HOME BUILDING AND GARDEN NEWS

Junior Red Cross Unit Organized In City Schools

With the approval and cooperation of Supt. Howard D. Crull and the principals of the Birmingham Schools, a Junior Red Cross Chapter has been organized in the schools with Mrs. Harold Strong as chairman.

The motto of the Junior Red Cross is, "We serve," and the pledge includes "service for others, health of mind and body, and world-wide friendship" with all members working together toward that end.

The members make scrap books, toys or clothing for sick and needy children; provide favors; furniture, joke books, entertainment, etc., for war veterans; cooperate in community projects; exchange international and intersectional correspondence; take courses in first aid, home hygiene, etc.

Each elementary room enrolled received a copy of Junior Red Cross News monthly; high schools receive Junior Red Cross Journal. There is an enrollment fee of 50 cents for each elementary room, and $1 for each 100 high school students.

Birmingham schools have responded splendidly in joining the Junior Red Cross, it was announced. Barnum with 16 rooms, and Quarton with 10 are enrolled 100 per cent. Adams has already enrolled 14 and expects to become 100 per cent by the end of the term. Pierce has one room enrolled and Holy Name, three. Baldwin High expects to get under way in the fall. There are now enrolled 1,500 pupils in 44 rooms, and $28.80 has been turned in to Junior Red Cross headquarters, it was announced.

Stolen Car Recovered

The car of Homer Gaskill, Walnut Lake, stolen at 5:30 p. m. Saturday at Bennett's garage, was recovered Monday morning parked on Park avenue. It was not damaged, police said.

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Questions and Answers

Q. We have just replastered a room in our house and have been told that the plaster should be treated before painting. Why should this be done, and what preparation should be used?

A. New plaster which is to receive an oil-base type of paint is treated for the purpose of neutralizing any free lime which might be present in the plaster. A solution of two pounds of zinc sulfate to a gallon of water is recommended for this purpose. However, if you plan to use a casein paint or one of the new emulsified resin paints no preliminary coating will be necessary.

Q. How can flooring or floor coverings be used to change the apparent shape or size of a room?

A. The use of wide-plank flooring, creating strong parallels the length of the room, will make the room appear longer. Running the parallels the width of the room will make it seem wider. General custom, however, is to run floor boards the length of the room. Small tiles used for floors create the impression that the room is larger than when a large tile size is used. Color of the floor will also effect the size appearance of the room. If walls and floors are harmonious and of about the same color value, the room will seem larger.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
No. 239

HOLLAND AVENUE IMPROVEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Special Assessment Roll No. 231, heretofore made by the assessor for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction of a gravel road with oil aggregate surfacing on Holland Avenue from Adams Avenue to Torrey Avenue, is now on file in my office for public inspection.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet in the Commission Room in the Municipal Building in said City on Monday, the 9th day of June, 1941, at 8:00 P. M., to review said assessment, at which time and place opportunity will be given to all persons interested to be heard.

IRENE E. HANLEY,
City Clerk.

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Lists 17 Ways To Guard Roses

It takes a Spartan to grow roses in Michigan. In a new tabulation of insect pests a list of 17 has been compiled as rose enemies, although fortunately only a few are important.

A tentative spray schedule for the control of insects on Michigan roses has been devised by E. L. McDuniel of the entomology department at Michigan State College.

There really are five serious pests. Top rating goes to the aphid which can be sprayed with nicotine sulphate, one ounce of 40 per cent in three gallons of water plus one ounce of soap and applied as soon as mixed.

Next in rating probably is the rose beetle or rose chafer feeding on flowers and foliage. Protection of choice plants is obtained with cloth tents, or flowers can be protected with a fortified pyrethrum dust.

The rose slugs probably come next in importance. These skeletonize the foliage of consume entire leaves. Dusts or sprays are recommended by Professor McDaniel. Copper-rotenone or pyrethrum dust can be applied. Several tentworms or sawflies also are the most efficient is the one that also will control other types of insects at the same time.

Red spider cuts about fourth. This pest feeds on the underside of the leaf. One simple spray is made with a tablespoon of glue in a gallon of water, or another application consists of two tablespoons of bill potters' paste in a gallon of water. The rose leafhopper is another enemy, a small pale green insect about one-eighth of an inch long. Control is with dust or with a spray of one ounce of 40 per cent nicotine sulphate in three gallons of 8-12-100 bordeaux mixture.

Christian Science Mother Church's Report Presented

BOSTON, Mass.—Some 6,000 Christian Scientists from many parts of the world gathered in annual meeting Monday in Boston were called upon by The Christian Science Board of Directors to reiterate themselves to the defense of the democratic system of government as the best human instrument for preserving the basic rights of mankind to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In thus definitely allying this world-wide religious movement with the defenders of democracy everywhere, the Directors stated that it was their conviction that if social and political freedom is to be preserved "democratic forms of government must be maintained."

Directors' Report

On the occasion for the stirring message of the Directors was the annual meeting of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. The Directors stated: "We are moved not by a desire to voice our own views, but to let the world know that we share with our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, her confidence in the innocuity of the sentiment expressed in the Declaration of Independence that man is endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Continuing, the Directors said: "The preservation and incorporation of these fundamental elements of true democracy in the basic law of every nation is the cause to which our Leader has earnestly committed, and which we as Christian Scientists are determined to defend.

"This cause, we must be understood, is primarily religious in character and involves something more, much more, than a mere political question. It is in fact, nothing less than the sacred cause of religious freedom and individual salvation to which the Master himself committed all believers in the Christian faith almost two thousand years ago. In the fulfillment of that obligation we must not and we will not falter."

Incoming President

The Directors also announced the election of John Randall Dunn of Boston and Centerville, Mass., as President of The Mother Church for the ensuing year. The chief duty of the President is to preside at the Annual Meeting.

The new President is the son of James Randall Dunn, long identified with the United States Immigration Service. He is a native of Massillon, Ohio, receiving his schooling there and in San Francisco and from private tutors. For a few years he was in the service of the government, but gave up his work for the healing ministry of Christian Science. He has served this movement many years in a variety of positions including First Reader of The Mother Church and as a Christian Science lecturer, during which he carried the message of Christian Science into all parts of the world.

The Incoming President accentuated the theme of spiritual progress with the pleasant statement that "the present mighty world upheaval does not portend the breaking up of Christian civilization or the ejecting of humanity into chaotic darkness."

He viewed the present conflict as the light of a world house-cleaning, during which individual and national sin, symbolized by self-will, and lust for power are being brought to the surface of world thinking, ripe for destruction. And these lie, rather than world civilization, are the things that will be destroyed.

What does the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science "tell us of the problems which confronted us at this troublous hour"? And he answered: "Fifty years ago, with marvelous prophetic vision, he wrote: 'The material world will even now becoming the arena for conflicting forces. On one side there will be discord and dismays; on the other side there will be Science and peace. The breaking up of material beliefs may seem to be famine and pestilence, want and woe, sin, sickness and death. Such assume new guises when their nothingness appears' (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 96)."

Hence, the speaker stated that

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DORIS, YANKEE AND FOREMAN IMPROVEMENT

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Church Head

Mr. Dunn

everyone who makes the name of Christian Science should continue to remain calm, patient and resolute while the great world-wide house-cleaning seems to occupy the attention of human thought.

Mrs. Margaret Matters, retiring President, pointed to the statement of Mary Baker Eddy, as her answer to this period: "The spiritual status is far more significant than economic or martial status, and material history is drawing to a close" (Ni. and Hea., p. 64).

Church Services Uninterrupted

Despite the tumultuous times the services regularly conducted by the meeting conveyed the interesting fact that church services are being conducted generally throughout the world. Some of the periodicals of The Christian Science Publishing Society were said to be received regularly in all the countries of Europe, including the German-occupied territories, and the British Isles. It was reported by the Trustees of the Publishing Society that a Spanish translation of the *Quarterly* will be added to publishing with the October issue.

Evidences of Spiritual Growth

The Department of Branches reported Christian Science activities in 3,270 branches of The Mother Church, seven more than in England, one in Switzerland, one in Africa and one each in British Guiana and Bermuda. Ladies' Twenty Societies were reported to have taken the title of Church and two new university organizations were formed and qualified for official approval.

In the report of the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy it was announced that since the Trust was established in 1913, more than $6,000,000 has been expended by it towards Christian Science church activities throughout the world.

The Clerk of The Mothers Church, Ezra W. Palmer, reported that "despite the restrictions imposed by the nations limiting mail and transportation, which to some degree have hindered the free flow of applications for membership, the number of new members accepted has been encouraging. This steady addition of new members to each year since The Mother Church," he said, "is striking evidence of the continuous leavening influence of Christian Science in their consciousness of men and women."

Reporting on the war relief work, Mr. Palmer said that the War Relief Committee in Boston began its work on September 12, 1940. Today over one thousand committees serving as a resource activity of the branch churches are shipping war relief material to Boston, to one of the other three depots now functioning in New York, Portland (Oregon), and Los Angeles.

So, That's Why?

Teacher: "Why does the ocean go to the top of the milk?"

Johnny: "So the people can get cream and pienic, on June 6. Miss Ida Kennedy, known nationally as a rose grower, has been active in local garden circles.

Stake and Prune

Doing away with the tall stakes that break in the wind before they are tied. Try to make the stakes as invisible as possible.

In setting a hedge, see that the top is a little narrower than the bottom. This gradual slope enables the sun to reach the lower branches.

Did you know—

That so-called "annual dahlias" will bloom the first season from seed, and that the tubers can then be kept for another season?

That the grass should not be cut short during the hot weather?

That the flower we know as a pansy is really a Pelargonium?

That there are some beneficial insects—notably the ladybug and praying mantis?

That to plant a row 100 feet long you will need ½ pint beans seeds, 2 oz. beets, ½ oz. carrots, 1 quart of peas, ½ oz. lettuce, and 1½ oz. spinach?

That naturalized narcissus bulbs should be fed by sprinkling the soil around them with bone meal at this season?

Gardeners' Corner

Doris T. Patten, Editor

Change of Scene

The curtain is going up on the second important garden picture. The tulips and early blooming plants have faded and the scene is given over to iris, peonies and their companions—columbine and poppies, violas, and pinks. The bloom of lilacs and crabs gives way to the lovely Philadelphus, popularly known as syringa, and Kolkwitzia or beauty bush. If your rock garden is bare now, you need some of the later blooming plants like the Campanulas, Heuchera or Coral Bells, and some of the varied pinks. The latter are especially worthwhile for the foliage makes solid gray-green mounds throughout the season. They vary from white to deep rose and from blooms nearly the size of small carnations to tiny flowers not much larger than a forget-me-not. They are also excellent for the front of the border.

Iris Society Picnic

The Iris society has given up its usual iris show in favor of a progressive garden tour. Two of the gardens to be visited are local ones, those of Mrs. Lee E. Joslyn, and Miss Addie Sly. Miss Sly is opening her garden for the program and picnic, on June 6. Miss Sly is known nationally as a rose grower of rare and new iris and is president of the Iris Society of America. She has been active in local garden circles.

A Matter Of Time

The question is not whether man descended from the monkey, but when he is going to quit descending.—Louisville Times.

Normal Symphony Concludes June 8

Celebrating ten years of its existence, the Normal College Symphony Orchestra, Ypsilanti, will play its eighth and concluding concert of this school year in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti, on Sunday, June 8, at 4:15 p. m. Music lovers in adjacent communities are invited to attend this program of music, for which there is no admission charge.

The orchestra, conducted by Marius Fossenkemper, will be heard in "Scenes Alsaciennes" by Massenet, and Ein Fest Johann Strauss numbers; "Vienna Bonbons, Persian March, Thunder and Lightning and the Treasure Waltz, from "The Gypsy Baron."

Finds, Too Late, About Garage Rule

Donald M. Chaffee, of 312 Pleasant, appeared before the City Commission Monday night and asked to be released from a provision of the building code which provides that garages close by a home must be 4½ feet from the property line. Chaffee said that his architect had noted only the four requirements which applied generally, and that his garage was largely completed when Inspector James B. Baynes halted the work. He said he might have built not nearer to the three-foot distance. City Manager D. C. Egbert was empowered to study the matter and act.

Splashy Type

Ezra and Sarah visited the zoo. Ezra had never seen one before. He came to the zebras.

"What kind of an animal is that?" demanded Sarah, and for a moment Ezra was stopped, for he had never seen one either. But he remembered his army days, and answered after a moment's hesitation:

"Why, Sarah, that's a sports model mule."

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Class in Speech To Hold Picnic

The class in speech which has been meeting each Tuesday evening under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Spingham, will close its season with a picnic Saturday evening, June 7, Jack Gilman, of Bennaville avenue, is to be the instructor, and Mrs. R. W. Walmoth, of Beverly court, and Mrs. Leonard A. Cady, of Pleasant avenue, are in charge of the dinner.

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Camporee June 7-8

With 80 patrols (the maximum quota) already registered, and several more on the waiting list, capacity attendance in the local Scout Council's seventh Annual Camporee at Rouge Park, Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8, is fully assured. During the first few hours of Saturday, a tented village, reminiscent of early Indian days, will spring up to the merry tunes of tent pitching, wood chopping, fire building, and other outdoor flavors.

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The Spring Court of Honor will be held at the Community House, Friday evening, June 6 at 8 o'clock. A new system of honor points will be used at this court for the first time to replace the Charles Peck Cup which was retired at the last Court of Honor in January.

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B-1

The Explorer's Patrol of B-1 took a three-day trip to Oscoda where they made a canoe trip on the Au Sable. The boys spent some time at David Cole's cottage and while in the vicinity saw the Lumbermen's Monument. A troop trip will be made early in July with about 15 boys participating. The boys were chosen by a contest put on by the troop. Their destination will be Manistee.

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B-3

The final meeting for B-3 this year will be a picnic at Camp George with the parents of the Scouts, members of the troop committee and Scouts in attendance. A tentative date of June 11 or 12 is being considered and it is hoped that the various troops of mosquitoes and flies will not be holding their spring rally at this time.

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