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VIGILANTES TO ARM AGAINST ROBBERS

Four Birmingham Men Dep-
utized For Warfare On
Gangdom

Four vigilantes for Birmingham
are deputized today to combat
the bank bandits that have been a
menace to Detroit and Oakland
County. This is part of the pro-
gram in 24 counties which have
been out in attack, and other ob-

joined in forming the defense
against the gangster.
The Birmingham men are: L.
J. Slusher, hardware merchant;
Henry Rohlf, builder; Dr. F. L.
Tucker; and Frank Schlaack, busi-
nessman. All will be ready at a mo-
ment's notice to take part in the
hunt for robbers of any bank be-
lieved to have taken refuge in
Oakland County.

Sheriff Frank Schram, who
deputized the men, has deputized
several throughout the county.

EXPLAINS METHODS
DETROIT, May 25. (Special)
—Bank robbers and other major
criminals who make it a point to
hide out in attack, and other ob-

Van Winkle Named Playground Head

George "Rip" Van Winkle was
named superintendent of play-
grounds for the coming summer
at a meeting of the school board
last Thursday night. Mr. Van
Winkle is athletic director at the
Babwin High School. He will be
at the playgrounds during July
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Youth Who Defeated Elements



Here he is in a specially posed studio portrait. You know him, of course, in the last week's edition. From long to pauper, has become acquainted with Capt. Charles Lindbergh, the 25-year-old boy from Detroit, who accounted for the first time in history, a successful flight from New York to Paris.

Prayer Saves Village 'Troupers' From Mississippi River's Wrath

Note: While gathering facts for writing the brief sketch of the professional career of Ellsworth Plumstead, Birmingham, investigator and entrepreneur, we were told of several incidents of interest at this time. In that sketch it was related that he began his life as a member of a traveling circus, "Troupers," in the name town in the theatrical profession in referring to this type of road show. In those days, it was customary for many of the shows to travel by the bottom boat, the length of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. They would stop at all suitable towns along this route, the larger shows providing their own aboard their comfortable boats, the smaller ones carrying a team which was used on shore for their performance. Mr. Plumstead, with one of the smaller outfits, their craft was a small boat which depended entirely upon the current of the river for its propulsion, being supplied only with a rear oar, which served as a rudder, and two sails, with which to guide the boat to shore. The method of mooring the boat, where there was no dock, was to drive several ropes from the boat to secure ones from the shore, which were secured. Mr. Plumstead's own story follows:

By ELLSWORTH PLUMSTEAD

There are two incidents which stand out in my experience as a "Troupers" which illustrates the nature of "Old Mississippi." Despite the 42 years that have intervened, I can vividly recall every detail. But I'll confess, our flat-bottomed boat was purchased at Helena, Ark., where we had arrived from Cape Girardeau by steamer at the close of the country fair season. Our equipment consisted of a 45-foot round-top tent, "Paraphernalia," a performing horse, and a trick mule. Our "hatch full" was the river, which also supplied our water for drinking and cooking. There were four humans in the aggregation, Mr. Harding (brother to Editor Harding of the Indianapolis Sentinel), myself, known as "Master," Charles Ellsworth, the Boy Scout, and a tent, horse and mule tender. Some of us knew any more

about flat-bottom navigation than does a wooden Indian, but we had a big ship, and the skipper, Captain Wilson, who had made a fortune trip, promised to stay with us until we "got the hang of it." So we followed him to the next landing, Friar's Point, and got about all right. We "lost the hang of it" at the next landing, Sunflower. We had to tote our tent and luggage a mile up the levee to the show ground, as the river was on the edge. We had a big crowd, and everyone was happy. The owner, had to hire a steam boat to pull us out into the water again, which had receded several hundred feet, during the performance. Our guide-ship was too large to be pulled off, so we had to leave Captain Wilson behind. We were a fine team, but a poor navigator on a falling river. As a river captain he would have made an excellent tractor operator. I have found that the tragedies of today are, more often than not, the tragedies of tomorrow (that's original), and this was just that.

Man Hits the Rail Gets Trip to Jail

Because, acting on impulse, he walked off a moving street car on the hill north of Bloomfield Hills Village, Mike Bazar is in jail today. Chief William Putnam of the H. police, made the arrest on a charge of drunkenness at 3:30 p. m. Sunday after Bazar had inadvertently stepped off the trolley car while it was in motion. Mike's face was slightly damaged, but otherwise his exit from the street car seemed to leave him unharmed.

Examination of Mike's pockets revealed the sum of \$27 cents, and against the proverbial rainy day, so Mike decided to accept the H. jail sentence imposed by Judge Floyd S. Back Monday other than the \$10 fine.

DANCING, Decoration Day, both afternoon and evening. Park Island, Lake Orion. Logan's Orchestra. Park Plan. Adv. 6

National Prohibition Survey Now Nearing Its Completion

After seven years of prohibition the wet-dry debate is now being settled, pointing to law enforcement, bootlegging and crime as a poor exchange for the alcohol. The wet have dared the dry to face the facts.

Although The Christian Science Monitor has stoutly borne its part in the great moral reform, it has agreed that regarding of the cost and of what the results must show, the fact should be faced. To this end a nationwide survey of articles which will appear in the Monitor beginning May 17 and continuing through June 30. Some of the subjects covered are: Has prohibition increased drug addiction? Is modification of the Volstead Act the answer to farmers' relief? In other words, (Continued on Page 2, Part 3)

Domestic to branch managers and agents who have been in their employment since before prohibition. Mayors of small towns throughout the United States have also expressed frankly the sentiment in their communities.

This survey has been made entirely without bias and without regard for what the facts would disclose. The results are being carefully compiled, and will be impartially presented in a series of articles which will appear in the Monitor beginning May 17 and continuing through June 30. Some of the subjects covered are: Has prohibition increased drug addiction? Is modification of the Volstead Act the answer to farmers' relief? In other words, (Continued on Page 2, Part 3)

SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE ROPED OFF

Protection Is Given Pupils
Of Adams School; Effective Now

Chairs across Oakland Avenue at Adams road and Worth street were put up today at the request of the Adams School board to protect the students from passing automobiles when they cross Oakland Avenue to their playground on the south side of the street. This movement came as the result of a discussion of the traffic problem at the meeting of the school board Thursday night. It was decided to put up chairs across the street. (Continued on Page 2, Part 3)

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