

City Championship in YMCA League to Be Decided Tonight

B'ham Merchants Meet Milks '5' in Closing Game

The city championship in the Y. M. C. A. Basketball League will be decided tonight at Baldwin High School gym in a contest between the Merchants and the Birmingham Merchants. Each of these teams took their games last Thursday night to win the right to contest for the city title trophy. Milks won the title last year.

During the season's regular schedule, these two teams met twice, Milks winning the first contest and losing the second, the Merchants winning in an overtime period 29 in the most exciting game witnessed on the local courts this year. This superior showing of the Merchants in the last contest points to a close hard-fought struggle tonight. Franklyn

Whitney Has Agreed to Assist Dick Forester with Officiating at this Game.

The opening game on tonight's schedule will be a "consolation" contest, at 7:30, between last week's losers, Polygon Club and B. A. C., with the title tilt starting at 8:30.

Last Week's Games
Last Thursday night's contest eliminated Polygon Club and B. A. C. from the title race when the Merchants defeated the former 25 to 25 and Milks won over B. A. C. 35 to 22. "Red" Miller led the Milks quint in scoring with five field goals and three foul shots, (never following closely with five field goals. McDonald was high point man for the night with eight field goals and one foul shot in his team's win over Polygon.

Trade-In Value
A new definition for alimony is soon found. A Pratt hachelor says that alimony is what a man is required to pay in difference when he trades for a new model. —Pratt, Kan., Union.

Bennett Loses Zoning Request

A petition filed by Clyde C. Bennett, 119 South Adams, seeking a change in the zoning ordinance that would permit him to build a two-family dwelling, was turned down Monday night by the City Commission. The large delegation from the area agreed to protest.

Bennett told the assemblage that he had already spent several thousand dollars in improving the property and that he desired to make still more improvements but felt any further expenditure would not be justified if the building remained single-family. The house is on the southeast corner of East Maple and Adams.

Several commissioners told Bennett they agreed that the improvement planned would add to the appearance of the city, but they hesitated to oppose the wishes of the neighbors.

A resolution passed by the newly-formed Birmingham Estates Association, Inc., was read, opposing the move. The Estates plat is north, across Maple from Birmingham Villas plat, in which the Bennett property is lot No. 1.

H. C. Walker, 1253 Yosemite, said that if the Commission altered the zoning, the private restrictions would tend to be weakened by the City's action.

"There was considerable argument on this point," Bennett could complete his project if the City acquiesced but others in the group refused to permit an exception to private restrictions unless for nothing but single-family residences.

Bennett preferred not to argue that point, indicating he hoped to pass that bridge when he came to it.

J. Donald McKay, 1119 East Maile, across the street, said that if change were made, he would ask the same change for his lots.

Bennett concluded by saying, "I am not trying to do anything which would reduce values in this area for I own 15 other lots myself."

Y Leaders to Hear Lecture on China

A. J. Brace, traveler, soldier, lecturer, and "Y" secretary for 25 years in Chengtu, China, will speak in Birmingham at the home of John K. Ormond, president of the local Y. M. C. A., Monday evening, March 18.

Dr. Brace is an intimate friend of the Chinese Generalissimo.

Happenings of Long Ago

FIFTY YEARS AGO
March 20, 1890
Frank P. Beekman has a most wonderful curiosity in the shape of a double-headed calf, stuffed and mounted. It has two perfect heads on two perfect necks where there should be but one head and one neck. This is not the only curiosity about it. Frank solemnly avers that the latter end of his "cow" is a horse. It can be now seen for a short time only at Frank's residence on Fremont street. Call early.

The Empress Eugenie has just presented by the fathers who have the keeping of the mortuary chapel at Farnborough, where the remains of Napoleon III and the Prince Imperial are interred, a magnificent altar cloth made from her wedding gown.

The 17th of March was celebrated by one of our Irish ladies knocking out a son of England for calling him a very vile name. An Irish good name will always be protected and more so than ever on St. Patrick's Day in the evening, he jabbers.

Pedestrians Are No. 1 Road Worry

EAST LANSING—Court summons for rural jaywalkers may be next if verbal warnings and violation tickets by state police fail to reduce pedestrian casualties on country roads.

"The traffic law passed by the last legislature imposes a definite responsibility on the pedestrian," Captain Szwarcwald said in his warning today. "His movement is governed the same as the movement of vehicular traffic."

"In cities, the law is emphatic in the matter of crossing on green lights. On rural highways, it is equally clear, requiring pedestrians to face-on-coming traffic."

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DRONERO HONORED

Dr. Stewart W. McClelland, president of Lincoln Memorial University at Cumberland Gap, Harrogate, Tenn., this week presented to Rep. George A. Dondero, member of Congress for the 7th district of Michigan, a diploma of honor in recognition of his work in laying groundwork in preparing the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Others to receive this honor this year are Carl Sandburg, the author, and Raymond Massey, the actor.

TRANSPARENT FISH

Carroll, Mo.—Transparent fish from two to five inches long and without eyes have been taken from the well on the Ozark farm belonging to Herrason Garrett. These fish resemble catfish and their eyes are visible in the sunlight. The well is 100 feet deep and the water comes from an underground stream six feet deep.

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NOTICE

Registration day for Annual Bloomfield Township Election to be held at the new Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Road, just South of West Long Lake Road on

APRIL 1, 1940

Polls will be open from 7:00 A. M. until 8:00 P. M. for the purpose of electing Township Officers.

To vote at this Election all persons must be registered in the Township Office by Saturday, March 25, 1940. The office will be open on March 15, 1940, from 8:00 A. M. until 8:00 P. M. and all other days from 8:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. up to and including the last day of registration which is March 25, 1940.

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Mr. Brace

Chiung Kuo-shih and is well acquainted with the present situation in China. He is a native Canadian, and in his 25 years of Y. M. C. A. work in China, he has served as a boys' work secretary, general secretary, a professor of modern history in Szechuan University, a researcher into the life and times of the late Generalissimo from British Columbia University in 1936 and a fellowship from the Royal Geographic Society in London in 1921. He is a member of the North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society and a member of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

Dr. Brace has been invited to Detroit for his third successive year, and he is well known for his excellent interpretations of Chinese life.

VFW Commander Scores the 'Ims

"The Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact should lend new impetus to America's determination to strengthen its internal bulwarks of democratic principles. The unholy alliance between Hitler and Stalin has unmasked a dangerous threat to democracy. America's first line of defense must include not only adequate and effective armaments and fortifications but a strong determination on the part of the American people to preserve our Americanism."

In making these statements last week at a meeting of City of Birmingham Post No. 2042 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., Commander Floyd Coe declared that the book of Communism, Fascism and Nazism which have been carefully planted in the United States must be torn from American soil if this country is to be preserved from the fate of Europe today.

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