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Dr. Sachar To Speak On America's Past

Detroit town hall in the Cass Theatre, will resume the Friday morning series, Jan. 6th at 11 o'clock. Dr. A. L. Sachar, historian, biographer and educator, will be the subject. "Lessons from the American Past" is speaking in Detroit for the second time because of the favorable impression he created last year before the Town Hall audience.

Dr. Sachar has made a reputation at the University of Illinois where he is professor of Modern European and English History in his writing, and for his lectures. As National Director of The B'nai B'rith Foundation which are established in the leading Universities, Dr. Sachar is at the heart of the Youth Movement in the United States and a leader in the student world.

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PROGRAM SERIES TO BE SPONSORED BY CRANBROOK

A series of six entertainments, open to the public, including four lectures, a Shattuck play and a Ukrainian chorus, will be presented during the winter term at Cranbrook. A series of three lectures presented this past fall met with sufficient success to encourage the schools to sponsor the forthcoming series. Primarily arranged for the benefit of the students of the schools, the entertainments are of such a nature as to appeal to parents and friends of the schools.

Sydney R. Montague of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will open the series with a talk on his experiences as a member of the Arctic Patrol in Baffinland in the "Crested Auklet" on Saturday evening, Jan. 8. J. Elder Blackledge, outstanding manager, will speak on the history of his ancient profession, "Riding a Magic Carpet," will be the title of a talk by Jan. 21. Clarence Roemert, founder and director of the Microvium in the Hall of Science at the Chicago World's Fair and formerly of Teachers College, Columbia University, will lecture on "Wonders of an Unseen World" on Feb. 11.

The Federal Theatre Project will present Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" on Feb. 25. Saturday evening, March 4 will be devoted to The Ukrainian "Funganka" Chorus, directed by Ivan Alenavich. Sir Arthur Willett, diplomat, publicist and authority on International Affairs, will conclude the series on March 8 speaking on "European Problems." Sir Arthur was Head of the Publicity Department of the British Foreign Office from 1920 until 1935. Previous to that time he had been Washington correspondent for the London Times.

A Cranbrook or Kingswood organization, such as the Glee Clubs, Orchestra, Band, Fencing or other group, will be presented at each entertainment.

JUDGE HARTRICK IS HEARING JURY INVESTIGATIONS

Judge George B. Hartwick heard the first testimony Tuesday morning in the grand jury investigation of alleged violations of the law in connection with the distribution and sale of gasoline, oil and other commodities in Oakland County. The investigation includes a probe of all games of chance which are violations of the State lottery law.

The hearing is the outcome of a petition filed recently by Prosecutor Franklin E. Morris in the Oakland County Circuit Court in which he requested and granted a one man grand jury investigation of the alleged violations. The petition was filed through Chief Assistant Prosecutor Samuel J. Patterson. Judge Hartwick signed the order.

"The testimony may come on for sometime," said Assistant Prosecutor Patterson yesterday. Dunlap C. Noggle, an assistant appointed to take office Jan. 1, under Prosecutor-elect Charles L. Wilson, is assisting Prosecutor Morris in the inquiry.

The probe is a result of rival price cutting among gasoline dealers in the county alleged by the petition to be in violation of the State Fair Trade Act. Directed primarily at the gasoline and oil business, the petition is broadly drawn so that a probe into illegal lotteries and games of chance may be made, explained Mr. Patterson. Certain lotteries and games of chance are charged by the petition as violating the State of Michigan Lottery Act drawn up in 1931.

The petition provides that if the judge conducting the investigation is satisfied that the alleged offenses have been committed, warrants from the Circuit Court or other courts will be issued against persons or firms involved in the violations.

Town Hall Reopens With Lyman Bryson In Arctic Circle

The Wednesday morning Town Hall course reopens Jan. 4 with Lyman Bryson, speaking on "Does a Child Need Parents?" Mr. Bryson is chairman of the adult education board of the Columbia Broadcasting System, and professor of education at Teachers' College, Columbia University. He is heard each Sunday at 7 p. m. on a nationwide broadcast, "The People's Platform."

The Eva Jessye Choir, from the choral ensemble of the colored opera, "Fanny and Jess," and also featured in Gertrude Stein's "Four Saints in Three Acts," will entertain Town Hallers Jan. 11. Coming Jan. 23 Jim Tully, incorrigible truth-teller of the movie colony, whose subject is "Behind the Scenes in Hollywood," Sir Ronald Storrs, British statesman and former governor of Jerusalem, will discuss "The Problem of Palestine" Feb. 1.

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Michigan Mirror NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER

LANSING.—With modest simplicity Frank Fitzgerald, the Grand Lodge county farmer, will again become governor of Michigan next Tuesday, Jan. 2.

At Fitzgerald's request the inaugural ceremonies here will be democratic in spirit, devoid of pomp.

Taking the oath of office also will be an all-Republican cabinet—Harry Kelly as secretary of state, Thomas Read as attorney general, Miller Duensel as state treasurer, and Vernon J. Brown as auditor general. They will join Dr. Eugene C. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction, to make the Michigan state leadership nearly 100 per cent G.O.P. Murray D. Van Wageningen, state highway commissioner, will become Michigan No. 1 Democrat. Van Wageningen was elected at the 1937 spring election for a four-year term that expires in 1942.

On the following day, Jan. 4, the state legislature will convene for the biennial session. Considerable interest has centered on selection of the speaker of the house of representatives, and this week it appeared virtually certain that Howard Nugent, Huron county farmer, will hold this key position. Although Rep. Maurice E. Post of Grand Rapids has the backing of the committee members headed by Melville B. McPherson, also of Kent county, the Kent county legislator has the incidental handicap, for such it is, of being from the same city in which Frank D. McKay is a Republican leader.

Governor-elect Fitzgerald is reported as being firm in his decision to avoid any "compromising situation" with McKay. No matter what were the actual facts, the selection of Post for speaker would be interpreted widely as proof of McKay's power behind the scenes. Hence, the present swing to Nugent.

State Reformers.—As the national civil service study commission created by Fitzgerald led a troublesome baby on the Murphy's doorstep, Governor Murphy's pet hobby, the state commission of "reform and modernization of government" is leaving a broken child on Fitzgerald's lap.

Governor Murphy has oft referred to this group as an agency to effect much needed "streamlining" of state government. It also fits neatly into the national New Deal pattern. President Roosevelt, who will recall, upset Congress last year with a request for sweeping of government reform, inspiring Father Coughlin and others to raise a hue and cry about "dictatorship."

Murphy's commission, like the Fitzgerald civil service body, is non-partisan in setup. Among its members are loyal Republicans as well as ardent New Dealers.

Reapportionment.—Here are some leading reform objectives:

1. Reapportionment for the legislature. This is desired by Detroit and the large industrial centers which are deprived of rightful legislative representation on the basis of their present populations. It is true that half of the members of the House represent only 25 per cent of the state's population. Downstate Illinois and Chicago have been at war legislatively speaking, for many years due to differing viewpoints on this same issue.

2. Four-year term for the governor. Voters of Michigan rejected the tenure plan for county officials at the Nov. 8 election. If the constitution had been so amended in 1936, Governor Murphy might have continued in office until 1940. Likewise, if in effect in 1934, it would have meant Fitzgerald being governor during the sit-down strikes of 1937 and the recession of 1938.

What is your attitude on these two reforms? That will depend largely on your interests which influence your point-of-view.

Fair Trade.—If your local legislators try to introduce as an amendment, a bill at Lansing and called it "Good Government Bill," they could rightfully denounce anyone who dared to oppose its passage. To our way of thinking, such is an analogy to the "Fair Trade" type of legislation which will occupy many days of time at the 1939 legislative session.

Retailers are opposed to vicious price-cutting competition, although the consumer has never been heard to refuse a bargain just because its sale does not bring a fair profit to the seller. At the 1937 session at Lansing various interests sponsored "fair trade" bills. Gasoline dealers formed their own state association and raised a big lobbying pool. Grocers sought to outlaw loss-leaders. Even the dentists tried to forbid denture makers from dental advertising.

Behind all the fanfare about "carving" and "fair practices" was the uniform desire to reduce competition and stabilize prices.

They're At It Again.—The legislative battle over "fair

SIGN TO ADVERTISE BALDWIN CARNIVAL

This coming week there will be a large sign strung across Maple avenue from McBride's to Shattuck to advertise the carnival to be given by Baldwin High School, Friday, Jan. 13. The carnival will consist of some 150 different events.

Throughout the week there will be an extensive campaign in the other schools. Over 200 posters are being used to help publicize the affair.

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PLENTY OF POTATOES.—This must be good country for potato growing. For Evans farmers specializing in quantity, Walter Drake reported a yield of 374 bushels from one acre this year, and 833 bushels from a three-acre field.

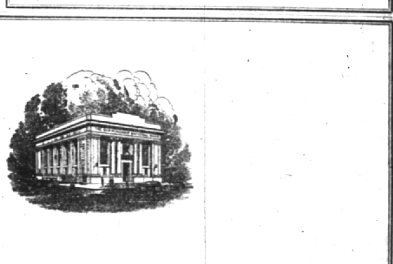
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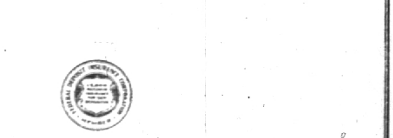
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