

# HIGH CROWDED IN TERM START

### Enrollment Reaches 650 For Record; Plans Made To Accommodate More

With an addition of 70 students bringing the total enrollment to 650 at Baldwin High School the session room capacity has nearly reached today, according to Principal Melvin C. Hart. The increase in the high school consists for the most part of 70 pupils advanced from the Hill and Pierce Schools. Fifty new students enter the Seventh grade while 20 pupils enter the Ten B grade, who come from the Adams school. Seven enter the high school who have never attended school in Birmingham before.

At present besides five session rooms regularly in use and all well occupied, an extra class room and the library is employed for a number of students.

Solution to the problem of seating should the limit in session room seating be reached in future semesters is explained by Mr. Hart, who says that should action be necessitated, a number of students would be unable to have permanent session room seats but would be furnished with the present record at 9:00 a. m. and 1:15 p. m. would be taken in the students' first hour class. An outlet is expected according to Mr. Hart when the new Quonon school is completed. This will take a number of children in the district from the Hill school and a section of the junior high school body can then be placed in the Hill School, he says.

Two new teachers now instruct in the high school. They are Miss Evelyn Gray, who supervises the session room, teaches English and grammar and Miss Iris Abbey, who came from Iowa and teaches Latin and mathematics. No new courses have been added in the new semester which began Monday.

Clasie Barnes, girl clerk in her father's London business, has been chosen as the model for Mrs. Procter's recent painting, "Morning," acclaimed the greatest picture of the year.

## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS — of Long Ago

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

### 43 YEARS AGO

Charles Hoffman was determined to get a freight train off the track one day last week when his friends detained him. He wanted to wrestle the whole world, reach as catch can. Come to sift the matter down we found that Charles had just acquired the ownership of a leaping baby boy and we instantly ceased to wonder at his strange actions.

Wm. Brown and Past Grand grade, who come from the Adams Master Partridge attended the annual meeting of the grand lodge in Detroit last week. They were gone two days and had a very nice time indeed.

Little Miss May Thurlby "took a tumble" at the roller rink last Saturday night, breaking and losing the most "if her teeth."

A great big sleigh load of people, about 30 couples, came out from Detroit one evening last week, captured the house of Theo. Bookham, made them a nice visit, took supper, had a jolly time and went home well pleased with their reception and hospitable entertainment.

Frank Young is on the sick list. A very funny report from the lodge of Pontiac Elks were holding a grand initiation and right in the middle of the wild ride on elks and moose, came a timid knock on the door, and to the question "Who comes there?" in came the bees and a more shocked lot of Elks you never saw, while the bees hurried right out and walked down the three flights of stairs singing, "What Will the Harvest Be?"

Two brand new Webster's unabridged dictionaries have been purchased for the use of the Birmingham school. They are located in the school building and are the latest editions. The school board is alive and up to the necessary requirements.

Married, in Utica, Mich., Jan. 1, 1889, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. H. C. Parker (father of the groom) Mr. Charles H. Barker to Miss Nora Dewey, both of Utica.

While James Fermond was taking in the dime museum in Detroit one day last week, the crowd was so great he was pushed the cage of a lion. He put his hand against the cage to save himself and was bitten by the lion. Lion poisoning has been in and at the present writing, acclaimed the greatest picture of the year.

### 25 YEARS AGO

Gus. Donders and wife of Royal Oak were guests of Mine boat Fish and wife of the National last Sunday.

If a stranger calls at your door and wants money in advance for enlarging pictures, just pass him by. Swindlers in this line are abundant in the land.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Knowles coming home from Pontiac one night last week, after attending a swell function—a reception to a young married couple—met with quite an accident. The back of the cutter gave way and out went the good couple backwards. Fortunately, no bones were broken, but it took until three o'clock in the morning for them to get home.

Only ten votes cast at the school meeting Monday night, and those were cast in favor of a new building.

A good joke has come to light on the Birmingham lodge of Lady Macabees who went one night recently to visit their Pontiac sisters. A mistake in the night fixed to go caused the mix up. The new lodge of Pontiac Elks were holding a grand initiation and right in the middle of the wild ride on elks and moose, came a timid knock on the door, and to the question "Who comes there?" in came the bees and a more shocked lot of Elks you never saw, while the bees hurried right out and walked down the three flights of stairs singing, "What Will the Harvest Be?"

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Fred Parks and wife spent Saturday in Detroit.

C. Sullivan and Wm. Brooks attended the auction sale of short-horn cattle at Flint last week.

Miss Wolfe went to Detroit Saturday to see "Sis Hopkins."

## FEATURES OF FLIVVER PLANE BROOKS USED IN FLIGHT TOLD

Many features of the large transport engines are embodied in the 36 horse power flivver plane which Harry Brooks, Southfield, used in his attempt to reach Miami, Fla., from Detroit in a non-stop hop last week. Brooks made nearly 500 miles of the trip, setting a record for America, before weather forces him to land.

The plane is of the semi-cantilever, low-wing monoplane type, constructed of wood, steel braced and covered with fabric. It is 25 feet in span, 10 feet in length, stands five feet high and weighs 550 pounds empty. It has carried more than its own weight and carries the same load, in proportion to its flying surface, as the most efficient large planes.

Can Carry Two  
Seating provision is made for only the pilot and having carried a gasoline load of 323 pounds in tests, it has demonstrated its ability to carry two persons when a lighter gasoline load is carried and still have gas enough for a range of more than 300 miles.

Henry Ford has not announced any plan for the production of the plane, but has said that it represents a step in the course of light plane development. It is presumed to be the first of a series of all-metal planes with provision for carrying two persons.

An attractive airplane attracted the greatest attention among armaments in this plane is its tiny engine. The engine is a two-cylinder air-cooled type, with a maximum of 36 horse power and using three gallons of gasoline an hour. Cranking is done by hand, the engine is started by pulling a cord and propelling the plane at about 80 miles an hour, it takes one minute and four-tenths gallons to start.

Weights 118 Pounds  
The engine is of Dow forged metal, a magnesium alloy one-fourth the weight of mild steel, but of equal strength. The connecting rods are steel, of tubular section. To obtain a maximum of weight, the crank of the rod is made in two parts, bored out and electrically butt-welded together, a new departure in connecting-rod construction.

The crank shaft is provided with a rear roller bearing and a ball bearing from main bearing, which serves as a thrust bearing as well as a medium through which oil is passed from the oil pump through the hollow crank shaft to the connecting rod bearings. A cast aluminum crank case carries the gear case on the front end, through which the crank shaft projects. This gear case by William Leister, of the Retail Ledger, of Philadelphia, incloses the oil pump and the valve gears which operate the valves through inclined push rods.

## Gimpes

at and about BIRMINGHAM  
By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Paris, Jan. 28.—Vincente Blasco Ibanez, 60, Spanish novelist died today, an exile from his country at Mentone on the French Riviera.

Thus were many news stories on the death of Ibanez led off the usual obligatory followed. It is the same when anyone who has gained some sort of fame dies.

His death and his life strike me as tragedy of the darkest kind. At best a fourth rate writer, Ibanez naturally became popular. His was one of the few voices ever heard from the literary wastelands of Spain. Hollywood finished his Four Horsemen and his Blood and Sand for the edification of a clerk-minded America.

Because Ibanez had a few moments when he wrote well—just as everyone—and because Spain so long has been wofe he loomed as a savior. He was saluted right and left throughout the land of Cervantes and madalms in Ypsalanti, Mich.

He was at least a mediocrity when a person continues to write in an autocratic manner he must be content with his work, he writes, hence successful.

Then, late in life, came the upheaval. He saw his people, too dumb themselves to protest against it, being ruled under an autocrat. He saw the king as an ogre. The habit of writing fiction was thrown off as the late Dr. Houdini threw off handcuffs. There were many royal heads to be struck and Ibanez made his voice heard.

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## Merchants Asked To Detroit Meet

Retail merchants of Birmingham have received invitations to attend the second Better Merchandising conference and Exposition to be held at the Book-Cadillac hotel, Detroit, Feb. 15-17. They are also weekly receiving literature concerning speakers and other phases of the programs and indications are that the village will be represented.

Those who attended the first annual gathering at Detroit last year are said to be high in their praise of the type of program given and the benefits derived. Everything was said to show that the problem is being brought about by changing conditions. It is stated that between 1,000 and 1,500 will register for this affair.

The Chambers of Commerce in almost all the larger cities and towns in Michigan are urging their local retailers to attend this conference, which is sponsored by the wholesale merchants' bureau of Detroit and put on by the Better Merchandising association, of which J. B. Sperry of Port Huron is the first president and the board of governors are all retail merchants located at various points in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Among the outstanding men to be invited to address the sessions are some nationally recognized authorities on retailing. The keynote address will be delivered the morning of Feb. 15, by William Leister, editor of the Retail Ledger, of Philadelphia, who will discuss the value years which operate the valves through inclined push rods.

## QUIET MARKS FIRST MONTH

Only 12 From Village Face Justice Buck; Bloomfield Adds 6 More

With a total of only 12 law violators hauled into the court of Justice Floyd S. Buck during January, Birmingham got under way to a law abiding year, according to the records made public today. Speeders led the list, with 5, of them being arrested while reckless driving charges accounted for the others being brought into court. Two were arrested on drunk charges and two for driving without an operator's license. The monthly total in fines was \$150.00.

Only six cases were reported for Bloomfield Hills village with \$57 paid in fines. One man was sentenced to 30 days in jail, four paid fines for running traffic signals, one for driving while drunk and one for leaving his truck on the road all night without lights.

The monthly report revealed for keeping a place. One of these was dismissed and the other released under \$750 bond to appear in the next session of the circuit court. The fines totalled \$85.

## ICE ON ROADS CAUSES CRASH

Slippery pavements caused two machines to collide Sunday night at Adams and West Maple avenues, according to police. Both cars in the collision were damaged but neither of the drivers was injured. The drivers were G. H. Reynolds, 113 High street and George Close, of Oxford. The car driven by Close, travelling north on Adams, was overturned by the force of the crash.

## IREMEN CALLED IN HOUSE BLAZE

Slight damage was done to the home of Mike Harriedian, 124 West Ruffner street, Sunday evening when fire started from an overheated furnace register. Firemen were called to the scene of the blaze.

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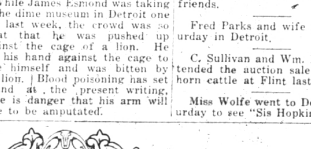
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