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OPEN UP TO
AND TO SPORTS

JOSEPHINE LEISENBERG IS
WED TO ANN ARBOR MAN

THE ECENTRIC
WELCOMES NEWS ITEMS
AND DECEALS THEM
WRITE THEM OUT AND
BRING THEM IN. OUR OF-
FICE IS OPEN FOR THE
CLOCK EACH DAY.

Oakland Motor Car
Co. Appoints Local
Man Vice-President

\$350,000 Bond Issue For Village
Improvements In Spring Is Hinted
At By President Shain In Speech

Birmingham Skating Club In
Process Of Formation;
Public Is Invited

CARNIVAL IN FEBRUARY

Small Membership Fee Will
Be Charged To Carry On
Local Program

Skating enthusiasts of Birming-
ham and vicinity, including both
adults and children will welcome
the formation of a formal
Birmingham Skating club, an organiza-
tion open to all for the use of
Quinton Lake. This lake, owned by
the Quanton Lake Estates Co., has
been thrown open to the public for
skating providing property rights of
the company are complied with.

At a time this week, W. Whiting
Raymond of Hartford, Conn., mem-
ber of the Wald, James & Wasey
Co., real estate agents for the Quanton
Lake Estates Co., this week be-
came the bride of Ralph Seller
Lutz, of Ann Arbor, Monday evening,
December 23.

MRS. RALPH LUTZ
Miss Josephine Leisenberg, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Leisenberg,
of Fairgrove avenue, Pontiac,
became the bride of Ralph Seller
Lutz, of Ann Arbor, Monday evening,
December 23.

Mrs. Lutz, who was recently a
reporter on the Eclectic, is well
known in the younger college set.
Her father was for many years a
prominent Pontiac druggist.

After January 1, Mrs. Lutz will
attend the Pontiac High School and
attend National Park Seminary, Ypsilanti
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Winter Sports Carnival
Plans for the staging of a Winter
Sports Carnival, including races with
prizes offered, are under way, and
will be announced soon. The Carni-
val will be held some time in Feb-
ruary. Robert D. Eynd, local Y. M.
C. A. secretary, is in charge of the
event.

Protect Property
There has been a great deal of
talk about having a skating club in
Birmingham, and now the club has
started we hope that proper use
of the lake will be made. The chief
detriment, which we wish to guard
against is the destruction of trees and
shrubs by youths who start fires. We
have no objection to fire being
kept in camp and used in prevent-
ing destruction to the property.

A party list of local people who
are behind the skating club are B. E.
Drury, Charles J. Shain, George
Averill, Robert D. Eynd, Charles
McBride, and E. G. Wasey.

WRITTEN CONTRACT IS
SUFFICIENT FOR HENRY

Since it has proved to be against
the policy of bonding companies to
provide bonds for property, the
village commission, in a Mon-
day night session, after into a con-
tract with W. W. Henry, which will
bind the latter to install larger water
mains throughout the city at some
time within the next ten years.

Several years ago Mr. Henry laid
water main on Bloomfield Court,
which he has developed; this was
the approval of former manager
Loomman. Since it is now the
village, however, it is found that
it is too small, and for that reason
the officials desire to have a
specific terms with Mr. Henry re-
garding the replacement of the pipes,
in the usual manner, and to give
a bond from all subdivisions as
security for the installation of var-
ious sizes of mains, and to have
the indefinite time for the replace-
ment of the mains, and to have an
only year-to-year bonds could be ob-
tained.

As the matter now stands, Mr.
Henry has contracted to replace the
water main within ten years, or
sooner, should it be required.

ROBERT SHAVE TO PLAY
IN SOUTHERN CONTEST

Robert Shave, son of Mr. and Mrs.
H. E. Shave of Ann street, now living
in Cleveland, Ohio, will leave on Jan-
uary 15 for Texas to take part in
the Texas open golf championship
tournament at San Antonio, January
14-16. January 21-23. January 24-26.
part in the Dallas open cham-
pionship on February 1-3. He will
play in the South Central open cham-
pionship at Hot Springs, Arkansas, about
February 10. He will return to Cleve-
land where he will open an individ-
ual golf school on the west side. Since
his graduation from the local high
school in 1923 he has made quite a
name for himself in national golf
circles. Last summer he was in the
position of professional at the Grand-
wood Country Club at Grandwood,
Ohio.

HEARING ON WEST MAPLE
WIDENING MONDAY EVE

Next Monday night is expected to
bring to the village commission the
plans for the widening of West Maple
avenue. The hearing will be held on
the hearing will be held on the plan
at 8 o'clock on Monday evening, Jan-
uary 11, at the village office, 106
Southfield street.

This street is now about 36 feet
wide, and it is desired to
make it 42 feet wide through-
out. The widening of the street
will be a large project, and it
probably be kept so because it would
cost a great deal of money to move
existing business frontage back.

Countess Patricia Colman, former-
ly Miss Josephine Perkins, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Perkins,
of a French colony, who recently mar-
ried Count Don Fabrice Colman of
Italy.

Officers Given Salary Raise; Hourly Fees Of The Rest Are Boosted

IS LESS THAN PAID MEN

Desiring to continue the efficiency
of the Birmingham Fire Department,
the personnel of which is classified as
volunteer, the village commission
Monday night agreed to increase the
fees paid for each response, as well
as increase the salaries of several of
the firemen officials. The total in-
crease over this year will amount to
about \$2,133.00, based on the same
number of alarms.

Better Than Paid Force

Even this increase, in the belief of
village manager Harry S. Starr, gives
Birmingham a fire force that is
superior to most communities, and at
a cost much less than a paid depart-
ment. The total increase in the
fees paid for each response, as well
as increase the salaries of several of
the firemen officials. The total in-
crease over this year will amount to
about \$2,133.00, based on the same
number of alarms.

Salary Increases

The new schedule increases the
salaries of 100.00; two cap-
tains from \$100.00 to \$150.00; two
assistant chiefs from \$75.00 to \$100.00;
fourteen firemen from \$75.00 to \$100.00;
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Starr Favors Raise

"I do not consider the salary in-
creases asked for to be excessive
under the conditions," manager Starr
reported. "It appears, however, that
Mr. W. G. Olsen, who will undoubtedly
be continued as Chief, does not
feel that the increase is sufficient for
his business to fire department
work as the Chief should, and it is
probably for this reason that the
increase in the salary of the Chief is
somewhat high under these condi-
tions. The assistant Chief has had
to handle fire inspection work under
followed by the Chief, and finally
paying extra compensation.

"The increase requested in hourly
fees for responses is a large in-
crease, and this will continue to in-
crease from time to time as the vil-
lage increases in population. This
must be considered, however, that
the village is getting an efficient fire
force, and that the majority of the
majority of the smaller paid depart-
ments and at a much lower total
cost."

"It is probable that, as long as
our volunteer fire department con-
tinues to be in the future, the vil-
lage will be dependent mainly upon
volunteer service for a number
of years in the future, and it should
be considered that, in the course of
a year, the various firemen ruin a
great amount of clothing, furniture,
and in many cases their total
compensation will not cover their
loss in this respect."

APPOINTMENTS JAN. 11

Birmingham is to have an officially
appointed Planning Commission
Monday evening, January 11, at 8
o'clock. The commission will be
appointed by the village commis-
sion, and will be composed of
representatives from the various
departments of the city. The com-
mission will be responsible for
the planning of the city, and will
be expected to report to the vil-
lage commission at its next meet-
ing.

Bandits Remove Two
Slot Machines Here

Posing as agents of the local po-
lice department in Wittenberger's
West Maple avenue restaurant, and
as federal officers in Fred Taylor's
confectionery shop, two young men
Tuesday night removed a slot
machine from each place, the con-
tents of both amounting to about
\$75.00.

The theft occurred at 6:30 o'clock.
The men drove away in the direction
of Detroit in an automobile. Police
officials are making a search for
the machine and are investigating the
ownership.

Moulthrop Is Honored
With Exchange Button

Ralph Moulthrop, past president of
the Birmingham Exchange club, was
presented with an Exchange button
by Harry S. Starr, at the meeting
Tuesday of last week at the Lone
Pine Club.

The Exchange club provided
banquet for seven families to take
care of the Christmas dinner, and
a party will be held at the Lone
Pine Club on Tuesday, January 5.
Robert Y. Moore was in charge of
the party.

Announcement was made by pres-
ident Ralph Wilson that a banquet
for Exchange members and guests
will be held at the Lone Pine Club
on Tuesday, January 5. Harry Thomp-
son, chairman of the banquet, was
in charge of the affair.

W. STORY GAVE ROTARY
CLUB GAUVEFUL GIFT

William Story, president of the
Birmingham Rotary club, with a
real Christmas present, week, it
was the gift of a large, silver
platter, which was presented to the
Rotary club at its meeting last
night.

The wheel is of wood, and is
mounted on a silver base. It is
valued at \$100.00, and is a
very valuable gift. The words "Ro-
tary International" are displayed in
glittering tin glass.

Report Shows 41% Of All
Taxes Here In Used
For Schools

FERDALE VERY HIGH

A tax list of cities and villages
embracing 1925, including a total tax
excessing summer and winter levies
for state, county, municipal, school,
road sinking funds, bond redemption
and similar charges was given out at
Lansing last week. It shows Bir-
mingham ranks fourth from the top in
total taxes for 1925.

41% For Schools

Birmingham's rate is set at \$42.68.
This includes the summer tax of
\$12.50 per thousand dollars of as-
sessed valuation, and the now due
winter taxes of \$30.18. Of the to-
tal rate of \$42.68, about 41 per cent
of it is for school purposes.

Comparing with an average tax
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McBride Announces
Plans To Erect Four-
Story Building Here

Plans are now under way for the
erection of a four-story business
office building for Birmingham, which
will bring into existence here the
first skyscraper of its kind in the
city. This is made known Wed-
nesday by J. H. McBride, of the
McBride Building Co., who is in charge
of the project.

The proposed building will have
a frontage of 30 feet on Woodward
avenue, and will extend back 110
feet. It is hoped that the future
width of Woodward avenue will be
increased to 120 feet, and that the
building may be properly located. How-
ever, according to Mr. McBride, if
such plans are not forthcoming, the
new edifice will be set in line with
the present established 100-ft. build-
ing.

The estimated cost of the new
building is \$60,000.00.

Water Bills Sent Out
This Week; Due Jan. 1

Water bills for the last quarter
were distributed to residents of
Birmingham this week. They cover
the period from October 1 to
December 31, and are due January
1. Between January 1 and 15 the
bills are subject to a ten per cent
discount, after which, until February
1, no discount will be given. Res-
idents who fail to pay by February
1 will then be charged the full amount,
and will then be made for turn-
ing the service on.

FREE DIRECTORY COPIES

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sire a free copy of the Eclectic's
"Yellow Pages" directory may obtain
them by applying at the Eclectic office,
106 Southfield street, or by writing
to the Eclectic office, 106 Southfield
street, Birmingham, Ala.</