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STUDENT NUMBERS FOR '26 SURPASSES ALL PREVIOUS YEARS Larger Number of Students Expected by Vliet For Coming Year NEW SITE CONSIDERED

Arson Hinted In Night Fire Arson was seen by police today as a possible factor in the burning late last night of a partially completed house near Pierce and Lincoln streets.

PAUL AN FRED FOLLOWING CRASH Julius Steinhurst Found Guilty of Conduct Unbecoming an Officer

'Hoofbeats' Brings Many Letters Of Appreciation To Eccentric That the new novel, "Hoofbeats," running serially in the Eccentric, is being received enthusiastically by many readers is attested by the number of letters received at the office.

STATE APPROVES BIRMINGHAM BANK Prosperous Future Is Seen As 1926 Closes

Association Articles To Be Filed This Week; Directorate Named The banking department of the state of Michigan has approved the application to organize the Birmingham Savings Bank.

Village Concludes One of Brightest Years; Growth Continues Steady; Business Men Optimistic A bright past and an even brighter future. This is the attitude toward Birmingham of its business and professional men as one of its most successful years draws to a close and prosperity continues to come to the village.

With 2060 students registered in the Birmingham schools at the close of 1926, Superintendent Clarence Vliet anticipates a registration of 2,700 by the end of 1927. This year's total is greater by 300 than last year's, he said.

BUILDING HERE FOR TWELVE MONTHS NEARLY \$2,000,000 Surpasses 1925 Total by \$200,000; Activity Expected to Continue 126 HOMES COMPLETED

Chief Anderson's action in firing Steinhurst returned from Detroit a hearing Christmas morning has been commended by citizens here. Many say this is a forerunner of strict discipline which Birmingham needs.

HOUSE BURGLARS GET \$1500 LOOT Charles E. Hooke, of Park street, Birmingham, was arrested last Thursday in Berkeley, charged with driving, including, it is reported, by force, charges of reckless while intoxicated.

CAUCUS CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS IN TOWNSHIP VILLAGE Bloomfield Citizens Are To Name Candidates ELECTION DAY IS JAN. 24

Candidates for the office of president, clerk and four commissioners of the newly incorporated village of Bloomfield will be named at a special caucus of voters Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the school on Long Lake road west of Woodward avenue.

Merchants Busy Merchants in Birmingham during 1926 have experienced unusual sales. Figures released by the Birmingham Credit Bureau indicate an increase of more than 600,000 in gross sales over the preceding year. Estimates by E. W. Lackie, manager of the credit bureau, indicate that in 1927 they will continue to grow larger.

During the past year 17 new rooms, 12 of which were class rooms, which will take care of 450 children were added to the school system of Birmingham, and the teaching staff has been increased by 19.

The amount of building done in Birmingham during 1926 tops that of 1925 by more than \$200,000 on file at the village office. Permits were let for \$1,931,550 worth of building this year compared with \$1,706,825 in 1925.

Police today were seeking the burglars who were arrested last Thursday in Berkeley, charged with driving, including, it is reported, by force, charges of reckless while intoxicated.

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By using every available inch in the school building, we can accommodate 2,700 students in full day sessions with our present facilities, and the school board expect to have a new school or an addition to one of the old ones sometime during the coming year.

Four permits were issued for two-family apartment buildings valued at \$50,000. The number of single residences built was 126.

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Study Committee The means the board will wait to see which section increases the most in population during the next few months before making a definite decision, Mr. Vliet said.

Of note is the permit issued last week for the new First Church of Christ Scientist, which is being built on north Chester street. The estimated cost is \$80,000.

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Family Destitute After Fire Fire that destroyed the home of Harold Albright and his family on the Long Lake road, east of the Crooks road yesterday afternoon, left the family practically destitute.

As flames, which originated in the top story of the residence, spread to the second floor, a small family who had invested in furniture, they also reduced to the same state as the bones of a man.

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Walter Balco Residence Outside Village Is Reduced To Ruins Origin of the fire that destroyed the home of Walter Balco, 3127 Woodward avenue, east of the Crooks road yesterday afternoon, remains a mystery to police.

The Birmingham fire department is anxious to know the cause of the fire because the expense money was not guaranteed. This is the only case in which the township is entering an agreement with Birmingham whereby the village will be obligated to provide the money by the township provided the house owner did not insure.

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BURGLARY & HOLD-UP INSURANCE RESIDENCE RAISED TO \$118.00 UP TO \$150.00. Hold-up rate for stores \$15.00. For families covering hold-up anywhere, all risks covered by \$1.00. Fire for Police assistance less cost of details.

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