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## DeMolay Boys To 'Govern' City

On Monday afternoon, Jan. 13, at 1 p.m., members of Haszberger Chapter, Order of DeMolay, will take over the job of "governing" the City of Birmingham.

Not all the acting officials have been chosen, but those chosen in-

clude Frank Boomer as mayor; Gordon Cole, city manager and Ralph Appell, justice of the peace. Commissioners will be chosen for the Commission meeting on Monday evening. All parents of DeMolay boys are invited to attend this meeting. Highlight of the day will be a trial in which a DeMolay will be accused of such violations as non-payment of taxes, failure to register attend meetings, etc.

## Do You Remember That '18 Blizzard? Here's a Reprint

Old timers hereabouts will remember the storm of Saturday, Jan. 13, 1918—just 25 years ago. The following article reprinted from The Eccentric tells the tale:

### AWFUL BLIZZARD Strikes Birmingham. Temperature Drops to 15 Below, with the Wind Blowing a Gale.

One of the worst blizzards that this part of the country has known struck Birmingham early Saturday morning, the snow falling day after day until it was almost impossible to see across the streets.

The temperature was 12 degrees below zero in the morning and was 15 below in the afternoon.

Several had frozen ears, noses, hands and feet. It is reported that Frank Weaver, seven-year-old son of Mrs. Fanny Weaver, of West Maple Avenue, was found in a snow drift near his home and was overcome by cold. A large chimney on a new garage on South Woodward Avenue blew down and went through the roof, making a hole about 15 feet in diameter. No one was injured and nothing was damaged—only the roof of a store.

Twenty-five automobiles were stalled in the snow drifts between Birmingham and the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Four machines were stalled on North Woodward Avenue. The stores in the village were closed at 10 o'clock in the evening and some were closed at 6 o'clock. Business was at a standstill all day.

The D.U.R. car line was blocked with snow and only a few cars were able to reach Detroit or Pontiac from this point. The D.U.R. waiting room was kept open all night.

Teams were hauling coal all day from both coal yards. No one in the village complained of being without coal.

Speaking of streets, another reader recalled the other day that he believed the City made a mistake when "Pierce street was selected for the east and west dividing line. "People are constantly coming to my door for help for West Brown and East Brown numbers. They are confused because they find that Woodward avenue is NOT the dividing line. . . . Woodward avenue is such a prominent thoroughfare that it would not be Pierce street, should divide East and West Maple, East and West Lincoln and other.

## Commissioner Says \$25 Fee Too Much

Commissioner Harry E. Bissett feels that a license fee of \$25 is too much to charge oil burner repairmen during the war emergency. He expressed that opinion Monday night when the Commission discussed a report from the City Electrical Examining Board recommending retention of the \$25 fee for electrical contractors. Bissett, who does this type of work, said: "It doesn't seem fair that I should have to pay a fee that large, for in my case it is all maintenance—no new work. Other repairmen pay no \$25 contractor license and why should I not? I certainly don't want to violate the ordinance."

City Manager Egbert said that it was hard to enforce the ordinance covering maintenance because no inspection is made. However, he did not advocate cutting the fee because of the reciprocal agreement between many cities in this area providing for a standard fee. He was asked to submit the problem to the Electrical Examining Board again.

Bissett said that the fee was supposed to cover the cost of inspections, yet the City makes no inspection of repairs.

## County 4-H Leaders Will Meet Here

The leaders of Oakland County 4-H clubs will meet for a mid-winter training conference on Jan. 15, 1943 according to Mrs. Mary Woodward, home demonstration agent.

One of two meetings will be held at the Birmingham Community House at 8:00 p.m.

Miss Loda Belle Gaden and Robert Laser, assistant state leaders from the Club Department of Michigan State College will be present to give instructions and individual help with special problems the leaders may have.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland, at a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, said County on the 14th day of January, A. D. 1943.

ARTHUR H. MOORE, Notary Public.

OLIVER N. KIRK, Attorney for Estate, Birmingham, Michigan. 41-42-43.

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## Bits of Birmingham

The staff at the Community House nearly swooned this week when a conscientious citizen paid off a building pledge of \$25 made in 1930. A 1932 statement accompanied by the check, which need not be said, was gratefully accepted.

The market is growing more firm for old newspapers and magazines; in other words, there is greater need for this type of salvage. If you have a quantity which should be picked up, leave your name at the Defense Service Center, phone 4044.

A reader phoned This Wanderer to say: "I am curious as to what the sign 'The Home of Proletarian Means at Beck's Cleaners office' will you find out for me?" So we phoned and found that Proletarian is a system of drycleaning used by this firm. The word was coined by the maker of the machinery.

Another reader phoned to ask us to print this request: "Don't feed the neighbor's dog. We have a hard time trying to make our dog eat the new dog foods now on the market, and when the dog gets scraps at the neighbor's, he turns up his nose at what we give him."

So, you see, it is amazing to learn the uses of this column.

Reports made to police seem to indicate that there is quite an epidemic of lost dogs.

Residents at Winthrop and Kimberley wonder who are the boys who are always twisting the street sign.

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Lloyd Waite, of Cranbrook School, has been appointed to the State committee to study a possible revision of the secondary school curriculum.

George Brauchman, 191 East Lincoln, 654 Mohegan, reported prowlers last week.

Not much on the police blotter during the past week.

Mrs. Marjorie T. Bingham, Cranbrook Institute of Science botanist, is one of the speakers on a U. of M. extension course in gardening which started Tuesday at the Ruckham auditorium.

It is said that the Marines want hunting knives for the fight against the Japs. The Pontiac Kiwanis Club has already collected 75, we wonder if some men's club in Birmingham would be interested in this.

Regarding the incident of a dog who fell through the ice of Quant Lake last week, more information is at hand, to wit: It was a driver for the Colonial laundry who rescued the dog, and if we knew his name we would give him credit.

Here's a nice spare time job for some of the Post Office is looking for a car and driver to carry mail twice daily to and from Franklin, from the Birmingham Post Office. Best job former postmaster; used to do it but he's in the service now. Any man or woman 16 years of age or over is eligible to submit his bid. Call at the Post Office for the forms which must be filled out. Closing date, Jan. 18.

Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills certainly did well in the 1942 USO drive. These two communities together collected \$28,200 while the Pontiac miscellaneous was \$8,107. Pontiac factories con-

tributed another \$9,736 while Pontiac factory workers gave another \$2,000. Throughout the county, \$36,322 was collected.

B. G. Campbell, at Pontiac, district manager for Consumers Power, said last week that the average householder would save 21 per cent through the use of natural gas.

Our paragraph last week about the origin of the word "Embury" in Embury Methodist Church brought this contribution from a reader:

For the sake of the record, Philip Embury is honored among Methodists for having probably conducted the first religious services of that faith on the continent of America. He was a carpenter from Ireland who came to New York City and helped form in 1765 a small class which met in his home. This grew and the old church, since known as the D. D. Church, was built, and was dedicated in 1768.

You've all heard of Alcoholics Anonymous, that helps persons addicted to liquor? A branch has been formed at Pontiac, Michigan, at 1111 D. D. Church St. This Wanderer can think of one or two cents seen often in the program.

What surprises and pleases many newcomers to Birmingham is that we have white who stay white. Those who know "Pittsburgh" among are especially enthusiastic.

The new seed catalogs are arriving, with their pictures of super-green peas and rich red tomatoes. There are many varieties that would look better with a well kept garden than a crop of uncared-for lawns. Drawings and excessive cost of plowing small plots, and rabbits who are fond of some kinds of garden and vegetable plants are a safe bet, and we have to open our own this year.

This is the month for heavy mortality among diaries. One article collection showed that the diaries lived only in January, with sometimes a bit of February added.

A suggestion made last week that readers send in their human interest stories had very gratifying results. Truly, folks, the reader-interest in this column surprises even those of us who write it.

One Birmingham family heading the request to dig up pennies, dimes, nickels, quarters and other penny-saving devices and was rather surprised to find a total of about 1900.

A south sider complains that his track-to-corn cafeteria is only intermittently patronized and wonders if some competitor is offering a floor show or other attractions. A blue-jay and several cardinals are among his colorful customers.

If you readers only knew how hard it is to run a newspaper and please all the public! Several told us they liked the picture we ran of Don Egbert last week better than the one which appeared in a Detroit paper. Another said she thought it was terrible! Incidentally, City Hall folks are honoring Mr. Egbert at a farewell reception Sunday afternoon. He does not know when he will be called.

Mrs. Myrna Smith has resigned her clerical job at the Municipal Building to take a new job with the Friend of the Court at Pontiac. Because there is no new building work, City Manager Egbert said she would not be replaced at this time.

Our fremen work 24 hours and then are off 24 hours; and a recent State law in the courts for the Friend of the Court at Pontiac, full days of a month. When the City adopted the new schedule, they did so a few weeks after the law went into effect, so an adjustment is necessary. Those former employees will split \$150 while present employes will get extra time off.

## Attends Course Provided by Army

S. F. Baker, recently returned to his duties as vice-president of the Thornton Tandem Company of Detroit, having just completed the civilian orientation course presented by the Command and General Staff School of the United States Army at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mr. Baker, a World War I flyer, was one of a group of 87 men selected by Lieut. General Herbert Somervell to participate in this condensed General Staff officer's course. This group was chosen as a cross section of all types of business and professions interested in war activities. He lives at 1243 Greenwood Avenue, Birmingham.

The purpose of the course is to familiarize this representative group of civilians, most of whom have had military experience, with the streamlining of the organization of the new Army, as well as an overall view of the tasks confronting the Army in the current war. It was

Mr. Baker

purpose of the War Department, in this manner, a group of informed citizenry who may act as a liaison between military and business groups for the purpose of facilitating cooperative efforts between industry and the country's military organizations.

Mr. Baker returned highly impressed with the necessity for a complete understanding by men in industry of the tremendous problems which face our Army. "This war," he says, "will be fought with the need for sacrificing many of the conveniences and comforts of our present every-day life.

"The Army needs and has a right to expect 100 per cent cooperation from the civilian group. From the men and management of industry they expect all-out production of high quality military products. There is not a man, I believe, among the eighty-seven who attended this particular class who was not similarly impressed.

While at Fort Leavenworth, we were subjected to intensive class work and study of the military structure and its functions. Our day started at 6 a.m. and continued through seven to eight hours of class conferences that required several hours of study each night."

Reinholm Expands His Food Service

The Reinholm Deep-freeze Food Market is expanding; it was announced this week, by Tom Reinholm, proprietor.

Situated at 303 East Maple Avenue, he has rented the store to the eat formerly occupied by a music store and will use it for curing and smoking any kind of meat, poultry, or fish. Equipment to handle this type of work is being installed, and augments frozen food locker service already in operation.

"I invite the public to call and learn how this new service may help them," Reinholm declared.

Two Cars Crash On Woodward

When Harry G. Anderson, of Beverly Hills, came to make a turn in the middle of the block in order to use a parking space, his car crashed into one driven by Arthur W. Mitchell, Lathrup Township, according to a police report filed with one driver at Woodward avenue, Saturday at 9:13 p.m., and damages to Mitchell's car estimated at \$29 and to Anderson's car, \$50.

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