

## PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Annual regional conferences for county and township officers of Sunday schools in Wayne county will be held in the Richmond Y. M. C. A. Friday, Jan. 27. The meeting will be open to all persons interested in Sunday school work and the officers of the Sunday schools in this region. No registration fee or collections will be taken. The only expense will be transportation and meals.

The purpose of the meeting is to help the county and township officers, including the departmental superintendents, both in giving instruction and inspiration.

The following is the plan of the program: In the morning at the Y. M. C. A.:

9:30 Devotional.

9:45 Our Association. Annual reports, financial plan and budget.

10:30 Sectional Conferences. Children's division, Nellie C. Young. Young people's division, Wayne G. Miller. Adult division, Deader to be elected. Administration division, E. T. Albertson.

12:45 Adjourn.

Afternoon in Y. M. C. A.

1:15—Devotion.

1:25 Sectional Conferences. (Same grouping as morning).

2:45 Mass meeting. Findings of sectional conferences.

3:00 Next year's goals. State convention: Lake Geneva; Awakener; International convention.

3:20 Adjourn.

Reid Memorial.

The following will be the evening program at Reid Memorial church, which will be open to all those wishing to attend:

Miss Nellie C. Young, "The Right of the Child"; Wayne G. Miller, "The Right of Youth"; E. T. Albertson, "Challenge for the Church." Offering; adjournment.

## SERGEI RACHMANINOFF SUSTAINS INTEREST

Sergei Rachmaninoff, who will give a recital in the Coliseum Feb. 2nd, has kindled and firmly sustained the interest and applause of American audiences. Wherever and whenever he appears, he plays and conquers.

No such impressive figure as Rachmaninoff has surprised the eyes of his hearers in many a day. He plays and they feel the fineness of his touch, the wide range of his understanding and sympathies with music, the artistic devotion within him.

He plays, and through the voice of Rachmaninoff his listeners also hear the glorified voice of the composer. In his own music the two voices become as one, and the deeper and warmer is the response of the audience. Until they have heard Rachmaninoff play, they have not truly heard Rachmaninoff's music.

All the music he has written has established the wealth of his imagination, his unique personality and his hold upon the public on both sides of the Atlantic. Mr. Rachmaninoff is as able and eloquent a pianist with orchestra as he is in recital of his own. In opera houses no less than in concert halls, Russian audiences have honored and admired him as conductor of the concerts of the Imperial Opera House at Moscow.

Rachmaninoff's appearance here is sponsored by the Woman's club. Tickets for his recital are in the hands of all members of the club, and the plan for reservation of seats will open at 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning at Fullum's Victoria shop.

## SHIPS ARE WATCHED FOR CASES OF "FLU"

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—Health department inspectors were watching all incoming ships for cases of influenza. Dr. Royal S. Copeland, city health commissioner, believes that New York's increasing cases of influenza may be due in part to importations from Europe. All ships will be watched from today on, and cases of influenza found on them will be isolated.

"Sixty-four cases of influenza, however, have been reported in the last two days," Dr. Copeland said. "Bronchitis has been unusually prevalent and other diseases of the respiratory tract, including pneumonia. This cold weather will probably be of great benefit to the city. If it continues for a few days the present prevalence of grippe and cold will probably come to an end."

## WOMAN'S CLUB ENJOYS MORNING MUSICALE

A morning musicale was given Tuesday at the Reid Memorial church by the music department of the Woman's club marking one of two musical programs which the department is presenting this week.

The program included several organ numbers by Mrs. Hugh Foss, two violin numbers by Miss Ruth Scott, solos by Mrs. M. D. Shuart, Mrs. Frank Davis and Hugh Foss, and a song by a trio composed of Mrs. Ed Hasenauer, Mrs. M. D. Shuart and Mrs. John Marshall, with violin obligato by Miss Marion Jones.

A feature of the program was two numbers given by members of the Earlham College Madrigal club. A sextette composed of the Misses Henley, Haworth, Coffin, Taylor, Stout and Davies sang "The Show," Elgar, with violin obligato by Misses Sellars and Webb. A chorus of about 20 young women of Madrigal sang "Woo Thou Sweet Music," by Elgar.

## Sentenced For Breaking Arm of Babe to Correct It For Sucking Its Thum

(By Associated Press)

CINCINNATI, Jan. 24—Samuel Gabel, 28, switchman, convicted of fracturing the arm of his five months old babe, in an effort to correct it for sucking its thumb, was sentenced to six months in jail today. An X-ray plate was introduced in court revealing a spiral fracture from shoulder to

hand.

## Aged Friend to Celebrate 97th Birthday



Margaret Ratliff Wood.

"Grandma" Margaret Ratliff Wood, who was born on the Ratliff home- stead, north of Fairview, and who will celebrate her 97th birthday April 18, active in the faith of the Friends throughout her life, still attends the little Friends church near her present home in Henry County, practically every Sunday. Her birthplace was a log cabin which formerly stood on the homestead. She is a sister of Cornelius Ratliff III, now residing there.

Grandma Wood, as she is known, comes from old Quaker stock, her ancestors on her father's side being friends of the Friends church for 300 years and her ancestors on her mother's side being identified with Friends activities for two centuries.

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