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WORK BEGINS ON NEW PLANT OF COACH CO.

Contract For Main Building Is Expected To Be Let By July 25

TO RUSH POWER HOUSE

Work on the power plant of the new \$8,000,000 Coach Manufacturing company plant in Pontiac is being rushed. This will be the first unit to be completed. More than 400 men are now working excavating and finishing up the preliminary work necessary before actual construction of the factory building is begun. One steam shovel is working on the site for the power plant and others are being used where the main building will be constructed. It is not expected that the contract for the main building will be awarded before July 25, but in the meantime more money will be employed for the necessary grading and excavating.

MISS SMITH HURT IN AUTO SMASH-UP

Driver Blinded by Glaring Headlights and Turns Into Ditch

Miss Marguerite Smith, 2300 Milwaukee avenue, Detroit, is recovering from a fractured hip-bone, for which she was treated by Dr. O. C. Beck following an accident last Wednesday night. She was found beneath an auto in which she was riding, which overturned on the Lenoir Lake road near Franklin road.

Blinded by lights of an approaching car, Edward Bartholomew of Detroit, the driver of the car, lost control of his machine and turned into the ditch.

Gilbert Allen of Birmingham, arriving at the scene of the accident immediately afterwards, took the injured girl in his car only to find into a parked auto-damaging his car which stopped on the edge of a 30 foot embankment. Miss Smith was finally taken to the police station here after receiving a lift from another motorist who later took her to Detroit.

Firemen To Gather To Discuss Meeting

A meeting of the volunteer and paid firemen of Birmingham will be held July 29 at the fire hall to discuss reports of delegates who attended the state firemen's convention at Lansing last week and other problems which confront the department, it is announced today.

Valuable Russian Wolfhound Missing

The loss of a valuable Russian wolfhound was reported to the police of Bloomfield Hills Village last week by Mrs. Dubois Young. It is owned by her and the dog was stolen or killed.

NATURALIST DISCOVERS BUNTING REFUSES TO REAR OWN YOUNG

By WILMOT H. WOOD

I have been asked if the purple grackle, cow bird or bunting are real wing blackbirds. I should say that they are all blackbirds, but of different families. While they often flock together in the spring and fall, and live almost on the same things at the same time they nest and rear their young in entirely different quarters.

The cow bunting for instance has no nest at all and does not take the responsibility for the rearing of its young. This bird has afforded me quite a little study and enjoyment, for he is a shrewd little fellow. He appears in April or May with the red-wing and grackle when you can see him in small flocks about the fields. Soon they go to their respective breeding grounds and you can see the bunting in small gatherings about the cows, feeding on cow flies and small grubs to be found.

This bird is like the English cuckoo. He builds no nest, and I have never seen him sitting on any other bird's egg. They can be found in large numbers as a general thing and there are more males than females in a group. When the female is ready to lay her eggs, you will find her slipping her eggs in low bushes about the fields or fence corners looking for a nest in which some other bird has deposited its eggs and is keeping house. I have also found her eggs in ground holes near the edge of a field in the locality the bunting seems to prefer the song sparrow's nest in which to deposit their spectator with great affection.

UNCLE SAM'S NEW DRY CHIEFS

Dr. J. M. Haran, left, successor of Roy A. Haynes as United States prohibition commissioner, and Colonel Seymour Lowman, former lieutenant governor of New York, who succeeded General Lincoln C. Andrews as assistant secretary of the treasury on August 1, pose for photos in Washington.

DEATH SEPARATES AGED COUPLE; ILLNESS FATAL TO EDGAR LAMB



Edgar William Lamb is dead. The man who was affectionately known by almost everyone in Birmingham as "Old" Lamb, died at his home, 213 Willets street, last week of heart trouble. He had been ill in bed for seven weeks. He was 81 years old, and celebrated his golden wedding anniversary three years ago. Only death parted the man and woman who had lived together for 53 years. They had no children.

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Three of the fires occurring last month were auto accidents. One was a blaze said to be caused by a lighted cigarette thrown among telegraph poles at Lincoln and Woodward avenues. The other recorded expense of the department which was the largest was a night false alarm on which practically all the firemen turned out. The expense of this was put at \$88.

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MAN CUT AS CAR HITS HIS WAGON

Pop Corn Vendor's Horse May Have To Be Killed

Sam Custoney, 206 Lafayette Boulevard, Pontiac, is today recovering from cuts about the head he received Friday morning when his fire engine popped over on Woodward avenue in Bloomfield Hills Village police say, when the car driven by William Fraker, 4235 Wabash avenue, Detroit, crashed into the rear end. The horse drawing the pop-corn wagon was so severely hurt that it may have to be killed.

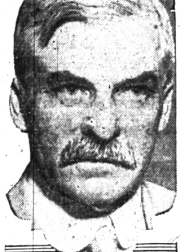
Fraser was released after being questioned by Chief of Police William Putnam and Patrolman Ray Fields. He is said to have asserted that he was attempting to pass the wagon when the accident occurred.

Bloomfield Hills Cancels Meeting

Special meetings planned for the coming month by the Bloomfield Hills Village commissioners have been abandoned according to William Story village clerk. The regular monthly meeting will be held August 2. Need for special meetings has decreased since the passing of the zoning ordinance which was discussed by the commission two months prior to its adoption.

The Grab Bag

July 21, 1927.



cities, oases, and trees on the horizon, which fade as they advance. What is a vision of this sort called?

"A good name is better than precious ointment." Where does this passage appear in the Bible?

Today's Horoscope

Children whose birthdays fall upon this date are so sensitive that they are hard to manage. They require gentle, careful treatment.

Answers to Forgoing Questions
1. Thomas Wake; the president of the United States; Nevada.
2. Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold.
3. James Madison.
4. The Great Commoner.
5. A miracle.
6. Ecclesiastes VII. 1.

TENNIS PROVES POPULAR SPORT AT BIRMINGHAM RACKET CLUB

The scene of a number of plays, and more white ball determinedly with casual sportsmanship that the average swinging rackets across a net, followed by yells and hooting, but proves to be mostly silent spectators, interested with the serving of the ball the occasional calling of the score. Expressions such as "deuce," "ace," "ad," and "love" are familiar to the net game followers but are strange to non-players. Who, that has not played, tennis know the meaning of "volet," "let-ball," "passing shot," "chop," "jab," "kill" and "wing" other phrases of the game.

During the season several inter-club singles and doubles tournaments are held at the Birmingham club. The courts are provided with clubhouses where players and showers are available for the players.

An image of Buddha 72 feet high, with a base of 52 feet, the largest in the world, will shortly be unveiled in Japan.

Bible Conference To Be Held At Lake

A summer Bible conference will be held from July 21 to August 14 on Lake Orion under the auspices of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Twelve speakers will address the gathering and sessions will be held every day during the 15-day period.

Auto Is Slightly Damaged By Fire

The floorboards and dashboard of a car owned by Reeder Humphrey, 1037 Lansing avenue, Detroit, were destroyed last week by fire.

Firemen put the fire out with chemicals. Little damage was done, they reported. The blaze is believed to have started because of crossed ignition wires.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

43 YEARS AGO
Florence Whiting is visiting friends at Oxford.
Rite flying is becoming fashionable about Birmingham ladies.
Bert Baldwin returned to Pontiac last week.
Messrs. G. F. Randall and A. Whitehead are indulging in revolver practice. What for?
Henry C. Hoffman, son of Mrs. R. H. Mitchell, accompanied by his wife and three daughters, Misses Emma, Laura and Mattie, arrived yesterday and will make quite an extended visit.

25 YEARS AGO
In the items last week about vines, window gardens, etc., we carelessly omitted the very best, always believing that the last is best. We now refer to Mrs. E. Keyes' window garden, which is a beautiful display. It is a beauty and should win the first prize at the grand distribution.
A big bouncing baby boy came to Mrs. Henry Pool the early part of this week and she weighed 11 1/2 pounds. Grandpa and Grandma Benedict are putting on airs, while Ester Pool can't stay a minute in Pontiac but likes to be close by the baby.
Visitors at the pleasant home of Mrs. Ellen Drew of Middle street where all were royally entertained and had a good time. Mrs. E. Hulbert, her daughter, Mrs. Ella E. Lane, vice president, Dr. L. Woodruff, second vice president, Isaac Peersall, third vice president, Frank Schlaack, secretary, Miss Minnie Geller, financial secretary, Minnie Schlaack, treasurer, E. W. Millard, Steward, Daniel Peersall, first marshal, Isaac Strong, second marshal, Eof Gillet, sergeant-at-arms, Henry Beck.

We learn with regret that our young friend Sam Slade has decided to take up his abode in Chicago. Sam has filled the responsible position of book-keeper and accountant in his father's store for some time past, with satisfaction every one and has won the best of friends by his quiet, gentlemanly and business like manner. His position will be occupied by Will Brown of this place.
Mr. Levi Wooster and wife have returned to their former home, Clyde, Mich. Just before leaving they had under their hand his new business, a cattle drover, with promptness and dispatch. Levi is a good boy and his many friends wish him success in his new vocation.
After several weeks' vacation with his uncle Mort Leggett, at Drayton's Plains, Mich., he returned home on Monday last. His brown healthy face and about six inches addition to his stature show that he is enjoying riding, boating and fishing again with his first rate, while his ringing laugh and happy ways make us think he has caught some of "Old Jake's" jolly good-heartedness.

On Saturday last, while Henry Benedict was deepening and enlarging the cellar under his house near the dug buildings in this village he dug up an entire skeleton of a full-grown person, the skull, bones of the arms and legs, shoulder blades, etc., being in a tolerably fair state of preservation.

Wm. T. Midgeley sunk one of his satisfactory crack wells for George H. Michell last week and came very near having trouble with the neighbors. A. C. Wallace wanted Midgeley to strike a pop well, Midgeley, however, refused to do so. Midgeley would stand the extra expense if Midgeley would bore one, but he thought the dispute was settled by drawing cuts and so Midgeley struck a grand stream of clear, cold water.

Franklin Village

If you've despaired of ever finding the right sort of secluded yet convenient locality for your suburban home, drive out Maple Road west of Oakland Hills Country Club, and turn south on Franklin Road. A delightful three minutes' ride through a gently rolling country will bring you to Franklin Village. You will admire the carefully restricted, roomy home sites there, ranging from a third of an acre to two acres in size, each one platted to conform to the lay of the land. The prices will appeal to your sense of good values. Surely it's worth a pleasant trip of inspection at least. And it may be the end of your search.

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