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AGRICULTURISTS PLANNING TOUR

Birmingham to be Visited by Oak
land County Group in Study
Junket This Month

The second annual fruit grow-
er's tour of Oakland County will
be held from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1,
according to Harold M. Vaughn,
county agricultural agent. This
trip is sponsored by the Michigan
State College, the U. S. depart-
ment of agriculture, the Oakland
County farm bureau, and the
board of supervisors and the Y. M.
C. A. It is known as extension
service in agriculture and home
economics and is planned for all
fruit growers who are interested.
Mr. Vaughn announced that the
schedule for the tour is as fol-
lows: Aug. 22 will be spent in
Farmington and Novi, Mich.
Aug. 23, Birmingham and farm-
house Wayne and Westland, Mich.
Aug. 24, a Milford, White Lake
and Clarkston district, Sept. 1.

Caddies Report Thrills Galore In Daily Rides To Golf Links

Both the heroes of the specta-
cles of the caddy and the accom-
paniment of the caddy are known to
"thrill" over the shoulder, youth
who gather, daily, happy-go-lucky
and carefree, at the intersection
of East Maple and Southfield ave-
nues.

These boys gather at this try-
ing post to await the coming of
the caddy, who, which takes them
to the golf links, or to try their
luck at "bunkum" a ride. They
are determined to reach one of
three country clubs which lay out
west Maple avenue and to "net
out" on the links as caddies.

Among the many youths who
gather, are the older and more
professional type who, experi-
enced in caddying, try their chances
will be spent by raspberry growers
in the study of raspberry diseases
and culture in Holly and Orion
ville.

Of having a "good day" at the
exclusive Tam O' Shanter Coun-
try club where they are said to be
better and tips more frequent.

Again there is the small boy,
who appears hardly large enough
to hold the golfer's bag around
18 holes. He is sootied at by the
older fellows but still shows a real
earning power. It is at the Oak-
land Hills Country club where the
majority of caddies find their
chances best and this club sends a
caddy-bus into Birmingham sever-
al times a day for the boys.

A "good day" is the caddy's
aim of satisfaction. To be able
to brag that "I made \$4.20 today"
is some achievement.

Of these youths who gather by
the dozens around Maple and
Southfield avenues and struggle
from that point in all directions in
strategic attempts to get rides,
only a few are local. Most of them
come from Detroit or Pontiac.
Their entire trips being made by
both popular and economical
"bunkum" route.

No set rule in getting rides
seems to hold with these young
knights of the road and their ever-
ready thumb pointing at every-
thing except already over-crowded
cars. Although the smaller and
less expensive autos desired by the
young men, appear to be the
boys' best chance they by no
means claim the "good Samaritan"
who pity the caddies. Many
kind persons offer them rides in
the expensive and commodious cars
as well.

One of the boys expressed it
when he said, "We have all the
best of it, sometimes. The best
auto-travel to these clubs and we
have our chances at riding in
them. It's a real chance too, and
it seems to make a fellow want
work hard and earn enough money
to own one someday himself."

SERVICES ARE HELD FOR MRS. RANSOM

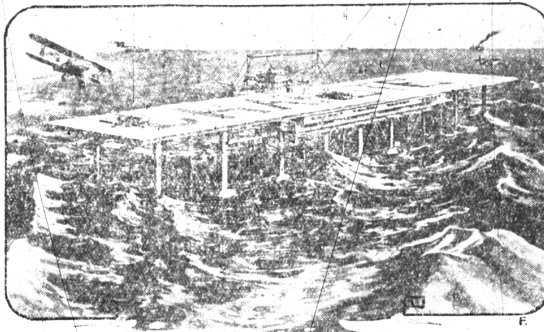
Daughter Of Alfred Pollard, Thir-
teen Mile Road Resident, Is
Called By Death

Funeral services were held at
2:30 p. m. Saturday for Mrs. Pearl
Ransom, of Detroit, the daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Pollard, of
the Thirteen Mile road. Mrs. Ran-
som died in the Deaconess Hospi-
tal, Detroit, last Thursday, at
heart trouble. The services were
held in the Community Church,
with burial in Arden Park cem-
tery.

Besides her parents, Mrs. Ran-
som leaves her husband, Frank
Ransom, and two brothers, Percy
and Clyde Pollard.

Try an Eccentric Classified Ad

TEST FOR MID-OCEAN AIRPORT



Edward W. Armstrong's design for an "airport" to be anchored in mid-Atlantic to facilitate crossings
by airplane will be made this winter. The picture shows a drawing of the Armstrong airport which is
to be anchored where the water is three miles deep, and submitted to a series of tests.

OFFICIALS PRAISE AIR MAIL'S SPEED

Time Saved By This Branch Of
Service Shown By Postoffice
Authorities

Air mail carries letters in about
half the time taken by train, post
office authorities say.

A letter to San Francisco is said
to take about three days by train
while it is received there in 24
hours when sent by airplane. Mail
goes to New York in 24 hours by
the usual route. Six hours is the
airplane running time if it takes a
message sent from here to reach
its address in New York.

Both east and west bound mails
must be in the post office here at
7:30 a. m. It is taken away at
11:15 a. m. for both points, and
leaves by airplane from the Ford
field at Detroit. The eastern mail
goes to Cleveland, while the west-
ern goes to Chicago. From these
two points it resumes the trip to
the point addressed. All the larger
cities lying along the air route can
be reached by this mail.

TWILIGHT BASEBALL LEAGUE STANDING

Changes in the rating of the
playground leagues are very few
this week according to an an-
nouncement of the standings.
Franklin remains in the lead, as it
has throughout the summer. The
team now is more closely proce-
ded, having lost two games. The
Firemen have worked themselves into
first place in the soft ball league,
previously held by the Varsity
club, and are still threatened by
the latter who are in close second,
which may be bettered any game
played.

The standings of the three
leagues are as follows:

| Twilight League | | |
|--------------------|----|----|
| Team | W | L |
| Franklin | 7 | 2 |
| Methodist | 5 | 4 |
| Episcopal | 4 | 5 |
| Lutheran | 2 | 5 |
| Presbyterian | 2 | 6 |
| Soft Ball League | | |
| Firemen | 4 | 2 |
| Varsity Club | 3 | 3 |
| Midgets | 2 | 5 |
| Service Club | 3 | 3 |
| Mallory | 1 | 4 |
| Junior Boys League | | |
| Barnum | 14 | 1 |
| Baldwin | 17 | 15 |
| Adams | 16 | 11 |

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The Grab Bag

Thursday, August 11.



Answers to Foregoing Questions
1. Harry Stewart New; postmas-
ter general; the senate, Indiana.
2. The Clermont.
3. March, 1916.
4. Virginia Dare.
5. Articles of Confederation.
6. I Thessalonians V, 21.

INFANT CHILD IS TAKEN BY DEATH

John Bratton Baker, the day-old
son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore
True Baker, of Detroit and Bir-
mingham, died Sunday afternoon in
the Oakland Maternity Hospital.
Funeral services were held at
Roseland Park cemetery where the
baby was buried, at 11 a. m. Tues-
day, the Rev. David Curry, former
pastor of the Bannockburn avenue
Congregational church officiating.
Mrs. Baker was before her mar-
riage Miss Ann Dunn, the daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. John Dunn, of
east Maple road.

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ESTABLISH PATROLS TO BAR CORN BORER

LANSING, Aug. 10.—With the
arrival of sweet corn on Michigan
markets, particularly shipments
from Ohio, road patrols have been
established by the state department
of agriculture on all highways
leading out of the corn borer area
to regions where the pest has not
yet been found. The aim is to pre-
vent roasting ears from infested
localities entering borer-free ter-
ritory and possibly causing new in-
festations of the pest.

SERVICES HELD FOR 2-MONTH-OLD CHILD

Funeral services were held at
10 a. m. Tuesday for Charles
Lindbergh Humphreys, the two-
month-old son of Mr. and Mrs.
Arthur Humphreys, who live near
Birmingham. The services were
held at Roseland Park cemetery.
The Rev. David Curry, former
pastor of the Bannockburn Avenue
Congregational Church, officiated.
Burial was in Roseland Park.

WARREN RESIDENT IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Annie E. Cromie, 70 Years
Old, Succumbs At Home To
Complications

Mrs. Annie E. Cromie, 70 years
old, died at the home of her son,
Fred J. Cromie, in Warren, Fri-
day, of complications attendant
upon old age. Funeral services
were held at 2 p. m. Monday from
her son's residence, where she had
been staying. The Rev. David
Curry, former pastor of the Ben-
nackville Avenue Congregational
Church, read the services. Burial
was in Roseland Park cemetery.
Six of Mrs. Cromie's nephews acted
as pall bearers.
Mrs. Cromie was born in Bran-
ham, Germany, but had lived in
Warren for sometime. She is sur-
vived by her husband, James, and
two sons, Fred J., and Seymour
B., all of Warren.

Franklin Village

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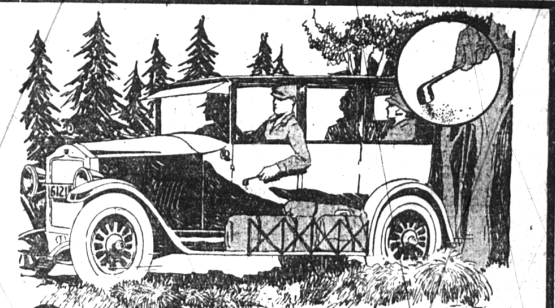
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The Thoughtless Spark that Costs Millions

FIRE PREVENTION METHODS

1. Matches—Be sure your
match is out. If it is in two
before you throw it away.

2. Tobacco—Be sure that pipe
ashes and cigar or cigarette
stubs are dead before throw-
ing them away. Never throw
them into trash, leaves or
pools.

3. Making Camp—Before build-
ing a fire scrape away all in-
flammable material in a
spot 6 feet in diameter. Dig a
hole in the center and build
your camp fire. Keep
your fire small. Never build
it against trees or logs or near
brush.

4. Breaking Camp—Never
break camp until your fire is
out—dead out.

5. Brush Burning—Never burn
stump or brush in windy weather
or while there is the
slightest danger that the fire
will get away.

No one would knowingly cause forest
fires. Yet 725,928 acres of timber land
were burned last year, in Michigan
alone. Thoughtlessness caused prac-
tically all of it.

Every resident of Michigan and
every visitor to Michigan enjoys and
profits by Michigan's resources. And
everybody, before when timber, one of
the greatest of these resources, is de-
stroyed.

Three great losses come from timber
fires: (1) The timber loss itself (2)
the cost of fire suppression, (3) the loss
of beauty—wooded lands are despoiled
of their attractiveness, and this in tur-
causes partial drying up of lakes and
streams.

You can help by making these facts
more widely understood. Then care
will replace thoughtlessness. Our for-
ests will be used and enjoyed but not
destroyed.

Everybody Loses
When Timber Burns

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