

# CORSON GIVEN ENGINEER POST

### State Highway Man Who Succeeds Starr Has Long Experience

H. H. Corson, 41 years old, 304 West Maple avenue, for four years west engineer for the state in the construction of the Woodward avenue superhighway through Birmingham will assume duties with in a few weeks as village engineer, according to plans announced yesterday by Manager James W. Barry, following the appointment of Mr. Corson. He succeeds Harry S. Starr of the engineering firm of McAlpin & Starr.

Mr. Corson was married in 1902 and has three children, one of whom is a branch of the village engineer of the Ford Motor company and the Wilson Body company. He has done highway work in California for the state department.

# AUDITORIUM NOT PHASED BY ORDINANCE

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The ordinance provides that the place shall be closed at midnight and shall not be reopened until 7 a. m. the following day unless the following day is a Sunday when it may remain closed until Monday morning. Even New Year's resolutions must cease at 1 p. m. unless New Year's eve falls on a Saturday night. In that event they had must close at midnight.

H. T. Ellerby, village president, commenting on the ordinance said it was not aimed at the new company. "The village has been with an ordinance governing dances and it is time we had one," he said.

# CHRISTMAS CARDS AT WOODWARD PHARMACY

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# NEW FRANKLIN HOME



One of the recent developments in Franklin is "Top Nautch," the country estate of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Dine, architect, designed a home of Norman French adoption, which has a three and one-half acre home site from George Wellington Smith.

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# RIDGE CHANGES TO CITY FORM

### Tax Saving Seen As Factor In Strong Support Of New Government

Pleasant Ridge, Dec. 27.—Acknowledging their preference for the city form of government over that of a village, by a huge majority in the election held Monday, voters of Pleasant Ridge approved the change, which mandated the charter commission. The vote stands 174 in favor of the city and 30 against the village.

Members of the charter commission were to start work immediately upon the charter change. Preliminary activities on the change were comparatively colorful, as little opposition to the move was anticipated.

As a result of tax saving, was the item which most influenced the voters, officials declare.

# GROUP STUDY ON CITY PLAN IS APPROVED

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made and officers of the county, state, township and village will be invited in search for facts.

This is the first time in the history of Birmingham that such a committee has been formed. In making the resolution, President Elly said:

"Because of the great amount of discussion the proposal to change the form of government has here has brought forth, I believe this is the most fair manner to get all the facts before the people. The persons elected to sit on the committee will be chosen for open-mindedness and will be thoroughly inclusive in their study."

# FIRE STATION LEASE SIGNED

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expect to occupy the house at Martin and Henrietta streets about the middle of December.

The building now being used by First State Bank, said "The machine departments will be torn down by the new owners and a their accounts, and many deposit

# BANKS START 1928 CLUBS

### Christmas Savers Plan For Next Year After Checks Are Mailed

Following the recent disbursement of \$36,000 in Christmas club checks by the Birmingham banks, many persons are joining next year's clubs today, bank officials report.

"The clubs become more popular each year," Charles B. Randall, vice-president of the First National Bank, said. "During the three years that the clubs have been in existence in Birmingham, they have more than tripled the amount of money invested in this manner, the records show."

Arthur Peck, cashier of the same bank, said "The members reopen

# I HAVE SAID IN MY HEART

### By IDAH Mc-GLONE GIBSON FOLKS

Sometimes when one reads the headings that are spread over the first pages of the newspaper one may think for a moment that one will call the United States—is all wrong!

Nothing is further from the case.

Most people are honest; most people are good; most people are kind; most people are going along doing their level best to help themselves and the other fellow.

The really wicked people are few and far between when you want to pick them out of the hundred and twenty million people that live on that part of the earth we call "our country."

These people who make spectacular stories are the ones that get into the papers. The ordinary man wants to read a story that will give him a little cold chill down his backbone as he sits on his front porch and reads the evening paper.

He gets his thrill for three cents daily, and then goes into the house, where mother and the children are sitting at the table waiting for him to join them at the evening meal.

Have not we come to make all together too much of these thrillers and killers? They probably think they have made history, or at least they plume themselves of being quite as well known as Mary Pickford.

But they have done nothing of the kind. Lots of people take no interest in them whatever. I venture that I can find within a mile radius of the jail at least a hundred people that never heard of the most sensational murderer.

The other day, while indulging in the Los Angeles habit of enter-

terias I noticed a bright-looking young man followed by a very pretty girl come in. As they reached the cashier's desk they said something to the young woman sitting there, and the boy—he was not much more than a small white pillow on which there was a little shapely white handle. The girl followed the winding road up to the counters on which were displayed the food.

Carefully seating himself, the young man quietly raised the little white blanket and gazed with such pride and love on the tiny little dowdy head of a child that I felt my eyes grow misty. Finally he softly touched the baby's skin on the baby's face, and then with a sigh of utter content he raised his eyes, and catching mother, grinned in boyish satisfaction.

By this time the mother had come back—and, by the way, she wore her dress short and flared at her hair. There was a cigarette in her hand, and she was looking at the wicker chair and glass she saw there dimly with youthful longing.

Soon the luncheon was finished, and the mother picked up the baby, placed a little kiss upon the top of its head, and handed it to its proud daddy, and they left the room, utterly unconscious that they had been observed.

Thank God there are millions of just such young people today in your country and mine.

Memo: Notoriety or even fame gets one nowhere.

# STAR MOTOR BUYS RIVAL

### Important Changes In Southern Oakland Service Seen With Deal

Following the purchase of the B. & O. bus line of Royal Oak by the Star Motor Coach company, of Birmingham, a reorganizing and enlarging of the bus schedule for the southern part of Oakland County is seen today.

While the deal is practically completed, the final action is awaited by the federal court since the Star Motor Coach company is a subsidiary of the B. & O. R. which is in the hands of receivers, according to William McCallum, president of the Star Motor Coach company.

McCallum plans immediately to improve the service over the line which his company has taken over. The first move will be to expand and general repair of the B. & O. R. line, he said.

The Star Motor Coach company has 17 coaches. Of this number, 12 were received from the B. & O. R. line in the recent deal.

It is not only floating, but a really gets one nowhere.

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