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Of this I am sure: In spite of occasional proof to the contrary, today's generation of youngsters isn't going to do worse with their age than their elders.

## Albion Band To Be Heard In Concert At Baldwin High

The Albion college band, consisting of 55 pieces, will appear in concert under the direction of Conway Peters before students of Baldwin high school tomorrow at 2:30 P. M. in the high school auditorium.

of Albion. Featured also on the program will be "Sweatearts, a Musical Fantasia." Mr. Peters has been on the Albion College faculty and director of its bands since 1934. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music and of the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago.

## FOX-CROFT HOME HAS NEW OWNER



This Cape Cod home built in "Foxcroft" was sold to Mr. and Mrs. J. Warner Wolfson, of Detroit. Foxcroft is a new community of traditional Early American homes in West Maple, near Wing Lake.

## Canfield Novel Deals With Vital Problem Of Today

By Lindo Moore  
The startling picture of what the violent working of deep-seated or concealed prejudices can do to a small Vermont town is the theme of Dorothy Canfield's new novel, *Seasoned Timber*.

## About Your Public School

This information is furnished by the Birmingham Board of Education in cooperation with The Eccentric.

Q.—We sometimes hear the terms "elementary" and "secondary" schools referred to in connection with divisions in the scheme of education. To what do these terms refer?

A.—School systems are usually divided for administrative and instructional purposes into one of the following plans: an 8-4 plan, a 6-3-3 plan, or a 6-2-4 plan. This means that the first grouping of grades, stressing particularly the fundamentals in tool subjects along with correct social attitudes, is known as the elementary school.

The remainder of the public school program is known as the secondary school. This is broken up usually by a junior high school program and a senior high school program. Grades allotted to these divisions are determined by the administration of the school system.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY — Mrs. Charles J. Shain lecturer on public affairs, said: "I cannot be classified as a partisan in any political sense. But when Detroit-ridden politics enters into the nomination of a candidate for the presidency of our university—as if it were for a job in the athletic department—then I am actively concerned. I am taking an active part, and expect to do so, and I will say that I already have found hundreds eager to enlist in behalf of the best candidates offered, regardless of party."

"Unconscious Influence" This new thing of composing a popular song with no melody makes it difficult to tell from which old master it was stolen.—Chicago Daily News.

## Title Playoffs For City Championship To Begin Tonight

Teams in the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. Basketball League will compete in the first games of the city title playoffs tonight at Baldwin high school gym with DeMolay meeting Sherburne at 7:50, and Miks playing Recreation at 8:30.

Although DeMolay led the league during the greater portion of the season and finished second in the final standings, Sherburne have an excellent chance to remove them from the finals. Sherburne have been playing an improved game the last few weeks and succeeded in placing in the playoffs by defeating Cranbrook, with whom they were tied for fourth place, 29 to 26 at the Cranbrook gym last Thursday night.

The Miks-Recreation contest promises to be the fastest game of the series as both teams are composed of excellent players with plenty of determination to win. Although Miks, league leaders, have hosted Recreation in their previous encounters, the Recreation boys are out for revenge.

Well Known Names The roster of the various teams in the Y. League embraces some well-known names in Birmingham sports, many of them being stars on former high school teams. Schwartz, Hunt, Munsy, K. McBride, Langerman, Tom and "Red" Miller are popular Miks players under the management of "Red" Gould. DeMolay has some old-timers in Norton, Fein, McBride and the Streub brothers. Sherburne's squad has some good material in Chandler, Shave, Cushing, Dully and Vicario, while the youthful Recreation team rightfully boasts of such recent stars as Grambeau, Minting, Forsaker, "Red" McBride and Porteous.

The winners of tonight's contests will battle for the city championship next Thursday night. As an added attraction on that night the Michigan Bell Telephone girls team will play the Keego Harbor Merchants' girls' team in an interesting contest. Five Birmingham girls are members of the telephone company team. Season tickets entitle holders to playoff games, with a small charge being made for those without tickets.

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## Hills Youth Writes Open Letter To Uncle Sam Giving Opinion On War

It is interesting to know how the younger generation feels about future wars in which it may be called upon to fight. An enlightening expression on this subject comes from Robert Luce, 17 year old senior of the Bloomfield Hills High School on Caughn road. In the current issue of "The Blue and White," published by the students at the school, Robert has written an open letter to Uncle Sam. In it he states, with

"Dear Uncle Sam, It is generally predicted by even the most optimistic prophets that there will soon be another more terrible war. These prophets are quite sure that government won't manufacturing war tools just to let them become obsolete; they intend to use them for war. This is what I want to talk to you about."

Before I began you would probably like to know who I am and why I am taking the liberty of writing to you.

I am a high school boy, and like most high school boys, I have plans for the future which include being successful in my job, some day owning my own home and car, and doing some traveling. I want to me that these plans don't fit into the future as predicted, might be a success as a soldier, but that's not the kind of job that I had in mind. If I live to get it, the home, the home I have to give up, and I'm in another poor way depression.

I'm not afraid to go to war, and I believe in defending our country, but leaving all sentiment aside, what's the use of investing time and money in an attempt to make me a success at living, when there are plans afoot that will make my life exceedingly short? To put it bluntly, why should I prepare to be a chemist, doctor or lawyer when it takes none of these skills to go to some muddy battlefield and be shot? It just isn't good business. It can be compared to buying a road map of Michigan when you are traveling in California. It is an utter waste.

When my friends and I talk of the future and our plans, our discussion invariably ends with one of us declaring, "Oh, well, we're all going to be shot, so why make plans?" None of us are afraid to go to war, to it isn't that, we just don't want to. It is like taking our Saturday night bath when we were younger. We weren't afraid to, we just didn't want to. And like our Saturday night bath, it bungs over us, and makes us feel helplessly apprehensive.

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## Bitter Creek, by James Boyd

Ray Taylor, returning agent from a broken, unhappy home in Illinois, bought a ticket for a West, ern bound train. The name of which he noted at random from a map. He found the West of the '70's a free and easy place where his youth was an arduous task.

Royal Escape, by Georgeette This is a story of a man and a woman, the flight of Charles H. Stuart king of England, after the battle of Marston. The author's high-browed escapes and romantically dangerous adventure make a suspenseful and exciting novel.

Wickford Poente, by J. P. Marquand An amusing satirical novel about an unusual New England family. The novel is set in the time of the American Revolution.

Bulldog Drummond, by Gerard Fairlie. A dull and unexciting novel in the country has been written to wear something on the great shield, Captain Hugh Drummond. That was rendered by the course of the Nation's history and an unspacious gentleman whose wisdom and subsequent chase and capture, proceeds with barefaced swindles and breath-taking incidents.

Elizabeth Page, with her new novel, "The Tree of Liberty," dips into the apparently inexhaustible resources of the American Revolution, its no-nonsense decisions, its battles, its leaders and patriots. More than that she portrays the common people, who contributed so much to the course of the Nation's history and who are so little remembered.

The Log of a Lame Duck, by Audrey Alexandra Brown. The journal of a young woman suffering from a crippling. For years she could only think wistfully of hiking in the mountains, and dancing of leading a normal life. But she was sent to a sanitarium in Vancouver where treatment freed her from her crutches.

The Journal records her experiences in the hospital, which was filled with crippled children. The children had differing personalities and accepted her as one of themselves. A poignantly beautiful record, but not at all pitiful or pathetic.

News Note The blonde who once a shining star With Johannes proved her snubbing. But gentlemen prefer Lamarr. And so the blondes are dyeing.—Hollywood Daily Variety.

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