

Local Branch Takes Part In YMCA's 104th Anniversary

The Birmingham branch of the Detroit YMCA helped the Metropolitan Association celebrate its 104th anniversary and the 104th birthday of the founding of the YMCA this past Sunday. Edwin F. Kirtler, local secretary, spoke at the Embassy Methodist Church and tied in his remarks with the occasion that took place four years ago when the Allied Forces landed on the beaches of Normandy, France.

The YMCA, founded in St. Paul's Churchyard in London, England, has spread very rapidly and associations were founded in Montreal and Boston in 1851 and the Detroit Association had its early beginning in 1852. The Birmingham YMCA became the 104th branch of the Detroit Association November 4, 1946, although YMCA work has been carried on in this community for the past 32 years.

At present in the United States 1,540 YMCA's have a total membership of 1,695,722. Ralph Hillman, general secretary of the Detroit YMCA, said he takes it that Hillman explained, \$85,000,000 yearly to operate American YMCA's whose buildings and equipment are valued at \$232,800,000.

200,000 Volunteers

"During the past year," Hillman declared, "YMCA's in this country found 58,800 jobs for young men, served 46,800,000

meals, gave swimming lessons to 354,000 persons and physical examinations to 168,300." A little known fact about the YMCA, he said, is that one out of 10 members is a girl.

The work is directed, Hillman explained, by over 200,000 laymen serving as volunteers or board members and committees. Professional staff members he said, number 4,118. The local association has 820 members served by one paid secretary and four part-time paid people plus the addition of an office secretary. Its services locally have expanded to Troy Township, Lathrup Township, and Franklin Village, which territory comes under the jurisdiction of the local group.

Local Policy Committee

The local association is located at 139 West Maple Street and conducts a community type program in the churches and the community.

Young C. Smith is chairman of its Committee of Management. Other members serving in this policy forming committee are Dr. John K. Ormond, Raymond Peck, Charles Shain, Walter Morgan, Everett Allen, William DeGraf, Clarence Vliet, Ross Wagner, William Raymond, Oscar Patterson, Samuel Laitner, Hugh McLean, Merritt Olson, Lloyd Lake, St. William Howling, and Carl M. Beach.

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Summer Theatre Adds New Member to Staff

F. J. Yenn, with a background of 25 years in dramatics, will join the staff of the Cranbrook Summer Theatre this summer.

Yenn attended school in Colwellville, Ind., and speech classes at Notre Dame, becoming affiliated with the Players Group there. He was a member of the Logans Community Theatre and played opposite guest stars Jane Cowell and Olin Shivers. He toured extensively in the cast of "Night Must Fall" with the Canadian Repertory Theatre Guild. Yenn has also had experience in radio acting.

He is a charter member and one of the founders of the Catholic Theatre Guild of Detroit and wrote the Passion Play which the group produced earlier this year. A member of the National Theatre Conference and taught diction, directing and acting at Catholic Theatre Summer classes. He directs the Detroit Theatre Arts Group.

The Cranbrook Summer Theatre enrollment for girls is now closed but the boys' enrollment is still open in the junior and intermediate groups, according to Carl G. Weinberger, director.

Team Finds Key to Successful Baseball Season

By Jim Mills-DeBart

"Hit 'em where they ain't." This has been the success story of many baseball players and teams but the sentiment apparently has been changed to read "hit 'em in the case of the Cranbrook Collegians."

During their last four games in all of which they have emerged victorious, Birmingham has come up with a seemingly magical solution to the problem their opponents face by being in exactly the correct position for nearly every ball hit either in or out of the infield.

After starting the season on the unhappy note of two lopsided defeats, Birmingham sprang into the victory column by spanking Royal Oak Collegians 3-1 behind the one hit pitching of George York and followed this up with a 1-0 victory over Royal Oak Wholesale as Dick Blumman struck out 15 batters and allowed just one safe hit.

Third Straight Win

Last Thursday Birmingham met undefeated Hodges Dodges and picked up their third straight conquest by a score of 4-4. York was once again on the mound for Birmingham and continued to be very stingy with his hits, giving out but four.

Eddie Miller, playing for the first time this year, came up with three hits and drove in as many runs. Miller, last year's regular first baseman, replaced Harry Seudder, whose work at the initial sack has been very lackadaisical.

Not only did Birmingham receive a surprise package at first but also found themselves equipped with a brilliant fielding machine, armed shortstop in Jim Ferns, another recruit. Ferns likewise proved his capabilities by delivering two hits in five times at bat.

In the ninth inning of Thursday's game Hodges threatened to tie up the game when with two on and one out Clyde Scrimgeour Hodges shortstop, poled what was destined to be an extra base hit through Eddie Bozgeas, the rightfielder, made a diving catch of the ball to end the game.

First Left-handed Victor

Sunday Birmingham continued its winning ways by downing Jim Robbins' by tallying six runs against their opponents four. Dean Rogers, aided by homers from the bats of Bozgeas and John Kaimenak, new third baseman, became the first left-handed victor for Birmingham. Chryslers continued their fine work afield, committing but one error in the contest.

Scheduled for the following week is Birmingham vs Enners, Friday at 8:15; Birmingham vs Royal Oak Collegians, Sunday at 1:00; and Birmingham vs Royal Oak Wholesale Thursday at 8:15.

By

Thursday night June 3 we held our monthly business meeting. Ida Martin was chosen chairman for the July activities committee.

Our next activity for this month is a steak fry which will be held at Warren North's home on Tuesday night, June 15. Please get in touch with Warren if you intend to go and haven't already signed up.

That same week there will be a moonlight trip to Bob-Lo. Be sure a sign up with Mary Ellen Darval.

Any of you gals wishing to go to the dance Friday at 8:15, June 11, call Amy Wild at the Community House.

Your monthly dues for June are now due. All activities this month are free to those paying their dues, otherwise pay as you go.

Try Again

A court official, after explaining the history of a flag to a group of aliens seeking citizenship papers, asked one of them: "Tell me—what flies over the city hall?"

The alien blinked a minute. Then he said: "Peppermint."

Michigan Bell Wins 3-7 Game from Craig Team

The Birmingham YMCA-City Recreation Commission softball league got under way this past week with three games being played and three others halted by the Monday night showers.

With Mike Dadd, pitcher, at the helm, Michigan Bell Telephone won over Craig's Sporting Goods and Appliances 9 to 7 at St. James Park. Craig's put a man on third base in the last of the seventh inning with no outs but were unable to bring him in with the tying run as Ted Herbst and George Pone flied out and R. Jaeschner watched the third strike go by.

C. Hill, playing shortstop for Michigan Bell, hit an inside the park home run in the third inning. His play at shortstop was outstanding.

5-0 Victory

Roger Reynolds pitched and batted Bayley and Caldrider to a 5-0 victory over Clabot and McCutcheon. Barring down with no bases, he had his strike-out ball working in the clutch. Herb and Walter Allison played well in the field as Jim Kothe caught a sumo game. Gene Richardson and Tom Williams came up with some sparkling hitting plays for the Red, White and Blue of Clabot and McCutcheon.

In the third game of the evening, Ritters Pepsi Cola defeated Summer Motor Sales 11 to 8 at Pepee Field. Ritter's overcame a one-run deficit in the first inning to score five runs on three hits, two walks and a fielder's choice in the second.

Lou Hagopian on the mound for Ritters had a summer to six hits, two of which were earned by Ed Smith. Jack Martin, playing centerfield for Ritter's, had four hits in four times at bat and walked once.

Rained Out Monday

In the second series of games Monday, Clabot and McCutcheon were leading Ritter's Pepsi Cola 4 to 0. Craig's Sporting Goods and Appliances were in front of Torrey Field 3 to 1, and the Michigan Bell-Summer Motor Sales game had just started when the deluge made further playing impossible.

Games this evening will find Bayley-Caldrider playing Michigan Bell.

WITH THE COLLEGIANS

The announcement has come from Carlton College, Northfield, Minn., that Kent Weaver, 3223 N. Adams, received his B. A. degree yesterday during graduation exercises.

Jane Dadd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dooda, 1236 Willow Lane, received her B. A. degree from Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., on June 6. She was a history major and was active in the Dramatic Association and a member of the Athletic Association board.

Roland "Doc" Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Watson of West Frank street, a freshman at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind., flew home Saturday night to be with his parents for their silver wedding anniversary.

He returned to school Sunday evening to finish the semester at which he will take one month of study at Purdue. He is expected home July 1.

Jerrold Anselm Peppat Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerrold Frost, 1520 Cranbrook road is a candidate for the degree of bachelor of civil engineering at Cornell University's 80th annual commencement June 14 when the university will graduate a class of 1,350 seniors and confer some 150 advanced degrees.

Barbara Kinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Kinney, 1125 Chesterfield road, will return home this weekend from Emma Willard School in Troy, N. Y., for the summer.

Anne Eby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hyatt Eby of Puritan road, a John Muir College senior, has just been notified that she has been accepted for the Stanford school of Nursing at San Francisco. She will enter next fall.

Local Church Members Attend Boston Meeting

Declaring that democratic government is the instrument through which an irrefutable, spiritual force is being channeled into the affairs of men, The Christian Science Board of Directors Monday urged Christian Scientists, in annual meeting at Boston, Mass., to work stringently and actively for the defense of free governments throughout the world.

Rightly conceived, the Directors told the Annual Meeting of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, democratic government is something more than an aggregation of legislative acts and legal rules of conduct.

Attending the Boston meeting were a number of members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Mother Church, a branch of the Mother Church.

"It is the orderly unfoldment of the moral character and spiritual integrity of its citizens," the spokesmen for the worldwide Christian Science movement affirmed. As such, they said, free government rightly merits active defense of its sacred purpose, in addition to the pious declarations of allegiance to its outer form.

Thousands of Christian Scientists from many parts of the world heard the Directors issue a distinct challenge to the proud, boastful "Goliaths of today, as they go to and fro in the earth. Denying God, they are denying their own life, for God is the only life of man," they stated.

In free governments, now seriously endangered by the modern Goliaths, the Directors commented, there is a force that gathers its strength from "the same eternal truth given by Christ Jesus in his fearless Sermon on the Mount." Ultimately it shall be seen, they said, that "no individual or nation on earth can withstand the power and presence of God and His Christ.

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