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SCHOOL LEASERS HERE FOR CONVENTION

Five Counties Represented
In All Day Conference
At Baldwin

STARTS THIS MORNING

Baldwin High School at 11 a. m. today will become the scene of the annual sectional meeting of school superintendents and principals in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, Genesee and St. Clair counties. For the first time in the history of these meetings, one is being held in Birmingham. More than 200 persons are expected to attend.

A program of speeches which has been given at other sections throughout the state will be presented by state educational officials from 11 until 12 p. m., and from 12:30 to 1 p. m.

The following program of topics is planned: 11 to 12 a. m., "Special Report on the State of Education"; 12:30 to 1 p. m., "The New School Code"; 1 to 2 p. m., "Standards of Efficiency for Junior Service"; "The Vocational Activities of the High School"; "What Should a Board of Education Expect from a Superintendent?"

The speakers are Mr. Cleveland, assistant superintendent of public instruction, Michigan; Mr. E. J. Galley, state director of vocational education; J. E. Edmonson, state superintendent of schools; J. W. Lee, assistant superintendent, department of high schools; John J. Lee, assistant superintendent, department of high schools; E. Galley, supervisor of vocational education; J. E. Edmonson, state superintendent of schools at the University of Michigan.

DEAD MAN'S KIN SOUGHT HERE

Accident Victim Believed
To Be Franklin
Northrup

Bloomfield Township is being searched today for relatives of a man believed from papers found in the trunk of a car to be Northrup, about 65 years old, and a resident of the township. Northrup was taken to the funeral home of Coroner O. C. Farmer in Pontiac by a hit-and-run driver. His body was taken to the funeral home of Coroner O. C. Farmer in Pontiac. Appearances after the accident indicate that the force which struck Northrup was lying dead on the pavement and was hit by the automobile, which crashed into a building.

A crash heard by residents of the highway near the scene of the accident brought the justice of the peace where Northrup was lying dead on the pavement, evidently hurt. The justice of the peace called the attention of the police to the accident. They could see the automobile which they believed to have struck Northrup in the darkness and deputies were notified. Coroner Farmer has not yet decided whether to hold an inquest.

ASK WIDENING OF WILLETTS

Manager Instructed To Prepare
Plans For Proposed
Work

Village Manager James W. Parry today is preparing maps, diagrams and estimates for the proposed widening of Willetts street between Woodward and Woodward streets. The widening of the street will be 66 feet. It is at present 50 feet wide.

After the estimates are obtained hearing for those affected by the improvement will be called by the commission. Plans for the new First Baptist church, proposed for the site of the present church at Bates and Willetts street, will be worked out in the coming week.

PART OF TAXES TO BE REFUNDED

Part of the assessment on paving in Birmingham is ordered refunded to property owners following action of the village commission Monday night at its regular meeting. The refunds are to be made because the rate for asphalt paving is higher than that of concrete, the material used in the paving. The streets affected are Hanna, Chester, Lincoln, and George.

APPOINTED ATTORNEYS TO GET ARRESTED

Breaks Shows of Traffic
Police To Floodup,
But Fails

TAKEN FOR LONG 'RIDE'

Running the red light at Woodward and Maple avenues in a desperate but futile attempt to attract a policeman's attention Monday, K. Thompson, 14717 Ross-lawn avenue, Detroit, was forced by a bandit to drive from Detroit to Pontiac under the threat of death.

Although in Birmingham, like in other communities on Woodward avenue between Detroit and Pontiac, Thompson saw policemen in the vicinity and in a manner as possible to attract their attention, no one seemed to notice him, he reported.

The hitch-hike bandit whom Thompson granted a "lift" in Detroit, was taken to the Pontiac and escaped on foot. Efforts of police to locate him were fruitless.

The victim's final attempt to get assistance from an officer in Pontiac failed because of the amount of failure. After the bandit left the machine, Thompson saw a motorist who stopped and helped him. He turned to the policeman but the latter, not noticing that attempt, mounted his motorcycle and hastened in pursuit of a speeder.

According to Thompson's report to the police, a man described as well dressed and about 27 years old asked him for a ride as he stopped for gas on the west side of Woodward street. When he entered the car he jammed a revolver against Thompson's side and ordered him to drive to Pontiac.

In Birmingham, Thompson said, he is sure he would have been when he ran a red traffic light and saw a policeman look warningly at his automobile. No pursuit followed, however.

Members of the village commission in discussing the proposal to cut through the Merril street to Woodward avenue, following a recommendation of the village planning commission.

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CHIEF PANS FIRE WEEK

Birmingham Taking Part
National Prevention
Move

With every effort being made to reduce the number of fires here this year, the chief of the fire department, Birmingham, this week is participating in the national fire prevention movement which ends Oct. 15.

Chief William G. Olsen has asked pastors of churches and heads of schools to remind those to whom they speak of the importance of fire prevention with the hope that the number of fires in the village for the year will be reduced substantially. "Caution will prevent fires," Chief Olsen said. "Most of the alarm klaxons also depend on the starting of furnace fires," he added.

Chief Olsen also said: "At this time of the year the matter of heating homes for the winter has become an important factor. Before the fires are started it is important that care and attention be given to the furnaces and flues for if they are neglected the entire home may be destroyed by fire. In 1925 property valued in excess of \$21,000,000 was destroyed because of fires which originated in defective chimneys and flues. The larger part of this loss could have been prevented if in-

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MANY HUNTERS SEEK PERMITS

Approximately 325 persons already have obtained hunting licenses from the Birmingham Hardware company store at Woodward and Maple avenues, according to an announcement made by L. J. Studer, proprietor. An even greater rush is expected next week, immediately prior to the opening of the season. This number is greater than that of the same time last year, he said.

FIREMEN STOP BLAZE IN WOODWARD HOME

A Birmingham fire truck arrived at 203 North Woodward avenue quickly enough Monday afternoon to prevent damage from a fire which started in an overhead tank. A steam valve had been left open, according to the report of the department.

Another still alarm, answered at 1:35 yesterday morning, proved to be only a pile of wood on fire. The flames had evidently spread from fire in an incinerator at 807 Frank street.

WHEN AUTO TAKES JOYRIDE, DRIVER PAYS

A Story With A Moral And A
Very Local Setting

The moral of this story might be "It's the man who pays," or "Always be sure of your tracks," or "If you take the wrong street, you're liable for it."

John C. Flanagan, 476 Savada avenue, Detroit, was driving a 1926 Buick sedan north on Woodward avenue when he arrived about parallel to John B. Ward, head of the village, took French leave of his parked and crashed into the side of the truck, the engine and one of the rear wheels parked on the east side of the street. The owner of the Buick sedan has not been identified.

The damage to the Buick sedan was estimated at about \$50 and to the second car, at \$100. "All of which Mr. Cannady will pay," police say.

CALL HEARING ON PROPOSED NEW STREET

Property Owners, Commission
To Discuss Cutting
Through Merril

URGED BY PLAN BOARD

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PROPOSES NEW ELEVATED LINE

Supervisors Asked For Use
Of Eight Mile Road For
Rapid Transit

A special committee of members of the Oakland County board of supervisors is active today investigating the advisability of granting a franchise to the Michigan American Transit corporation for use of the Eight Mile road for a system of elevated cars. The system would form part of a line running from New York to Chicago, according to the report of the board of directors, who spoke to the supervisors.

P. Potter outlined to members of the supervisors the plans of his company. He declared that the system would be a double-track line with concrete posts 50 inches square at distances of 50 feet.

The lines would be elevated, he declared, to a height of 22 feet. Present cars would be replaced by concrete posts 50 inches square at distances of 50 feet.

The "medicinal" well near the site of the former village pumping station on west Maple road will be preserved for the use of villagers. It was revealed at Tuesday night's meeting of the village commission that the well, which has been used for many years, will be connected and ready for use again in a short time. Village Manager James W. Parry said.

BIRMINGHAM WOMAN GETS APPROPRIATION

Appropriation of \$1,500 to the Relief commission was made by the Oakland County board of supervisors at its session Tuesday, after a report by Mrs. Irwin H. Neff, of east Maple road, chairman of the commission, who reported that the commission during the past year, of last year's \$1,500 appropriation, \$115 remains unexpended. Mrs. Neff said.

ROAD BANDITS WAYLAY DRIVER

Deputies today are seeking the two bandits who held up the driver of a delivery truck on the Adams road near Birmingham Tuesday night. The truck was carrying \$45. The thugs were Carl Luce of Royal Oak, driver of the truck, and one of the bandits who held up the driver. Luce was able to give the officers descriptions of the men.

NEW TROY TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Above is a picture of the new building which is being occupied today by the township offices. The building is located at the intersection of the Troy and Wattle roads. The building is approximately 300 by 100 feet and is a two-story structure. It is a fine example of modern architecture and is well equipped for the needs of the township offices.

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EDUCATOR URGES ENCOURAGEMENT OF ORIGINALITY IN CHILDREN

STEPS ORDERED
TO SAVE TREES

Village commissioners Monday authorized the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$300 for spraying the small trees in Birmingham with Manzanita. W. Parry reported that they were seriously in need of attention. The spraying will be done by the village engineer.

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Y. M. C. A. DRIVE STARTS OCT. 23

Meeting Called For Completion
Of Final Preparations

Final plans for the annual Y. M. C. A. drive in Birmingham and the immediate vicinity will be completed at a meeting and dinner Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. building. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Announcement is also made of the plans for the annual Y. M. C. A. drive in Birmingham and the immediate vicinity will be completed at a meeting and dinner Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. building.

THREE ROBBED BY GUNMEN

Northlawn Drive Scene Of
Midnight Hold-Up

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RESIDENCE THEFTS AND BURGLARIES

Only those who have insurance against burglary can rest easy when they leave their homes. The Birmingham Police Department has received reports of several burglaries in the city. The police are seeking the burglars and are offering a reward for information.

BIRMINGHAM TO CONTINUE FIRE RELIEF

Village Agrees To Help
Township Until Plans
Are Completed

TWO PLANS OFFERED

At a meeting of officials of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hill Village, Bloomfield township, Troy and Northlawn townships, held at the village office here, it was agreed that Birmingham would continue to furnish fire protection to these outside territories pending plans to be formulated within the next few weeks. The meeting was the result of a resolution passed by Birmingham's commission last summer in which it was ordered that decided upon to cut off all outside fire protection this month.

Although officials from Troy and Northlawn townships were present at last night's meeting, this chief executive was pointed out by officials of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hill Village, and Bloomfield townships. The result of the meeting was the result of a resolution passed by Birmingham's commission last summer in which it was ordered that decided upon to cut off all outside fire protection this month.

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ACTION SEEN AT HILLS SCHOOL

Board In District No. 2 Work
Out Financing
Plan

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REALTY DINNER PLANS READY

Record Crowd Expected At
Annual
Affair
Here

A record crowd is expected by commitment to attend the annual dinner and program of the Birmingham real estate board to be held next Wednesday at the Knights of Pythias hall on north Woodward street. The dinner will be held at 7:30 p. m. and will be well as from the general public in Birmingham.

PROGRESS MADE ON NEW SCHOOL

Contracts Include One With Teets
Electrical Company For
Wiring

With the contracts signed and in force between the school board and the several companies working on the Querton School, preliminary work on the school located at Chesterfield and Oak streets, is going forward today.

Henry Leland of Detroit will be the main speaker. His talk will be centered around the automobile industry. The dinner will be held at 7:30 p. m. and will be well as from the general public in Birmingham.