

SEES REDUCTION IN FIRE INSURANCE

Secretary Suggests Employing Four Full Time Firemen

Recommendation that the 72 square miles of territory served by the Birmingham fire department be cut in half was made by David Anderson, secretary of the fire department, in his annual report to Village Manager Harry Starr. This area, including both Bloomfield and Troy townships and is much too large to be served by the village equipment, Mr. Anderson says.

The Inspection Bureau has agreed to postpone its report on the Birmingham department until the new fire hall has been started, and a budget for 1927 approved by the commission. Mr. Anderson explains. If the budget covers full time services of at least four firemen, Birmingham will receive a new rating which will reduce insurance rates 6 to 10 per cent, he states.

A total of \$2,100,000 was paid out in fire claims during 1926, according to the report, and \$1,650,000 was received from outside fire companies for a net gain of \$450,000. This is only a fraction of what it would cost for the village to maintain a full department, Mr. Anderson says. A fixed sum of \$2,650 is allowed for salaries and fuel, and \$2 per hour is paid each night for overtime fire calls during the year. The report calls the rate per hour \$4.

Supplies and equipment amounting to \$2,000 is purchased during the year. A total of 68 general and 30 special calls were answered by the department during 1926, the report says. Twenty of these were outside the village limits.

MANAGER ASSUMES HUNT CLUB DUTIES

Capt. Mallen in Charge of Bloomfield White Wright Is in Europe

Capt. H. H. Mallen, United States Army, today took charge of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, taking the place of Alex M. Wright who sails tomorrow for a two months trip to Scotland. Capt. Mallen comes to Birmingham directly from duty in the United States Army where he has had considerable experience in the veterinary corps. Mr. Wright will return to Birmingham after his European trip. He has been acting manager of the Open Hunt Club for 35 months.

DETROITERS FINED

Four Detroiters, one a former Birmingham man, paid fines of \$15 each in Judge Flood's Municipal court yesterday following their arrest by Chief James Anderson and Sgt. Charles Dixon at 200 West Maple avenue. All pleaded guilty to disorderly charges. They are: George M. Wilson, formerly of this village, R. S. Welch, James White and John A. Bliss.



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"GOLF" WAY ACROSS AMERICA



Eager to enter the movies, Doc Graham (right) of Mobile, Ala., accompanied by "Happy" Kirtz, volunteer caddy, has started a cross country golf tournament from Mobile to Los Angeles. Approximately 1,500,000 strokes are estimated as required to land the ball on the Pacific coast about five months hence.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

The Village Commission met in regular session on Monday, March 14, 1927, at 10 o'clock in the morning in the Village Office. Present: Mayor, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Bell, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Bell, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Ladd, Mr. Bell, Mr. Shaw.

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When Roy Edelson of Chicago, an uninvited suitor, hammered repeatedly on her door at midnight and 2 a. m., Miss Clara Stern had him arrested.

Folksong Items

Tom Jackson has been considerably agitated this week on account of the new telephone book has his phone listed under his wife's name. He says from that it would look like he didn't count for much in his family. The Howard Evans family made extensive preparations to go on a visiting trip to Bromwell last Saturday. But after everybody was in the automobile and had waved goodbye to all the neighbors around, why they couldn't get the machine started any more. Howard put in about an hour trying to guess what was wrong with it, and then he advised that the trip be indefinitely postponed.

Mrs. Millie Hicks went over yesterday to see if she could borrow Amanda Bell's new patent carpet sweeper. But Amanda happened to see her coming and was naturally busy using the sweeper by the time Mrs. Hicks got there. Professor Bundy made a talk last Friday for the Harout teachers' club up at the school building. Everybody enjoyed what he had to say except Mr. Bundy, who was mortified clear through on account of he kept pulling out his lip and sticking it in the hole of a pipe. Clete Bill Bobert took a trip over into Park county last week and got a dog who he was rather fond of. He hadn't been there for twenty years or more, and he says after a man has been that long he

can't go back and expect the same old dog to come running out to meet him, or that he can fit in and feel natural again. He sort of wishes he hadn't gone, for it broke up the picture. He carried in a great deal of news. Mrs. Henrietta Nichols wore her brother's oldskin cap to work the other morning on account of the rain, and it attracted so much attention that she's adopted it permanently. Andy Dodson got in several steady hours yesterday trying to add up and see how much money he spent since the first of the year. He's put everything down, but he couldn't get it to add up any two times alike, and thinks there must be a mistake some amount that he spent. Andrew Albin has been lagging all week for an important paper he put away last fall for safe-keeping. He thinks now he'll find it in another day or two, for there are not many more places left where he could have put it.

Goes Swimming at Three Below



Mid-winter swimming is a part of the weekly routine of Ernest Raslow, Fort Dodge, La. Centurion man, who was sickly when he began taking swimmings in the Des Moines river. Photo shows Raslow in the river with the temperature at three below zero. He remained in fifteen minutes.

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POLICE DUMP SEIZED LIQUOR

Birmingham police yesterday dumped 42 gallons of moonshine whiskey and 42 pints of beer which they confiscated during the past month. The dumping was done under the supervision of Corp. Wright, Needham of the State Police.

Activities against moonshiners and transporters in Birmingham are to be continued, according to Police Chief James Anderson.

Sergeant Major Jiggs, aged 8, was buried with full military honors at Quantico, Va., where his body was taken by airplane after his death in Washington last week. He was the big bulldog mascot of the Marines, with whom he had traveled more than 100,000 miles by land, sea and air.

AUTO ACCIDENT TIES UP TRAFFIC

Traffic was tied up at Lines and South Woodward avenues for a half hour yesterday when an automobile driven by Arma Whittney, 615 Bonn street, Cadillac, crashed into the rear end of a body truck driven by George Deering, 3036 Twelfth street, Detroit, at 4:55 a. m.

Whittney was driving south when he failed to turn over to the right where the wide pavement began. Whittney said. He declares he saw the truck but didn't see the length of it. Damage to each vehicle was estimated at approximately \$100. Whittney's car was not injured. The driver was held by Officer George Townsend who investigated the case.

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COMMUNITY HOUSE NEWS

Thursday, March 10, at 4 p. m. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Community House held a meeting in the parlors of the house. The meeting was held in the parlors of the house. The meeting was held in the parlors of the house.

Interests Darrow



Clarence Darrow, noted criminal lawyer, of Chicago, has become interested in the case of George Myers, 1st, above, held at Mobile, Ala., for deportation to Italy following a trip to the United States from Naples as a stowaway on an Italian steamer. The boy says that he has a brother somewhere in the United States. Darrow believes that he may have been born in this country and that he may have been kidnapped and taken to Italy. If his citizenship could be established in Mobile, he became interested in the case and is now trying to find possible relatives in this country. Myers was five days without food while in hiding on the ship.

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