victoria Gellatly of 911 Chesterfield road, and Ruth Seager of 132 North Woodward avenue, will continue on scholarships as sophomores. Robert Watt, 564 Hanna street, who has completed his sophomore year, has been awarded the scholarship for his junior year. All but Porter are graduates of Baldwin High School. The latter is a graduate of Detroit Central High School.

According to an announcement by Dr. Clarence S. Yoakum, vice-president of the University in charge of educational investigations, 100 students from and within the state have been designated as scholarship holders at the University during the coming school year.

Holders of the scholarships have been designated by the University out of selections made by the active University of Michigan clubs and Alumnae Chapters throughout the State. The number of renewals this year, the largest the University has ever had, represents the grant of approximately $22,000, and is due largely to the fact that the alumni have made a more thorough investigation of the students they nominate for these scholarships.

Local Committee

The year 1938-1939 marks the eighth year of these awards. The large number of renewals is especially significant as in addition to maintaining a high scholastic standing, the students must find it necessary to do additional work outside in financing their college education. Also, the majority of students participate in many extra curricular activities.

Mrs. Robert F. Watt is chairman of the scholarship committee of the Birmingham branch of the Michigan League. Mrs. Lee A. White is the new president.

Township To Vote On Town Hall Site

Voters of Bloomfield Township will be asked to cast a ballot for an appropriation of $13,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a town hall at a special township meeting called for Aug. 13 from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Qualified electors, who have property assessed for taxes in the township, or their husbands or wives, may cast a vote, according to James V. Bayley, township clerk. The polls will be open during the hours indicated, and eligible voters may drop in at any time to indicate their choice.

If approved, the appropriation of $13,000 would be transferred from the general fund to the building site fund for the purpose of securing a site and building the new town hall.

WIN PRIZE BY NAMING NEW RECIPE BOOK

The Eccentric To Sponsor Contest for Choice of Title

Here is a new opportunity for Birmingham cooks or culinary artists (which ever they prefer to be called) to test their skill and win a prize. This time it will not be in the concoction of some particular delicacy, but in the choice of a name for a brand new cook book. The book will be published by The Birmingham Eccentric and will be a compilation of the recipes which appear each week on the women's pages.

As variety is the spice of life, it will be also the life of the cook-book, as the recipes cover virtually every phase of cookery from soup to nuts from the simplest to the most elaborate meal. There are choice old recipes and many new, gleaned from many sections of the country where tradition or nationality has been preserved through tasty dishes.

But the responsibility of choosing a name for the cook book, The Eccentric is handing over to the many skilful homemakers in the community. As an inducement, a prize of $5 will be awarded to the one who chooses a title, which in the opinion of the judges, ranks the best. The contest opens with this issue of The Eccentric, and closes Sept. 15. Entries should be sent to the Contest Editor before that date.

Judging the contest will be a committee including Paul Neal Averill, business manager of The Eccentric, chairman; Miss Adeline Cooke, librarian at Baldwin Public Library, and Marjorie Elaine Porter, managing editor.

There are no particular rules to follow except that, those entering must send in names that are original with them. Titles of cook books already published are strictly forbidden. This is to be an opportunity for Birmingham women to use their own ideas as to how a cook book should be named.

It is also recommended that the title suggest in some way the fact that it is a cook book published by the "home town" newspaper for you, although other ideas are also welcome. In choosing a title, it is well to remember that "Brevity is the soul of wit."

BOARD ACCEPTS RESIGNATION OF VOCAL TEACHER

The resignation of Miss Edith Roach, instructor in vocal music in the Birmingham schools for the past ten years, was accepted by the Board of Education at a special meeting Monday evening.

Miss Roach has accepted a position as music supervisor in the Pontiac Public Schools for the coming year, it was announced. While in Birmingham, Miss Roach coached students through a series of successful operettas and festivals, in addition to her work of instruction in both elementary and secondary schools.

Another change in the teaching staff approved by the Board, was the engaging of Miss Helen Miller, graduate of Western State Teachers College, to fill a vacancy at the Adams school, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Brown. Mrs. Brown resigned to accept a teaching position in the Trenton Public Schools.

Miss Miller, who formerly taught at Brighton, Mich., is now enrolled at the graduate school of Wayne University, where she is working toward her Master's Degree.

Club Plans Riding Party

Members of the Triangle club will hold a riding party at the Franklin Hills Stables on Town Line road Sunday. Those planning on attending are asked to meet at 4 o'clock at the Community House.

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