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## ARMED THUGS ROB AUTOIST OF MONEY, CAR

### Pontiac Man Reports Robbery On Southfield Road; Offered Thugs Ride

#### DESCRIPTION MEAGRE

Andrew Blackley, 21 year old street, Pontiac is aiding police today in the search for the three armed bandits who robbed him of \$112 and his auto at the Southfield and Ten Mile roads Saturday morning.

He told Pontiac police he gave a ride to two men he found walking in the road and that one of them forced him at the point of a gun to hand over his money and then threw him from the car. He said he walked the remainder of the way to Pontiac where he reported the robbery.

The description he gave police of the men was meagre and there are few tangible clues of the robbery.

## DEPUTIES' RAID NEPS FIVE MEN

### Alleged Prohibition Violator Held; Four Others Fined As Disorderlies By Buck

As a result of a raid by Deputy Sheriffs Harvey Tedder and Lee Peck on the home of Thomas Cary, Route 6, Royal Oak, Saturday night, four men were arrested and Cary was charged with violation of the prohibition law.

Floyd Gilligan, Dowers J. Shanon, Walter Gershaw and Everett Whitlow, all of Berkley, were convicted of disorderly conduct by Justice Floyd S. Buck here Monday morning and each fined \$25 and costs.

Whitlow is in the County Jail at Pontiac in default of the fine. The others paid.

Bector, a Hindu, and Lin, a Chinese are two boy students at the University of Iowa who are making their mark in athletics.

## Glimpses

at and about BIRMINGHAM  
By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

The story of how a cub reporter made good, by following found the here.

A bunch which one who had been in newspaper work for any length of time would have passed up come to me as an echo of the killing of Dorothy Schneider in Flint.

A man who had been in newspaper work just a few months was put in charge of the Flint bureau of a Detroit daily. Except for a few live stories or recall of Flint officials and the attempted slaying of a woman, he had done nothing that had been quiet, from a news standpoint, for some time.

Then one afternoon the sheriff phoned to say a five-year old girl had been missing for about an hour. He said she had not returned from school at noon, but possibly was at the home of an aunt. Well, the average newspaper man would have wondered why the devil a sheriff bothered him with such a triviality, replaced his feet at an angle of 32 degrees on his desk, and resumed a slumber which so unkindly had been disturbed. But here, all that is something else.

He called his editor, related the details and asked whether he should get pictures. The editor, amused at the cub's excitement, gave the usual directions. "Well, watch," he said, "and use your own judgment."

The cub sensed murder. Instead of reasoning that the report was the result of an over-anxious mother's having waited lunch while her daughter lingered on the way from school to play a child's game, he was sure of something dreadful.

He employed a Flint photographer and rushed to the Schneider home. He obtained pictures of the mother, father and Dorothy's brother. More, he borrowed the only photograph of Dorothy that the family had. It may be developed that no photographer was allowed near the mother for three days, but the photographer and the officers found the mutilated body of Dorothy. Then, with his own eyes, he photographed the officers to the creek near Mr. MacFarlane's.

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## TRAFFIC COPS NOT NEEDED IN MAZE ON WILLETTS HILL

"Out of the way there, you girl! Give us fella a chance, can't ya?"

There is a war whom three boys through a sudden swirl and three sleds tear muddily down the hill to disappear in a tangle of brush.

Two girls are standing at the top of the hill and viewing critically the descent of their playmates.

"Aw, I betcha we can do that, too," one of the girls says. "Come on, Let's go."

Every afternoon when the snow falls on the Willetts hill not so far from the hum of business streets, you can hear hundreds of childish voices and see hundreds of black dots streak the white hill. Skating time is here and what a glorious time it is!

Here are seven youngsters stuck tight to a toboggan like honey bees to a maple larva. The leader yells "All ready!" Another answers "Yup!" and away they go.

Another youngster, soaring the easy and well beaten track dashes half way down the hill, makes a dizzy right turn, misses a tree, plunges down an embankment that would ruin the largest automobile and zigzags among a "do" trees in the distance.

A "closed street" sign at the top of one hill and one half way up another hill shut out the mid-desome adult world from this skating paradise. Not a sign of a group up usually is in evidence.

Once though, a truck driven by a young man with an efficient air, quivered between the "closed" sign and the carboles, rattled down and up the hills, scattering in all directions the startled skaters.

The youngsters know their rights. "Say, how does he get that way? Don't he know the street is ours? Let's tell the cop."

And once a man in a sedan stopped his car at the top of the hill, waited for the space of the time it almost takes to freeze a car and then, shrugging his shoulders, turned down a side street.

If you were to ask how the traffic is managed among the skaters, you just wouldn't get an answer. No management is necessary. Watch how this party waits at the top while that one goes down and hear the yells for "Gangway!" and see how busy

## 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  
On account of her schoolhouse being snowed in, Miss Ella Drake was unable to teach last week.

Sleigh ride parties from the vicinity of Todd's corners report having had a washing good time down at Warren recently.

Mr. Duke Whitley, the M. C. preacher at Troy corners, lost a valuable cow last week by getting tangled in her rope and breaking her neck.

Mrs. O. L. Case of Lansing visited her sister, Mrs. S. T. Boyd of Big Beaver, and on her way home was snowed in overnight on the cars only two miles from home.

Died at his residence on Sigman street in his village, on Tuxedo last at 4 p. m., Mr. Lewis R. Moore, in the 73rd year of his age.

A young lady (good looking) while out cutter riding last week, tipped over twice in turning on corner, nearly destroyed the beautiful symmetry of Uncle Andy Wallace's pride of his heart woodpile, tore out a section of Mitchell's picket fence, lost her whip and nearly lost the horse, lost her temper but saved the robe. "Pity it's true." City Hattie.

Mrs. E. Rockwell has gone to Pontiac to try the effects of electricity. She improves very slowly.

Mrs. Vint has little chicken hatched and seven hens setting. Verily the early bird catches the worm.

Miss Nellie Baell is refreshing herself with a visit at home.

Just returned from a three weeks' visit, Avery and wife.

We understand H. P. Harger has taken into himself a wife and gone to New Orleans on a wedding tour.

Mrs. J. H. Morrison, nee Kingdon, and daughter Winnie visited old friends in this vicinity last week. Through her we learn of the marriage of her sister, Miss Hattie Kingdon, to Mr. A. C. Burrows at Pine River, Mich.

Many ears and noses frozen around here.

The cold weather and snow interfered materially with our school. It prevented many schools from attending, which is to be regretted, as we are having a good school.

Our town line is hard to find. It is buried under such enormous snow drifts.

## BIRMINGHAM INCLUDED IN EXPENDITURE

### Village To Have Share Of \$31,000,000 To Be Spent By Detroit Edison Co.

#### PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Officials of the Detroit Edison company announce a program of new construction work, to be carried out during 1928, which involves a total expenditure of approximately \$31,000,000. Of this \$7,500,000 will be required to complete work started in 1927 and the balance of the money is to be spent for entirely new projects. The announcement of this program at this time is not to be taken as a definite commitment to any particular items, but is the best present estimate of the year's requirements, it is reported. It is based on the expected increase in business, and may be added to or reduced according to conditions as they actually develop. A large expenditure will be made in and around Birmingham.

In the district along Woodward avenue extending from the north-end limits of Detroit to Clarkston, the company expects to add about 2,000 new electric customers to its lines during 1928. It will cost about \$190,000 to extend lines to these new customers and to provide the necessary service connections, meters, etc. Approximately \$130,000 additional is to be spent for street and highway lighting in this district and adjacent territory, a warehouse is to be erected on Southfield Road at an estimated cost of \$68,000.

\$75,000 will be required to build an additional transmission line on the Bloomfield Station, at Pontiac, to the Mandaray Station. (Continued on Page 6, Part 2)

## DULUTH MAN HELD AS WIFE DESERTER

### Arrested By Deputy In Big Beaver Following Information From North

Frank St. Marie, is held in the Oakland County Jail to be returned to Duluth, Minn., to face a charge of wife desertion following his arrest in Big Beaver this week by Deputy Elmer Ford.

The man is said to have come to Oakland County from Duluth last July without informing his family of his whereabouts. He is the father of one child.

Descriptions furnished Ford by Duluth police led to the arrest.

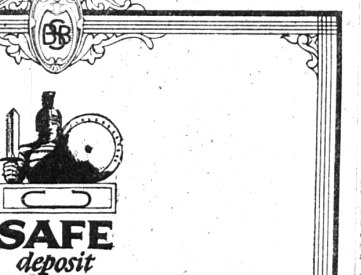
## MRS. M'KINNEY STRUCK BY CAR

### Village Woman Injured In Attempting To Cross Woodward

Mrs. Will McKinney, 56 years old, 216 Brown street, is in the Pontiac City Hospital today suffering from three fractured ribs and cuts about the face as a result of running into a car Friday noon at Brown street and Woodward avenue. The driver of the car, Cassius H. McIntyre, 20167 Yacum street, Detroit, was not held. Mrs. McKinney, in the attempt to avoid one machine stepped into the path of the car driven by McIntyre, police say.

Hospital attaches report her condition is not serious.

About 50 school girls of Atlantic City have adopted middle blouses and blue skirts for school wear in an effort to eliminate "dress snobs" on the part of students.



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