

Junior Great Books Program Sets Adult Leaders' Course

The Birmingham Junior Great Books Council has announced plans for a tuition-free leadership training course in the Junior Great Books Program to start in January. The council met Nov. 9 at Berkshire Junior High School.

Professional staff members of the Great Books Foundation, Chicago, Ill., will instruct the adults in the course. Training classes for the area will meet for eight weekly two-hour sessions and will be held in Birmingham, Southfield, Royal Oak and Ferndale.

The registration deadline is Friday for new member schools and for adults interested in teaching the program to school-age youngsters.

THE extracurricular Junior Great Books Program is made up of groups of 15 students in the same grade level—fifth through 12th grades—who meet around a conference table for 90 minutes each month to discuss the books the participants have read at home.

The youngsters learn to read more accurately as well as have the opportunity to express their opinions about the books and to hear what others have to say.

The two adult leaders, who have been trained to conduct the discussion meetings, are not permitted to offer answers. Their role is to ask questions that help the children to explore the ideas in the books.

"The adult leaders do not need any special educational background," stated Mrs. James Worley, coordinator of the Great Books Program, who lives in Royal Oak. "An interest in reading and a belief that young people can think for themselves is all that is needed."

"MOST of the leaders are mothers and fathers—as well as teachers, librarians and other interested adults. When parents themselves begin leading in a Junior Great Books Program at school they have that rare opportunity to see the spark of learning," Mrs. Worley added. "It's exciting to be able to help these eager students to stretch their minds and grasp the timeless ideas that are found in

great literature," according to Mrs. Elsie Beier, 2455 N. Cromwell, Franklin, secretary of the Junior Great Books Program at Groves High School.

"Leaders have the opportunity to grow in their understanding of young people and in their ability to communicate with them, as well as to further develop their own critical powers of thinking and reading," said Mrs. John Witzig, 31256 W. Chelton Drive, Birmingham, secretary of the Junior Great Books Program at Beverly School.

THE BOOKS which the children study have been chosen on the basis of evaluation made by the Great Books Foundation in collaboration with education schools of several leading universities and the National Catholic Library Association.

Junior Great Books, which are graded for each reading level, offer the following fare for fifth graders: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," "Aesop's Fables," Fabre's "Selections in Science" and Kipling's "Jungle Books." Junior high readings include "Macbeth," "The Middle Class Gentleman" by Moliere and Herman Melville's "Moby Dick." High school students read Homer's "Odyssey," Aristotle's "Rhetoric," Plutarch's "Marcus," Cato, Thoreau, Ibsen and Conrad.

"THE JUNIOR Great Books Program is based on the idea that young people as well as adults can help one another to learn by reading and then discussing some of the best books that have been written during the past 2,000 years," said Mrs. Richard Rutank, 3746 Raven Road, Birmingham, chairman of the Birmingham Junior Great Books Council.

"These children are developing skills in reading, thinking, speaking and listening that will contribute to the formation of a lifetime habit of reading, and they are discussing the books that have helped to shape our civilization," continued Mrs. Eubank.

"Adults who take the leadership training course and later moderate in the Junior Great Books Program find they receive a great deal of personal satisfaction and mental stimulation, as well as making it possible for the youngsters to do the same," she said.

"MORE THAN 200 youngsters are participating in Junior Great Books as a pilot program started this fall in all Birmingham schools. For the Junior Great Books Program to accommodate all interested Birmingham children, additional leaders must be trained to keep up with the increasing demand," Mrs. Eubank added.

Residents Fete Foreign Students At Fall Parties

Exchange students at Seaholm High School have begun to learn the fall customs in the United States.

On Halloween 60 teen-agers attended a party given by Carol Jane Hollingshead, daughter of the Fell Hollingsheads, of 489 Arzelle.

Included were the foreign exchange students, AFS, Regula Alenbach, Switzerland and Federico Oliveri, Italy and Y.F.U. students Jurgen Swartz, Germany; Eva Kramming, Sweden; Anko Bohuis, Netherlands.

THE PARTY given on behalf of the Y.F.U. committee at Seaholm began with a potluck supper. The guests sang around the "playa piano, bobbed for apples and competed for prizes for the best costume."

The annual Halloween dance at the school followed. On Nov. 7, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Hoyt, 781 N. Glenhurst, and their daughter, Linda, entertained at a buffet supper. The honored guest was sculptor Svea Kline, who showed her movies of Carl Milles. Mrs. Hoyt is a member of the Y.F.U. adult committee.

A Christmas party is being planned to be given by the Seaholm A.F.S. committee to be held at The Community House. Groves High school exchange students and the Y.F.U. representatives and exchange students will be invited.



Heart Worker

A former gymnasium and health teacher, Mrs. Celia Chapin, 48, of 30080 Rosemond, Franklin, has been appointed a Michigan Heart Association field representative, specializing in presenting heart education to school children. "I like to work and I like to teach and I like people," commented Mrs. Chapin. "And I don't like anything better than teaching children and grown-ups, too, the rules of health that will help them to feel better and live longer."

Michigan Sets Traffic Mark In Traveling

Michigan highways carried more traffic during July than in any previous month in state history.

Chief Engineer John E. Meyer of the state highway department said, "An estimated 3.7 billion miles were traveled on Michigan highways during July, an increase of nearly nine per cent.

MEYER SAID traffic during the first seven months of 1964 was up eight per cent compared to last year. "Michigan is having a banner travel year and I'm sure we have had a banner tourist season, too,

U-D Alumni Group Elects B'ham Man

The University of Detroit Law Alumni Association has recently elected its new governing board to a term to expire in 1967. The new directors are the Hon. Charles S. Farmer, Judge, Common Pleas Court, of 19574 LaSalle Blvd., and Edmund J. Dilworth, Jr., of 17353 Santa Rosa.

Also elected were the Hon. T. John Lesinski, Judge, Court of Appeals, of 3322 E. Outer Drive; Patrick J. Keating, of 1427 Harvard, and John F. Noonan, of 424 Wellesley, Birmingham.

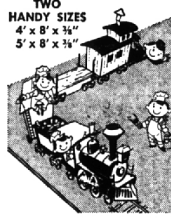
"In other words, motorists drove nearly 10 million miles more each day on Michigan highways during July of this year than they did during the same month last year," he said.

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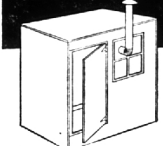
B'ham Man Serves In European Area

Stanley Yarema, electronics technician third class, USSN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph J. Yarema of 1285 Robson Lane, Birmingham, is serving aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Okinawa following participation in the largest amphibious combat training exercise in the Atlantic since World War II. He is serving aboard the ship as a visiting ports in the European area.

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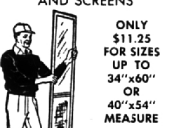
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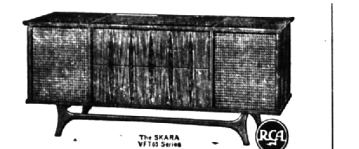
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