Free Text Books in High School Retained by Two-Vote Margin

Occasionally, a few people will write me or call me up to say: "That was a pretty good piece you wrote in the last issue; keep up the good work." Infrequent as these occasions are, they do serve to stimulate one to keep on keeping on. Praise, not empty flattery, is an excellent tonic for every one of us—and who among us is not worthy of some praise?

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Do You Often "Get Up and Hear the Birdies Sing?"

One morning last week, at 5:30 o'clock, I awakened from a most refreshing sleep and, because I appeared to have enough energy to dispel the slumberful rest I could, I got up. It was one of those grand mornings, before the sun had pushed a spotlight over the horizon, and the dew still clung in its natural regenerating position upon the flowers, the bushes, and the dark green grass. Already the birds were chirping and whistling and some of them were busily flying here and there; most of our people were still asleep, I suppose—but outside in the world of nature another lighted interval in endless time was being ushered in, and soon human beings would begin their day of toil and struggle, their "pursuit of happiness"—and, too, some would rouse to personal difficulties, bodily ills, mental frustrations; for sleep is, besides being a period of human regeneration, also an anesthesia for trouble. After a shower and a shave and the getting into my clothes, I went out into the yard and just walked around, gazing at growing things, watching the sun turn dewdrops into diamonds; and then came the neighborhood's awakening on a wholesale basis; morning newspapers and milk bottles began to vanish from doorsteps, came the occasional pedestrian and the more occasional motorist—and thus began that day for me. Have you, too, tried an early rising on these fine summer mornings?

Banquet Epitaphs

I have decided to name this type of eulogy and praise that is given a speaker by a toastmaster: I have made this decision after many years of association with public functions, both as toastmaster and as a speaker; my reasons for such predilections is "BANQUET EPITAPH." (For it is so easy to say in words those things that cost so much to build on a monument or headstone after one has ceased to toast or speak at public functions.)

A Clever Lawyer

In this most queer of human habitations, when so many things appear upside down, it would not surprise me, three years hence, to learn that Wendell L. Willkie has returned to the Democratic fold—he may even endeavor to succeed F. D. R. Mr. Willkie's agility as a flip-flopper, on some situations, suggests that he is a lawyer by instinct, not a great business executive, as so many of us had believed.

. . . and so France Fell!

Bastille Day, commemorating the French Revolution of July 14, 1789, prior to this year was celebrated as we do our Fourth of July. But this year it was "a day for thought and meditation," in the words of Marshall Petain, France's aged leader. Proud France, whose citizens always prized liberty and declared themselves even greater lovers of freedom than we in the U. S. A., fell, in my estimation, because too many of its leaders confused freedom to mean "license"—and thus France, soft and plenty rotten in spots, fell before Nazi Germany.

Is Goering Out?

Is Hermann Wilhelm Goering, second man to Hitler and chief of the German Air Force, in Nazi concentration camp, as is claimed by Germany's enemies this week? Did Hitler and his first lieutenant fall out because Goering opposed fighting Russia, and did Hitler call him "a coward"? Only time will tell. However, since Rudolph Hess, Hitler's No. 3 man, is in England, perhaps the story about Goering may add further proof to the claim that the Nazi leadership is cracking up.

Fashions Change

Fashions, as they relate to wearing apparel, are almost as stable as the weather. Originally, clothing was designed to cover and warm the human body; nowadays, except in the general case of men, clothing is designed to cool and display too much (?) of the human body. Women's clothes cost more because it takes more effort to make sure are as far as they do in the covering process.

Power To Tax

While certain traditional methods of taxation have become an accepted activity in our nation, please never forget that the more efficiency times most of the newly-created tax schemers are simply devices to get some of your money; it is to be hoped that when the emergency is over many of them will be discarded, the public official, today in Washington, who wants to raise more taxes, simply looks over the income and pur-

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City Officials' Salaries Set By Commission

Small Raises Given As Administrative Heads Re-named

Five City administrative officials were reappointed and their new salaries set at Monday night's meeting of the City Commission. All were given salary increases of from 3 to 4 per cent.

Those whose salaries must be set by special resolution, according to the Charter, are the manager, the treasurer, the assessor, the clerk and the health officer. Other salaries are set by the manager and approved by the Commission in the budget. Salary of the Justice of the Peace stays the same during a four-year term.

Following is a table showing the comparative salary figures of the department heads:

Name	Position	Monthly Rate, 1940	Monthly Rate, 1941
D. C. Egbert	*City manager*	$390	$405
H. H. Curston	*Treasurer.*	345	355
Elmer W. Haack	*City Assessor*	325	335
Mark G. Dance	*Supt. D.P.W.*	300	310
J. P. Hackett	*Police Chief*	275	285
V. W. Griffith	*Fire Chief*	275	285
Ralph A. Main	*Asst. City Eng.*	235	245
Forbes S. Hassall	*Jus. of Peace*	266	266
Irene E. Hanley	*City Clerk.*	142	150
Dr. W. D. Kemp	*Health Officer*	66	66

In the Public School system, there are two chief administrative officers. Supt. Howard D. Crull has been receiving $395 a month, the same as the preceding year; Louis M. Randall, business manager, has been paid $320.84 a month, the same as the preceding year.

Inquest Is Called In Death of Boy

An inquest was called last Thursday and will be resumed today at the Municipal building, investigating facts in the death of William Barnes, 12 years old, killed June 12 when his bicycle was struck by an automobile near the Post Office.

Dr. B. M. Mitchell is presiding at the inquest, with Prosecutor Charles V. Wilson acting for the State.

Last week, those who testified included the driver and passengers of the car, Stewart Scott, 16, of Royal Oak, and Don Feltner, Charles Adams, Hill Gnegy, and Barbara Reid, of Birmingham. They said that the car was traveling at about 20 or 25 miles an hour.

Mrs. Zelner Dowling, of Bloomfield Hills, declared that she thought the car's speed was excessive.

Besides the occupants of the car, the only other two actual witnesses of the impact were two mail men, Fenton Westerby and Ralph Capling.

Policemen are expected to be called to the stand today.

The coroner's jury will determine whether there is grounds for criminal prosecution in the case.

Plant Science Seminar To Be Held Here

The 19th annual Plant Science Seminar, attracting botanists from far and wide, will be held Aug. 11 to Aug. 16 at Cranbrook Institute of Science. The Michigan Wildflower Association, of which Mrs. Marjorie P. Binsfeld, Cranbrook botanist, is president will meet Aug. 12 in joint session.

Admirer in New York Writes Birthday Article for Stanton's 93rd Anniversary

The Eccentric usually interviews Robert T. Stanton on his birthday anniversaries, which have been recurring every year since 1848, but this year, when a New York admirer sent complete article, the editor decided to let some one else have the floor.

The article came from the William H. Rankin Company, 1 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, and was also sent to other newspapers and radio stations with the result that July 13 quotations attained the status of "National Robert Stanton Day."

Herewith is the article:

93 Years Old

The grand old man of the business of advertising, Robert Tenny-son Stanton, celebrated his 93rd birthday, Friday, at the home of his son, Donald Stanton, 815 Mo-hegan Avenue, Birmingham, Mich.

Mr. Stanton is affectionately known as "Dad" by editors, leaders in business as A. H. Lasker, Thos. H. Beck, A. C. G. Hammesfahrm, Joseph Ford, H. S. Gardner, Herbert S. Houston, Mortimer Berkowitz, Roy Hollis, John Benson, Stanley Resor, Gilbert T. Hodges, H. B. Fairchild, Jas. O'Shaughnessy, Frank Braucher, Paul Holden, T. H. Ballantyne, Malcolm MacHarg, Edwin Balmer, F. W. Wurzburg, Conde Nast, E. C. Conover, A. D. Mayo, R. R. Wasey, Wm. H. Rankin, Rodney Boone, H. S. Sternberg, Philip J. Kelly, Walter R. Greenlee, G. A. Nichols, Robt. Rinehart, H. K. McCann, C. J. Boyle, Verne Freddy, Fred Healy, E. D. Gibbs, L. C. Pedlar, Gates Ferguson, S. M. Swazey, C. W. Fuller, Jr., Bernard Lichtenberg, Earle Ferris, Frank Morberg. (See STANTON, Page 2)

Refugee Pair Tells of Perilous Flight from Greece in Small Sailboat

By JOHN H. HARWOOD

If two words could be used to describe an adventure big enough for a book or incredible enough for a Hollywood scenario, I would choose "miraculous escape" to describe the ordeal of Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Patten, who just this week arrived in Bloomfield Hills after flight from Greece.

To talk with these two young people, and to hear them describe with laughter what must, in plain language, have been hell, makes one marvel that they are not now overcoming their jitters in a sanitarium somewhere. However, Patten did admit that they found the quiet home of his brother, Marc T. Patten, a welcome relief from the turmoil which beset them from April 22 to July 13, when they landed in New York.

Their feat was the escape from Greece in a small sailboat that withstood daily attacks from bombs and machine gun bullets from German planes which filled the air like mosquitoes."

Living in Athens

Mr. and Mrs. Patten and their daughter, Marilene, 4½ years old, were living in Athens where Patten was employed by an oil company. Along in the early part of April, when the German attack on Yugoslavia and Greece began, they decided it was time to leave the country for safer regions. They chose the aid of a friend, Constantine Tsallis, who was a captain in the Greek naval reserve, and on April 23 they prepared to leave Greece on a destroyer.

When a German planes overhead rained bombs, they rushed about Athens, gathering the necessary provisions, such as food they could buy, beg or borrow. In early morning they went to Piraeus, the port for Athens, to embark on the destroyer but before their eyes, the ship was blown up by Nazi dive bombers. Then they decided to escape with Capt. Tsallis on the latter's 50-foot racing sloop.

The captain secured credentials which authorized him to sail to Alexandria, and with three sailors as crew, and the Pattens as passengers, they set sail although to their dismay they found that they had no sextant with which to calculate their position, no chronometer for accurate time, and no log to measure distance traveled. They did, however, possess a compass. Worst of all, the wind refused to blow, and when morning came, they were but five miles from port and the air was full of German planes, thick as mosquitoes.

Nazis Attack Fiercely

The planes were bombing and machine gunning everything in sight in a battle with the Greek Navy, for their only hope was that the Germans would occupy themselves with bigger prey and overlook that tiny, frail boat. But the worst was yet to come.

Sailing southward along the Peloponnesus, they hugged the land and in the third day out, with food and water getting scarce, they turned in at a little port called Navarinvasia, where two

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Letter from Union Lists the Requests Of City Employes

A formal letter asking the City Commission for pay increases was read at the meeting Monday night, sent by the Birmingham Department of Public Works Union, of which Charles Beyer is president.

A week ago, the Commission expressed the view that no further increases should be granted now, and that view was reiterated Monday night.

"There's no money in the budget for it right now," was the comment of Ray H. Hilmer.

Commissioner Wilmer E. Moody suggested that City Manager D. C. Egbert make a written report. "I think we ought to build up a file," he said.

The Letter

The letter is as follows:

City Commission,
Birmingham, Michigan.
Gentlemen:

The employees of Chanter 35 of Local 17, the City Employees' Union, respectfully request your further consideration of the wage and salary schedule you adopted for the employees of the Department of Public Works in the City of Birmingham.

There are several conditions which we would like to call to your attention:

1. The rising trend in the cost of living—an estimated 6%—is even higher in such necessary commodities as bread, milk, butter, meat and clothing for which our employees spend the greater part of their salaries.

2. The trend in the cities of Ferndale, Royal Oak, Grosse

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Librarians Fume and Fuss As Pigeon Pays a Visit

Pigeon Pandemonium may sound like a murder mystery, but it isn't—it's what happened in the Baldwin Public Library last Thursday, when one of Birmingham's more attractive pigeons decided to pick up a little culture by the osmotic process, dropped in for a while.

When first seen, the pigeon was sitting on a chandelier, cooing at the people below. One frightened librarian called the others who, after a hurried conference, decided to call on City officials for aid. The fire department was first on the list.

"We want you to get rid of a pigeon for us," they told the department.

"A what?" the confused answer came back over the wire.

"A pigeon—a bird—it flies."

Not In Their Line

"Oh, a pigeon" was the enlightened reply, but "seems the fire department doesn't handle pigeons so they referred the affair to the police. The police in turn sent that it was out of their jurisdiction. So the next call went to the main switchboard. A girl was very helpful and called a friend, who owns a pigeon, but the friend objected to putting a pigeon in his butterfly net, and besides his net had a short handle, and the bird was up on one of the chandeliers.

Still not too discouraged, the librarians called a "vet", who absolutely refused to have anything to do with pigeons. Meanwhile the bird in question sat blinking at his audience and making queer noises. Two little boys next offered their services, and had the time of their lives shrieking at the bird, who lazily flew to another chandelier.

Retreats To Literature

Finally, with everyone working, the bird was coaxed down to the other end of the room, where he perched on the travel shelves. All windows that could be opened, were, and everyone set to work shooing their feathered friend out. After deliberate consideration, the bird flew directly into a closed window, bumped his head, and retreated to the literature shelves. After nursing his bump for a few minutes, the bird resourcefully flew back to a chandelier, tucked his head under his wing, and went to sleep.

All this was in the afternoon, and that evening at 6 o'clock the bird was still sleeping, the librarians fuming and the patrons laughing, when Sam Hewing, the caretaker, armed with a stepladder and butterfly net, arrived. He caught the pigeon and put him in a tree outside—at which all the patrons clapped vociferously and everything became normal once more.

Editor's note:—We wonder if anyone of the staff had enough presence of mind to look under "pigeons" in the Encyclopedia.)

Flag of Moscow Flies in City

Perhaps to celebrate Britain's new alliance with Russia, a prankster this week suffixed a red flag to the very top of the City's water tower. Police Chief Hackett is not searching for Communists, he thinks that "kids" did it. Meanwhile, Mark G. Dance, superintendent of public works, is preparing to have a workman climb the ladder and bring the flag down.

August Quota Set at Six Men

The August draft quota has been set, tentatively. The call will be for six men, to be inducted between Aug. 4 and Aug. 8.

The fully-equipped, composed of seven men, left Tuesday morning. Their names were printed in last week's Eccentric.

Another of the 21-year-olds has volunteered for immediate service. He is Robert Lovans, 1472 Ruffner street. The other volunteer is Warren Newman, 612 Bates street. If these two are found physically fit, they may be called in the August group.

As for the other 21-year-olds, the order in which they will be called awaits the second national lottery to be held in Washington. When these numbers are drawn, the group will be re-arranged in the new sequence, and then their names will be "sandwiched" into the remaining names on the original list. After every seven names on the original list, one new 21-year-old will be listed.

Proudfoot Still Busy; Doesn't Get Much

John F. Ridter, 747 Purdy street, reported Saturday that some one had entered his home between 8 and 10 o'clock that morning. Apparently, the only object stolen was a string of beads, Kaline told police.

Mrs. N. F. Thomas, 1613 Buckingham, notified police Friday that some one had tried to enter the house during the preceding night. Efforts were made to force window screens, police said.

A prowler was reported last Thursday near 1632 Henrietta, according to the police report.

Mrs. E. F. Stephanek, 1059 Wimbleton, informed officers that Wednesday evening that a prowler had attempted to take a screen from a window at 1060 Wimbleton, where the householders are absent.

At 9:29 a. m. Monday, Mrs. L. J. Hanson, 911 Riverneak, reported a prowler.

Year for Draftees Urged by Women

A telegram was sent Wednesday afternoon to President Roosevelt by the Oakland County unit of the Women's International League for Peace, declaring that no national emergency exists and that Congress should not be asked to declare one; further that men drafted for a year's training should be discharged at the end of that time.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John J. Gaffney, Royal Oak road. "We hope others feeling the same way will let their representatives know," a spokesman said.

Time Grows Short For School Transcript

Prospective college students needing a transcript of their records should procure them before July 29, Supt. Howard D. Crull announced yesterday. The High School office will close a week from today.

Victor and Bluebird Records. New releases weekly. Leonard Electric, 142 W. Maple.

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He Learned His Swimming The Old-Fashioned Way

By KATHRYN UMBHREY

Newspapers are interested in everybody, and everybody is interested in lifeguards, especially newspapers, and so it came to pass that I came to interview one John W. Brown, who is in charge of the Barnum swimming pool for the summer.

John, better known as "Brown" or "Brownie," was sitting on the rail teaching a lifesaving class when I walked into the gallery, consequently I had an opportunity to observe him at work for a while. His students were disporting at attentiveness that any most teachers would give a right arm.

"Secrets Revealed"

Our lifeguard very affably agreed to lay bare the secrets of his summer profession, but contrary to the common conception, a lifeguard's duties are mostly routine with very little excitement included. As a matter of fact, he seems, he is called on to pull a swimmer out of a pool or lake, but the principle is, so I was told, to avoid such situations.

"Not even any fake drownings?" I asked—bound that I would get some romantic angle out of this interview.

"That is mostly story book stuff," Brown laughed, "Really doesn't happen much. Various age groups, though, have definite characteristics in the water that are inter-

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John Brown

Vaughan District Expands Property

Annual meeting of Bloomfield School District, No. 3 (Vaughan) was held Monday night.

John W. Blanchard was elected a trustee, succeeding Frank Bromley, who was not a candidate to succeed himself. Highlight of the meeting was a discussion and vote on the question of acquiring three lots to the east of the school for use as a playground. Several voiced opposition, declaring existing deed desired to uphold the restrictions in the Briarbank subdivision. However, the proposal was carried, 25 to 8, and involves the expenditure of $8,000.

The district ended the year in excellent financial condition, with more than $14,000 on hand. Perry Cowsert, president, presided at the meeting.

Recreation Plans Include Swim Show July 24, Picnics Tonight, Dance Friday

In spite of rain and cold weather, the attendance at the Barnum pool and recreation play-centers held up well last week. The attendance at both was 3,213.

Every play-center is busy doing all sorts of handicraft work. Handicraft activities are much more popular this year because for the first time each play ground has a full-time director of its own. The children have been busy making pot-holders for mother, keyholders for dad, and coin purses for themselves.

Picnics Tonight

Hikes of all kinds are also very popular and the field every play center has had at least one so far and a few have had many more. All are planning hikes for the future. This week's "Get-Acquainted" week and it is hoped that many parents will go over and see what is going on. Picnic lunches are being held at every play-center tonight.

More than 100 boys and girls enjoyed an afternoon at Briggs Stadium Tuesday as the invitational Walter O. Briggs, Jr. baseball game is always one of the highlights of the Summer Season.

Street Dance Friday

This week's street dances, which are to be held on Barnum School court, will be sponsored by Pierce School. Miss Esther Smith and Robert Dreher have charge of the arrangements. At the last street dance, Joyce Caryl and Eleanor Wendell won the prize waltz which added attraction of the evening. In spite of the cold weather, a good crowd turned out.

Donkey Ball Games

Plans are just about completed now for the donkey ball games. They are to be held on July 29 and 30, the last Tuesday and Wednesday of July. The admission charge will be 10 cents for adults and 5 cents for children. The money raised from the project will help pay the expenses of the recreation

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COMMUNITY SING

Because of the uncertain weather, the annual Community Sing was held in the Pierce School auditorium last night. A feature attraction scheduled was the WPA Spiritual Singers of Detroit. Bill Spence was the song leader in this program, sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

Wants Hitch-hike Ruling Enforced

The ordinance which bars the solicitation of automobile rides within 25 city should be enforced, in the opinion of Mrs. Edwin H. Stocking, of 1000 Lake Park drive.

In a letter to The Eccentric, she said:

"Frankly, I feel something must be done to the caddies who stand on the streets begging for rides. Everyone realizes when they see the boys just what they want. Ride to the boys seems to be the idea that women driving may possibly live in town. My husband takes the 7:24 train and all the way coming home I have to contend with these boys. If they only stood there, that would be one thing—instead when one has to stop for a light, they come right out to the car and are positively rude. They seem to think that all we women have to do is to drive them out to the golf club.

"I think that if you were to put an article in the paper about this situation, it would help a great deal. Will you please do it?"

MRS. E. H. STRUNK."

A motion on the daily police reports indicates that Police Chief Hackett has ordered his men to enforce this ordinance. Boys over 16 will be arrested.

"What are you going to do with younger boys?" the Chief was asked.

"What can you do with them?" was his reply.

Old Aluminum Will Be Collected

Mayor John E. Martz has called a meeting today with representatives of the American Legion and the Board of Foreign Wars to work out plans for a proposed collection of old aluminum, next Thursday.

A pledge to enlist the services of Boy Scouts in making the house-to-house calls," Mayor Martz declared. City trucks will be available to haul the aluminum.

Housewives will be urged to give up only old pots and pans which long no longer need and do not intend to replace. If replacements are needed, the object of the campaign will be defeated.

The whole plan is non-profit. The proceeds will be turned over to the U. S. Treasury for defense purposes, it was said.

U S O Campaign Has Yielded $3,700

U. S. O. volunteer workers met Wednesday evening at the Community House to discuss methods of soliciting the final clean-up campaign, which is to end the local drive for funds.

"We now have in hand around $3,500, which puts us within $300 of our original goal," Charles J. Ohlson told last evening. He added that there was still money contributed which had not yet been turned over to the treasurer. With the additional money there is expected to collect in the clean-up drives, workers hope to reach the goal of $4,000 set for the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Those enlisted in local campaign will be used to help staff the six recreation halls near Army camps throughout the United States.

No More Thursday Dinners

Mrs. Julia K. Lally, Community House director, announced today that the Thursday evening family dinners would be suspended until September.

City Commission Bombarded With $5 Words As Staticless Radio Is Approved

The City Commission got a free radio course in radio, Monday night, when Attorney Lodge, in some length the proposed new police radio station for Birmingham, bombarded by such terms as "amplitude modulation," "frequency modulation" and "heterodyne whistle," the City Fathers stood up well.

Commissioner W. Coit Albee threw in a couple of $5 phrases himself, mentioning the "heavyside layer," that mysterious belt high in the sky which reflects radio waves and makes possible long-distance transmission.

Costs $2,500 at Outset

In the end, the Commission decided to go ahead with the project, which will cost about $2,500 at the start and which will provide better police radio service here, eliminating telephone calls and broadcasts over the Royal Oak system. City Manager D. C. Egbert is to sign a contract with the radio technician, Arthur W. Rash, of Dearborn, and report back at the next meeting.

The commission, following Rash's recommendation, decided to install the very latest in radio transmission, using frequency modulation. This novel system permits broadcasts without static and without interference with other stations. The radio waves, emanating from a high antenna, travel in a straight line and disappear when they strike the earth.

The ordinary radio waves, on the other hand, bend and are reflected and can travel around the world strong enough. Their waves are akin to lightning and

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Free Books Stay; Margin Is 19 to 17

Lee White Voices Plea for Measure In Annual Meeting

Thirty six eligible voters in the Birmingham school district attended the annual meeting in Baldwin High school Monday night to listen to reports concerning financial and policy matters, and to determine whether or not local public schools should continue free textbooks to all grades, as at present, or follow the Board of Education's advice that free books be discontinued in the four upper grades.

Due to the eloquent pleading of Lee A White, of 652 Brookside Drive, when the vote was counted relating to the textbook issue 19 of those present had approved continuation of the plan, while 17 opposed it; although but 36 people were present, it was the largest attended annual meeting in many years.

Second Defeat

Defeat of the Board's plan to withdraw free textbooks in the four upper grades, wherein an average annual savings to the district of $1,700 was involved, this is the second time within six weeks that the Board's plan to obtain more money for operations was lost; last month the proposition to increase school taxes in excess of the statutory 15-mill limitation was also opposed by the voters.

Presenting the Board of Education's views on the textbook situation, trustee H. Ross Mack read a brief report of the cost of textbooks to the district, together with expected savings should the voters approve abandonment of them in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. He said that during the first year the district, by selling its present supply of books to students, would realize approximately $4,239.83; average savings after that would approach the $1,700 mark. This money, he stated, would be applied on teachers' salaries.

Had the plan carried Monday night, the cost of school books for the average student in these upper grades would be $3.13 per year, against which the re-sale value through a book exchange, operated by the schools, would be credited.

Report of Survey

Supt. of Public Schools Howard D. Crull had prepared a survey of nearby 13 communities and their situation regarding free textbooks. It showed that four of them furnished all books, four through the eighth grade, two through the sixth grade, and three none.

Following Mr. Mack's talk Mr. White inquired of Lee E. Joslyn,

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Thief Burglarizes City Clubhouse

Burglary of the clubhouse at Springdale Park last Friday night resulted in a loss of about $35 to the City, the break-in was discovered by police at 4 a. m. Saturday when they made a routine check of the building.

Sgt. Earl Moody and Patrolman Leo Stens reported that a screen had been torn off a window, and the glass broken in.

The loot consisted of four dozen 5-cent bars, six boxes of candy, eight boxes of gum, six cartons of cigarettes, 125 cigars, 1 box of arrowheads and a tomahawk owned by the manager, Fenton J. Watkins, the manager.

Corrine Cooley's Condition Better

The condition of Corrine Cooley, 19 years old, of 1587 South Bates street, badly hurt in a July 4 automobile accident near Toledo, is improving, her mother, Mrs. Asa D. Cooley, declared Wednesday. The girl, in a cast, may be brought home from a Toledo hospital at the end of the week, she said.

Camera Fans!

Are you a reader of The Eccentric's Camera Corner, which appears every week on the editorial page?

Today, there's an interesting story about a Birmingham youth who set himself up as the manufacturer of Birmingham picture postcards.

Turn to the Camera Corner on Page 2 of Part II!