

Hez Lectures Continue

Eugene Hess, 1723 Maryland, will continue his series of lectures on 5 p.m. March 6, when he discusses "How to Read and Understand a Balance Sheet and Company Report." He will also present a motion picture on investment procedures.



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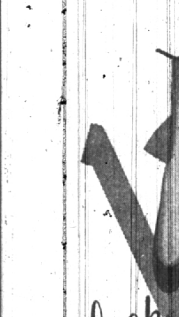


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Election Methods Topic of Lecture At High School

The third discussion in the University of Michigan Lecture series at Birmingham High School on March 12 will be "Campaign and Election Procedures" of the U. S. Congress. Dr. Samuel J. Eldersveld, assistant professor of Political Science at the university, will be the speaker. His experience includes the field of political science in the United States and abroad. There will be a question and answer period following the lecture. Dr. Daniel S. McFarlane will discuss "Communism and Corruption" in government at the March 13 meeting. Dr. McFarlane taught at the U. S. A. for two years and at West Point Military Academy during World War II. From 1950 to 1952 he gave considerable time to the Institute of Public Administration. The Birmingham lecture series is open to the public with all lectures starting at 8 p.m.

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To the Editor:  
A few days ago I went on a tour of inspection of our new \$2,000,000 high school. I saw many things there and, for the benefit of the 90.6 per cent of the voters in the Birmingham school district who did not bother going to the polls last November I would like to describe some of the things which our school board considers necessary for a high school education.

To say that I was overwhelmed or inspired is an understatement. Frankly I was shocked. That place must be an auditor's dream — it has everything designed for the comfort of both teachers and students. In fact, the "attention span" cannot be broken, every inch of ceiling in the entire structure is sound proofed with the finest acoustic material.

The corridors are wide and spacious and the classrooms all have outside views and huge picture, thermo-pane windows. However, I noticed in spite of all the day light streaming into the school that electric lights were left on indiscriminately and where they were not needed. I have also noticed that lights are left on in the parking lot day time and that as late as 11 on Saturday night the lights are burning brightly. What is the reason for wasting electricity? Residents in the area also wonder.

THE INTERIOR decorating of this school represents one of the most elaborate studies in the world. Decorations are done with restraint and good taste but handloomed and hand block printed are never cheap. The furnishings are of the very highest quality — stainable — Haywood-Wakefield furniture is the best. This is the comfort of the student assured. Built of the most expensive material throughout in a "why is the limit" style.

Facilities available are fantastic, including a completely furnished model apartment with full kitchen and bed room as well as tile bath. Perhaps the students are taught how to sleep scientifically. They also learn how to make beds which strikes me as a fine idea. Almost everybody in Birmingham sleeps in a bed.

THERE ARE eight completely equipped model kitchens with full size refrigerators, electric and gas stoves and expensive Geneva custom made cabinets. The large refrigerators were practically empty with the exception of one which contained a quart of butter and some dried onions. Hardly worth all the electric current needed to keep eight refrigerators running day and night!

There were also two laundromats which the teacher explained was necessary because practically everybody in Birmingham had one and needed to know how to run them. If so, why couldn't the girls just help mama and learn something from her and thus leave the teacher free to teach other things that mama might not know? If the teacher's schedule is as full as we are told it is, they they got out some of the more obvious clothes as bed making, etc. Isn't there anything they can learn some?

THE DRESSMAKING facilities were of the finest, including a raised modeling platform, many cutting tables, pressing irons, three-way mirror with indirect lighting and eight electric sewing machines of the highest quality. The dressmaking Institute Sappho in New York couldn't have it better.

The art room was most impressive with several large expensive looms which made me think I was in Kingswood not in a public school. There was also what looked like a carding machine equipped with costly Shetland wool yarn imported from Canada. One loom only was in use at the time, which contained what looked like expensive silk material to be used for curtains. There was nothing sleazy about that hand-made fabric.

Several high-priced potter's wheels and countless boxes of every kind of glazes were in the clay modeling section as well as a large kiln which nobody had even bothered to hook up.

THERE WERE countless other impressive sights that I had never before seen in a school building including a greenhouse, tropical fish aquarium, green blackboards, swivel chairs in the science room, bouncin' parquet floors in the gym, etc.

There was much machinery including wood lathes, Stanley machines, electric knife grinders, hydraulic jacks used for car greasing, printing presses and countless other pieces of costly machinery.

One piece of machinery called a "streamer," which somebody told me cost around \$2,000, stood idly by collecting dust. Apparently nobody ever got around to using it but there it stood in its costly solitude.

The photographic dark room complete with bottles of emulsion and enlarger was an amateur photographer's dream but did not seem to be used much.

I WAS A bit confused by all the sights which I cannot go into in detail but which included the miniature theatre complete with recording tape equipment, etc. The room in which the swimming pool will be located was the largest and most impressive I have ever seen and looked as if it could contain all the student body at one time plus a couple of hundred taxpayers.

I have said a word about the library with its wondrously small quantity of books because at the present time this place is "off bounds" to the student body in general. Apparently these high school students are not sufficiently ma-

ture to respect books so this is a suitable measure until they are taught. But a school without a library is like a body without a brain.

RECENT MAIL solicitation by the American Automobile Owner's Association, Inc., of Farmington, Conn., has created inquiries concerning financial status and reputation of the insurance mail order concern.

2. The State of Michigan does not recognize an automobile insurance policy under the provisions of the financial responsibility law if the company is not licensed in this State.

3. The recommendation of the Michigan Department of Insurance to residents of Michigan wishing to purchase insurance that they secure coverage in companies duly authorized to transact business within this State. Local insurance agents are in a position to determine and advise what concerns are involved by the Department.

Stationed in Germany Soldier Still A Part Of The Town He Loves

To the Editor:  
I wish to express my thanks to you and your staff for the newspaper's publication. I receive the paper regularly in Germany. It brings to me all the news I think of so much, the news of my home, my friends, the school from which I graduated. It makes me feel that I am still a part of the community I love.

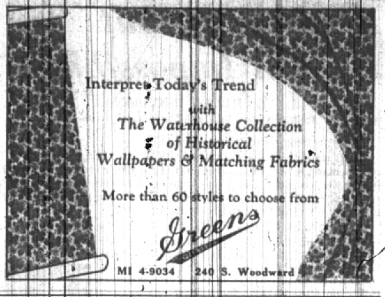
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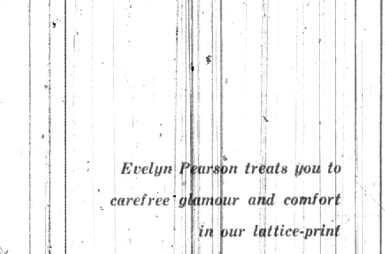
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