Interesting Current Event Features Illustrated

"AND HOW IS HIS MAJESTY TODAY?"

"Old Kate," who won the interest of King George V when she sold racing cards to the British sovereign, asks after her ruler's health from a bobby outside the gates of Buckingham palace in London.

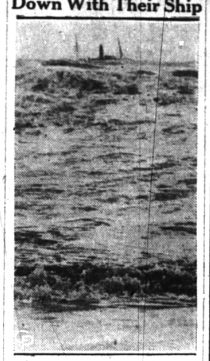
FRUSTRATED GANGSTER'S ESCAPE

When Sidney "Whitey" Weiss, a fourth offender, attempted to shoot his way out of criminal courts building in New York, with a smuggled revolver, after he had been sentenced to life, a melee resulted in which Weiss was killed and two court attendants wounded. Photo shows, left to right, Al Williams, who, handcuffed to Weiss, was shot in the hand; Captain Jack Doyle, who killed the prisoner, and Leon Kallstrand, whose head was seared by one of the bullets from Weiss' gun.

POLICE SEIZE, QUIZ, 23 GANGSTERS IN "CONVENTION"

Some of a gang of 23 suspected gunmen held by police after a raid on several rooms in a prominent Cleveland, O., hotel, where the men had registered and were living in luxury. Although police found guns on all of the men and some of them bear records, grilling has been unsuccessful. It is believed the men are linked with an underworld gang engaged in a war for the control of the corn sugar supply.

Down With Their Ship



As a crowd stood on the shore powerless to help, a crew of 32 were washed away when the Italian steamer Salento ran aground during a heavy gale two miles off the coast of Zantvoort, Holland. Photo shows a view of the wreck.

A new all-metal flying boat developed in Europe has 24 seats for passengers, is driven by four 2,000 horsepower engines and can make 126 miles an hour.

Insects have been on the earth for 50,000,000 years, while the human race is only 500,000 years old.

VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday, Dec. 10, 1928 at 8 P. M.

Present: President Ellerby, Commissioners White, Henry, McBride, Hersey, Hulbert and Halgren.

Absent: None.

Minutes of the meeting held Monday Dec. 3, 1928, approved as printed.

686—Moved by Commissioner Henry that the following bills be paid:

James Anderson, $1804.00; A-B-C Airline Corp., $1.00; Anderson Bros., $13.; Badger Meter Mfg. Co., $850.00; Bailey, $14.94; James D. Barker, $40.00; Bell Bros. Garage, $26.75; Bice & Archibald, $4.20; Birmingham Battery Service $.75; Birmingham Eccentric, $210.65; Birmingham Hardware, $64.23; Birmingham Sales & Door Inc. $251.85; E. A. Bowman Inc. $19.41; Carroll Machine & Tool Co., $25.35; Commercial Carbon Co., $20.58; Digestive Ferments Co., $10.84; Fred Douglass, $33.10; H. D. Edwards & Co. $109.49; Elgin Street Sweeper Co., $36.00; Finnell System, $3.65; Stanley Fenn, $46.10; Ben George, $50.25; Elmer Hanck, $52.20; Hawk Brewery, $3.50; E. & H. Henry, $17.00; J. Holcombe, $51.30; G. A. Ingram Co., $17.50; Leonard Electrical Co., $41.94; Levinson Realty Co., $159.58; Geo. W. Smith Co., $9.00; Royal Oak Cement Construction Co., $1464.80; G. A. McDaire, $7534.80; E. M. Mahaffy, $38.23; R. Mix, $8.75; Nelson Co., $76.87; Northern Glass Co. $3.60; Perry Testing Laboratory, $22.00; Albert Pick & Co., $15.31; Royal Oak Birmingham Express, $3.50; L. C. Smith & Corona Type, Inc., $40.00; F. E. Sternal, $120.65; Henry G. Stoll, $16.75; Wm. R. Thornton, $29.44; Vogt Bros. Mfg. Co., $72.00; D. B. Wilkinson, $46.91; Wilson Drug Co., $52.94; Wolverine Drug Co., $61.25; Fred J. Wallace, $251.38; Jos. O. Wylie Bell $4.80; Fire Dept. Fees, $423.00; Bockstans Bros., $155.62; Bird Electrical Co., $36.48; Detroit Edison Co., $2802.55; F. W. Conant, $72.43; Lawson, Erb Co., $162.14; Mokes Bros. $2.35; Miller Tire & Battery Service, $5.50; Crum & Co., $6850.95; J. A. McDuee, $115.00; Mike Kobashian, $1271.34; Heweler Sales, $107.19; W. F. Balko, $424.85; General Fireproofing, $1766.25; McBride Hardware, $49.33; Boughner Bros. $92.56; Gregory Mayer & Thom, $5205.18; Consumers Power Co., $7.65; David C. Hogath, $85.35; Wm. Ford & Co., $16.; F. J. Mulholland, $2.45; Oak Cleaners, $24.95; Birmingham Cab & Taxi Co., $12.00; Huston Hardware Co., $28.; C. Elliott, Addressograph Co., $6.13; A. Henry, $2.25; Michigan Valve & Foundry, $2.25; Sanitary Plumbing Co., $25.10; Dave Goodfriend, $64.10; Vogt Bros. Mfg. Co., $434.00; Thomas H. Allen, $235.50; Shopiro, $1.90; H. D. Edwards & Co., $10.78; Bockstans Bros., $10.75; Acme Window Cleaning Co., $133.25; R. C. Moulthrop Lumber Co., $23.16; Becker & Becker, $4.44; Mike Harabedian, $536.91.

Yeas: 7; Nays: 0.

A communication was received from Mrs. L. G. Green, 438 Townsend relative to a smoke nuisance in that locality.

687—Moved by Commissioner Henry that the communication from Mrs. L. G. Green be referred to the Village Manager for checking. Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

A communication was received from the Village Planning Commission favoring the use of the second block in the civic center for a building serving the general public.

688—Moved by Commissioner McBride that the communication from the Planning Commission be received and placed on file. Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

689—Moved by Commissioner Hersey that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved that the Commission of the Village of Birmingham does hereby declare that it is expedient and advisable that a public alley be opened and improved in the block bounded by Woodward, Frank, Ann and George Streets, (said alley extending from Frank to George) and that the Village Manager be hereby instructed to prepare maps and diagrams, together with an estimate of the cost of construction of such above named improvement, and file the same with this Commission, with all due haste. Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

690—Moved by Commissioner White that the following tax roll summary be received and approved;

Tax Roll Summary—1928

1928 Tax Levy		
$12.00 per on $23,441,100.00	$281,293.20	
Special Assessments added	88,462.48	
Reassessed taxes added	2,936.05	
Misc. tax leins added	6,731.00	
Total tax roll		379,422.73
Penalties added		3,353.43
Total to be accounted for		$382,766.16
Collections		
Taxes	216,535.20	
Special Assessments	59,035.81	
Penalties	753.40	
Total		276,324.41
Returned to County Treasurer		
Taxes	64,758.00	
Special Assessments	38,816.22	
Penalties	2,600.03	
Miscellaneous charges cancelled		106,168.25
Total accounted for		382,766.16

Yeas, 7; Nays, 0

691—Moved by Commissioner McBride that Price-Waterhouse be employed to audit the Village books for the year. Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

692—Moved by Commissioner Hulbert that a license to operate a taxi cab be issued to Shaw Bros., Inc., and that their Policy of Insurance covering same be accepted. Yeas, 7; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner McBride that the meeting adjourn.

MYRTLE E. CARSON
Village Clerk.

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS COMMISSION

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Oakland County, Michigan

December 4th, 1928.

Adjourned regular meeting of the village Commission held in the Village Office

Present: at Roll Call President Allen, Commissioner Roehm; Commissioner Taliaferro; Commissioner Wallace; Commissioner Whittlesey.

No. 285

Moved by Commissioner Wallace that action on the improvement of the Lone Pine Road be postponed until further notice.

Motion carried.

No. 286

Moved by Commissioner Roehm that meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

WM. STORY,
Clerk

Regular meeting of Village Commission held in the Village Office, December 4th, 1928.

Present at Roll Call: President Allen; Commissioner Roehm; Commissioner Taliaferro; Commissioner Wallace; Commissioner Whittlesey.

No. 287

The Minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved.

No. 288

Moved by Commissioner Taliaferro, supported by Commissioner Wallace, that the following bills be aporoved and ordered paid.

U. S. Fidelity & Guaranteed Co., Clerk's Bond, $5.00; Birmingham Eccentric, Printing, $11.60; Leonard Electric Co., $2.30; A. A. Mudge, $17.00; Detroit Edison, $424.00; Higgins Rodger Co., $25.09; Bloomfield Service Station, $62.64; Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, $25.00; McAlpine & Starr, $768.75; Howard J. Bell, $15.00.

Motion carried. Yeas 5, Nays 0.

No. 289

Moved by Commissioner Wallace supported by Commissioner Whittlesey that report of Police Chief Putman be accepted.

Motion carried.

No. 290

Moved by Commissioner Taliaferro supported by Commissioner Roehm that the Village purchase sawed off shot guns for the use of police.

Yeas 5. Nays 0.

No. 291

Moved by Commissioner Wallace supported by Commissioner Taliaferro that a Four Way Stop and Go Light be placed at the intersections of Woodward Avenue and Lone Pine Road. Motion carried. Yeas 5, Nays 0.

No. 292

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Wallace who moved its adoption. Whereas the American La France Co., does not advise Chromium plating on nickle of Fire Truck purchased by Village. Therefore be it Resolved that the Village Clerk be authorized to ask for a reduction on the Contract price and to make such arrangements as will be to the best advantage of the Village. Resolution adopted.

No. 293

Moved by Commissioner Wallace supported by Commissioner Whittlesey that President Allen appoint three of the present Commission and three residents of the Village to act as Fire Commission.

Motion carried.

No. 294

Moved by President Allen supported by Commissioner Whittlesey that Camerون Rong, Inc., of Detroit, be granted a Plumbing License.

Motion carried.

No. 295

Moved by Commissioner Taliaferro supported by Commissioner Roehm that Electrical Licenses be granted to Advance Electrical Co. of Detroit, Leon Smith of Royal Oak, and M. G. Taylor of Pontiac.

Motion carried.

Resolution and Amendment of Charter of the Village of Bloomfield Hills.

I do hereby certify that the following is a true, complete and correct copy of the original resolution passed by the Village Commission of the Village of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, on the 4th day of December, 1928, as the same appears from the records on file in my office.

W. M. STORY,
Village Clerk

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Roehm:

Resolved, that sections 33 and 34 of chapter 10 and sections 34 and 41 of chapter 12 of the charter of the village of Bloomfield Hills as adopted January 24, 1927, be amended to read as hereafter set forth and that said proposed amendments remain on the table for a period of thirty days for final action thereon at a meeting of the Commission to be held on Tuesday, January 8, 1929, and that a copy of this resolution be published as required by law.

Chapter X.

Section 38. The expense of constructing and maintaining bridges, tunnels and subways, and the whole or such part as the Commission shall determine, of the expenses of improving and working, including grading and caveling upon the streets and highways, may be paid from the general highway fund, to be raised by tax upon all the property in the village, subject to the limitations and provisions of Section 35 of this charter. The expense of grading, paving and graveling or otherwise improving any street may, subject to the limitations as to amount prescribed in section 1 of chapter XI, be defrayed by a special assessment upon the lots and premises abutting upon or benefited by such improvement, according to frontage or benefits as the Commission may determine, and the remainder may be paid from the general highway fund, as the Commission may decide. The lots and premises to be assessed for a street improvement as aforesaid shall constitute a special assessment district. The term paving shall include curbing and the construction of crosswalks and the necessary sewer and water connections for abutting lots in the paved streets.

Chapter X.

Section 34. When expenses for any such improvements shall be assessed in a special assessment district, and there shall be lands belonging to the village, school buildings or other public buildings or public grounds not taxable, within the district to be assessed for such improvements, such part of the expense of such improvement as in the opinion of the Commission or Board of Assessors making the special assessment would be justly apportionable to such public grounds, buildings and village property, and to any interior squares or spaces formed by the intersection of streets and alleys, were they taxable, shall be paid from the general highway fund, and the balance of such expenses shall be assessed upon the taxable lots and premises included in the special assessment district. When such assessment is to be made upon lots in proportion to their frontage upon the improvement, if from the shape or size of any lot an assessment thereon in proportion to the frontage would be unjust and disproportionate to the assessment upon other lots, the Commission or Board of Assessors and Review making the assessments may assess such lot for such number of feet frontage as in their opinion will be just.

Chapter XII.

Section 34. The Commission is authorized and empowered to issue bonds to the amount of any special assessment or to the amount of the aggregate of all the installments of a special assessment in anticipation of the collection thereof. Such bonds shall draw interest at a rate to be determined by the Commission, not exceeding six (6%) per cent per annum, however, and shall be payable out of the Special Assessment District Fund, when the assessment is collected. And if there be any deficiency in the special assessment district fund to meet the payment of such bonds or interest thereon, money shall be advanced from the general funds of the Village to meet such deficiency, and shall be replaced when the special assessments shall be collected. The Commission may provide that special assessment bonds for two or more improvements may be consolidated as a single issue, and in that event all special assessments received from the several districts shall be applied pro rata to the payment of the consolidated issue. Such bonds shall be payable in two years or less as the Commission shall determine from the time limited for the collection of the special assessment by the Village Treasurer. After the assessment is divided into installments the bonds shall be apportioned against the amounts of the several installments in such manner as the Commission may determine, and shall severally be payable in two years or less from the time limited for the collection of the several installments by the Village Treasurer. All assessments when collected, shall be set apart into a separate fund for the payment of such bonds. Contractors for the construction of street pavements and sewers, may be required to take their pay in said bonds. Said bonds in no event shall be sold or otherwise disposed of at less than their par value plus accrued interest rate of sale.

Chapter XII.

Section 41. No indebtedness shall be incurred by the issue of bonds or otherwise in any sum which including existing indebtedness shall exceed ten per centum of the assessed valuation of the real and personal property within the village subject to taxation as shown by the last preceding assessment roll of the village. Bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments shall not be included in this limitation. Moneys on hand in a sinking fund limited to the payment of indebtedness may be treated as a reduction of such indebtedness to that extent; provided, that in case of fire, flood or other calamity requiring an emergency fund for the relief of the inhabitants of the village, or for the repairing or rebuilding of any of its municipal buildings, works, bridges, tunnels, subways or streets, the commission may borrow money due in not more than three years and in an amount not exceeding one-fourth of one per centum of the assessed valuation of the village notwithstanding such loan may increase the indebtedness of such village beyond the limitations fixed by this charter. Provided further, that in connection with the acquisition or operation of any public utility which the village is authorized to acquire or operate, the village may issue bonds therefor beyond the general limit of bonded indebtedness above set forth, provided that such mortgage bonds issued beyond the limit of general indebtedness above described, shall not impose any liability upon the village, but shall be secured only upon the property and revenues of such public utility, including the franchise, and shall state the terms upon which in case of foreclosure, the purchaser may operate the same, which franchise shall in no case extend for a longer period than twenty years from the date of the sale of such utility and franchise on foreclosure. Provided, further, that the village shall not have power to issue mortgage bonds to be secured by a mortgage upon such utility in excess of fifty per cent of the amount for which such Village may become indebted by the issue of bonds for such public utility.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
Oakland County, Michigan

Adjourned regular meeting of the Village Commission held in the Village Offices on 11th, December, 1928.

Present at Roll Call President Allen; Commissioner Whittlesey, Commissioner Wallace; Commissioner Taliaferro.

No. 298

Communication from Grand Trunk regarding Ball Line Road Crossing referred to President Allen and Village Engineer to get further details of railroad plans and to arrange meeting if necessary.

No. 299

Moved by Commissioner Taliaferro that the proposal of the Barnum Iron Works to furnish and set two cell blocks for police for the sum of $450.00 be accepted, and President and Clerk be authorized to enter into contract for same.

Motion carried. Yeas 4, Nays 0.

No. 300

The following were appointed by President Allen to act as Fire Commission.

Commissioner Roehm; Commissioner Wallace; Commissioner Whittlesey, H. A. O'Dell, Chairman; Manley D. Davis, Donald James.

No. 301

Moved by Commissioner Wallace that meeting adjourn.

WM. STORY,
Clerk.

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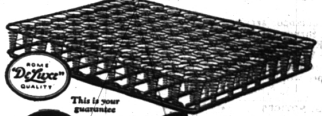

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