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## SOCIETY HEAD TELLS PLANS

### Dr. Roehm Outlines To Rotarians Program For Crippled Child Relief

Dr. Harold Roehm, local pediatrician, who a few weeks ago was elected president of the Oakland County Chapter of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children, was the speaker at the Monday meeting of the Birmingham Rotary club. Dr. Roehm gave a short resume of work done by the Oakland County Chapter during the past year, and tentatively outlined plans for the annual membership drive to be held this year from Oct. 24 to Nov. 24. Following the membership campaign, at which time it is one continual scene of battles, in which, however, he usually comes off conqueror. Hawks and doves, the hold eagle, as well as all other birds, dread an encounter with this dauntless little champion, as, soon as he sees another bird approaching, launches into originally a Rotary movement, it is now composed of a majority of men and women from other organizations. Its directorate consists of 20 men and women from all parts of the county, spoke briefly of the state's recent legislation to help crippled children. Although the Oakland County chapter was

## KING FISHER, WILD IN YOUTH, SOON ADOPTS LIFE OF QUIET

Editor's Note: This is the twelfth of a series of articles written by the Eccentric's Wilmot H. Wood, 304 Southfield avenue, based on a life study of birds, and a monthly article of Wild Life. Another of Mr. Wood's articles will appear in the Eccentric next week.

By WILMOT H. WOOD

The king fisher has been known as and has been called by naturalists the "Giant Flycatcher" because of the authority he assumes over all other birds during his breeding season. The king fisher's extreme affection for his mate and young makes him suspicious of every bird that happens to pass near his home, so he attacks without discrimination every intruder.

By June and July his life is one continual scene of battles, in which, however, he usually comes off conqueror. Hawks and doves, the hold eagle, as well as all other birds, dread an encounter with this dauntless little champion, as, soon as he sees another bird approaching, launches into originally a Rotary movement, it is now composed of a majority of men and women from other organizations. Its directorate consists of 20 men and women from all parts of the county, spoke briefly of the state's recent legislation to help crippled children. Although the Oakland County chapter was

## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS — of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

### 43 YEARS AGO

Miss Mollie Carter, and Miss Daisy Randall of Cincinnati, O., are guests of Mrs. James Van Every; also Mrs. Emmiter and daughter Nellie of Detroit, during vacation.

Will YOU look and see if your garden rake has the name of Whitehead and Mitchell hand-painted marked on the handle? If so 'tis ours and we want it—oh, so bad!

### 25 YEARS AGO

Miss Belle Ward has been entertaining Miss Edith Parkins of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Deer, and Mr. and Mrs. C. Harks were Detroit visitors on Monday.

Walter McBride, of Harper House, will be in town Friday evening.

Mrs. H. Salzer, and Mrs. L. Blakeslee visited Pontiac friends last Friday.

Frank Deer of Grace Hospital spent a few days at home last week.

Dr. George Raynold, of Detroit, was home Monday.

Mrs. J. F. Runder visited Detroit Friday.

Miss Rhoda Starr of Clawson was in town Monday.

## ELLERBY SEES GARAGE NEED

### Credits: Village Soon Will Have To Provide Accommodation For Trucks

Birmingham village soon will be compelled to have a municipal garage, it was predicted at the special meeting of the commission last Thursday night by President H. T. Ellerby.

The prediction came when Chief Williams G. Olsen declared during the discussion of the new municipal building, that the first plans did not provide enough room in the fire department wing for the washing and repairing of fire trucks.

"It seems to me that Birmingham will soon have to follow the plans of Detroit in this regard," Mr. Ellerby said. "The washing of the trucks can be done inside and outside of the stations and the general repair work in a municipal garage. We soon will need a building of this nature to care for the equipment of the village that is constantly being added to."

He declared that some provision would soon have to be made to care for the material now kept in the store house near the Grand Trunk railway tracks, on the site of the now proposed 204 foot highway.

## HERE'S A CHECK—BUT NOT FOR BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham almost became richer by \$19,500, it was explained at the commission meeting Monday night by Haze Lawler, village clerk. A check for that amount was received by the village from W. Smith, address not given. It was said to be in payment for gravel received from a "foreman" kept officials engaged for some days and all their effort was in vain. Then came the problem of depositing the money. Just before that was to be met, however, another letter came from Mr. Smith asking that the check be returned. It should have been sent to the Oakland County road commission, he said, and not to the village of Birmingham at all.

## FIRE REPORT IS GIVEN OUT

Twelve alarms were answered by the Birmingham Fire department during August, according to the report of V. W. Griffith, of the department, made public yesterday. Eight were still alarms, and four general alarms. Property damages in the general alarms was small.

These latter were for fires at 110 Holland avenue, Woodward and Smith avenues, 327 Bennaville avenue, and 309 Purdy street.

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## SCHOOL OFFICIAL PRAISES SYSTEM

State Superintendent Approves Lederle's Helping Teacher Plan

Webster H. Pearce, state superintendent of public instruction, speaking in Pontiac Friday, evidenced that the helping teacher plan, the new rural school supervision system used in Oakland county, met with his utmost approval.

Mr. Pearce pointed out that the plan is especially suited to Oakland County because the board of supervisors appreciate it and because the county is able to finance it.

"Other counties," Mr. Pearce said, "less wealthy, are a trifle reluctant to appropriate money for such a system and yet I feel that in time the helping teacher idea will be a part of every county school program."

This plan was inaugurated in September, 1924, and Mr. Pearce was profuse in his praise of Commissioner E. J. Lederle's part in effecting the legislation making the plan possible.

## HI-Y PRESIDENTS PLAN MEETING

A meeting of the officers and committee chairman of the Hi-Y clubs of southern Oakland County is being planned for Sept. 25, by the president of the various clubs. Members of the club who attended Camp Hey-Went-Ha during the summer, where plans and programs for Hi-Y clubs were discussed in some detail, met in Royal Oak Tuesday night to work out plans for the affair. George Conroy, president of Birmingham Hi-Y, was in attendance at the Royal Oak conference.

## DISCUSS PROGRAM

The program for the coming season was discussed by the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. board at a dinner last night at the Chateau Tea Room. B. Howarth is president of the Birmingham Young Men's League, vice-president, Whiting Raymond, secretary, and Arthur Peck, treasurer.

Police men of Paris are to have a course in the English language.

## New 18-Ft. Alley Is Given Approval

Village Manager James W. Parry today is preparing maps and diagrams for the commission of a proposed alley 18 feet wide in the block bounded by Woodward avenue, Brown street, Pierce street and west Maple avenue. The commission approved the move at their meeting last Monday night.

TWO PAY FINES  
Jack Hoder, 164 Cadillac street, Pontiac, paid a \$10 fine for being drunk and William Patton, 943 Michigan avenue, Detroit, paid \$5 for speeding, when they were arraigned on these charges before Judge Floyd S. Buck Monday morning. Hoder was arrested Sunday by Patrolman Edward Myers and Patton was apprehended Saturday by the same officer.

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Mine Host Fish, of the National House, will be present and happily recipient this week of a happy present in the shape of a village and peach, the like of which for size and lusciousness has certainly not been seen in Birmingham this year, and, in fact, we don't know as we ever saw their equal for such a quantity together. One of these beautiful peaches fell to us and we have been handling it very carefully, inasmuch as our corps are tender at present writing, the particular peach weighed a little over half a pound and measured ten inches in circumference, as a successful horticulturist who sent Mr. Fish the peaches is Frank Harger, of near Pontiac.

## The Grab Bag

September 15, 1927

Who were the leaders of the famous expedition to the Pacific northward in 1804?

"There is no peace, saith the Lord unto the wicked." Where does this passage appear in the Bible?

Today's Horoscope  
Persons of this sign are usually born with the gift of patience, and are tolerant of those who are slow to act.

For answers to the above see Page 3, Part 3.

## DETROIT TO FIGHT SPEEDING CHARGE

William Bohlander, 12 Plaza Place, Detroit, will be tried at 3 p. m. tomorrow on a charge of speeding to which he pleaded not guilty Monday when he was arraigned before Judge Floyd S. Buck. Bohlander was arrested about 6 p. m. Saturday by Officer Edward Myers on South Woodward avenue, when he was said to have been driving 34 miles an hour.

## FARM BUREAU MEN HOLD OPEN FORUM

Officials of farm bureaus from eight counties in Michigan met Friday in Pontiac to discuss a program for the coming year. The counties represented are: Oakland, Livingston, Wayne, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Lenawee. Several of the representatives spoke briefly on problems common to the farmer and an open discussion followed.

The baby daughter of Signora Margherita of Genoa weighed only one pound at birth.

## Dempsey-Tunney Fight

THURSDAY NIGHT - SEPT. 22nd

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## FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE INDIANS TOLD THIS STORY ABOUT BIRMINGHAM AND BLOOMFIELD HILLS

AY back even before Columbus discovered America the Chippewas and Foxes fought a great and sanguine war for the possession of the region that now comprises Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. Descendants of the Algonquin tribes gave an account of this war to Michew, a French trader and explorer, in the year of 1534. All tribes were eager to possess this bountiful hunting and fishing ground but they were eliminated one after another until the Chippewas and Foxes alone remained as formidable contenders.

The Foxes were smaller in number but daring. A feud between these two tribes extended over many years; constant fighting worked great hardships on the smaller tribe who finally sued for peace. Their peace overture was scorned by the haughty Chippewas. Thereupon the enraged Foxes painted their faces, danced the war dance with unusual zest and, with tomahawks in hand, hastened to the Chippewa village on the present site of the Birmingham Cemetery. The Chippewas were defeated, their village sacked and their tribe reduced; 700 dead lay along the line of retreat in the direction of Detroit.

This is one of many contests for the possession of that cherished region. Appreciated and sought after by the red and white man alike, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills remain to this day most desirable "to have and to hold."