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YOUNG DRIVER ON PROBATION FOR TWO YEARS

Youth Who Fails To Stop After Striking Rinsier Pleads Guilty

VICTIM IS RECOVERING

Merle J. Whiting, 24 years old, Highland avenue, Highland Park, was returned to Birmingham from his home by Birmingham police who traced him through the license number on his car.

HILLS CLUB MEN HIGH IN CONTEST

Oakland Golfers Carry Away Three Honors in State Senior Meet at Lochmor

Members of the Oakland Hills Golf club carried away three prizes in the State Senior Golf Association Tournament held last Thursday and Friday at the Lochmor club course.

WORK PROGRESSES ON PUMP HOUSE RAZING

Completion of the razing of the pumping station on West Maple avenue is seen within the next 10 days by Village Manager James W. Parry.

'NEWSPAPER BUG' OF WHITEHEAD AND MITCHELL RESPONSIBLE FOR BIRTH OF THE ECCENTRIC

By GEORGE H. MITCHELL CHAPTER V
We hadn't been in the business very long when we both felt that we'd like to start a newspaper. We did job work and that was enough, many advised, but the newspaper bug was there and soon it was out. Charles R. Fisher of Pontiac, who was working on the Pontiac Bill poster, under Nisbett, was the printer engaged and we were planned for 'The Eccentric.' Second hand type, cases, etc., were bought and set up in a corner of the Pontiac Bill poster's work rooms by Fisher.

One old resident was determined that the name of this new publication must be The Birmingham Picayune. Why, was something we could neither see nor understand, but it was christened The Birmingham Eccentric.

For several years Will C. Jenks, George H. Mitchell, Eben L. Parker, Walter North, Frank Randall, Stewart Odyke, A. Whitehead, Johnnie Alger and N. A. Allister Randall had run together, and on some Sundays, Johnnie Alger would hitch up his father's horse to a big spring wagon that they owned, and away they would go for a day's ride. Orchard Lake, Orion, Union, Rochester and even Detroit were included.

Right here we are reminded of the girls, who not to be outdone, organized a club of their own named by themselves the Washingtonians. They soon cut the name to the Tonies. At one time they were a large and flourishing club, and it would outbid their rivals, the Eccentrics.

The members of this popular and noted club were: Mary E. Utter, Jennie Keyes, Mrs. Emma Brown, "Oh, Oh," the Eccentrics, Flora Keyes, (Posey), Mary Simpson, Mrs. Kattie Simpson Alger, Ella Webster, and Della McKinstry. There were the happy days. Well, as years went along the banking business grew a building was erected for it, by the side of the drug store and a built-in well. It became a private banking institution, an financial exhibition or a report of the business was made to the public, but at the close of each year, Mr. Whitehead would make for his own satisfaction and for mine too, a statement of the financial condition of the Exchange Bank.

I will remember the first day that the D. U. R.'s earnings reached \$500 for one day, and how Strathairn Hendrie came in to the Exchange Bank with a Hurrah! saying: "This is our very first day's receipt of five hundred dollars."

He's Just a Youngster

—but he's going back to school with \$41.87 which he's saved up this summer!

ONE OF OUR DEPOSITORS, a manly little chap of 11, has worked hard and saved hard all summer. He's saving, he says, to go to college—and Dad has agreed to match the total of his savings when he finishes high school.

That's a good plan for any boy or girl, and a suggestion for your parents, too. Such a plan provides a definite goal, a fine incentive, and lets the child partly "stake himself" to his own college education.

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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1927

TWO INJURED AS CARS CRASH

Hurts Of Accident Victims Less Severe Than First Thought

Two persons are recovering today from injuries received when their auto struck another on South Woodward avenue, Friday night. They are: Miss Evelyn Neckeval, 3181 1/2 Ninety-Fifth street, Cleveland; and Henry Hapke, 12416 Foley avenue, Detroit. They were riding with George Wood, 3452 Pacific avenue, Detroit.

VILLAGE GETS NEW FIRE TRUCK

The Birmingham fire department has a new fire truck in operation today which will be used for making inspections and an engine for fighting fires.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

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

43 YEARS AGO
The Brownell Mission Band met at the home of Mrs. John Baldwin on the afternoon following the little beatitudes in Africa and transacting such other business as the occasion required.

25 YEARS AGO
Frank Deer, who is a training nurse at Grace Hospital, was taken ill about three weeks ago with appendicitis and last Saturday it was decided he would undergo an operation.

There is a beautiful new sidewalk around the premises of the editor, Geo. H. Mitchell—the result of his own and only earnings. For particulars see Talbot. There will be another walk that Moore will be obliged to pay for. It is not generally known that we have a sculptor in our midst but such, alas, is true, and in this artist's studio, carefully done up in clay is Whitehead on a bust so beautifully and correctly finished that even the dogs bark at it. But it is not for man to tell the studio's location.

Elsewhere you will read of the marriage of Miss Sarah Brown to Robert Stewart Forbes. Miss Forbes is a host of warm friends, especially in Troy who will unite in wishing her and her worthy husband a long and happy life.

We received quite a going over because no motion picture was the arrival of Amos Howland's boy baby, who arrived on the scene a little more than two weeks ago. Well, such is life.

M. D. Sly and Joe S. Stockwell are visiting the celebrated points in New York and Maryland, and will see the elephant at Washington, D. C. before they return.

Married: at Pontiac, August 11, 1884, Mr. Joe Gravin and Miss Bell Groves. Rather late in wishing them joy, but they were awful still about it.

Married: at the M. E. parsonage Sept. 12, 1884, by Rev. Geo. W. Lowe, Mr. Joseph Beltz, of Birmingham, and Miss Mary Shuler of Southfield.

Gold-Winged Woodpecker Protects Grass By Picking Harmful Insects Out of Ground

Editor's Note: This is the eleventh of a series of articles being written for the Eccentric by Mr. Wood, who lives on Southfield avenue, and is a member of the State Department of the Conservation of Wild Life. Another of Mr. Wood's articles will appear in the Eccentric next week.

By WILLIAM H. WOOD
The gold-winged woodpecker, a wonderful bird, is quite common about our lawns and parks, where we can see him digging in the soil with his strong beak after worms and grubs. This bird, as is also known as the "high-bird" and the "golden flicker."

The golden-winged woodpecker has black and white above, of a dark amber, traversed by a line of black, the streaks of black surrounding the eyes, a fine cinnamon color on the neck, and a mandible a strip of black, an inch in length, passes down each side of a vivid blue red, covers the hind head, its two points reaching within half an inch of each eye. The sides of the neck, below this, incline to a bluish gray.

The throat and chin are a very light cinnamon or buff color. The breast is ornamented with a broad crescent of deep black, and the belly and vent are white, tinged with yellow, and scattered with innumerable round spots of black, every feather having a distinct central spot. Those on the high are heart-shaped and serrate with a whitish outer edge. The legs and feet are light blue and the iris of the eye, hazel.

The bill is an inch and a half in length, of a dusky horn color, slightly bent, ridged only at the tip, tapering, but not to a point, that being a little wedge-shaped. The legs and feet are light blue and the iris of the eye, hazel.

The gold-winged woodpecker is 12 inches in length and 20 inches in extent. The female differs from the male in the greater obscenity of the fine colors. It also lacks the black on each side of the throat. This bird often remains with its all winter.

I should like to call your attention to the tongue of this bird. It is supplied with a viscid fluid secreted by two glands that lie under the ear on each side, and are at least five times larger in this species than in any other woodpecker of this size. With this, the tongue is continually moistened so that every small insect it touches instantly adheres to it. The tongue, as found and the roots go clear over and around the skull.

In the woods, I often see these golden birds playing hide and seek with each other, flying from tree to tree, uttering a cry that sounds like "look here." As one bird comes in sight, the bird on the other tree scrambles back to the opposite side of the tree so he cannot be seen. They will play this way for a long time. They build in boxes nailed to trees, but prefer a hole well up in the dead branch of a tree.

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Crops judging team, composed of John Morris, Bill Mersing and Milton Miller of the West Oxford Potato club—yesterday.

Live stock judging team, composed of three boys from the Holly Senior club—Thursday, Sept. 8, at 8 a. m.

Renoth Becker of Wilcox, who with three other Michigan boys, will compete for the title of Michigan's best boy, is scheduled to appear Friday, Sept. 9, at 10 a. m.

TRAFFIC LAWS NOW AFFECT ENTIRE STATE

Speed Limit On Roads Outside Towns Is Enforced
ENFORCEMENT IS SEEN
The new state traffic laws, passed at the last session of the legislature are in effect throughout Michigan today and police in all parts of the state have been asked to see that they are enforced.

COUNTY YOUTHS HOLD EXHIBITION

Oakland Boys to Display Results Of Workmanship At State Fair
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NEW ORGANIST ASSUMES DUTIES

J. Harold Corner, formerly of Toronto Ont., successor to Melvin Kates, is active today in his new duties as organist and choir master of the St. James Episcopal Church.

Bob, a setter dog belonging to the cashier of a Chicago factory, distributes pay envelopes each week to the employees, all of whom he knows by name.

Mrs. Marianne Hendrick, who recently died in Nancey, France, at the age of 91, has cooked for one family for 71 years.

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