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Birmingham golf enthusiasts will have a chance to improve their practice and even to improve their drives...

The Johnson-Shaw block. The Shave boys are come from Cleveland, where they were golf professionals...

AUTOMOBILE CALLED KEY TO PROSPERITY

Economists Argue New Case For Industry; See Spending An Essential.

The present material prosperity of the United States is due chiefly to the automobile. In brief, this is the conclusion reached in an article appearing in the December issue of "The World's Work"...

Had it not been for the development of the automobile industry during the last 15 years, the article says, it seems probable that business would not be jogging along at a level not far above that of the decade before the war...

Equally impossible would have been the gains in building operations, in railroad development, and in highway construction. The fact that the United States has developed the largest new industry of this generation so rapidly that it now produces about seven-eighths of the world's output of motor cars...

Small Figureheads Said To Reveal Character Of Automobile's Owner

Who would believe such an extreme statement. "The automobile industry," he concludes, "is far from being a business as a whole, has made it worse. By selling cars on easier and easier terms, it has induced millions of people to spend money which they could not afford in buying cars and to spend time which they could not afford in riding in them."

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Birmingham, Michigan, November 22, 1926. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held in the office at 8 p. m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Mr. Randall reported the receipt of the option on property to enter the site of the Earnum school, said option expiring Aug. 1, 1927.

Inasmuch as the city of Royal Oak has recently annexed Maplecrest subdivision which is a part of District No. 1, Fractional, Bloomfield, 1 & E Birmingham School District, and inasmuch as it has been proposed to change Birmingham to a city, the following reply to an inquiry as to the effect of such changes or proposed changes was ordered entered on the minutes.

State of Michigan Department of Public Instruction W. L. Coffey, Superintendent Lansing, November 18, 1926. Supt. Clarence Vliet, Birmingham, Michigan. My dear Mr. Vliet: If Birmingham should change from a commission form of government to a city form of government...

Very sincerely yours, W. L. Coffey, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

- W.L.C.W. Moved and seconded that the bills be allowed. Carried. First National Bank, Coupons, \$8.00; The Manual Arts Press, Manual Tr. Supplies, \$12.00; Union Paper & Twine Co., Supplies, \$73.50; Grand McMillan & Co., Map, \$6.89; Chas. A. Strelinger Co., Supplies, \$9.02; James W. Cobb, Insurance, \$36.75; Wilson Drug Co., Supplies, \$7.46; First National Bank, Teachers' Pay Roll, \$7,387.50; First National Bank, Coupons, \$212.50; Frederick D. Madison, \$1,000.00; First State Bank, Janitors' Pay Roll, \$1,299.75; Tablet & Ticket Co., Supplies (Duplicate) \$66; Bertha Consumers Co., Coal, \$458.54; Cotton Good Supply Co., Janitor Supplies, \$91.58; Weil & Company, Adams furniture, \$93.70; Frederick J. Drake & Co., Manual Tr. Supplies, \$3.50; Albert Pick & Co., Cafeteria Supplies, \$20.64; McGraw-Hill, Book Co., Manual Tr. Sup., \$2.34; Jean Hind, Tuition Refund, \$15.00; Mich. Tuberculosis Society, Supplies, \$6.09; Ginn & Co., Manual Tr. Supplies, \$5.02; Bruce Publishing Co., Manual Tr. Sup., \$15.45; Lawson-Erb Lumber Co., Supplies, \$73.76; American Seating Co., Adams Furniture, \$492.00; Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Service, \$42.53; Birmingham Transfer, Cartage, \$36.55; American Seating Co., Adams Furniture, \$149.94; Agnes Richardson, Supplies, \$12.47; Grand Trunk, Domestic Set, Supplies, \$35.03; Mentzer, Bush & Co., Manual Tr. Books, \$4.73; Bingham, Sparks & Bingham, Insurance, \$19.50; Bathe Mfg. Co., Manual Tr. Books, \$3.00; Manual Arts Press, Manual Tr. Books, \$17.20; Chas. A. Strelinger Co., Man Tr. supplies, \$2.38; Reed & Barton, Manual Tr. Books, \$19.17; World Book Co., Books, \$2.08; MacMillan Co., Books, \$11.16; N. A. Starr Co., Adams contract, \$4,250.08; Grand Trunk, Coal, \$149.18; David Fleming, Coal and Grading, \$254.25; Elizabeth S. Shaffner, Adams Contract, \$22.52; First State Bank, Teachers' Pay Roll, \$7,347.50.

When ships ceased to wear figureheads the harbor lost much of its picturesqueness, but the streets of the great cities lost their character. The carved and painted edifices that once rode vessels' prows may be said to survive, less conspicuously but hardly less artistically, in the figurines, automobiles carrying in their radiator caps on the streets of Birmingham.

A radiator cap, in the early days of the automobile, was a radiator cap—a plain round piece of metal with perhaps a disk on top. But today one may observe in any figurine row an array of metal wings and figures poised on the point of flight from the little lids. These bits of symbolism have much in common with the figureheads of old ships. Many of the same subjects are illustrated in both the old and the new days.

Often the artist's design for the figurehead had to express the name of the vessel to be decorated, and this was often fulfilled literally. There was the Termagant, for instance, which instead of the head of a Fury carried a man and woman with bloody noses and clenched fists. For the Vigilant a dragon was suggested, since it was said that dragons seldom slept. But the designer preferred to consult his own book of homely sayings, and there he found that to be vigilant meant to watch and pray. So he produced a woman with a lantern in one hand and a Bible in the other.

One could hardly imagine automobile makers going that far, even now. They have adopted fanciful names in addition to that of the manufacturer. Figures that embody these fancy names are appearing, too, on radiator caps. Soon a certain figure on a car will be the passer-by's mark of a given make. Already three automobile manufacturers have adopted radiator cap emblems that amount to trademarks.

DEATH CLAIMS LEONARD W. LONG

Death, Tuesday morning, took Leonard R. Long, 23 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Long of 209 Merrill street. The young man had been ill at home here for almost five years. Death is said to be the result of heart trouble.

Aeronautical Terms Are Defined Anew

Because the development of commercial aeronautics has led to the use of many "shop" phrases and terms applicable to only that industry, an official dictionary, including some 2,000 of them, has been prepared by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. "Nomenclature for Aeronautics" is the name of the new volume, soon to be issued by the Government Printing Office in Washington. This book replaces an earlier pamphlet of the same name, first published in 1923. The first attempt at clarifying and standardizing the language of aeronautics was but half the size of the current publication.

Harry Herbert, Syracuse quarterback, whose neck was fractured in a game with Colgate five years ago, played football again this year.

By a strange institution Mrs. R. C. Glover of Heaville, Ill., was drawn to her barn loft, where she found her son hanging and cut him down in time to save his life.

In the heart of Death Valley in California, 37 feet below sea level, a new artesian well gushes 1,000 barrels of water an hour.

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A Situation Corrected. "The officer is all wrong, Your Honor. I wasn't doing anything like sixty miles an hour." "Were you watching the speedometer?" "No, sir. I didn't need to. I wasn't in any hurry—I was just out for a spin. I wasn't going anywhere." "Well, you're going somewhere now. Ten days."—Huntington Motorist.

These Improvements are Important. There are two general classes of motor car improvements. Those made primarily for their effect on the public—and those made primarily for their effect upon the car. You will perceive at once that Dodge Brothers new five-bearing crankshaft, two-unit starting and lighting system, air cleaner and other recent improvements, are the sort that represent genuine value. They are sound and substantial betterments, producing definite and marked results, and as such they are typical of Dodge Brothers methods and product.

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