

SUTTER CHARGED WITH SHIELDING JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM BY BERNS

Independent Store Keepers Combine to Thwart Chain Stores

Editor's Note:—The deplorable situation cited in the accompanying article by Wilbur E. Campbell, editor of the Mack Avenue Enterprise, is to be found in the Grosse Pointe district and as a result the independent Grosse Pointe merchants and store keepers, it has been learned, are joining in the national movement, in taking active steps to organize and combat the onslaught of the chain stores.

"The independent and neighborhood dealers in all lines of business are awake to the fact that they are approaching a crisis in the mercantile business," writes Wilbur E. Campbell in a current issue of the Mack Avenue Enterprise.

"Gradually the neighborhood and independent store keeper has seen the nationally organized and nationally managed dealer in almost every line," continues Mr. Campbell, "encroach upon their domains until now they actually face total annihilation.

"The country at large cannot afford such a catastrophe to come about!"

"Deprived of the financial and moral support of the little, independent and neighborhood dealer, it spells disaster to the very fabric of American freedom and independence, and the householder will suffer a material loss.

"The upkeep of society, civic life, churches, and public improvements is dependent on the moral and financial backing of the smaller merchants in all growing communities. To them come the solicitor for funds and personal aid in every movement for community betterment, and their response has always been prompt and generous.

"Unfair competition waits until the necessary machinery of a well organized community is thoroughly functioning and is well oiled by the local tradesmen when they step in and help themselves to the business resulting from a well established residential community.

"The national organization of shop keepers waits until the paving is in, the churches are built, the hospitals and schools well established and the police and fire protection provided before venturing into the neighborhood. They make sure that the field is fully equipped with sufficient homes from which they can extract business, the returns of which will go to the center of operations, there to go toward increasing the dividends of the company.

"Those who gave of their time and money to develop the community and carry it through the experimental stage can only wait for the tide to turn again in their favor or go out of business.

"We are not blaming the national organizations for grabbing these rich opportunities. It is human for us all to take advantage of desirable situations and make the best of them with the least cost and a minimum of labor."

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Fashionable Nuptial Ceremony Is Set For April 12, in Pointe

One of the most fashionable affairs to take place shortly will be the wedding of Miss Constance Lay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barkley Lay, of Washington Road, and Mr. Charles Blanchard Phelps, Jr., scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 12. Pre-nuptial festivities and plans for the event are in full sway among members of the Grosse Pointe set.

Miss Betsy Lay, sister of the bride-to-be, has been chosen as maid-of-honor, while the bridesmaids that have been selected are Miss Margot Murphy, Mrs. Raymond Clark Leonard, and Miss Cynthia and Miss Sybil Cram, of Bañgor, Me. Mr. Phelps has asked Mr. William Henry Reginald Jarvis, of Toronto, to serve as best man, assisted by the following ushers: Mr. William Reeve Clark, Mr. Robert Hanford Thomas, Mr. Robert Jeffers Lay and Mr. Charles K. Crawford Martin, of Toronto. The Rev. Joseph A. Vance will officiate at the ceremonies, which will be held in the Grosse Pointe Memorial church.

One of the first pre-nuptial affairs given in honor of the couple took place last Saturday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Parcels entertained a few friends at dinner in their home on Grand Marais boulevard.

Barrie's "Quality Street" presented by Grosse Pointe School Set



The senior dramatic class of the Grosse Pointe Private school presented "Quality Street," a play by Sir James Barrie, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of last week. In the picture above, some of the members of the cast are shown in their costumes. In the back row from left to right are: Margaret Baker, Marie Joy Sanger, Lenore Myers, Marie Lord, Louise Stockard, Jean Moree, Suzanne Stockard, Peggy Williams. In the front row, left to right, are Nancy Baldwin, Aerielle Frazer, Florence Davies, Bethine Hyde Standard, Betty Tant, Nancy Hughes, Margaret Edwards. Bethine Standard, who took the part of Phoebe, was attired in her great-grandmother's wedding gown, which the latter wore in 1848.

From left to right in the scene are Florence Davies, Louise Stockard, Lenore Myers, Betty Tant, Nancy Baldwin, Margaret Edwards and Nancy Hughes.

Baseball and Track Teams at High Will Start Season Soon

Baseball and track are growing in interest on the part of students in the Grosse Pointe High School, with the approach of the spring season.

Louis Vedder will coach the base ball team. Track will be in charge of Frank Banach, assisted by C. B. Niquette.

The 1930 base ball schedule, as far as it is completed is:

April 26—Port Huron at Port Huron.
May 3—Ferndale, at Grosse Pointe.
May 9—Hazel Park at Grosse Pointe.
May 13—U. of D. High School at Grosse Pointe.
May 14—Ecorse at Ecorse.
May 16—Pontiac.
May 20—Birmingham.
May 27—U. of D. High School at Belle Isle.
June 4—River Rouge at River Rouge.
June 6—Wyandotte at Wyandotte.
June 13—Ecorse at Grosse Pointe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bredin have moved from their apartment on Ridge road to a home on University place, Grosse Pointe.

Insurance Brokers Pay \$15,000 to School Board

The sum of approximately \$15,000 has been paid to the Board of Education in the form of a reparation by the Henk-Garska company, insurance brokers, retained by the School Board, as result of the Board revamping its insurance program following a decrease in insurance rates in the district.

The payment of this sum terminates a long standing controversy that has been existent over whether the money should be repaid.

Insurance valuation of school property in the district is placed at \$2,730,000, according to figures obtained today from the Board of Education.

Engineers, Janitors Don Uniforms in Schools

Uniforms will be worn by janitors and engineers employed by the School Board when they appear in the school buildings at any time when they are open to the public, it was decided at the Monday evening meeting of the Board of Education. The School Board will supply the uniforms to be worn through a laundry, paying a stated stipulation each time to the laundry company for the laundering of them.

Hi-Y Club Conducts Play Contest at High on Theme, 'Courtesy'

A contest is being sponsored by the Hi-Y Club of the Grosse Pointe High School for the best original one-act play to be written by a high school student. The prize is \$10.

The purpose of the contest is to promote a higher standard of courtesy throughout the school. The subject of the play must be "Courtesy." Any student in the senior or junior department of the school is eligible. The play must not be less than 15 minutes or more than 35 minutes in length. The contest ends April 4.

The judges are: Arthur E. Trippensee, assistant principal; Mrs. Helen McIntyre, teacher of English, and John Staffeld, teacher of English. Complete rules are announced in this week's issue of the Tower, student newspaper.

\$90,000 Worth of Bonds Purchased by Trustees

Approximately \$90,000 worth of bonds were purchased by the School Board at last Monday's meeting for sinking fund purposes. The Board will find it necessary to purchase in the following years bonds to the amounts as set forth below to redeem sinking fund bonds already purchased and which fall due:

1936	\$250,000.00
1953	161,000.00
1954	336,000.00
1955	255,000.00
1956	275,000.00
1957	1,465,000.00
1958	435,000.00

Richard Connor's Sister Is Dead in California

Friends of Richard P. Connor, president of Grosse Pointe Village, were sorry to learn this week of the death of Mr. Connor's sister on the west coast. Mr. Connor, accompanied by Mrs. Connor journeyed to California to comfort the sister during her illness that resulted in her death, Sunday, and will remain for the funeral services.

NEW MARKET

A new market has been opened in the Holden Block in Grosse Pointe Village in the store formerly occupied by Angels Market. The new market is operated by Plotzer, who has been conducting high class markets in Detroit for the past several years. In addition to high class meats a fine line of Reid Murdock's canned goods and other fancy canned goods will be carried.

BASKET BALL MEET

Entries are now being received for the class B basket ball tournament. All captains, managers and coaches desiring to enter teams should place their entries with Mr. Simonsen at the is open to girls from 8 to 14 and will be held on March 26th.

GROSSE POINTE SOCIETY

By DOROTHY DEE

Mrs. William D. Laurie has returned to her home on Kensington Road, after a sojourn in Miami, Fla. Miss Mildred Swink has also returned from Miami with her parents.

Miss Beryl Zimmerman, of Bedford Road, is expected home Saturday from Florida, where she has been enjoying the sunny climate for the past two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Standart, and Miss Eleanor Handy are among the Grosse Pointers spending the winter at Palm Beach.

The ladies of the Otsiketa Club will give their second bridge tea at their clubrooms next Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Harry Vreeland is chairman.

Mrs. Napoleon Des Rocher entertained a few friends informally at luncheon Friday, in her home, later taking her guests to the Punch and Judy theater.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of St. Clair avenue gave a dinner party Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. Baker's brother, Albert Renaud, who recently returned from Florida, with Mrs. Renaud.

Mrs. Dexter M. Ferry, Jr., president of the Garden Club of Michigan, with Mrs. Benjamin S. Warren, Mrs. John S. Newberry and Mrs. Fred T. Murphy, were to leave this week-end to attend the National Garden Club Horticultural Show in New York City. They will attend a club luncheon during their stay there.

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Mothers' Club at High Meets Next Wednesday

The Mothers' Club of the Grosse Pointe High School will conduct a meeting Wednesday evening, March 26, at 7:30 o'clock.

Harold M. Coulter of the D. M. Ferry Company will speak on "Care of Your Lawn, Flower Garden and Vegetable Garden." Miss Lois Zimmerman, assisted by her class, will present a group of national character, tap, ballet and acrobatic dances. Marguerite Neumeyer will play piano solos.

Winners of Spelling Bee in High Named; Will Compete Soon

The results of the spelling bee held Friday afternoon in the spelling classes in the junior high division of the Grosse Pointe High School are:

Seventh grade: Virginia Albyn, Mary Kathleen Ebner, Herbert Adam, Harry Durooss, Ben Settle, Nola Champene, Mary Adams, Mary Peltz, Virginia Holzle.

Eighth grade: Geraldine Mundt, Dorothy Geiseking, Gertrude Ketterer, Jean Morris, Jean Watterson, Virginia Negley, Harold McGregor, Virginia Lavers, Barbara Rieger and Virginia Pauli.

These teams will again compete April 4 at Grosse Pointe High School to determine the school champion. The school champion will meet with other school champions to determine the district winner. The state winner will go to the national finals in Washington. The contest is sponsored by the Detroit News.

Miss Blanche Dill and George Platts are the spelling teachers of the eighth and seventh grades, respectively.

Board to Lease Kerby School to G. P. Farms

Disposal of the Kerby school property to the village of Grosse Pointe Farms, has been turned over to Dr. S. M. Brownell, superintendent of schools, and Fred Sutter, president of the School Board, with power to act, by the School Board. This step was taken at last Monday's meeting. They will attempt to negotiate a lease of the property to the village rather than sell it, as it was previously planned to do.

School Board Members Demonstrate Charity Replacing \$48 Theft

There is one thing certain about the members of the school board that will never bear investigation as the result of the latest demonstration of charity—ableness, and that is their big heartedness and generosity. The incident conclusively establishing that these traits are to be found in the school board members is the following.

On the occasion of the recent robbery of the Stevens T. Mason school safe, the bandits rifled a cash box containing approximately \$48, a sum collected from the contributions of the teachers and students for the purchase of gymnastic and athletic equipment for those students unable to buy same. Upon learning of this and the inevitable sorrow that was shared by the entire student body of the Mason school, the school board members, in order to right the situation, dug down into their pockets and pooled a fund equal in amount to that stolen.

As a result, everything now is peaceful and serene at the Mason school with the pupils very grateful to the Board of Education, as individuals.

What Are The Facts Demands Watkins in Junior High Matter

"You are shielding the whole Junior High School issue," was the charge hurled at Fred Sutter, president of the School Board, by Trustee Julius Berns, at the regular meeting of the Board of Education, Monday evening, in the High school, when Sutter brought up for discussion the proposed publicity program on the \$395,000 bond issue that will face electors at the annual school-district meeting, June 9. The bond issue is to provide funds for the purchase of three sites for three Junior High schools which the School Board plan to erect.

Sutter's assertion of a belief that the electors are entitled to know the "facts" of the proposed Junior High school program, provoked Berns' challenge that the facts are likely to be concealed and caused Trustee John Watkins to exclaim:

"What are the facts?"

"That is the question at issue and to be decided," answered Sutter.

In reply to Berns, Sutter agreed that all the "facts" should be presented to the electors, to which, Berns' retort was:

"If they are not given, I will see to it that they are brought to the attention of the electors and that they are given full information and knowledge of all things and elements in connection with the Junior High program that have been considered at the School Board meetings."

"The electors," continued Berns, "should be so conversant with the Junior High school program and the intricacies and problems involved in this publicity program, to the same extent they would be had they been present at all the school board meetings at which that matter was considered."

In Berns' statements, is seen a bit of retaliation to the practice that has been established by the School Board holding "secret" or executive sessions under the sponsorship of Sutter whenever the Junior High school program was considered by the Board.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB ACTIVITIES

You'll hear more about it later!

"JACKS" CONTEST

Much interest is being shown in the Jacks Contest planned by the Junior Girls Handcraft Class of the Neighborhood Club. Practice games are held every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 4 p. m. The contest

INTERMEDIATE BOYS

The basket ball tournament held at the Neighborhood Club for Intermediate Boys is going over with a bang, the attendance increasing with each game.

Thursday night, the Neighborhood Club as soon as possible.

Midgets won from the Monarchs, thus eliminating the Monarchs from further competition.

Saturday, the Vikings won from the Southeastern Midgets. The four remaining teams are Southeastern Midgets, Vikings, Neighborhood Midgets and Rangers.

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