

DAMAGES SOUGHT IN FLOOD CASE

Village Asked For \$500 After Ridge-dale Water Tank Over-flow

A study of the conditions around the water tank at Ridge-dale avenue and the Grand Trunk railway tracks is under way today by members of the village commission, after their receipt of a bill for alleged damages to the extent of \$500 to the residence of Neil Black. In a letter to the commission, Mr. Black said the overflow was a common thing and that it had damaged his property and the basement of his residence. He also told the commission that many other residences in the neighborhood were damaged by the overflow.

The tank has had the attention of the village for several months as the result of complaints from property owners, and it was the opinion that the trouble had been eliminated. However, Mr. Black said it had overflowed five times in the last month.

Wife of Flyer



Here is the latest photo of Mrs. William S. Brock, of Detroit, wife of the world flyer. Mrs. Brock has declared that she knows nothing of Mrs. Corrine Brock, of Dayton, O., who, since the flight began, claims to have married the aviator in Illinois in 1920.

NEW FORM USED IN PIANO LESSONS

Village Teacher Soon To Give Demonstration of Method For Learning Music.

The system of teaching reading in the first grade is being applied to teaching piano playing by the new instrument, the "Visiola," which Mrs. Helen Wagner Neff, piano teacher, has installed in her home. The Visiola is an electrical aid which can be attached to any piano or clavichord which, when operated by a teacher, indicates the key to play and how to play it, thus translating the printed page to the pupil who sits at the second keyboard, Mrs. Neff explained.

"In reading," Mrs. Neff said, "the child is taught by note certain little pieces, then, by associations, certain combinations, the individual letter being the last thing to be learned. So, with the Visiola, the child is taught by rote certain little pieces, then, by association, certain combinations such as chords, sequences, etc. The musical idea, the meaning as a whole, is the first stressed, the individual note, last of all. "The child learns to play by playing," Mrs. Neff continued, "by making real music, by having the experience of getting over the keys with a greater degree of freedom, much earlier than he does by the old method, when the notes on the staff are taught first. Notation with the Visiola is gradually introduced, depending entirely upon the pupil's ability.

"All the components of piano playing, rhythm, fingering phrasing, interpretation, ear-training and concentration, are introduced from the very beginning," she said. "With the aid of the Visiola children as young as five may be

started, as it attracts and holds the attention. It also aids greatly in the teaching of older pupils by helping in the development of rhythmic feeling and keyboard facility. By simplification, it makes the harmonic structure more easily visible.

"As no particular music or books must be used with it, all the newest and best material written today is at the disposal of the teacher. The Visiola is endorsed by leading pianists and pedagogues, and is arousing much interest in music circles."

Mrs. Neff will give a formal demonstration of the Visiola soon, and to anyone who is interested, she will explain and demonstrate it at her home on Watkins street, she said.

AUTOS COLLIDE, DRIVERS UNHURT

Two automobile drivers escaped injuries Tuesday when their cars collided at Woodward avenue and the Opdyke road. The car driven by Earl Snyder, 6830 Crane avenue, Detroit, was overturned onto the street car tracks when struck broadside by that driven by Thomas Hinz, 118 Judson street, Pontiac, it was reported to police of Bloomfield Hills.

POLICE RAID DICE GAME, ONE FINED

Shooting craps on west Maple avenue for an 80-cent pot brought A. Eminger, employe of a shoe shining store on west Maple avenue, a \$5.00 fine in Judge Malcolm Hunt's justice court, when he was arraigned on a charge of disorderly conduct Monday. He was arrested by Chief James Anderson, Sunday, with two 16-year-old boys, who were dismissed because of their youth.

OLD TREES FELLED; CALLED DANGEROUS

Two of Birmingham's oldest natural landmarks—elm trees at the northeast corner of Woodward and Maple avenues—are felled, dissected and distributed to various parts of the village today, having slipped into a state of senility wherein even trees become dangerous. They were ordered down by the village when an inspection showed they were a menace to the building, which, for many years, they shaded.

SEEK TO BAR TRUCKS FROM LINCOLN AVE.

The problem of keeping heavy trucks off Lincoln avenue is in the hands of Police Chief James Anderson today following a complaint made to the village commission at the meeting Monday night. Commissioners W. W. Henry said he had been told by several residents of the neighborhood that there is almost a constant line of the vehicles on the street.

SPEEDS TO HOSPITAL, DRIVER IS ARRESTED

Although he pleaded that he was speeding to take several women to a hospital to see a sick friend, Clarence Hallberg, Cass street, Pontiac, had to pay a \$25 fine when he was arraigned before Judge Malcolm Hunt Monday afternoon immediately after he was arrested on north Woodward avenue by Patrolman George Townsend. Townsend said Hallberg, driving north, was going 50 miles an hour.

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