FRANKLIN NEWS

By JO NICHOLS

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Hard Times Millionaires

The Franklin Community association will hold a "millionaire hard times" party at the Town Hall tomorrow. There will be square dancing, games and refreshments. Wendell Smith is in charge, assisted by Charlie Baker, Bill Paschedag, Hugh White, Bill Weightman and Rudy Hanson.

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Dolls Around the World

Mrs. Mona Hill entertained members of the Friendly Circle at her home on Romney road, last week, with a dessert. After the business meeting Mrs. Mary Gillen of Watkins Lake displayed her collection of dolls from around the world, explaining the history of each. Plans also were completed for the Country Fair on Nov. 5 at the Franklin Community hall.

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Work Meeting

The Evening Circle met at the home of Mrs. Wendell Brown on Ardmore drive. The evening was spent working on articles for the forthcoming fair. Refreshments were served after the business meeting.

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Halloween Party

Young fry in Franklin will assemble at the Town Hall on Halloween night for their annual party. Mrs. Anita Hard is in charge of the entertainment based on the carnival theme which was so popular last year. There will be about 20 different concessions plus movies.

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Scout Doings

The Cub pack meeting will be held today at which several of the boys will receive Bobcat, Lion, Wolf and Webelos badges. Following the awards, there will be a pumpkin contest and refreshments. The theme for this month is Halloween costumes.

Boy scouts of troop B-11 are planning an overnight trip to their camp at Lapeer, Mich. this Saturday. Don Roberts, scoutmaster, and Lee Seymour, assistant, will accompany the boys.

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Club Meets

The Adult Discussion group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Seavers on Wellington road Sunday evening. Bolton Hyde from McAllen, Tex., showed slides of Michigan, Colorado, Mexico and Texas.

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News About Folks

Mrs. Ralph Woodburn entertained a few of her friends at Oakland Hills country club on Tuesday for lunch.

Dr. and Mrs. William A. Jahsman of Mill road have returned from a vacation trip through the east where they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Jahsman, Jr., at Cornell university. They also spent a few days at Cape Hatteras.

The Cliff Harrisons are home after spending several days in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis, who have antique cars as a hobby, drove one of their relics to Toledo last weekend where they were joined by a group of other enthusiasts. All took a tour along the Maumee river road to Waterville, Ohio, for lunch at the Columbian House. Later they returned to Toledo where Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Phillips entertained the travelers with a buffet supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zegelbaur went to New Albany, Ind., last week, where they visited Mr. Ziegelbaur's mother.

Mrs. Ann Hooper has returned from a vacation in Tampa, Fla. and her brother Jeff Cregan, both of Inkster road, has been touring the south.

The George Starks and Phil Prices attended the Michigan State-Penn game at East Lansing Saturday and saw many of their friends at the homecoming.

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The Franklin Mystery

Franklin has mystery in its midst. First some unexplained explosions occurring, then Life magazine taking pictures of a queer illuminated balloon on school hill. Maybe we will have the answers next week.

News and society copy must be in The Eccentric editorial office by 5 o'clock each Tuesday afternoon. Deadline for society club news is noon each Monday.

Additional Comment on School Plans

Several more citizens this week commented publicly regarding the proposed $3,100,000 school building expansion program which will be decided at the special Nov. 7 election.

MRS. W. SCOTT PURVIS, 1447 Henrietta:

"As a newcomer to Birmingham and the mother of children who are growing up here, I am all for it. From conversations I have had concerning the new schools, most parents approve it. The only opposition I have found is among the parents whose children are through school.

"I can't help but feel this is a very selfish attitude, for someone had to help pay for the education they had. It seems to me that if we let our children down, we let everything down—what has been done in the past, what is being done at present and what will be done in the future."

JONATHAN BALL, 381 Shirley drive:

"I am one hundred per cent for it! I've heard about it, read about it, and for the last five years have studied it. I can see nothing glaringly wrong in our plans.

"It may sound expensive at the moment but I, for one, don't want to spend one nickel for a school that is not up to snuff. We certainly don't want to do like New York City is doing—drag out plans of 50 years ago, change the number and build a school that is not fitted to modern educational needs.

"We have always had the best possible in Birmingham and I see no reason why we should not continue to do so."

MRS. CHARLES D. MURDOCK, 1144 Smith:

"I've talked to a number of my friends and neighbors about the new school in Birmingham. We all feel that the day is very near when we shall not only think about a school, but will have to build one.

"There must be educational facilities and opportunities for the children who are growing up, just as there were for us when we were children. Frankly, we feel we must have it, real soon, and the only thing we object to is the location. It just seems a shame to build a new school so far away from everything. It seems there must be some place nearer the center of things where it could be built."

MRS. GRACE M. GLASSFORD, 237 N. Woodward:

"I believe it is a splendid idea. However, in all the discussion of possible tax increases, I have heard nothing referred to except the cost of construction and maintenance. I, personally, think we can get along with a building not quite so expensive as the one planned, and provide for a salary increase for our teachers.

"It has been my experience that you get what you pay for, and a lovely new building is not going to increase the efficiency of the staff. We should provide good school buildings, of course, but if we stress any one point, I feel it should be the quality of the staff members."

George Fugmann Says U.S. Best Country on Earth

By Alice E. Morgan

"The United States is still the best country in the world. It is a Paradise."

Those are the words of George Fugmann, owner of the Virginia Market, who recently returned from a visit to his native Germany, where he saw war conditions and the imprint which that war left on a nation.

"Those men didn't want to fight, any more than our men did. They had to," he said. "It was politics and politicians that made that war. They wanted everything but didn't want to work for it and didn't know how to get it.

Just Want to Sit

"They were a lot of little men who wanted personal power and wealth. They thought they could get it by walking all over the little fellows. I'm afraid that we have a lot just like them in this country.

"People don't want to work for what they have, like we used to do. They want to sit down some place and have wealth handed to them on a platter. It never has been done and it never will be done."

As he talked, Fugmann's deft hands guided the razor-sharp boning knives through huge pieces of beef. They carefully threaded the heavy white cord through the butcher's needle and transformed pieces of meat into rolled roasts, ready for the oven and someone's Sunday dinner.

Bewildered

He recalled his first days in this country, some 30 years ago. How he was impressed and bewildered with the speed of everything.

"People in America travel too fast," he said. "They go so fast they don't have time to enjoy the things they have and so they don't think they are happy. You can't catch happiness, no matter how fast you travel. Everyone ought to think of the old Sunday School song, 'Brighten the corner where you are' and we'd all be happier.

He looked back on the Germany he knew as a boy.

"The German people laughed a lot, then. They used to gather at homes and in beer gardens, drink a little, sing some songs, and laugh a lot. Now the people of Germany never laugh. They don't think any more or talk any more or sing any more. They don't care any more.

Sit Around and Mope

"They sit around and mope. They recall how many times they have built after wars and they don't want to do it again just to get ready for another one. Why, there are houses and buildings in Germany that have never been touched since the bombs hit them. There are still bodies in some of them, and the people won't do a thing.

"You can walk down a street and hardly find a home that hasn't someone in it who was a war victim. Some of my brothers' sons were killed, some of them crippled. They didn't want to be, but they had no choice.

"The German people, you know, were always hearty folks. I went in a restaurant and the meat I had wouldn't be fit for my dog." He cut a few grisly scraps from a rib of beef, mostly fat and sinew. "The meat was about like this. The prices are terrible.

Black Market

"Black market operations are going full blast. It has to, in order to maintain any kind of business. You can't get anything if you don't patronize it." He laughed. "You can't get much more if you do, the prices are so high!"

Fugmann said he believed the recent war was caused through the greed and bad management of government officials.

"We should be careful that our own country is not a victim of the same thing," he said. "It's up to us to find the right men for office and then to demand that they maintain a good, clean government for the people."

The United States, with less than one-fifteenth of the world's population and little more than one-fifteenth of world resources, produces nearly one-third of all goods and services of all people.

BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS

Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

The annual competition for the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps has been launched by the Department of the Navy. All male high school seniors and graduates between the ages of 17 and 21 are eligible to apply for the program which gives a full four year, government sponsored, college education at one of the 52 colleges and universities throughout the country in which there are Naval ROTC units.

In addition to the age limits, applicants must meet physical and mental standards and successfully pass an aptitude test. Young men desiring to participate in the program must file an application for this test prior to November 12, 1949.

Application blanks and complete information concerning the program are available from all high school principals, college deans, Professors of Naval Science, Offices of Naval Officer Procurement, and all Navy Recruiting Stations. The test itself will be given on December 3, in 550 cities widely distributed in the 48 states as well as Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Canal Zone.

Applicants receiving satisfactory marks on the aptitude test will be interviewed and given physical examinations at a later date. State selection committees will then review their cases to select the most outstanding all-around candidates.

Students from each state and territory compete among themselves for the quota of Naval scholarships assigned each state and territory. The total input is expected to approximate 2,000, all of whom will be enrolled in the fall term of college, 1950.

Candidates are permitted to indicate the college they wish to attend, and, subject to quota limitations, successful candidates will be recommended to the college of their choice. Final enrollment in all cases, however, will be subject to acceptance by the college to which recommended.

In this program, the Department of the Navy bears the expense of tuition, books, and the normal fees required by the college; and in addition, provides the student with a $50 per month living allowance.

The student may take any course that he desires leading to a bachelor or higher degree, but must include in his curriculum certain prescribed naval subjects. In return, he is obliged to participate in naval drills and cruises, and if qualified upon graduation to accept a commission in the regular Navy or Marine Corps.

After two years of active duty, he may elect to transfer to the appropriate Reserve Corps and return to civilian life; or he may request retention in the regular service, and if selected, make the Navy or Marine Corps his career.

Students enrolled in this program will be deferred from induction under the Selective Service Act, pending completion of their academic course.

Kiwanis Auction Is to Be Annual Affair

Members of the Birmingham Kiwanis club report their first auction was "a huge success." The affair was held Saturday afternoon in the sales room of Clohset and McCutcheon to raise money for the club's work among under-privileged children.

Basing their decision on the number of items presented by local merchants and residents, the Kiwanians announce that the auction will now be listed as one of their regular annual activities.

LEGAL NOTICES

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No. 54,913

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, in said County, on the 7th day of October A. D. 1949.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of **Etta Harwood, Deceased.**

P. G. Burnett having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, the executor named in said Will or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 7th day of November A. D. 1949 at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week, for three successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personal or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE
Judge of Probate.
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Forbes S. Hascall, Attorney, 124 So. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Mich.
No. 54,748

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, in said County, on the 21st day of October A. D. 1949.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of **Daniel W. Kincaid, Mentally Incompetent**

Gurdyer J. Arts, guardian of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said estate by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the 9th day of January, 1950 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said estate.

ARTHUR E. MOORE
Judge of Probate.
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C. S. Kidder Is Honored by Archery Group

Charles S. Kidder, 275 E. Brown, superintendent of the purchasing division at the home office of the Standard of Detroit Group of insurance companies, was honored by the East Detroit Archers Association at a recent meeting of the association when he was presented with an engraved cup as the ideal archer sportsman.

The cup is engraved—"To a grand sportsman—Chas. S. Kidder—East Detroit Archers". It is the first time such an award has been made by the association.

Kidder has been prominent in the activities of the Birmingham and Detroit Archers Associations for some time. In the many years he has devoted to building up the sport, he has developed considerable interest in the activity and made many friends amongst archery enthusiasts in Michigan and elsewhere.

He has participated in archery hunts in Northern Michigan and assisted in interesting Michigan archers in this phase of the sport. He is an honorary life member of the Michigan State Archery Association and the Detroit Archers.

He is also a member of the National Archers Association, East Detroit Archers, the Oakland County Conservation Club, Michigan Bow Hunters, Grayling Archers, Washtenaw Sportsmen's Club and the Wayne County Sportsmen's Club.

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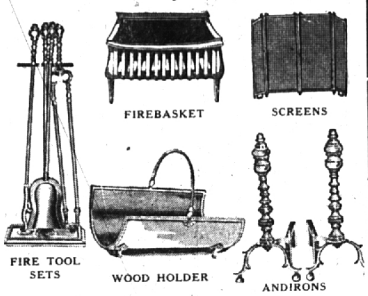

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