

Kiwansians Visit Children's Home

Members of the Kiwanis club met Tuesday evening at the Baptist children's home in Royal Oak to prepare for the coming Christmas party.

Club plans are completed for the annual auction to be held in the Chelton and McCutcheon sales rooms on Oct. 21.

Members said their Christmas trees, spruce and balsam, are expected in Birmingham about Dec. 9. Claude Whipple and Clifford Wright will be in charge of sales.

BIRMINGHAM VETERANEWS

Compiled from Various State and National Veterans Information Centers

Assignment of a new increased strength calling for army units of the Michigan National Guard by the National Guard Bureau this week will make possible the appointment of more than 400 additional officers and 2,000 enlisted men.

The new strength ceiling assigned for Michigan army units is 16,844. This includes 1,211 officers and warrant officers and 9,633 enlisted men. The new strength goals must be achieved by next March 31. Any vacancies remaining at that time may be withdrawn and assigned elsewhere.

Coincidental with the assignment of new strength ceilings, the National Guard Bureau announced the recruiting objective for all units will be attainment of 100 per cent officers and an average of 50 per cent enlisted men of the full wartime table of organization.

MINIMUM MAINTENANCE strength for retention of Federal recognition will be 50 per cent officers and 25 per cent enlisted war strength.

To attain the new strength by the March deadline all unit commanders this week were directed to obtain a net increase of one recruit per week.

Under the recent change in draft regulations, Selective Service registrants enlisting in the National Guard will not be inducted.

Communists Disrupt Meeting With Well-Planned Confusion

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STUTTGART, Germany.—Last night I had a chance to see how Communists break up a meeting organized by a rival political party.

In this case, perhaps, no one need feel too sorry for the victim, the so-called Sozialistische Reichspartei, a nationalist, extreme Right party which has inherited most of the Nazi ideology and a good many of its die-hard supporters.

Nonetheless, the Communist action was a forcible suppression of the free assembly of a significant bit of well-handwriting for Germany's more democratic parties.

Reminiscent of the meeting held in a beer hall, Ushers wearing armbands entered the room and passed out copies of the party platform.

IN THE CROWD of about 500 were many women and young people. A group of EDJers formed and began singing Communist songs I recognized from the Whitechapel Rally in Berlin's Soviet Sector. For quite a while they stood at the curb and sang.

raincoat such as motorcycle riders wear, the second, a flat-faced balding man in leather shorts.

This second man picked up the podium and carried it to the side of the stage; the first held up his hand for silence. The cheerleaders fell over themselves hushing their voices.

"This meeting is not going to be held," shouted the surly man. "We'll stay here as long as necessary to make sure those Fascists don't speak."

IN THE MIDDLE of the tumultuous applause with which the chanted announcement, the door opened and a platoon of police stormed into the room.

"In the interests of order, this meeting is closed," the leader of the police shouted. "Clear the hall."

Somewhat disappointed at having the initiative taken out of his hands, the dark Communist demanded loudly that the "Fascists" be forced to leave first.

The chief of the police apparently told him to be quiet, for he fell silent and put his hands in his pockets. Police moved through the crowd with nightsticks and herded everyone toward the exits.

Outside, the Communists laughed and congratulated one another. A group of EDJers formed and began singing Communist songs I recognized from the Whitechapel Rally in Berlin's Soviet Sector. For quite a while they stood at the curb and sang.

BY A LUCKY coincidence, I met some of the routed Reichspartei leaders in a restaurant a few hours later. Party head Fritz Doris, who had had to pocket his speech, was furious.

"This won't happen again," he warned ominously. "Next time we'll have our own shock troops."

There is an import duty of 1 1/2 cents on every pound of refined nickel shipped into the United States although hardly any nickel is mined in the forty-eight States.

Pierce Selects Room Mothers

Room mothers for Pierce school PTA have been selected, according to the announcement of Mrs. Harvey C. Swift.

Mrs. Edward Reinschaw, Mrs. R. F. Bany, Mrs. R. Detmers, Mrs. Ralph Battemhouse, Mrs. M. S. Chester, Mrs. J. L. Adams, Mrs. W. E. Dove and Mrs. Harold Latham will serve for the kindergarten.

First grade room mothers are Mrs. W. E. Drinkard, Mrs. M. L. Groatz, Mrs. Fred Adams, Mrs. Richard Stites, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Pakshitz, Mrs. J. R. Fortune, Mrs. W. R. Ginnam, Mrs. J. H. Fardoe, Mrs. R. L. Partwood, Mrs. S. Bowes, Mrs. A. R. Hancock, Jr., and Mrs. Earl Redfern.

THE SECOND GRADE will be represented by Mrs. Norman Prentice, Mrs. Thomas Salisbury, Mrs. James Grant, Mrs. Robert A. Knier, Mrs. Merritt Olsen, Mrs. F. G. Jennings, Mrs. C. G. Ghose, and Mrs. Glenn Emery.

For the third grade Mrs. William Fitch, Mrs. Harry E. Perkins, Mrs. Clifford Brain, Mrs. Edward Haskel, Mrs. Arthur Nelson and Mrs. Henry Page will serve.

Room mothers for the fourth grade are Mrs. Cecil Walker, Mrs. Frank Donaldson, Mrs. M. E. Groat, Mrs. Colin G. Watters and Mrs. Earl Roberts.

Mrs. Alan Brandage, Mrs. Emil Schmidt, Mrs. Grant Barber and Mrs. Ivan Van Schoick have been named for the fifth grade. The sixth will be represented by Mrs. B. Sullivan, Mrs. Julius Ayres, Mrs. E. G. Schimmer and Mrs. A. Thomson.

Planning meetings were held Friday and Saturday at Mrs. Swift's home.

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Financial Problems For Water District Concern Managers

City managers of several South Oakland county cities are concerned with the problem of how to finance a metropolitan water district.

The managers have been studying plans for easing the serious water situation in the southern section of the county, through extension of mains and supply sources to Southfield township, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods, Berkeley, Royal Oak, Clawson and Birmingham.

THE CITIES as yet have not agreed on an equitable means to finance the \$19,000,000 project. Some cities close to the Eight Mile road source have objected to paying for the project at the same rate as communities farthest from the source. Most of the city managers are reluctant to ask for increases in water rates to finance the project.

Although not faced with as serious a water problem as other communities in this section, Birmingham city officials have indicated an interest in the proposed project because of the continued growth of the city, local officials are aware that additional sources for water may have to be found in future years.

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Lathrup PTA Plans Programs for Year

An executive board meeting on Oct. 5 and the regular group meeting Oct. 11 will launch the current season for the Lathrup PTA.

The board will meet to discuss the plans of the year.

The association meeting will be held in the school auditorium with Mrs. Max Williams as the guest speaker. Her topic is "Love and Service in My Community."

After the meeting, scheduled for 8 o'clock, parents may visit the various classrooms and receive an outline of the planned school year.

Although this is not the annual open house program of the group, teachers will be present to meet and talk with parents.

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