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GREEN PLANS STATE POLICE ADJUSTMENT

Governor Would Have Troops Available At All Times And Places

VILLAGE IS MENTIONED

Birmingham is mentioned today as a site for a state police headquarters, following the announcement by Gov. Fred W. Green that he would reorganize the institution and make arrangements for a new headquarters.

While a recent United States Supreme Court ruling that state officers are not charged with the duty of enforcing the federal prohibition law will not materially effect the state force, as it still must enforce the rigid Michigan dry statute, it is possible the slight relief it will afford may prove to be the entering wedge for the reorganization.

Gov. Green has had the readjustment in mind for some time. He believes the state police, to be most effective, should be a detachment available at all times for state work. They could work from one main point on road patrols and other routine duties but would always be easily available.

The governor made it clear that the proposed reorganization does not contemplate a reduction in the personnel of the department nor the abolition of the state police posts.

"The posts are essential in isolated communities, and particularly so in the upper peninsula," he said. "It is my idea that the state police should be so disposed that they should always be available at the call of the state and that it is not necessary for them to be doing work which local officers are perfectly capable of attending to."

The plan is said to meet the approval of Oscar G. Olander, commissioner of public safety.

Among recent signs and advertisements the offlowing are noted: "Prepare for a long, dreary evening with the radio." "Our tongue sandwiches speak for themselves." "Try our pigs' feet; we pickle our own."

Glimpses at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Because I am the only individual in Birmingham who does not drive an automobile—the only individual, that is, since the iron man who was used as a hitching post in front of the old Taft hall was removed—I am allowed by circumstance, the privilege of watching persons who travel daily to and from Detroit. I am allowed to sit on a motorbus, and, when the going becomes too rough, for reading, make up all the stories I care to about the other passengers. I find, however, that few stories have to be compounded. They usually are there of their own accord.

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The elderly woman with the straw suit case, for instance, who waited on the same corner with me in Detroit for a bus that goes to Flint. We both arrived before the bus was due. What the matter was, I do not know, but she hailed frantically all the jitneys, city buses, trucks and street cars that came along. The drivers, duly alarmed, heeded her waving arms and stopped. Traffic at that corner was in a sad state of affairs. I suggested that she be less worried about the bus. I enjoyed her maneuvers but I feared for her nerves. I said I was waiting for the same bus and that I would recognize it and surely would not let it get past us. You see, I was afraid she would be a victim either of the violence of some truck driver or of her own high blood pressure. And after all, the street corner is no place for a lady to have high blood pressure, even if she does carry a straw suit case. I succeeded in calming her only to a slight degree. Finally our bus was sighted. I suggested then she might wave all she wanted to.

I thought it would be a noisy trip to Birmingham with her aboard. But the waving was too much. She was tired from it. She sat quietly and behaved herself all the way to Birmingham. Didn't ask the driver one single question, even.

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Then that very cold Monday morning when people spent their walking hours in their coat collars, I, waiting again for some kind of conveyance to Birmingham. Another woman, but without the suit case, waiting in the safety zone. A Rochester car stopped. She boarded it and promptly got off again. A Flint car stopped. She boarded that and returned immediately to the pavement. A Pontiac car came and the same procedure was gone through. She probably was headed for Kokomo.

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At Royal Oak the fog lifted and out of it sprang John Ox. John has ears, a mustache and a cap, Jackie Coogan style. John looked 40. I don't know much about John because he spent all the time between Royal Oak and Birmingham trying to pick something up from the floor. I don't even know whether John had a tag on his coat so the conductor would not let him pass his destination. But he must have.

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I did not have an opportunity to get a morning paper before the bus came so I tried to clout one from a comrade in commuting. I learned things about journalism that never before have I known. Also about people. Bus passengers read everything in the paper and do not even skip a classified ad. A ditch digger who sat next to me and upon whose paper I had serious designs, seemed to think the woman's page was composed to memorize.

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Comrade Bingham says the psychological moment to start publishing the efforts of entries in Glimpse's Five Foot Shelf of the World's Worst Puns is not yet here. However, with his permission I am free to announce the prize the committee has decided to award. It is a complete biography of the winner in the 1927 Michigan Crops show. It is bound. Everyone, except those connected with The Eccentric and their immediate families, is eligible to contribute. You do not have to buy anything. Merely address your pun-containing envelope to Glimpses.

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Superintendent Vliet remarks that this column usually contains words not common to newspapers. I explained to him that the words are conventional but with my method of spelling they are not easily recognized. Then he told me about the youngster in one of the schools here who had trouble spelling "which." Mr. Vliet dispatched him to the dictionary. After a great length of time the young man returned, more tousled and troubled than ever. "There is no such word in the dictionary," he reported. Superintendent Vliet was worried. Here was a word he had been using all his life and it was not a word at all, etc. "No sir," the youngster continued, "I looked all through the 'H's' several times and there is no 'which' among them."

Speaks Christmas

REV. GEORGE DAWKINS

Rev. Dawkins, executive secretary of the Greater Woodward Avenue association and former minister of the First Baptist Church of Royal Oak, will fill the pulpit of the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening, Dec. 25. The Rev. Dawkins is a pulpit orator of renown and it is expected that a large number of persons will hear him during the absence of the pastor, Rev. David Leon Woodward, who is visiting his former home at Warsaw, N. C. The Rev. Dawkins is a graduate of Rochester Theological Seminary and a school-mate of the Rev. Woodward.

Special Christmas music will be given at both of the Sunday services.

TOOLS, LOOT OF PROWLERS

Carpenters In New Home Victims Of Night Burglary

Thieves who stole carpenter tools valued at $[illegible] from the new home of Fred Quarton on west Maple avenue were still at large late last night. The tools were the property of workmen employed on the construction of the new residence.

The burglars gained entrance late at night, after the workers had left, by raising a rear window which was unlocked. Police believe they used an automobile to carry away the large quantity of tools which included two complete carpenter's kits.

VILLAGE LEGION MEETS TONIGHT

Important Business To Be Taken Up; Reminder On Filing Of Claims Issued

Plans are completed for the meeting at 8 p. m. today of the Charles Edward's Post of the American Legion to be held in the Community House according to announcement made by Lloyd L. Stanley, commander.

An invitation is extended by Mr. Stanley to every ex-service man in Birmingham to attend the meeting. Plans for activities for the coming years will be discussed in detail, he said, and other important business matters will be taken up.

Mr. Stanley also issued the reminder that Dec. 31 is the last day for ex-service men to file claims for adjusted compensation. "Unless immediate action is taken on this by many Birmingham men they will be forced to go without this fee which they are entitled to, he said."

Application may be made either through the Birmingham post office, or at the police station, he said.

FRANKLIN CHURCH PLANS CHRISTMAS

A Christmas celebration is planned for the Franklin Methodist Episcopal Church for Friday evening, according to announcement made today. The plans include carol singing and a large Christmas tree. The general public is invited.

BIRMINGHAM STORES ABOUND WITH XMAS TOYS FOR KIDDIES

By MISS SHOPPER

Christmas is the children's time of year and toys and gifts for them are found in abundance in the stores. Each year the toys in Birmingham stores become more elaborate and yet, more practical for they must be small editions of the things that mother and daddy use. Modern children are very imitative and to be truly happy they must do what they see their parents do.

There are always dolls for girls, but she must also have doll furniture to make her dolly home complete. Doll dressers may be bought in Birmingham for $2.25 and doll kitchen cabinets for from $1 to $3. A lovely doll house with furniture for six rooms is selling for $8.00. Santa Claus says that the little girls are very motherly this year and he has calls for baby baskets for their dolls or dolls in the baskets. The baskets cost 15 cents and the basket sets 50 cents.

If the little mother wants to keep her children clean, she may have a washing set. A set consisting of a wash tub, a washboard, a clothes rack, and clothes pins costs $1.00. A set with the ironing board, clothes wringer and clothes basket added costs $1.75.

The child's player piano, which actually produces music, and the electric stove that will really burn, would fill the heart of every little girl with joy. The piano is of the baby grand style and costs but $4.50. The stove has four burners, 2 ovens, a broiler and a tea kettle. It sells for $18.

Automobiles costing from 10 cents to $12.50 are very attractive for the boys. Trains, too, will please them as will the mechanical toys. Santa says nearly all the little boys in Birmingham want dumping trucks. They cost from $1 to $5. Wheel barrows from 50 cents to $1 are popular, too. Punching bags, footballs and basket balls are requested by the future athletes of Birmingham.

Skates, sleds, toboggans and skis make both the boys and girls happy. Puzzles and books delight them when they must remain indoors.

The smaller children enjoy picture books, cut out books and the build-easy sets. Blocks, tollet sets, drums, balls, paint sets and games help them keep happy through the play hours.

DOG LICENSE SAVING IS IN PENALTY ONLY

A correction in the announcement concerning the reduction in the price of dog tax license made in The Eccentric last week comes from the Bloomfield Township office. The licenses are being sold here at the regular price of $2 for males and $4 for females. After the tax books are closed here in March the licenses must be secured at Pontiac with a penalty of $2 added, making the cost $4 for males and $6 for females.

WALL PAPER IN JAIL STARTLES FIRST VAGRANT

"I have been in a lot of jails," said John Potato to the desk sergeant at the temporary quarters of the Birmingham police department at Martin and Henrietta streets Thursday night, "but I never have seen one with wall paper in the cell room before."

And as John, who was the first vagrant to enjoy the hospitality of the quarters made his remark, there was something of the pride of the voyager who has discovered strange lands, reflected in his tone.

The wanderer, who might as well be known as John Potato as anything else, for he was not registered, said he would have something worth while to tell the other Knights of the Road when next they convened.

"This is some joint, I must say," is the quotation attributed to him. "Wall paper and a dining room and everything but a piano.

Police are in a house now owned by the village which is situated on part of the civic center property. They will be in these quarters until the completion of the new Municipal Building, bids for which are to be received by the commission Jan. 3.

But the next morning John's ecstacy was less wild. He had spent a night on a cell cot which has a hump in the middle like the backbone of a starved mule.

John had some unprintable things to say. One statement, however, that may as well see the light of print was, "Well, believe me, sergeant, it takes more than wall paper to make a good jail."

FACTOR CITED IN DECREASE OF FIRES HERE

Chief Believes Regular Inspections Play Part In Reducing Causes

CELEBRATORS WARNED

Regular inspection of homes and stores in Birmingham is given today by Fire Chief William G. Olsen as a contributing factor to the decreasing number of fires in the village during the past several months. Thus far in December only four fires have been reported and none of the four was serious. Records show there has not been a serious fire in the village for months.

Hundreds of recommendations have been made by the fire inspectors for the elimination of fire hazards, the chief said. He declared the co-operation of the residents of the village has been of the greatest possible aid to the inspectors in eliminating the risk of fire.

The greater part of Birmingham has been inspected since the system was adopted with the start of the paid department in July. There remains but a small portion of Birmingham near the north east

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FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS —of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO

The following are a few of the former residents of Birmingham whose wandering footsteps brought them back to us for Christmas: Miss Ella and Frankie Leet, of Eastlake; Lizzie White of Troy; Reverdy, Frank and Louie Goodman, Lon Ferguson of Genesee County; Lucius Randall of all over the country; Frank Randall, ditto, Miss Nettie Bloomberg of AuSable; Grant Rise of Ypsilanti; and Julian Leet.

John E. Simimson, formerly of this place, was elected prosecuting attorney of Bay County this fall by a rousing majority. He is a lawyer of recognized ability and will fill the office with honor and credit to his constituents. His brother, A. B. Simonson, will assume the responsible position of physician at the Calumet and Hecla mines at Calumet on Jan. 1, at a salary of $1,500 for the first year. That's a pretty good showing for two of "our boys."

We believe that a week from next Saturday the Ladies' Library society hold their annual meeting for the election of officers for the coming year. Lively times anticipated at the polls.

Messrs Will Noble and Will Turnbull were the guests of Mr. Johnathan Todd last week and spent part of the time in hunting and enjoyed it quite well.

Mr. A. M. Davis, after a short visit here, has returned home to Piper, accompanied by his wife, nee Abbie Daniels.

Miss Drina Shepart of Windsor, Ont., was the guest of her aunt Mrs. V. Goodwin through the holidays.

Mr. William Allison and wife of Detroit, together with Dr. McEldowney, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Lowe during the quarterly meeting occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Allison are almost life long friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, they and other members of the family having been received into the church by Mr. Lowe in his early ministry.

Many of our young friends attended the party at Mr. Schrite's on Friday evening.

25 YEARS AGO

Miss Mollie Smith, the faithful assistant at the post office, whose pleasant face and kindly manners are so well known to the people of Birmingham and vicinity, was the recipient of an elegant umbrella as a Christmas present from the four rural mail carriers.

Holiday vacation in the schools for two weeks. Some of the teachers have gone away for the vacation. Others stay at home, rest up, and are happy. Prof. Field is one of the later and he has been very busy the past week getting ready for the long spring term.

Miss Mable A. Stewart of Kalamazoo, who formerly taught in our schools, was visiting friends here during the holidays. She teaches languages at the Kalamazoo Institute, with few hours and a generous salary.

John Ruckman, wife and baby, are with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Ward. Mr. Ward is a government employe at Washington and with his family is enjoying a holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keyser of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Keyser of Pontiac all Sundayed with father and mother, John Keyser and wife, to Townsend street. Good time all around.

Our postoffice department had the usual Christmas rush and both John and Mollie are glad its over. The volume of business was fully up to the high mark and all went as well as usual.

Frank Blakeslee and son Bert were last heard from at Los Angeles, California, where they were living in a balmy climate and just gorging on the choicest oranges of southern California.

E. B. Converse is back from the west and we are glad to see him back again after nearly a year of travel and experience, during which he has enjoyed every day.

George Aldrich of Battle Creek and Claire Aldrich of Howell were home to spend Christmas with their father.

Mrs. R. Jarvis of Armada was a Christmas guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peabody.

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