

Washingtonians Will Hold Party

A Washington party has been planned by the Birmingham-Washington group...

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

Fifty Years Ago Jan. 23, 1889

No one need ever tell us again that farming does not pay. Ernest Wilde has not farmed it more than a year and yet was lately made \$5,000 richer by the arrival of a 12-month boy at the Wilde farm...

Cass Herrington, one of Pontiac's rising young lawyers, has located at Denver, Colo., and formed a partnership with his brother, Fred. We wish them an abundance of success in their new venture.

The Lyceum debates at the high school are becoming more and more interesting each week. Several to us some member ought to take interest enough in the meetings to give us a report of each debate and the question for the coming week. Can't you do it?

About a week ago, Louis Stach purchased the Abel Evans' farm and will take immediate possession. The step is caused by the arrival of a fine new farm home...

Who believe Miss Zonia Post has the finest show of poultry in the country. A peep at her stock this week showed a group of Buff Orpingtons are much admired and other varieties are numerous...

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POPULAR CONCERT TO FEATURE TWO YOUNG SOLOISTS

Gregor Piatigorsky, generally ranked as one of the greatest cellists of the day, will be presented as soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at 8:30 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 2, and at 2:30 p. m. Friday, Feb. 3, in Orchestra Hall. Franco Ghione will conduct both concerts.

Two soloists, Helen Van Loan, soprano, and Porter Heaps, pianist, will appear with the orchestra at the fourth concert in the series of popular-priced programs Saturday night, Feb. 4, which Victor Kolar will direct.

Piatigorsky arrived in the United States two weeks ago and began his tenth anniversary American tour, being scheduled to make



Porter Heaps

30 appearances in 10 weeks. With the symphony, Piatigorsky will play Dvorak's Concerto in B Minor, for Violoncello and Orchestra. "Saturday's concert will feature two young American artists who have won considerable fame in addition to playing Poulenc's Concerto for harp and orchestra. Heaps, the 1936 National Federation of Music Clubs concert winner, will play Bach's "Joy of Man's Destrining," Reuss's Scherzo and "Song of the Mayas and the Nightingale" of Granados. The Poulenc work will be given its first performance in Detroit at the "pop" concert.

Miss Van Loan, graduate of Mrs. Harry B. Earhart, of Ann Arbor, attended public schools in Detroit and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She also is an accomplished pianist. She has appeared in concert and in opera with marked success. Two arias from Mozart's opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," "No so piva cosa" and "Deh vieni con me," will be completely digusted with the triviality of the weaker sex. That's why man never will solve the riddle of woman; man will always have this problem to tax his al-

City demands cost of bank receiver for First National, refers commission to comptroller. Washington for information. Brands request as "silly." Birmingham buys own C. W. A. supplies and work goes on. Will spend from \$50 to \$100 weekly until more federal money arrives. Following orders from headquarters. Workers "up against it." President's Birthday Ball promises to be a real event. Mayor Egan and social leaders lend assistance to plans. Schools and city will not extend bond-tax plan. Both units serve notice that they will not include bonds in current levy. School Board agrees move to give interest on coupons as part payment. Real Facts regarding 'New Year's Eve dance' at Community House are much exaggerated, chapman says. Letter to The Eccentric, signed by H. W. DeBerg of Woodland drive, says that if "regular institutions cannot build up respect for law and order, a few 'so-called' chapmen cannot be expected to do it in one evening. Quanton school may have seventh grade. Board of Education agrees to sanction addition next semester providing the salary of the teacher is paid by parents of children in that grade. Mrs. Henry C. Duffield of Lone Pine road writes on behalf of several parents, voicing objections to sending seventh-graders to Baldwin, to contact seniors much older than they.

RETAILERS MEET TO DISCUSS NEW SALES COURSE

At a dinner meeting of the Retail Merchants' association held recently at the Community House plans were made for the salesman's club which is to be held weekly at the Baldwin High School. Harry E. Bisset, Association chairman, presided.

A feature of this course is that it will not be limited to the textbook approach but will include an examination and discussion of practical salesmanship problems which will be presented by members of the group.

The course is being offered by the Birmingham Board of Education in cooperation with the State Board of Control and Vocational Education which provides a share of the cost. Although a federal project, this course is handled by local educational institutions.

Among the subjects to be covered at these meetings will be the most competent handling and displaying of stock, how to successfully deal with customers, acquiring personal qualifications for better salesmanship as well as other closely related subjects.

Cyrenius A. Newcomb, who has had extensive experience in the retail field, will be the leader of this group. The first meeting was held last evening at 7 o'clock. The subsequent nine meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings.

The course is being directed by vocational education, outlined the work of the vocational program when he spoke to members of the merchants' association at their recent dinner meeting. Mr. Newcomb talked briefly, emphasizing how such a project is applied locally. Both speakers were introduced by Howard D. Crull, superintendent of schools.

The next meeting of the Retail Merchants' association will be held February 14 at the Fox and Hounds.

PONTIAC—Two men had a narrow escape from drowning when the automobile in which they had been riding but a moment before, went beneath the thin ice and disappeared on Harris Lake on Baldwin avenue Thursday afternoon. The two heard the ice crack and stepped out just before the car broke through. They were unharmed. The car has not been recovered. They were Harold Bumpus, 30, 2975 Clintonville road, and Clarence McDonnold, 470 West Beverly street,

'Dear Dad'—Letters of A College Freshman

By Norman Lyle, Jr. Dear Dad, In thoughtful mood the other night, I wrote a little message for the school paper—the "Review." Thought you might be interested; it follows.

The Freshman said to the Senior, "This love business has got me down. I can't get along with women, and I can't get along without them. Either way, I can't figure them out. They're twenty years old one day, and two the next. One night I'm supposed to act like Mike Romanoff, and the next I have to pull a Miskey Rooney. If this is a game, I lost track of the score ten years ago."

"Women," said the Senior, "are civilization's great enigma. Man was never—"

"What's an enigma?" said the Freshman, pulling valiantly but vainly at his pipe. Said the Senior, "Whether he is. An enigma is anything inexplicable; a—"

"Inex—what?" asked the Freshman. The Senior placidly ignored the interruption. "A riddle," he said. "The enigma is anything paradoxical or contradictory statements and is definitely proposed to be guessed."

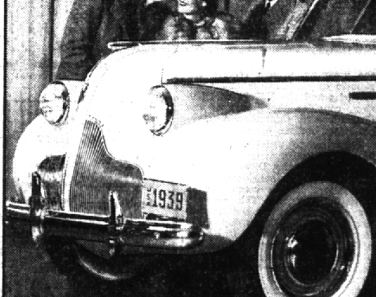
"Women," said the Senior, "are civilization's great enigma. Man was never—"

"The answer is that there isn't any answer," the Senior thoughtfully looked a cloud of smoke. "When God created woman, he knew that man would never be satisfied until he knew the why and wherefore of the eternal feminine. And he knew that if man understood woman, he'd be completely disgusted with the triviality of the weaker sex. That's why man never will solve the riddle of woman; man will always have this problem to tax his al-

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British Diplomat Town Hall Speaker

R. H. Bruce Lockhart, British diplomat, journalist and author of "Memoirs of a British Agent," will be the speaker for the Detroit Town Hall in the Cass Theatre, next Friday morning—Jan. 27, at 11 o'clock.

Born in Fife, Scotland, Mr. Lockhart's diplomatic career followed his education in Berlin and Paris, and service in the Malay States on a rubber plantation. As Lloyd George's "Boy Ambassador" when he was head of the first British Mission to the Bolshevik Government, he was in Russia during three years since the price of her commodities went up. But that's the biggest forty-three cents' worth of riddle ever devised.

"I guess that explains it," said the Freshman. "I was never any good at these guessing games. That's why man never will solve the riddle of woman; man will always have this problem to tax his al-

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