

# PLANES THRILL CROWDS WHO BRAVE COLD

### Squadron Of Flyers From Selfridge State Flight Exhibition

#### FULFILL ENGAGEMENT

Six large army airplanes from Selfridge field gave Birmingham a thrill Saturday morning when they visited the village in an exhibition flight. It was the fulfillment of the promise at that time because of weather conditions, however.

Boaring over the village at the rate of 120 miles an hour, the fleet of planes swooped down to an altitude of less than 200 feet, clearing buildings and trolley wires by a narrow margin. They took several formations, changing their lines of procedure with lightning-like speed. They flew in the usual formation for six planes, then separated into threes, and flew north to Pontiac. Soon they were back speeding so close to one another that collision seemed probable. Then they would straighten away and the crowd that braced the cold of Saturday morning standing in the streets to watch, breathed again freely.

The program was arranged by Frank Conant of the Ford Sales & Service here and Harry Brooks of Southfield, chief test pilot for the Ford Motor company.

## NAME OFFICERS AT HUNTINGTON

### Only One Contest Held In Village Elections; Jacobs Gets President's Post

Frank V. Hammond and E. C. Schaubert were the successful candidates for places on the village commission in Huntington Woods at the elections Monday. They were the only opposed candidates.

Raymond A. Jacobs was elected village president; M. D. McCauley, treasurer; Frank J. Sherman, and Harry G. Newell, commissioners, and Harry C. Baulkman, clerk.

## New Commander



Admiral Henry Wiley, new commander-in-chief of the United States fleet in the Pacific, snapped on the quarterdeck of the U. S. S. Texas, at Los Angeles, just after relieving Admiral Charles Hughes of the post.

## 60 PAY FINES ON ONE CHARGE

### Arrests During Month For Running Red Light Heads Police List

Arrests for violation of traffic lights heads the police list for December. It is shown in a report for that time issued today by Chief James Anderson. Sixty persons were fined a total of \$118.

Speeding brought the next highest number of arrests. Ten were fined for this. The report includes four arrests for drunkenness, three for parking in no parking zone, three for the violation of traffic signals and not having operators license, two for exceeding parking two for being parked in a driveway, one for not having operators license, one for not stopping at a stop street, one for having a assault and battery, one for having bogus money, and one for not having parking lights.

Seven lodgers were housed at the jail during the month. Fines brought in a total of \$144; expenses totaled \$13.39 leaving a balance of \$111.61.

## EXCHANGITES HEAR CIVICS

### Ellery Outlines Work Of Birmingham Official In Service Club Talk

Although called in to "pinch-hit" for a speaker who had failed to make his appearance on the program at the Tuesday noon meeting of the Birmingham Exchange club at Northwood Inn, Royal Oak, H. T. Ellery, president of the club, and made a "home run" in a talk and upon talk on the problems that confront our community. Despite the fact that he had less than five minutes for preparation, Mr. Ellery won for himself and his colleagues on the village commission an enthusiasm and a spirit of helpfulness from the Exchanges present at the meeting.

### Came From City

"Most of the people who have taken up a residence in Birmingham within the past five or six years have done so chiefly because the village at that time, and up to within a few months ago, offered them and their families these qualities of life and living that cannot be found in the crowded city," stated Mr. Ellery.

"Of course, even today in our community, we enjoy hundreds of things that the city-dweller cannot get, but we are coming—more rapidly than we want or can afford municipally—to a period in our life as a community when we shall lose the very thing that brought us to Birmingham, and we shall find ourselves in the midst of almost the very conditions that we once left in the crowded city. "Most of us lament this change from the quiet and peaceful Birmingham of the past to the hurried and more metropolitan appearing Birmingham of today. But the growth of our community, although it may spell a kind of physical progress, and result in an advance of real estate values, in effect all not the specific thing that we desire as here in the first place. However, we cannot stop this progress and we must make the best of the task at hand.

### Many Problems

"Birmingham's recent phenomenal growth has also brought to the village officials many difficult problems. "The demand for the rapid installation of public improvements, such as pavements, street openings, sewer and water mains, etc., has placed an increasing burden upon the village treasury, and we must be very careful so that our taxes may be kept as low as possible. Birmingham, as with all incorporated communities, is governed by a charter; this charter tells the citizens what they may expect from their local government, and also regulates the manner in which our elected officials must attend the public's business.

## Still in Trim



Tommy Williams, 60, who lost the world's welterweight title to "Mysterious Billy" Smith at Coney Island in 1935, now is a professional physical instructor at French Lick, Ind.

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### Assessments

"One of the most serious handicaps that of the amount of taxes that may be assessed against a piece of property for any one improvement; under our charter we cannot spread an assessment, during any one year, over a street or pavement, that exceeds 25 percent of the assessed value of the property. If, for instance, a 50 foot lot is assessed at \$2,000.00, you cannot assess more than \$500.00 for a paving project, even though it might be found that the actual cost of paving that front 50 foot lot would amount to \$900.00. The village in a case like this, must either refuse to lay the pavement, or pay a greater share of the cost than is right and proper. On the other hand, we have found, as in the case of the property on Willett and Hamilton streets, that too great a difference exists between the assessed value of a piece of property and the price asked for the same piece on the real estate market."

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## SCOUTS PLAN FALL CONTEST

### Birmingham Troops To Give Performance Tomorrow At Baldwin High

The annual fall inter-triennial of the Birmingham District, Boy Scouts of America, will be held in the Adams School auditorium at 7:45 p. m. Friday.

To begin with, the boys will be in the entrance of the three troops, 1, 3, and 4, in the order stated. After dressing up the ranks, the colors will arrive, followed by Troop 1's drum and bugle corps. Each troop will salute the colors as a body.

Gerald Uptegraff, senior scout of Birmingham, will lead recitation of the flag salute, Scout oath, and Scout laws, given by the entire Scout group. Following this, the boys will fall out and take the seats in the north end of the hall. Only Scouts will be permitted in this section. The audience will be seated on the south side, and no one will be permitted in the balcony.

Only four competitive events will be staged this year. They are: bugling, fire by flint and steel, knot-tying, and lifeline throwing. The latter is a new contest for first time and is expected to prove interesting.

Troop 1 will enter the following Scouts in the respective events: Lifeline-throwing—Smith, Flint and steel—Hinshaw, Winborn, and Honore.

Bugling—Burgess, Cummings, Honore, and Hinshaw. Knot-tying—Byron Winborn, Fode, and Cummings.

Troop 3—Lifeline-throwing—Howard Whalen. Flint and steel—Sentency and Fowler.

Bugling—Mills, Alfred Pote, and Parry. Knot-tying—Nicholson and Sentency.

Troop 4—Lifeline-throwing—Thatcher. Flint and steel—Jardine and Huston. Bugling—Nigg. Knots—Marlette, on Willett and Hamilton streets, that too great a difference exists between the assessed value of a piece of property and the price asked for the same piece on the real estate market."

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## THE DAYBOOK OF A NEW YORKER

### Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—They tell the story of General Downey, father of Fairfax Downey, the humorist. Some months ago the general underwent an operation on his leg, and amputation was found necessary. He managed, however, to be amazingly well with artificial aid, and one day in the heat of September he went to lunch in the New York Athletic Club with his son and some of his old friends. The other members of the club, and the general manager, to negotiate the outer steps alone.

In the last step, wearing a trifle, he sat down and took off his hat, applying a large handkerchief to his heated brow. It was at this exact moment that a pretty girl trotted along with her young man. The picture suggested just one thought to her. She fumbled in her bag, dropped a dime into the astounded gentleman's hat, and passed on. Her escort (who says men have no intuition?) came back contritely in a moment to murmur confusedly that he was sure his friend had made a mistake. The general is said to have twinkled and said to have remarked that he didn't mind a bit: "She was such a pretty girl. He kept the dime. The Downey's father and son, are fonder of that story than of any bit of family legend they know."

The best opportunity for cloud gazing that I know of, in a big city of canyon streets, is provided in the blissful moments when one lies in the dentist's chair and realizes that the drilling is over for that day, at least. Never am I so cautious of the beauties of nature, the beauty of immortality, the general goodness of man, as I am after a release from the tortures of the drilling machine.

The gardeners were out in full force last Saturday in Macy's bulb department. I had to fight my way through to buy some crocus and narcissi I had been bidden to bring home without fail. Outside the bulb cases, murreted of daffodils and black tulips and "heavenly blue" hyacinths. I think the average garden enthusiast represents the highest type of optimism. When he can visualize beauty in a dreary swirl of dead leaves and frozen clay, there is hope for the race.

## 23 BOYS TAKEN INTO HLY CLUB

### RITES FRIDAY VILLAGE GIRL

Funeral services for Marian Frances West, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton West, 105 east Bannville avenue, who died early yesterday after a brief illness, will be held in the Roseland Park cemetery tomorrow at 2 p. m. The Rev. David Leon Waldward, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Besides the parents, the child is survived by a half-sister, Margaret Coleman.

Edinburg, Scotland, is to have a modern residential home for blind women.

### Impressive Initiation Services Held In Baldwin Auditorium

Impressive initiation services of the Hi-Y club was given for boys Monday in the auditorium of Baldwin High School. The Hi-Y club is the high school organization sponsored by the M. C. A.

The platform of the organization is built on the triangle of body, mind and spirit, and stands for clean athletics, clean scholarship and clean living according to officials of the group. The boys have as their purpose to create and maintain in the school and community a high standard of Christian character.

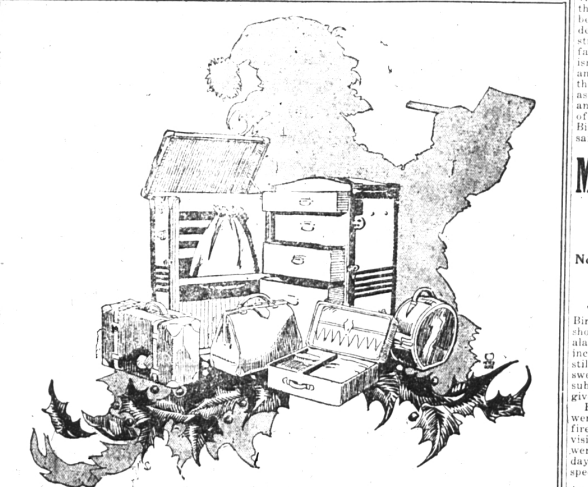
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## MORE CALLS FOR FIREMEN

### November Report Shows Increase As Furnaces Are Started

The November report of the Birmingham fire department shows that 12 still and 5 general alarms were answered. This is an increase over October, when 11 still and 3 general alarms were answered. The colder weather and subsequent start of furnaces is given as a reason.

Fourteen days of November were devoted to inspection, by the firemen. Business houses were visited on eight days, hydrants were inspected on two, and four days were given over to the inspection of residences.

## ABILITY PUTS 'LOCAL ANGLE' INTO DISCARD

Sometimes ability transcends locale. This was found to be true of the work of Charles S. Kinnison, author of the poem "The Local Angle" which was a regular feature in the Detroit Times weekly of the home and heart.

From the Detroit Times: "Kinnison whisked into the office of John Partridge, then editor of the paper offering his work, until quite recently, there appeared under his name, "of Birmingham, Mich." The idea, of course, was to identify the writer with the radius in which the paper circulated. It was, in term newspaper men, to give the writings a "local angle."

Time passed and everyone began to know that Mr. Kinnison was "of Birmingham, Mich." More, they came to like his poems to such an extent that it did not matter where he was from.

And so today the poems are merely "by Charles S. Kinnison." The same Charles S. Kinnison who told Mr. Mulcahy that if he did not like the first poem in the stack submitted, not to read on, and the same Charles S. Kinnison who still lives in Birmingham—which now goes without saying.

Miss Winifred Stoner, who graduated from Leland Stanford University at the age of 11, is in France seeking especially bright students to whom the League for Fostering Genius will award scholarships.

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