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Maynard Says That Youth Hostels Are Having Big Growth

John D. Maynard, of Birmingham, president of the Metropolitan Detroit Council of the American Youth Hostels, Inc., conducted the recent annual meeting of the Council at Central Y. M. C. A., Detroit. New Officers and Council members were named, and plans laid for a busy summer in this area. Named to the presidency was Arthur W. Pfeleiderer, Grosse Pointe Park, prominent Detroit Rotarian.

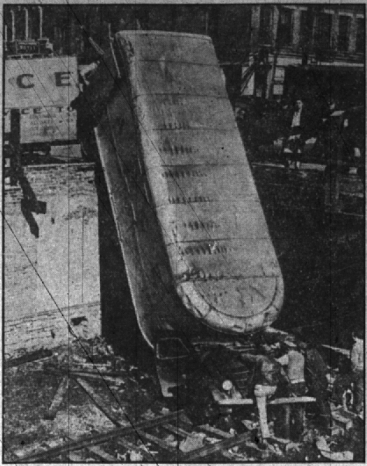
In turning the reins of the organization over to the new president, Mr. Maynard said that "the future looks very bright for the Youth Hostel development in the Detroit Area."

Miss Margaret McDaniel, assistant director of the Council presented Mr. Maynard with the 1946 Council Charter which was received recently from national headquarters of the American Youth Hostels, Inc., at Northfield, Mass.

Membership Growing

Justin J. Cline, executive director of the Council reported that membership of the area had increased 107% over 1944 with a membership now totaling 659. He stated that there were a total of 6,333 participants in the activities of the council during 1945; there were 1,172 overnight registrations at 13 hostels this year, or an increase of 27% over 1944.

Be Sure YOUR Brakes Are Okay



This tractor-trailer with a 22,000-pound load was parked on a hill in Cincinnati, O. while the driver made a phone call. Brakes gave way and down it went into a railroad cut. Something like this might happen to your car if brakes don't get regular attention.

I. W. Robertson To Head Camping In Boy Scout Program

In announcing the new list of committee chairmen for the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, at a recent meeting, President M. Brown, newly-elected president, picked I. W. Robertson, of Birmingham as head of the committee on camping and activities, for the year.

Twenty-eight Scouters were present at the meeting including representatives of the Districts which comprise the Council's territory. Birmingham is a part of the Northern District.

Appointments of Council operating committee chairmen for 1946 were announced by President Brown as follows: Advancement—Ralph J. Howe, camping and activities—I. W. Robertson; cubbing—Edmund H. Stoelting; finance—William J. Lorchsen, health and safety—Vaughn S. Blanchard; leadership training—George J. Huebner, Jr., organization and extension—Frank L. Klingbeil, and public relations—Henry C. Little.

Pack Membership Roundup

In a statement, made by Scout Executive Amos E. Shildes, it was pointed out that the Council's ability to service the 98,488 boys and leaders now registered in over 800 Cub Pack and Scout Troops, and to continue organizing new Packs and Troops, depends largely on the Council's budget for 1946 and years to follow. "The Sustaining Membership Roundup, now under way must continue until at least 10,000 sustainers have contributed," said Mr. Shildes. "The various district finance chairmen reported on the number of Sustaining Memberships secured in their areas. In the two weeks since the Roundup was officially begun over \$1,000,000 has been received, with many captains and team workers yet to report."

In reporting on membership

Cooperative Group Will Meet On Friday

The Birmingham Consumers Cooperative group will present the sound movie "Here Is Tomorrow" at the Birmingham Community House this Friday, March 15, at 8 p.m.

Richard Decker of the Council of Cooperative Development with headquarters in Chicago will meet with the group on Friday to answer questions concerning the movement.

The Birmingham Consumers Cooperative group invites all those who are already interested in the subject and those who wish to know more about it, to meet with them on Friday evening.

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RETURNING TO COLLEGE

Corp. Walker M. Bagby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Bagby, 1181 Dorchester road, arrived home Saturday night after receiving his discharge on March 7. He was with the ground crew of the Army Air Corps for three years. Walker will leave April 6 for Kenyon College, Ohio, where he will resume his studies.

Mrs. F. G. Garrison Tells Rotarians of Life in Argentina

Mrs. F. G. Garrison, 704 Tottenham, gave Rotarians a clear and interesting word picture of Argentina and its people, politics and industry at Monday's club luncheon at the Community House.

A resident for several years of Buenos Aires where she met many government officials and business people Mrs. Garrison knew at first hand the country's social life, its business and industry and its present political setup.

She classed the nation as the "most wide awake, progressive and forward looking nation of South America." She visioned more friendly diplomatic, business and social relations between that country and the United States.

Building Permits Show Big Increase During Last Month

"Interest in new homes and new commercial buildings is moving back toward some of the pre-war days," said Scott A. Hervey, Birmingham building inspector today in discussing his February report of permits taken out for new construction and repair jobs.

"We issued 17 permits during February with a total value of \$182,835 as against the total of February of last year of only \$2,700, and against our January total of \$164,055. The January figure for last year was \$11,500. We issued 19 permits during January of this year and six permits during January of last year."

Eight New Homes

"The February permits include those for eight new homes, all of the single type, and with a total value of \$101,550. There were four permits for alterations in homes with a value of \$7,325. The business building permits totalled four and the value was set at \$22,700."

"One new building contemplated is of unusual interest for it is a six-family terrace, at a value of \$50,700, with the permit going to Myron E. Snyder.

"In the single homes range in value is from one at \$5,500 to one at \$15,000, one at \$12,000, two at \$10,000, one at \$11,000 and one at \$9,000. This gives you some indication of the character of the new homes we are getting in Birmingham.

"Among the new business buildings is one at \$4,000, one at \$5,500, and at \$6,000, and one at \$7,200.

"Almost every day we hear of other possibilities for new homes or new business buildings, leading to the belief that this is to be a very busy building year in Birmingham."

Building All Around

"In addition to buildings right in Birmingham I have noticed a rush of new construction all around the edges of the city. Almost every road leading into Birmingham is dotted with new homes or new business structures. There seem to be a lot of new houses, new automobile sales rooms, new store buildings and other structures right in our immediate territory.

"In some sections close to the city a number of buildings are now being completed and quite a few have been repaired and enlarged or otherwise improved."

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Assurances in force	\$3,390,372,327
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