

YMCA Annual Fall Membership Drive Now Under Way

Birmingham branch of Detroit YMCA got its annual fall membership round-up underway Monday with the local appearance of James Neale, authority on birds, in the Adams, Quorton, Barium, and Troy township schools. Registration of boys and girls in Gray and Junior Hi-Y activities started following Neale's slide and lecture presentation.

Young C. Smith, chairman of the local YMCA committee of management, in the absence of General chairman Oscar Peterson,

stated that 56 boys and girls and young men were registered on the first day.

Teams under the leadership of Everett Allen, Raymond Peck, and Howard Somers are competing in a contest to see which group can "corn" the largest number of members between September 29 and October 21, the campaign dates.

Western Music, Too

The opening campaign dinner is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 27, at the Birmingham Community House. Instruction letters, application cards, literature, and prospect lists will be distributed. Fun, fellowship, and western music will all be part of the program.

Campaign goal is 300 new and renewed members and \$1,000 in cash. Solicitation is for memberships only.

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Not too familiar with the game laws, Bruce Carlton of St. Petersburg, Fla., tried to reason with a cop after hauling in an untrained bass. The fish was a little short of the one-foot legal length, but Officer Buskirk managed to stretch a point, if not the fish. Bruce kept his bass, and Buskirk kept his ticket, making the fish the sucker in the deal.

Formation of 'Great Books' Project Is Suggested by Birmingham Librarian

By Alice E. Morgan

"Shall Birmingham have a Great Books Group?" is the question asked by Miss Jeanne Lloyd, librarian of the Baldwin Public Library. She continues, "If Mr. and Mrs. Birmingham say 'Yes,' there is every prospect that a local group will be formed in the nation-wide project. In that case, meetings would be held twice each month at Baldwin Public Library."

The idea of this club, described by one reporter as a "cultural prairie fire currently sweeping the country," is relatively new. Miss Lloyd explained. It was started in 1940, the brain child of Robert W. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago. The idea has developed into what has become one of the greatest mass educational programs in the history of the country.

Basically, the idea is simple. It is for a critical reading and discussion of some of the great books that have influenced the growth of human civilization. Many of the books were written in troubled periods in the world's history, and offer much to us in the perilously unsettled era in which we live today.

"According to Miss Lloyd the course" has no teachers, no classroom and no examinations. Members of the group use only

the books themselves, which are published in special inexpensive editions, and need only a room large enough to accommodate all members. The meetings are a discussion of the books. Discussions are wide open, and each member is free to express his, or her, opinion. One member of the group acts as mediator, or in some cases, as a discussion referee.

Plenty to Be Said

Reports which Miss Lloyd has received from other communities using the plan, show that when truly great books are read, there is plenty to be said in these meetings. Men and women everywhere have expressed their enthusiasm for the project by demanding more and more books and time and by enrolling others into the group.

Many report that their views have been broadened through the increased understanding of the views of others. Many have reported such "deep interest" in the project that the discussions do not confine themselves to the meeting room, but take place on street corners, in stores, or wherever two or three members happen to meet.

"Shall Birmingham have a Great Books program? If you think it should, stop and see me, or call me at the library," Miss Lloyd suggests.

Hitler's Retreat at Berchtesgaden Is Stripped by Souvenir Hunters

By Esther Van Wagener Tufty

BERCHTESGADEN . . . Hitler plant, a submarine engine, and facilities enough to keep warm a town of 50,000 are still operating in that mountain.

The native Bavarians tell conflicting stories about Hitler and the times he spent at his house and the nest. All agree, however, this is the part of Germany he loved. He came to that mountain . . . to hide in the early days when he was struggling for control. Some local person saw him, reported to the police, and he was thrown in prison.

The mountain belonged to the No. 2 Nazi Hermann who later gave the property to Hitler as a birthday present.

Hitler spent much time at his picture-window house, half way up the mountain, reached by an excellent road it took two years to construct.

Five Miles of Tunnels

Even from the ruins one can imagine the beauty of the great living room dominated by the window-view. Here Hitler entertained many international notables. This house was his favorite and one of his last orders to his SS troops was to pour oil on the structure and burn it so none of its glories would be enjoyed by the conquering enemy.

But that fire . . . or all the bombing . . . did not disturb the five miles of tunnels that still are passable inside the mountain. One leads to the bomb-proof shelter of Hitler . . . and next door the suite for Eva Braun, he was said to have married just before he died.

These two Hitler buildings are by no means, all of the Nazi kingdom that reigned on the mountain.

Goering had a house, too, as did the original owner Bormann. The "best of the SS troops" (by Hitler's standards) had almost a city of their own. Some of the grandsons of the place have been rescued and can be seen in the hotels down in the village of Berchtesgaden.

All of this cost a pretty penny. But the natives reply, with some indignation, "It is not our money that is being spent here, but the money of the world."

Complete panels have been torn down. One revealed a hidden safe and that spurred on the hunt. The hardware was dug out of the doors. The light fixtures stoned and the wires hung out of the wall. The French got to the Eagle's Nest first. The American troops came later and finished the job of devastation.

It's cold up on that mountain top in the Bavarian Alps. But Hitler was never uncomfortable. The few times he "dared to make the climb." One of his former employees, an engineer, told us Hitler came "probably not more than 6 or 7 times, but Eva Braun sometimes stayed for days."

Tell Conquering Stories

The engineer showed us how the mountain was heated. A power

Phalanx Defeats Collegians, 20-12

Birmingham YMCA Phalanx Wildcats defeated the Collegians 20 to 12, in a touch football game last Friday on Howarth Field. Touchdowns by Walt Allison, Gene

Wilkins, and Jim Kotke coupled with a safety completed the point total for the Wildcats.

Bob Garmahan and Carl Blau-man scored for the Collegians. A return game was played last evening with Ed Kibbert, 'Y secretary, officiating.

Any group of six men interested in playing is invited to contact the 'Y for games.



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Boys Group Meets Saturday Mornings

The Rinkydinks, a Birmingham YMCA club group for boys in the second and third grades, will meet in the First Baptist Church gymnasium on Saturday mornings from 10 o'clock until noon under the leadership of Edwin F. Kirbert, local YM Secretary.

A program of crafts, group games, singing, sound movies and occasional trips will be offered. Any boy member of the 'Y' is

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