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## Y. M. C. A. BOARD TO BE ENLARGED

January 1 to See Nine Men On Executive Board, Directors Plan

Birmingham will have nine representatives on the enlarged executive board of the lower Oakland County branch of the Y. M. C. A. after the first of the year, according to plans discussed at the meeting of the board last Thursday evening at the Chateau Tea Room. The present board of six members has two Birmingham men, Charles J. Shain and Clarence Vliet, as well as Robert Lynd, the secretary of the branch, two Royal Oak men and two Farmington men. The new board will have 21 members, nine from Birmingham, nine from Royal Oak Township, and three from Farmington.

The present board feels that a larger representation would give the committee a wider range in which to work, and a wider knowledge of conditions in this section, Mr. Lynd said. The enlarged board will meet once a month, as the present one does, and will select from its number a special group of nine, which will meet about three or four times a year. Four of these men will be from Birmingham, four from Royal Oak Township, and one from Farmington.

## Random Doings of a Random World

Yaelor Kothner of Hammond, Ind., branded his daughter on the forehead with a hot iron because she stayed out late at night. The horse belonging to Plato Reed, a gray, who died at Reading, Eng., at the age of 102, was shot on his master's grave.

Mary Delaney, 12-year-old girl of Park Ridge, Ill., lost her power of speech through fright caused by stepping on a snake.

Mrs. A. W. Lewis of Carnarvon Wales, has received a letter from her husband, who lost his memory and wandered away five years ago, and is now in Australia.

E. H. Clinton of Chicago failed to identify in court a letter written by his wife, saying he had not seen her handwriting for 40 years.

William Higgs of Chicago, charged with stealing four pairs of socks, was found to have no socks on his feet when arrested.

Swimming into Lake Michigan to escape from a dog, a hare was caught by fisherman in a row boat, near Glencoe, Ill.

Horace Wilson, who died at Deal, Eng., leaving a \$300,000 estate, had never seen his wife or four children, having been blind since he was 6 years old.

When Edward Corson of New York died some time after an accident, an autopsy disclosed that he had worked two weeks with a fractured skull.

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## Her Chicks Earn \$1000 a Year



Mrs. Howard McMullen of near Munice, Ind., has the best farm raised plan offered to date. She is shown in the picture with a few of her chickens which have earned for her \$1000 a year for the last three years.

## Santa Claus Buys His Toys Now From American Shops

Little boys and girls hugging engines and dolls to their hearts, beneath the Christmas trees of America, still see visions of a white-bearded old man surrounded by assorted toy parts, in a little shed away off at the top of the world. But the time has passed when his assembling plant was outside the shores of America. Santa Claus's toy shop for the United States used to be in Switzerland, Italy, Japan and Germany, and mostly in Germany, but now it is in the United States.

Ten years ago 85 per cent. of the toys used here were imported. Today 85 per cent. of them are made at home. When the German supply was cut off during the war, toy factories here expanded and many new ones started up. The number of toy-making establishments rose from 290 in 1913 to 541 in 1918. Others have been added since then, and this year, it is estimated, the United States will have turned out \$200,000,000 worth of toys, twice as much as the estimated production of five years ago. On the other hand, only little more than \$3,000,000 worth of toys were imported in the first nine months of this year. More, although 25 years ago the United States was negligible as an exporter of toys, this year's exports amounted to half as much as the imports.

Shops working for the American Santa Claus have changed not only their location, but also their pro-

## J. W. BURNETT, 75, TAKEN BY DEATH

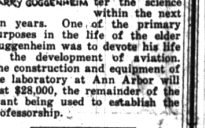
Resident Of Village 20 Years Victim of Heart Trouble

Acute dilation of the heart caused the death Friday of James W. Burnett, at his home, 804 Bates street. He had been a resident of Birmingham for more than 20 years, and was in the employ of the Fisher Body corporation. He was 75 years old.

Funeral services were held at his home at 2 p. m. Monday, with J. E. Kline, of Detroit, officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park cemetery.

## GIVES STATE \$78,000 FOR AVIATION

NEW YORK—For the completion of the aero-dynamic laboratory of the University of Michigan, and the establishing of a Daniel Guggenheim aeronautics there, Harry F. Guggenheim has announced grants totaling \$78,000 to the Ann Arbor institution. The donation is in keeping with the wish of the elder Guggenheim was to devote his life to the development of aviation.



HARRY GUGGENHEIM

During October 16,316 passenger automobiles and 2,772 trucks were exported from the United States.

## Skipper Isaac Has Troubles

If Isaac Cotton, a colored gentleman who has traveled considerably, were of a philosophic turn he would have many things to wonder at today, as he sits in his cell in the Oakland County jail.

Isaac is awaiting trial in Circuit Court on a charge of transporting liquor following his arrest in Birmingham and the confiscation of police of 40 gallons of what they say is his liquor.

Even that may be something for Isaac to wonder at, but there is still more. His most serious problem, according to those who know about problems, would be his impulsiveness. The same impulsiveness, alas, which caused all the trouble.

Isaac, according to police records, was cruising the streets of the village late Friday afternoon

## VILLAGE SHARES POLICE WIRE

Birmingham will share in the direct police telephone line between Detroit and Pontiac, according to a decision reached by village commissioners at their meeting Monday night.

Officials voted \$175 to be spent to help maintain the wire and also to defray expenses of joining the other municipalities along Woodward avenue in sharing the tax. With this connected, it was pointed out, the police department here may have direct connection with other departments along the highway.

Since December 1, 1921, the Alabama Power Company has paid the rentals for use of the steam plant at Muscle Shoals. This does not include payments for use of power from Wilson Dam.

Two masked women held up a mail stage near Dublin, shot the driver and stole two pouches.

## TROY TOWNSHIP PLANS BUILDING

Bids For New Public Utility Site Soon To Be Advertised

Plans calling for a two-story colonial type of building have been prepared and specifications probably will be considered by the board at a meeting soon, according to Garner Miller, township clerk. Bids will be asked, following approval of the specifications.

Plans provide for five rooms on the ground floor, an assembly room on the second floor and voting booths in the basement. The estimated cost is \$30,000.



# Christmas Money For Shopping

Those Christmas bills that will be coming in soon could easily have been taken care of with a Christmas Club Account

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\$1 Club	Deposit \$1 each week—in 50 weeks you have	50.00
\$2 Club	Deposit \$2 each week—in 50 weeks you have	100.00
\$5 Club	Deposit \$5 each week—in 50 weeks you have	250.00
\$10 Club	Deposit \$10 each week—in 50 weeks you have	500.00
\$20 Club	Deposit \$20 each week—in 50 weeks you have	1,000.00
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Very truly yours,

**T. C. Maher,**  
Manager.

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