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PART THREE OAKLAND COUNTY'S GREATEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

SCHOOL CHILDREN GIVE GENEROUSLY

Supplies Not at School to Be Distributed As Necessary

The Thanksgiving offering by the children in the public schools of Birmingham resulted in a gratifying quantity of canned goods, fruit, groceries and clothing being contributed than ever before.

SAFETY DRIVE STARTS IN OAKLAND COUNTY

State Trooper, School Head Units to Patrol Highways

Oakland County rural schools will this week receive some interesting and valuable information concerning the need for safety programs in connection with traffic upon heavily traveled arteries.

Student Loan Group To Hold Third Show

The third movie of the season for the Student Loan Fund will be given tomorrow night in the auditorium of the Baldwin High School. The picture will be "That's My Baby," starring Douglas McLean.

CITIZENSHIP SOUGHT BY FOUR VILLAGERS

Called For Examination To Be Held in Pontiac Dec. 6.

Four Birmingham residents are among the 61 Oakland County applicants for United States citizenship. The picture will be to appear in Circuit Court Dec. 6 to take their final examination.



Growth of Eccentric is Rapid

From a small room in the Telephone building seven years ago, the Birmingham Eccentric has grown to its present comparatively large quarters which daily are becoming crowded for business conducted. Seven years ago three persons were employed here. Today there are 28. Persons in the picture shown above work to get out your shift. The Eccentric now has both a day and night shift. Those present when this picture was taken are:

Front row, left to right: Roger Toothacher, Frank Finley, Lily Philip, Edward Mintling, Stanley Boyd, Arthur Bowen and W. Wishart.

Standing: Winnie Smith, Clarice Tapsen, Walter Y. Stanley, Ray Todd, Raymond Girardin, George R. Averill, Gertrude Stephenson, Claude Walker, Marguerite Weston, Paul Averill, Charles Bowen, W. B. Brant, Maybelle Brewer, Roy Knowles, Tony DeJong, Charles Sutton, Earl Gertley, and Donald Shaw.

The new Duplex press installed this week at the Eccentric may be seen through the door in the center of the picture at the left rear corner. The smaller presses on the right are used for job printing. The greater part of the composing room which includes linotype machines and the stereo type department cannot be seen.

The weekly publishing of the paper, as well as other non-descript buildings that existed here years ago. For about 40 years George Whitehead and Mitchell controlled the destiny of the Eccentric, with the exception of a few years prior to 1919 when Mr. Whitehead sold out his share to Mr. Mitchell; in 1919 Mr. Mitchell made a contract with Frank A. Van Black for the sale of the Eccentric, and Mr. Van Black took over the project for about eight months. During this time the paper was housed in the present Telephone building on Pierce street.

With this issue the Eccentric has at its disposal perhaps one of the most complete printing and publishing establishments among the weekly newspapers of Michigan. It regularly employs between 25 and 30 people, divided into day and night shifts. Its present gross business in two weeks more than equals its annual business prior to 1920.

Organization of safety patrols which include boys of from three to six years of age, and are supervised by their parents, and are finally returned to Capt. C. J. Scriver at Lansing for filing and reference.

County School Commissioner E. J. Lederle has approved the visit of the State Trooper to Oakland County schools and has given him a letter to teachers endorsing the plan and bespeaking heartiest co-operation.

Most of Trooper Cooper's work will be along the main highways where heaviest travel occurs, and he will endeavor to show the proper way to walk along a pavement keeping children from the edge of the road. They are of bronze and it is proposed to make such awards in public meetings to give fitting recognition to the act.

The campaign in which Trooper Cooper is engaged is in line with a yearly effort of the department to promote safety throughout the state.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.

At the completion of the third year of marriage, you celebrate your year anniversary. Scores of gifts made of leather are handbags, suit-week-end cases, writing cases, leather table covers, photo frames, brush holders, card cases for calling or playing cards, belts, etc.

4th In Building Activity

BIRMINGHAM is 4th in value of buildings built this year of 16 suburbs surrounding Detroit. In fact, only \$900 behind 3rd place, Birmingham's total is \$316,479.00. Real estate buyers know the value of building activity.

LET US SHOW YOU SOME PROPERTY THAT WILL BRING YOU A HANDSOME PROFIT!

Walsh, James & Wasey Co.

1530 Penobscot Bldg. Office 4th in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills

It's Birmingham or Bloomfield Hills—See Walsh, James & Wasey Co.

Opinions NEVER UTTERED

Charles S. Kinnison, 12 Hawthorne road: "One can drive a team of horses, horses, horse, a football player must have drive, drives a golf ball, an automobile, a plane, and there are drivers against this and all in all it is a pretty popular word."

Walter S. Connelly, of east Maple avenue: "I like Birmingham very much; although it is not exactly like Saginaw, still it is on the same road that the old Indian used to travel, and this road is good enough for me. There is something so wonderful in the air these days as we approach Christ-

FIELD MICE HURT COUNTY'S TREES

Agricultural Agent Vaughn Advises Remedy to Owners Hit

The injury done by field mice to fruit trees in Oakland county last winter was so extensive, many fruit growers have appealed to Harold Vaughn, Oakland county agricultural agent, for some method of combating the rodents whose depredations cost the growers many thousands of dollars in loss of fruit through killed and damaged trees.

JEWELL ANNOUNCES NEW AUTO AGENCY

New Firm to Open Studebaker Sales and Service Building.

W. S. Jewell, Jr., president and treasurer of the Jewell Motors Inc., announced today the opening of the company's new sales and service station at 202 Pierce street in the Berger building. Every indication is that the showroom will be completed and ready for business within a week, Mr. Jewell said.

The agency will handle a complete line of Studebaker automobiles. Mr. Jewell operates in Royal Oak and Ferndale as well as Birmingham.

The building was formerly occupied by the Willys-Overland agency.

Mr. Jewell has been with the war. For the past five years he has associated with his father, well known in the automobile world, Winfield Jewell of Columbus, O. The younger Mr. Jewell was treasurer and general manager of the company.

E. Mosher, formerly of the William Buick agency, will be in charge of the new sales office. Mr. Jewell announced.

Of the future of the village, Mr. Jewell has the highest opinion. He declared he expected its growth to continue at its present great rate.

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While many of the trees were saved, others, taken in time, were saved by grape grafting, Mr. Vaughn states.

The simplest means of eradicating the mice is by baiting which, he said, should be prepared and administered as follows:

"Mix together, dry, one-eight ounce each of powdered strychnine, alkyd and baking soda, and sprinkle over a mixture of three parts of a mixture of three parts of milled beef fat and one part of melted paraffin, mixing until the grain is cool it is ready for use."

For Large Quantities "For larger quantities use in china, one ounce of soda, eight quarts of rolled oats, one and a quarter pints of beef fat-paraffin mixture. Teaspoonful quantities of the poisoned rolled oats should be placed in small containers or over the infested areas. Feasible quantities also may be scattered along runways and within the entrances of the burrows.

"An effective vegetable bait may be prepared by cutting sweet potatoes into half-inch cubes and

treating them with the same potato mixture. Use the bait while fresh by dropping one or two pieces into mouse tunnels through natural or artificial openings. It may also be scattered at the base of the trees or in other places frequented by mice.

Rolled Oats Best "The use of rolled oats is recommended rather than whole grain since the mice often haul the grain before eating which entirely removes the poison. The paraffin coating keeps the moisture on and prevents spoiling over a longer period, and is readily taken by the rodents.

"Poison station may be made from wide mouthed bottles, drain pipes, etc. The most satisfactory station is one made from wood in the form of a small box with wide openings or without sides. The mice will enter the wooden station more freely. Poison bait should not be scattered broadcast because of danger to fowls and wild birds.

"Mechanical protection of wire mesh or tarred paper is highly recommended in orchard or sod, quarter pints or manure or other debris is present in any large quantities."

NO FOOD IN SACCHARIN "The use of saccharin in the manufacture of food products is not tolerated by the United States Department of Agriculture, which enforces the Federal Food and Drug Law, for the reason that the ingredient is a coal tar product, and is highly poisonous, and has no food value whatever."

Rabbits are good cooked in any way chicken is cooked, or baked, when young and tender, or as a casserole in gravy, if older. Leftover rabbit meat good for croquettes, hash, shepherd's pie, salad, or in any dish where you could use chicken.

To vote NO on Dec. 9th means protection for village office holders in time to come.

Louis Hascall

HIV GROUP PLANS TO CONTINUE TALKS

Fresh Impetus Given To Discussion After Conference

Fresh impetus was given to the discussion group of the Y.M.C.A. boys of Birmingham by the success of those held at the conference at Jackson last Friday, Saturday and Sunday under the direction of university men.

"I believe the boys got more out of those discussions than out of any other feature of the conference," R. D. Lynd, secretary of the conference, said. "The boys of C.A., who accompanied the discussion from this section, said that the Royal Oak HIV club and the senior class of Royal Oak High School, were elected sixth vice-president of the state conference at their annual election.

Dr. Thomas Graham, dean of Oberlin College, was the main speaker at the conference, giving two talks. In the first, on "World of Youth," he discussed developments in science and religion, and in the second he talked to the boys on "What It Is to Be a Real Man."

"One of the cardinal aims to my mind is an understanding of ourselves," Dr. Graham said. "You know things that you know are not the best in the world for you, saying so, but you don't make any difference, it doesn't amount to anything."

"But it does. You are every one of you the makers of your own destinies. You must approximate yourself at four true values to make that destiny a worthy one."

There were forty-nine delegates from the Southern Oakland County branch of the Y. M. C. A. among the 1800 older boys at the conference. Seven of these were from Birmingham, and they were Harry Bradley, Bonner Waterman, Earl Lee and Morgan Carter, from the HIV club, and William McCure and Gerald Carnahan, representing the Methodist Church.

Last week-end was the occasion for seventeen other boys' conferences all over the state. They were attended by more than 40,000 boys.

PARTIAL COST FOR WOODWARD IS SET

Construction Up Till October Goes Over \$4,000,000

No estimate of the total cost of the wider Woodward project between Detroit and Pontiac was given when the cost up to Oct. 20, 1926, was reported to the governor as \$4,191,839, by Frank E. Rogers, highway commissioner, last week.

Almost one-half of this amount has been purchased right-of-way. The net cost, taking into account \$550,000 received by the state from salvage of the right-of-way purchased this far is \$1,981,101.

"At the time construction was started very little right-of-way had been acquired," Mr. Rogers said in his report. "and it was thought that the whole right-of-way would cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. The project is fairly well along toward completion, and I believe it is one of the most far seeing and needed activities the state has undertaken in highway work."