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The Millennium Arrives! Subject of Latin Is Made Interesting

Baldwin Teacher Cooperates in New Language Method

Editor's Note: This week's guest contributor, a teacher at Baldwin High School, tells of a new method of teaching Latin to add zest to the subject. The editor, who attempted to learn Latin in the old school, feels that any improvement should be subject for the Nobel prize.

By RUTH HULL
In the democratic school systems of today, can Latin continue to maintain its claim of being the "language of the ages"? We are experimenting with a new textbook in first year Latin which attempts to differentiate materials to meet differences of ability. The textbook was written

by a group of 24 experienced Latin teachers and graduate students under the direction of Professor Fred S. Dunham of the University of Michigan. For the past two years the book has been used experimentally by several high schools of this state, and is now being tried out in one beginning class at Baldwin. Everywhere it has met with most enthusiastic approval by pupils, teachers and parents.

Must be Intelligent
In order to maintain its position in progressive schools, Latin must be made intelligible to a large number of students representing a wide range of interests, intelligence, and habits of study. Accordingly the authors of the book have undertaken to adapt the subject matter to the child, not the child to the subject matter—on the guiding thesis that every child has a right to succeed, and should be given an opportunity to enjoy the finest things in life.

In this respect "The Language of the Ages" departs from the

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usual procedure. Two levels of requirements for graduation? It is not the aim of the general course to teach less and less about less and less. The course adequately meets the standard set up for secondary schools under the supervision of state universities and colleges. However, if pupils plan to enter a college where it is necessary to pass a college-board examination they will be better prepared if they are able to complete the honors course.

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Although there are decided group similarities and yet great individual differences within a class, the traditional Latin course has not risen in its requirements. All students must be molded to the same pattern. "The Language of the Ages" however, uses different materials and procedures for socialized teaching and individual instruction. Individual differences demand attention. The activities are such that they offer a challenge to all pupils all of the time.

Both "General" and "Honors" groups must meet certain minimum essentials. The "Honors" student gets richer, more difficult, and longer assignments. He gets 50 per cent more material, all at his hand. He gets more vocabulary, drill, and optional work. Both groups have oral work each day to provide for differentiation even within the group itself.

These two courses are so interwoven that both may be easily taught in one class by the same teacher. However, care has been taken to keep this interweaving from making teaching difficult or from causing confusion in the minds of the pupils. The pupil is responsible merely for the work in the book definitely labeled and assigned to his group.

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Five Crashes After Heavy Snowfall Of Last Thursday

The season's first snowfall of any consequence last Thursday made Birmingham streets slippery and contributed to several automobile mishaps. In two of the crashes, there were injuries.

At 1:10 p. m., last Thursday, Mrs. Thomas H. Adams, 646 Puritan avenue, was on her way to Quanton school with children, when her car could not stop for Oak street. Mrs. Abel F. Denham, 400 Wellesley drive, going east on Oak street, was in collision with Mrs. Adams' machine and the former driver was thrown against the rear-view mirror, resulting in severe bruises to her head and shoulder.

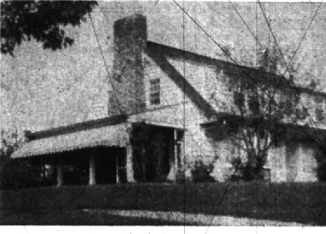
Another crash at an Oak street intersection occurred at 9:52 a. m., last Thursday. A car driven east on Oak by Mrs. Eda Bonnell, 26, of 2168 Yarmouth road, colliding with one driven south on Oak by Edgar R. Jarrett, 26, of Hazel Park, Mrs. Bonnell's face was scratched and her left arm bruised, while Jarrett received a forehead cut, according to the police.

At 12:15 p. m., on Hunter boulevard, Hugo C. Hesse, of Royal Oak, attempted a left turn, and as he crossed in front of Dillman E. Seelye, of Pontiac, the latter car skidded on the snow and a crash resulted.

At 5:25 p. m., on Hunter boulevard, near Hazel, an almost identical crash occurred as Samuel R. Fraser, of Pontiac, attempted to turn but could not make the corner because of ice. The car of Justin Strunk, of Detroit, crashed into his. No one was hurt.

Some time Thursday the police report did not state when Mrs. Florence L. Newhall, of 444 Arlington road, Birmingham, driving east on West Maple, crashed with a machine driven by Henry Girard, of Pontiac, going in the opposite direction.

HOME HAS NEW OWNERS



This is the former Charles S. Kinnison home at 348 Hawthorne road, recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Billings, 608 Northview. The Kinnisons are to move into their new home on Northview avenue overlooking the Rouge Valley and the golf club. The former Billings home has been rented to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Barstow of Kansas City, who are to arrive in the City about Feb. 1. All the transactions were handled by the Walsh, James & Wasey Co.

VFW Auxiliary Sponsors Contest

An essay contest on "The Benefits of Democracy," has been announced by the Ladies' Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and all Birmingham high schools are invited to participate for local and national prizes.

This is the fifth successive contest sponsored throughout the country by the V. F. W. Auxiliary. Limited to 500-1,000 words, the essays must be original with the student and affidavits to that effect will be required from the students and their faculty advisors.

The winner in the local contest will compete with other local winners throughout this state. The essay adjudged best in the state contest will be entered in competition with other state winners for the \$1,000 first national prize. Other national awards will include \$500, second; \$250, third; \$100, fourth. There will also be 10 prizes of \$10 each and 10 prizes of \$5 each in the national finals.

In charge of arrangements here is Mrs. Earl Moody, 817 Purdy street. She will have the assistance of a board of judges, to be appointed in the near future. Feb. 22 has been set as the date on or before which all local essays must be in the hands of the local committee.

Assisting Mrs. Moody will be Mrs. S. H. Wilkinson, 657 Stanley street, and Mrs. Fred Samuelson, Chapin street.

TRUCK BREAKS BRIDGE HOLLY

A truck driven by William Young and carrying five cords of green wood broke through a bridge here. Understructure kept the truck from going into the water.

YEAST FROM WOODPULP WASTE

Ottawa, Canada.—Yeast is now being made profitably from Canadian woodpulp waste, according to a recent report which states that the yeast, allegedly of good quality, was made from the liquor discarded in the manufacture of paper. The company operating the first plant has been so successful that it is now constructing a large factory at Thorold, Ont., on a site leased from the Ontario Paper Company.

RIDES ON "HOT SEAT"

Shelburne, Iowa.—With the seat of his coupe ablaze, C. Hollister, of Rockport, Mo., drove two miles to a fire station, where the flames were extinguished before the car was seriously damaged.

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as of DECEMBER 30, 1939

ASSETS	
First Mortgage Loans	\$393,473.18
Loans secured by Savings Share Accounts	1,737.45
Real Estate sold on Contract	26,214.27
Real Estate in Judgment and subject to Redemption	14,081.64
Stock in Federal Home Loan Bank	7,500.00
Office Building	10,861.88
Other Assets	717.08
Cash on hand and in Banks	76,651.17
TOTAL ASSETS	\$533,236.67
LIABILITIES	
Savings and Investment Share Accounts	\$458,115.99
Federal Home Loan Bank Advances	41,047.50
Dividends declared and unpaid	2,364.75
Mortgage Loans in Process	7,541.31
Advance payments by Borrowers (taxes insurance, etc.)	9,006.71
Other Liabilities	194.96
Reserves and Undivided Profits	14,965.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$533,236.67

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Taxicab Problem Appears Settled

The taxicab problem was given an amicable settlement Monday night when an agreement was reached between Mrs. Vern Colburn, of the Star Cab Company, and Mrs. Colburn, who last week presented that she was given an unfair location when her stand was recently moved back 30 feet from the stop sign on East Maple avenue, was granted permission to park at the old stand near the crosswalk, Monday night, she said because of angle parking, her driver on the Merrill street stand could not see across Woodward to the other stand, so that when a cab at the main stand left on a trip, the other driver could not readily take his place.

Finally, she was given permission to erect a small pole at the curb with a light on it, powered from a battery below. When the driver leaves, he will turn a switch, and the other Star driver on Merrill street will be advised to come there.

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EATS DYNAMITE
Nashville, Tenn.—Arrested, charged with being intoxicated, and with the possession of a bit of dynamite, a grizzled 49-year-old dynamiter denied the charge and said the dynamite was the only thing that would ease his headache after a day of blasting. He was freed.

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