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MORE POLICE FOR VILLAGE TO BE ASKED

Commissioner Halgren Says Shortage Exposes Children To Dangers

ACTION IS EXPECTED

With an eye to protecting the children of Birmingham a recommendation for more policemen in the village is expected to be presented to the village commission at the meeting Monday night. This follows a plea made last Monday by Commissioner Hope Halgren who declared Birmingham was under-policed and that from several reports which have reached her the school children are not being protected against possible harm on their way to and from school.

"It is not that there is an immediate danger, but the village should be in a position to guard against tragedies such as that enveloped Flint with the murder of Dorothy Schneider," she said.

"The police department has four men on the streets in the day and six at night. This is not enough and I am in favor of the addition of at least two more."

Commissioners Lee A. White and Laurence E. Fluhrer expressed agreement with Mrs. Halgren.

"Despite the fact that Birmingham is a residential community of high standards, there are other cities on the north and south of us with a drifting population. Naturally Birmingham has many transients and we must make every effort to protect the citizens," said Mr. White.

Mr. Hulbert said he had been informed of several matters which make necessary the addition of the men and said he would confer with Chief James Anderson for confirmation.

"Certainly the people who come to Birmingham feel there is sufficient police protection in the village and they have a right to expect it. It is our duty to see that this situation is remedied immediately," Commissioner Halgren said.

AID OF PARENTS ASKED IN REPORTING SUSPECTS

Citizens of Birmingham are asked by Chief James Anderson to report suspicious appearing persons immediately to the police station. We have been informed that attempts have been made to induce children to take auto rides with strangers. If parents will instruct their children on the dangers of this and also ask them to get as complete a description as possible of the person who molests them, we will make every effort to apprehend that person. While there probably is less danger here than in other communities, we want to make Birmingham the safest possible place, and, with the cooperation of parents, this can be done."

ACTION IS SEEN ON REMOVAL OF BILL-BOARDS

What action is to be taken to prevent the construction of bill boards in the southern part of Birmingham is being debated today by Clare H. Ogden, village attorney, following a complaint to the commission at the meeting Monday night by residents of that part of the village.

The commission was told that so many bill boards are being constructed in that part of the village that the view of the residents from their homes is shut off. The boards are becoming bigger and more numerous, they were told.

A recommendation is to be made by the attorney at the next meeting of the commission Monday night.

HOUSE PLANS TAKING SHAPE

Committees Prepare For Drive To Start April 15; Meeting Called

Frequent meetings of the various committees concerned with the financing and building of a new Community House in Birmingham are slowly bringing the outlines of the plan into a definite shape and the progress of the plan for financing as well as the tentative plans of the architects, Meathmann and Farrar, for the proposed building will be shown at the annual meeting of the Community House association in the house on Jan. 31 at 8:30 p. m., which every member of the association is privileged to attend.

Plans for the new building have been based upon the expressed needs of the men's clubs, women's clubs, welfare committees and all the organized efforts for children's and young people's recreation and improvement. They will be shown on the screen in detail and approximate costs will be announced.

Mrs. C. R. Wilson will send to the meeting her plan for the organization of the campaign which is to begin April 15 and last for one month, and will announce the committees which have so far been organized. A. E. Joslin will present his plan, as chairman of the publicity committee and John Watling will present the plans and policies of the special gifts committee.

Each Thursday morning the organization committee, which is working temporarily under Mrs. Shain, meets at the House to discuss policy. Saturday afternoon the officers of the special gifts committee met at Mrs. Walter Morley's home with the architects for discussion of the plans and Tuesday evening a joint meeting of the

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COUNTY PIONEER TAKEN BY DEATH

Mrs. Alice French McMahon Of Bloomfield Hills Dies At Age Of 71

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Fenton for Mrs. Alice French McMahon, former school teacher in Pontiac, who was born and lived for many years near Bloomfield Center. Mrs. McMahon was the daughter of the late John French, one of the county's pioneers. She was 71 years old when she died.

Death came at the home of Mrs. Jay Davis her daughter, at Fenton, Sunday. Burial was at Oak Hill cemetery.

Surviving is the husband, M. R. McMahon, Fenton; a daughter, Mrs. Jay Davis, Fenton; a sister, Miss Selina French, Pontiac; and the following nephews and nieces: Charles, Guy and Homer Newton, Pontiac; Guy and Jennie French, Flint; Harry and Ada Newton, Mt. Clemens, and Mrs. Alice McIntosh, New Baltimore.

FRANKLIN PLANS COMMUNITY AFFAIR

Preliminary plans for a community social program to be staged at an early date were made by residents of Franklin at a meeting last night. Plans call for participation by various church and civic societies. After a supper last night the plans were discussed.

LOVETT TO SPEAK AT CHURCH MEET

Secretary Of Citizens League Of Detroit To Address Baptist Brotherhood

W. P. Lovett, a Christian layman of Detroit, will give the address of the evening at the regular monthly banquet of the Baptist Community Brotherhood at the First Baptist Church Tuesday at 7 p. m., it is announced.

Mr. Lovett is known as the executive secretary of the Detroit Citizens League and is also the president of the Michigan Baptist convention. He will bring an inspirational message on "The Church In the Community."

Mr. Fred Healy is the soloist of the evening and will give a couple of special selections. The banquet will be attended over by Leland Bunyan, president of the brotherhood. He will be assisted by the other officers.

The banquet will be served at a cost basis by the ladies of the Woman's Baptist Union and reservations should be made not later than Monday noon, according to Mr. Bunyan. All men of the community are welcome, he said.

VILLAGE POETESS SEES NEED OF HOBBY FOR ALL WOMEN

New Book Of Verse By Beatrice McDonald Is Published

"Every woman should have a hobby and if she be a housekeeper, her hobby should brighten the daily tasks," says Mrs. Beatrice McDonald, housekeeper and poetess whose first book of poems, "Treasured Thoughts" (Eccentric Press) is out today.

A window display of the book is being made this week at La Belle's book store on west Maple avenue.

Mrs. McDonald's hobby is poetry and although her life work is housekeeping and the rearing of two children, she has combined both hobby and duty with remarkable success. Ever since her first poems appeared some 20 years ago in a church paper of which she was editor, Mrs. McDonald has been writing and publishing poetry.

"I can't remember the day when I wasn't scribbling at some poem or other," she smiled. Some of her earlier poems are still cherished by schoolmates and friends who take pride in keeping original copies.

Just an hour a day is all the housekeeper poetess gives to her

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DATES NAMED IN FATHER, SON OBSERVANCE

Birmingham And Southern Oakland County To Participate Feb. 6-20

EARLY PLANS MADE

Dates for the observance of the Father and Son movement in Birmingham and other communities in Southern Oakland County are announced today following a meeting last week of committees of the Y. M. C. A. under whose direction this movement is held annually. Observance will be from Feb. 6 to Feb. 20 inclusive, according to Robert D. Lynd, secretary.

Preliminary plans for the affair also were made and it is announced that the aid of churches in the community will be sought where banquets for both fathers and sons will be held.

Members of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A. board of directors and members of the Birmingham Ministerial association laid plans at meetings last week for participation in the movement.

Feb. 18 is to be father and son play day with an ice carnival, if the weather permits. If the ice is not solid enough for skating an indoor gymnasium meet will be planned.

All churches are to have dinners Feb. 19 with a special program for the fathers and sons.

Members of the Birmingham Boy Scout troops and of the Y. M. C. A. groups are expected to take an active part in plans for the observance.

"Phenomenal growth of the movement in the state makes it imperative that we plan on the most comprehensive program this year ever to be held," Mr. Lynd said. He pointed out that last year 4,570 men and boys took active part in the programs and said that this year an attempt would be made to increase the number.

A large general celebration will be held next year on Feb. 15, it is planned. Conflicting dates make a general celebration impossible for 1928 the committee found.

STREET WORK GIVEN IMPETUS

Hearings On Proposed Improvements Occupy Time Of Commission

A fairly heavy program on street improvement in Birmingham for the spring was given impetus at the meeting of the village commission Monday night when resolutions were passed relative to street work.

Hearings were held on methods of assessments and no objections were offered to the plans. Dates for other hearings were set.

Village Assessor Charles Plumstead was instructed to spread the tax roll for the construction of a 24-inch sewer on Henrietta street from Frank street to Lincoln avenue. This is to cost the taxpayers approximately $2,430.

Assessments to the amount of $11,552 will be levied against property owners in the vicinity of Holland, Webster and Cole avenues who will benefit by the construction of a storm sewer. The village will pay the remaining $3,445 of the cost.

The village clerk was given instructions to file the assessment roll for the special curb and gutter on Latham boulevard between Lincoln avenue and Saxon drive. Confirmation of the assessment roll for the construction of the curb and gutter on Northlawn drive also was asked.

Objections to the method of assessment for the widening of the

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3 VILLAGERS PLAY 18 HOLES MONDAY

Motorists on the west Maple road Monday stopped their cars to watch three of the year's first golfers taking 18 holes on the Oakland Hills golf course with ease. The springlike day started the golf fever and several other persons expressed the intention of playing Tuesday if the fair weather held out.

The three who played Monday are Charles A. Bingham, Dr. N. T. Shaw and Louis Hascall, all of Birmingham.

"The course was in good shape, both greens and fairways were excellent," said Mr. Bingham. "Only two things reminded us that it was January: the cups were frozen and we did not have to call 'Fore' once."

SPARKS CAUSE FIRE

A grass fire in a field at Charring Cross road and Woodward avenue at midnight Sunday was the cause of a general alarm being turned into the Birmingham fire department. No damage was done. Firemen believe sparks from a locomotive started the blaze.

THREE MEMBERS OF HOUSE BOARD TO BE ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEET

Three new members of the Community House executive board will be elected at the annual meeting of the Community House association Jan. 31 at 8:30 p. m. in the Community House. The retiring members are Mrs. Joseph Donelly, Mrs. Seymour D. Adams and Mrs. John H. Marlotte. Reports covering the year ending Feb. 1 will be read, showing the service which the community has received through the efforts of its hostess, Miss Mary Griffith, and her assistant, Mrs. F. S. Trumbull of the House.

Plans for the future will be discussed, particularly the need of a new Community House, since the present house cannot compass all of the demands upon it and one of its departments are already housed in a nearby home.

Thrift Shop Serves Many

The Thrift Shop, which provides clothing to the thrifty and deserving but unfortunate families of the village at a very small price, has been stationed on Bates street two blocks from the Community House since October and has dispensed clothes to the amount of almost $200 at prices ranging from 25 cents to $2. Only those known to the attendants are served at the Thrift Shop so that the donors of clothes may feel assured that they are used where they are most needed.

Mrs. R. H. Mann will report the young people's dances and future plans for them, Mrs. Robert Grindley will report for the Girl Reserves, Mrs. Raymond Reilly for the Bluebirds, Dr. F. L. Tucker for the Boy Scouts. Miss Byrdie Kraft for the Business and Professional Woman's club, Mrs. Hendrick Brusse for the Civic League, Mrs. Harrison Stringham for the night classes and Mrs. Draper Allen for the Thrift Shop.

Hostess to Report

The report of the hostess will include all the independent activities which come into the house as well as the unclassified services which the house gives. The officers of the executive board will report upon the policies and finances of the board.

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Alice M. Hartwell, Mrs. W. G. Larchen, Mrs. Whiting Raymond, Mrs. Otis Helfferich, and T. B. Smith, with Mrs. Robert Grindley as an alternate member, will present the names of their candidates for election to the board. Any member of the Community House association may vote upon the candidates.

REPORT SHOWS VIOLATIONS ON DECLINE

Speeders Head List Of Arrests During 1927 With 227

FEWER TIPPLERS HERE

With the total arrests in Birmingham for 1927 falling 98 below the total for 1926, law violations in the village are on the decline, according to the annual police report made public today by chief James Anderson.

Speeder's arrests were more numerous than any other, 227 having been brought into court on this charge was 224. For violating a traffic signal, 218, were arrested. During 1926, 565 persons were arrested for violating a traffic signal and 251 for speeding. The arrests for 1926 totaled 1476 while the arrests for 1927 totaled 1378.

Only one person was arrested on a charge of breaking and entering during this past year, four were taken for assault and battery and 73 for drunkenness. The previous year, 116 were arrested on this latter charge.

One person was arrested for embezzling and one for grand larceny. There were taken for desertion and three for non-support. Two disturbers of the peace came into the hands of the law, two persons for passing bogus money and two for felonious assault.

Auto accidents showed a decided increase in 1927. There were 176 reported against 76 the pre-

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VILLAGE PLANS SKATING RINKS

Efforts To Act This Winter Abandoned; Manager To Act For Coming Year

Assurance is given today by Manager James W. Parry that steps will be taken during the summer to provide adequate ice-skating rinks in Birmingham for the next season. Birmingham today is without a municipal rink and because of weather conditions work on providing rinks for the remainder of this winter is impossible, it is indicated.

Steps and attempts to flood parts of Birmingham for ice skating have been abandoned and the only available place for villagers in the vicinity of Birmingham is the Quarton Lake. More than 500 persons, a record crowd, were reported to have taken advantage of the skating there last Sunday.

There is a constant demand for ice skating facilities in the village and every effort will be made to supply them in the future, Mr. Parry said. During the summer preliminary work will be done and several proposed rinks so that they may be flooded during the following cold spell.

Birmingham never has had a municipal rink although during several of the past seasons, neighborhood associations have provided temporary skating facilities.

VILLAGE MERCHANTS RECEIVE INVITATION

Several Birmingham merchants are expected to attend a banquet at Stevens Hall, Pontiac, tonight as guests of the Pontiac Credit Bureau, according to announcement made by Floyd Miller, manager of the bureau. Guy H. Hulse, secretary of the National Retail Credit association of St. Louis, Mo., is the principal speaker on the program.

MRS. J. ROBERTS IS SOUGHT HERE

Aid of the Eccentric has been asked in locating Mrs. John Roberts, formerly of Windsor, Ont., who is believed by relatives to be employed in Birmingham. The maiden name of Mrs. Roberts is Ada Wilson. Her husband is said to be seriously ill and wishes her to communicate with him immediately at Sub station 5, Windsor, Ont.

PUBLIC ASKED FOR OPINIONS

City-Village Group Sets Date For One Open Meeting; Status Unchanged

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the city-village committee Feb. 19 at 8 p. m. in the village offices, according to a decision reached at the meeting last Thursday. Until that time the public of Birmingham will not be allowed to attend the meetings.

Opinions and data relative to the change to a city government here will be accepted by the committee from the public at that time.

Thomas Parker, chairman of the group, declined to comment on the meeting further than to say the one public meeting had been decided upon.

It is understood, however, that the matter of opening the meet-

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PETITIONS OUT IN 3 TOWNSHIPS

Joseph Brooks, Supervisor of Southfield 24 Years, May Not Be In Race

Preliminary plans are being completed today for the primary elections to be held in Bloomfield, Southfield and Troy townships in March. Registration is being taken care of in the township offices, several petitions are in circulation and many are filed.

Petitions are out in Troy Township for the nominations of Margaret Eastman to succeed her husband, Henry Eastman in the treasurer's office. Mr. Eastman's time expires with the completion of this term and he will not be eligible for re-election. A petition is also being circulated for the re-election of Morris Wattles to the supervisor's office.

Joseph Brooks, supervisor of Southfield Township for 24 years, may not run for reelection, he said yesterday. While Mr. Brooks has made no definite decision on the matter, he declared he believed he has held the office for a long

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FRANKLINITE'S KIN DIES IN ST. LOUIS

Word has been received here of the death in St. Louis, Mo., of Mrs. Jennie Wallace, the mother of Mrs. W. B. Wood of Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Wood, with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Facer, Mrs. Wood's sister, have returned from St. Louis where they attended the funeral.

Mrs. Wallace was well known in Franklin and Birmingham for several years through her many visits here. Mr. Wallace died two years ago.

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WORK STARTS ON MUNICIPAL BUILDING HERE

Legal Opinion On Program Is Asked By Commission

PROGRESS IS MADE

With a large steam shovel and a crew of 15 men at work on the excavation for the new municipal building in the first block of the civic center, progress is being made today on the new project which was approved by the village commission at a meeting two weeks ago.

Village Attorney Clare H. Ogden was to leave for Lansing today to confer with the state attorney general on the legality of the construction, following a request by Commissioner J. H. McBride at the last meeting of the board. Mr. McBride feels the village has not the right to proceed because it has not sufficient funds and because it will be using $40,000 which was voted for the construction of a fire station, he said. The money for the fire station was approved by the village at a special election in July, 1926.

Commissioner Scott Hersey said that the money voted for the fire station would be used for the construction of that part of the municipal building in which the department is to be housed.

Mr. McBride, who was acting chairman in the absence from the meeting of H. T. Ellerby, declined to approve the writing of the contractor's bonds by the companies until Mr. Ogden expressed an opinion after the conference in Lansing.

The village has acquired all the land in the first block of the center and now owns two blocks of the proposed three. Several houses are to be removed from the first block to make room for the new building. Bids on this project will be received by the commission next Monday night.

With the continuation of weather which permits the men to work in the ditches, no let down will be made until the building is constructed, it was indicated.

Until yesterday, the excavators had removed more than 200 yards of dirt for the preliminary work on the construction.

REPORT GIVEN ON TRAFFIC

No Change In Semaphore Operation Recommended After Count Is Taken

No change in the manner of operating the traffic signals on Woodward avenue will take place in the immediate future, it was announced Monday night at the village commission meeting by Manager James W. Parry who said a check up showed the lights are operating to do the greatest amount of good.

Mr. Parry drew the reports of the check made at crossings where there are lights. The tallies were taken at various times of the day in order to inform officials whether an improvement could be made.

A check at Woodward avenue and Brown street between 2 and 4 p. m. Jan. 19 showed 1,265 cars travelled north and south and 192 travelled east and west, he reported.

At Oakland and Woodward avenues the same day between 5:15 and 6:15 p. m. there were 700 cars counted going north and south and 192 travelling east and west.

On Sunday, Jan. 22, between 10 a. m. and noon, at Oakland and Woodward avenues, 1,225 cars travelled north and south while 348 crossed east and west.

At Brown street and Woodward avenue the same hours on the same day 1,395 cars travelled north and south and 156 east and west.

A letter received by the commission from D. C. Murray, 417 Oakland avenue, protested against the possibility of the light at Oakland and Woodward avenues being removed.

It is possible that some of or all the lights will be in operation all day during the summer, according to Mr. Parry. At present they operate only part of the time each day when the traffic is heaviest.

MOTORISTS WARNED TO USE NEW LICENSES

Autoists who drive on Birmingham streets without 1928 license tags will be arrested, according to a warning issued by Police Chief James Anderson today. "We have been lenient with drivers and have given them plenty time to get their new tags," he said. "The officers are instructed to make arrests of persons who violate this law."

NOTICE

Taxes for Troy Twp. are now due and must be paid before Feb. 1st at 1 percent. Payable at Troy Town Hall, 17 Mile Road and Main Street, Birmingham R. F. D. 3.

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STREET CAR LAW EFFECTIVE IN HILLS TODAY

An ordinance compelling street cars to stop at the Trowbridge crossing on Woodward avenue in Bloomfield Hills went into effect yesterday and all motormen so far have been adhering to the law, according to police in the hills.

The ordinance was passed at the last meeting of the Bloomfield Hills village commission in the effort to make the crossing more safe. A north-bound Woodward avenue traffic is compelled to cross the street-car tracks at this point to get onto the east strip of pavement which starts here.

Since the opening of the pavement, one life has been lost and several minor accidents reported.

SUSPECT IN CIRCUIT COURT

Big Beaver Man Bound Over On Murder Charge; Testimony Taken

Charged with murder, Vincent Statkiewicz, formerly of Big Beaver, will be tried in the February term of circuit court, it was designated when he was bound over in municipal court, Pontiac, last week after being returned from Chicago.

The man was captured by Chicago police after he was sought in this county in connection with the murder March 28 of Anthony Wasielewski in Big Beaver. The murder is said to have been the culmination of an all night drinking party.

Three witnesses were called at the examination, Charles Wasielewski, brother of the slain man; Dr. Fred T. Reid, who attended the dead man, and Coroner O. C. Farmer.

Wasielewski, who goes by the name of Watson in Big Beaver, was the only eye-witness of the murder to testify.

Story Told

"Anthony and I with some friends spent the evening of the 27th playing penny ante at the home of Frank Stopel who lives near us," Statkiewicz came in Stopel's house while we were there and then went on to my house. At my home he said he was hungry and I told him to help himself. After that he began cursing my wife. I told him to stop or I would take him outside and beat him up. He said all right and got out of bed where he had been lying down.

"Anthony said, 'You are, not going to pack that gun.' Vincent answered, 'Like hell I'm not.' My brother told him about three times not to pack the gun. Vincent told him to get away. Anthony said, 'You won't shoot. Go ahead and

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TWO RUM RUNNERS GET JAIL TERMS

Large Haul Of Liquor Confiscated By Deputy Forsyth In Arrests At Big Beaver

Gordon Eby and Gus Cronkle, both of Holly were sentenced to four months in the Oakland County jail in circuit court Tuesday on a charge of transporting liquor. The men were arrested Monday on the Rochester road near Big Beaver by Deputy George Forsyth who found 20 gallons of moonshine whisky and 288 pints of beer in their car. Their automobile was confiscated.

Suspicions of Deputy Forsyth were aroused by the actions of the men and a search of their car revealed the large quantity of liquor. Forsyth made the arrest single handed.

Police are tracing the records of the men to see whether they had a connection with a band of alleged rum runners who are said to be operating in Oakland County through Detroit.

LIBRARY BOOK LANDS IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

How one library patron became confused on his geography was told yesterday by Mrs. Nancy Thomas, village librarian.

A book was borrowed from the library here. The date for its return was set and several attempts were made to recover it. Finally it was about to be given up for lost.

Then it arrived—from Birmingham, Ala., where it had been returned to the library. Librarians in that city sent it on to Birmingham, MICH.

How the confusion arose was not explained.

VILLAGE GRANTS REIMBURSEMENT

All charity work in the village is done through the Birmingham Community House, Mrs. R. H. Mann, representative of the board told the village commission at the meeting Monday night. She requested a reimbursement from the village of $46 which was granted.

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STORM FORCES BROOKS DOWN IN FLIVVER HOP

Southfield Airman Is Near World Record In Try For Miami

RETURNS TOMORROW

Harry Brooks, Chief Ford test pilot, is expected to return to his home in Southfield Township today after his attempt at a new world's record for a non-stop flight in a flivver plane was thwarted late Tuesday when snow and ice forced him to land at Emma, N. C. after he had travelled more than 700 miles and had come within 500 miles of Miami, Fla. his goal.

Brooks was in the air approximately nine hours and his two cylinder plane traveled the distance on 20 gallons of gasoline. The plane averaged approximately 78 miles to the gallon.

At the time of the forced landing, the plane was functioning well and the gas supply was plentiful, he reported to officials of the air craft division of the Ford Motor company by long distance telephone upon arriving. He said that had not the ice coated the wings of the plane and the heavy storms hampered vision, the goal would have been reached without difficulty.

He was forced at times to fly extremely low because of the "heavy" weather and is reported to have flown over Columbus, O., not more than 50 feet above the buildings. Perils in the fog and rain were encountered at the Blue Ridge mountains.

Brooks took off from the Ford airport at 7:15 a. m. Tuesday after weather reports satisfied him he had a chance to make the trip successful.

Before leaving he expressed confidence in the flight. "If the weather is half way good it will be easy", he said. "If it isn't, then it's just too bad."

He declared before he left he thought the trip could be made in between 12 and 14 hours.

The record for a non stop flight in a small plane is held in France and the distance is 870 miles.

Henry Ford wished Brooks good luck before the young pilot left the earth and followed the landing field once for altitude before starting southward.

"I wish you all kinds of luck," Ford said, "You know it is all your idea and the credit of a successful trip will all be yours."

That the small plane will have a distinct place in aviation was declared Monday by the head of the motor company before the take off. He declared a great deal of the immediate future of the industry depended upon the flight.

The plane has a 40 foot span and two cylinders. It usually will maintain a speed of 80 miles an hour for a long run, he said. It is of 36-horse power.

Traveling without baggage and with nothing but coffee by way of provision, every effort was made to keep the weight of the plane to a minimum. The fuel load was heavy and Brooks did not feel that more weight than was necessary would be good for the plane.

Ray Cooper, Michigan representative of the National Aeronautical association was official time-keeper and clocked the plane as it took off.

Men interested in the development of commercial aviation declare the future of the industry lies in the manufacture of this type plane which will be within the financial reach of the greater number. No definite program for production of the plane has been announced by officials of the Ford Motor company but it is generally agreed the test flight was arranged for a definite purpose.

Brooks is understood to have had considerable to do with the designing of the plane in which he flivvered.

It is the same plane in which he performed over Birmingham during Prosperity Week but a bit smaller than the one in which he landed in Woodward avenue in front of Northwood Inn.

ST. JAMES NAMES 4 VESTRYMEN

At a meeting of the 1928 vestrymen of St. James' Church held at the rectory last week the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: George T. Hendrie, senior warden; Donald T. Stanton, junior warden; Edward W. Hett, secretary of the vestry; John B. Howarth, treasurer of the parish.

EXPRESSION SCHOOL TO OPEN IN VILLAGE

Announcement is made today of the opening of a school of expression and dramatic reading by Mrs. Rachel MacBunyan at 215 Oak street. The classes are to be started Feb. 1, according to plans. Mrs. MacBunyan is a graduate of the Chaffee-Noble School of Expression of Detroit where she studied two years. She is well known to many persons in Birmingham, 200 of whom attended her graduation recital at the McGregor Public library in Highland Park.