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FORTY-NINTH YEAR—NO. 25 POLICE LESS ACTIVE DURING SEPTEMBER

Only 111 Arrests Are Made Against 125 in August, Report Shows

Birmingham Police Department made 111 less arrests during September than during August, according to figures issued in the monthly report compiled by Chief James Anderson. There were 125 arrests in August and 111 in September. No persons arrested during the past month faced serious charges. Jail sentences were meted out in some cases of drunken drivers and persons served jail terms when they failed to pay fines imposed upon them. The amount received in fines also shows a decrease, from \$1,046.40 in August to \$878.60 in the month just closed. Four women were arrested during September, and two in August. Both women in August and two of those in September were arrested for drunkenness. The other two were arrested for traffic violations. Thirteen jail sentences were imposed in August, the longest one 60 days. There were six in September. Thirty days was the longest given last month. Most of the arrests during both months were for traffic violations. Eighty-nine persons in August and eighty-seven in September were picked up for disobeying traffic laws. The number of arrests for drunkenness shows a lessening of 10 from August, when there were 33. One man was arrested for driving while drunk during September. No one was taken on this charge during the previous month.

NATIONAL BOARD NAMES NEW VICE-PRESIDENT

J. B. Fisher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been chosen vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards to take the place of the late C. T. Moffett, of Minneapolis. The choice was made by the board of directors of the Association at their recent quarterly meeting held in Chicago.

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Glimpses at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Everyone in The Eccentric office is bumping his head against the frosted clouds. Printers are like the delinquent who expects a proposal on the evening she is to make her bow and the business office inhabitants as apt as not to try to type on an adding machine. It is placed of an invitation that is because unceremoniously on the glimser's desk. It announces the date of the regular monthly meeting of the Michigan Hairdressers association to be held on our attending as members of the association. More, it promises that our delegate who attended the National convention will read a report. After years and years of effort, it appears that we have finally crashed the gates.

There was a girl in Ann Arbor a few years ago who constantly decried the shortage of laws in this country. She favored legislation against many of the teachers, fashions of the day, men with whom she has dates, men who did not ask her for dates, other co-eds, in fact everything that at one time or another filtered through her mind. I wonder, as I sit at the typewriter, trying to complete this column whether that girl could not be induced to come to Birmingham and take action against the three files that are in this room. Broadmindedness prevails and I do not object to her presence. However, they keep banging their heads against mine, bawling as they explore the labyrinth of my ears, flying dart-like at my eyes....Help!

Herr and Frau Berthel of Bremen, Germany, who have just arrived here, report to Glimpses that the day's wage for a laborer in their country is merely sufficient to pay for having his shoes soled. The press, they say, is one of the greatest factors in adjusting the economics of that country, maintaining always an optimistic attitude and offering suggestions to the government which of-

ten are accepted. Both were guests of Carl Reese, Frau Berthel declared she could wish no one the hardships encountered by women of Germany during the war. She appeared, even as she said the English language was "heavy" and laughed at her mistake, as one from whom a great burden had recently been taken.

Pretty girls....and a man is sure to follow....like Mary and the little lamb....sunny and muggy....and a handful of wind sends an army of frightened leaves scampering up the street....like a movie director's idea of an army in retreat....yellow street cars grate over the brick track-beds....car company was afraid to send the first through the streets of old Corktown in Detroit....I should protest them, too....not because of the color....store window displays great bottles of spring water....two months after the water ban....and with winter asserting itself....artificially hungry?....asks a sign advertising a breakfast set....a bowl of Beethoven with some Rembrandt toaster and a lone sparrow....individualist....intends to stick it out....man sneezes....and recalls.

Three little girls in blue—little flappers in blue, that is—waited on a corner for a street car to take them to Pontiac. They were going to spend the evening dancing. I heard them say so. One hoped she would know some of the boys at the dance. Another was going to be disappointed if the blond banjo player were not there. The third wondered whether there would be enough money to have a lunch someplace by themselves after the dance. Then the three little girls in blue agreed that they had been to many dances before, one, two, three, ever so many dances. Three little boys in blue, little sheiks in blue, that is—came along in a blue Ford. They probably had been to many dances also. The three little boys in blue and the three little girls in blue—three little flappers in blue.

Forty young huckies in football clothes race, pull, haul and kick everything in sight at Barium field daily, conditioning themselves for the fall games. Their shouts and the

MANY BOYS ATTEND HI-Y CONFERENCE

Round-Up Held at Home Of Manley Davis' Work Interesting.

School superintendents, principals and Hi-Y leaders, together with one or two student representatives of each of the high schools of the north and western part of the county, attended recently the "Round up" at the summer home of Manley Davis, at Davisburg. The purpose of the gathering was to provide an opportunity for a conference between Y. M. C. A. officials of the city, county, state, and the school authorities and student leaders who are responsible for Hi-Y clubs. Frank DuFrain, principal of the Pontiac High School, opened the discussion on "Why Student Participation?" Others present were E. A. Byron, state boys Y. M. C. A. secretary and George Cartwright, Jr., of Bloomfield Highlands, former state boys secretary.

Prof. F. M. Menefee, of the university department, Sunday night told of his trip to the Helingsford Worlds Y. M. C. A. convention with a group of high school boys. Secretaries Frank B. Ruf of the Pontiac and George H. Kimball, of the county Y. M. C. A. organization were responsible for the local arrangements for the conference and both are enthusiastic in their praise of Mr. Davis for his courtesy.

JAIL SIX CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AS DRUNKS

Charged with intoxication, six workers of a construction company at Pontiac, residing near the work were arraigned before Justice of Peace Floyd S. Buck, on complaints by Deputy Clayton Stokes. All were fined \$30 or 20 days in jail. They are attempting to raise the money. The men are Joe Novak, Frank Sullivan, Tom Smith, E. C. Hess, Edward Page and Edwin Palmer.

sharp tones of inflated pigskin being sent skyward shared the air with the strange odor of autumn. The glimser, poor fellow, wrapped tightly in a shawl, and allowed to go for a slow walk because the day is sunny, gazed upon it all as the little old man of the sea suddenly put aboard a modern battleship.

He seled his way up to me near the bus station on South Woodward as night had everything black. His eyes were watery in the reflection from a window that squared off a bright space. Their life was ebbing. The skin of his face that had been discovered by many kinds of weather hung indifferently like the corrugated sheet he wore. I want a dime for a beer, he said. Actually, I don't see how the fellow can make a profit selling them at that price, do you?

Men, Women of Birmingham Voice Opposition to Zone Ordinance

Under the auspices of the Birmingham Citizens' Protective Association, 50 men and women of this village met at dinner last Thursday night in the local Knights of Pythias Hall, and listened for nearly three hours to several speeches opposing the proposed Zoning Ordinance for Birmingham. J. H. McBride, local merchant and former village president, presided over the meeting.

"I regret, extremely, the necessity of presiding over a meeting of this kind," stated Mr. McBride, in opening the evening's forum. "Having been president of this village at one time makes it doubly hard for me to align myself with an organization that exists solely for the purpose of defeating an ordinance formulated by our present village commission. But I feel, after a careful reading of the proposed ordinance, that we are asked to vote upon Oct. 19, that even the present commission has not read every part of the ordinance, or they would never have placed it before the people. This proposed Zoning Ordinance represents a menace to our community. It tends toward the confiscation of property rights and ownership, without compensation to the people affected. It attempts to tell each person just how he may conduct his home, who may be his guest and, how and in what manner he may improve his property. It is an American in intent and ought to be defeated at the polls."

A. D. B. Van Zandt, of Dewey street, in response to an introduction by Mr. McBride, declared himself highly in favor of the idea of a Zoning Ordinance that would provide for the betterment of our city. "However, in the proposed Zoning Ordinance in question, I do not agree with Section 21, wherein the power of changing the complexion of a district rests almost automatically within the hands of a few men who may be in public office."

"I realize that changes are bound to come in any community; what is good residential property today may, in short time, be good for nothing but business. Yet, when such a time arrives, I believe that the people in any district ought to have the major right to decide whether or not their homes should assume a commercial aspect. This power to change a district from residential to business is the chief part of the proposed Zoning Ordinance that I am objecting to; it is, in my opinion, un-American and un-Constitutional."

Good in Theory. Mr. McBride read a letter from Louis G. Palmer, leaguer real estate operator in Detroit, in which the latter pointed out Detroit's inability to adopt a similar Zoning Ordinance. That Zoning Ordinances are right in theory, Mr. Palmer agreed, but he added that they seldom work out satisfactorily in actual practice. He advised against its adoption in Birmingham.

J. Lee Baker Speaks. "We in Detroit have had the subject of a Zoning Ordinance up for a number of years, but were never able unanimously to agree on its substance, therefore the Detroit Real Estate board has never gone on record as favoring such a measure," said J. Lee Baker, theorist, to the audience here Thursday night. Mr. Baker is interested in a subdivision on Southfield avenue in Birmingham where, should the proposed Zoning Ordinance be adopted, a necessary change in business frontage would have to be made in his plot. "Why do you need such an Ordinance in Birmingham, anyway?" asked Mr. Baker. "You may search the entire country over and you will hardly find a community that has grown so well and so splendidly along purely residential lines as Birmingham has without any such legis-

lation. Those who are supporting the Ordinance here seem to act irresponsibly toward the discriminations which they have made in preparing the Ordinance to be voted upon October 19. In many cases property stand a chance to lose money by the passage of the proposed Ordinance; personally, I believe that everybody is entitled to such opportunities as Fate may place in his way; but not to be subject to the caprices of public officials to destroy natural advantages that accompany community development. "You people here tonight should not vote on the Ordinance on the basis of the map that you have seen; this map may be changed any time, according to the wishes of the commission. Zoning is the most important subject that a community can engage in; it ought to have the best expert advice that may be obtained—and I believe that such an Ordinance which is now before you never was the product of the best city planner available."

Wrong in Principle. That the proposed ordinance is wrong in principle was the essence of an argument set forth by Elmer E. Hyman, Pontiac attorney, who presided at the meeting. "The tendency today in the United States is toward autocracy which is the government attempting to tell us how to care for our property, how to conduct our individual lives. Any legislation that claims it can better the community by arbitrarily changing the value of a piece of property ought to provide for compensation to anybody whose property value is lowered as the result of applying such legislation. If this is not provided for then such legislation is confiscation, and no court in our country would sanction it. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. McBride obtained the signatures of many persons present who expressed a willingness to aid in the present of the Zoning Ordinance on Oct. 19.

Remodeling At Adams Practically Complete Except for a few minor adjustments in the heating system, remodeling of the school is completed, according to Louis Randall, business manager of the public works department. If this is not completed by the time the school opens in the fall, it will be a fact class work. The painting and varnishing comprised most of the recent work. The combined gymnasium-auditorium was the last unit to be finished. Seats for the auditorium are not installed. Although the heating system is not finished, heat and ventilation is being furnished, according to Mr. Randall. Though grading of the grounds will be done this fall by the contractor, but any landscape gardening must be arranged by the school board. A start on the seeding of grass will be made this fall.

WORK CONTINUES HERE ON SEVERAL STREETS Construction of curb and gutter in Residence Park streets is making steady progress. The work on the conditions of the past week. Regraveling and tarvia treatment will follow the curb work. On Ferndale avenue, from Euclid to Oakland avenue, the curb is completed on both sides. The south side of Ravine road from Ferndale to Park, and the east side of Park from Ravine to Brookside drive are other jobs finished.

NEW PONTIAC HOTEL NOW OPEN TO PUBLIC Pontiac, Oct. 6.—The new Hotel Roosevelt, Park street, will have its formal opening within about two weeks, according to announcement made by the owner, Samuel Plosh. While the building is not entirely completed the rooms are open for the accommodation of guests. The hotel has more than 200 rooms, and is considered one of the finest in Oakland County. In Great Britain about 150,000 persons are connected directly or indirectly with the dog industry. Electrification of Austrian railroads is proceeding rapidly.

Twenty-Eight Return From Twelfth Annual Convention Held At Kalamazoo Of the 28 realtors of the Birmingham Board 12 took advantage of the twelfth annual convention of the Michigan Real Estate association held at Kalamazoo Sept. 28, 29, and 30. They unanimously voted it the best of their experience. It embraced three full days of intensive study of the problems surrounding the vocation, the evenings being devoted to pleasure, including stunt night, Tuesday, followed by an answered ball, and a suppers banquet Wednesday night at which United States Senator Fess of Ohio was the chief attraction. Mr. Lloyd Axford of Detroit who enjoys a national reputation as an expert in real estate law made two addresses followed by questions about intricate legal problems which he answered clearly and promptly. A visitor from the east said that the members had received several thousand dollars worth of expert legal advice without cost which should compensate them for all the dues they would be called on to pay the rest of their natural lives. Colvin B. Brown of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States came from Washington, D. C. He made two talks on Community development which was of special interest to the many realtors living in rapidly growing communities like ours. He pointed out some of the pitfalls to be avoided. "Proper zoning of such communities was strongly recommended. Paul Steinhilber, a prominent realtor of Chicago, made two addresses on real estate selling, following by questions. He was particularly lucid and instructive. Parker Webb, Boston realtor, talked on renting. His talks were illustrated by lantern slides, plates and maps, and were of great value to the realtors who specialize especially of business property. A complimentary luncheon in honor of the visiting ladies, wives of the delegates, chiefly, was given by the realtors of the Kalamazoo realtors and all delegates and members of their families were taken for a drive around the city. Reports of the committees showed that the affairs of the association are in excellent condition and all agreed that the outlook for the future of this state is most encouraging. The association and its member boards have done much during the past few years to put the business on a high plane, encouraging needed legislation and preventing that which would be inimical to home owners and those who invest in Michigan properties. John Buys of Grand Rapids was elected president of the association for the coming year, and Jackson selected for the 1927 Convention.

COUNTY PREPARED FOR DAIRY SHOW Plans are complete for Oakland County's day at the National Dairy Show, to be observed tomorrow at the state fair grounds. Detailed arrangements for the Oakland County delegation were at a recent meeting. Cars going from Oakland County will form in parade between the Ten and Eleven mile roads at Royal Oak at 8:30 a. m., where they will be provided with banners and supplied with tickets. Arrangements are made to conduct a parade through the city throughout the entire grounds. It is expected that a large delegation from made by the owner, Samuel Plosh. While the building is not entirely completed the rooms are open for the accommodation of guests. The hotel has more than 200 rooms, and is considered one of the finest in Oakland County. In Great Britain about 150,000 persons are connected directly or indirectly with the dog industry. Electrification of Austrian railroads is proceeding rapidly.

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