

HENRY FORD RECENTLY
lost a footrace with an employee
and lost. He got his name on
the front page because it is at-
tached to a billion-dollar race.
Probably why he lost the race.

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR—NO. 12

QUEST INTO DEATH OF HILL OFFICER

Patrolman Gattie Dies Of
Injuries In Crash With
Arthur Luscombe

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD

An inquest is to be held Sat-
day at 10 a. m. in the Oakland
county court house, Pontiac, in
the death of Patrolman Gattie
Bloomfield Hills. A few minutes
before the inquest, the officer
died early Sunday from injuries
received June 27 when his motor-
cycle crashed into an automobile.

Gattie received internal injuries
and was operated on twice after
being taken to the St. Joseph
Hospital in Pontiac.

The car with which Gattie col-
lided at Woodward avenue and
Hazel street at 5 p. m. was driven
by Arthur Luscombe, Mayor
of Bloomfield Hills. The car
was owned by William Luscombe,
the son of Thomas Luscombe, a
former village commissioner, as
was previously reported.

Wed In Same Church
Gattie was buried Tuesday in
the Mt. Olivet cemetery, Detroit,
following a service at the
Little Flower, Woodward
avenue and the Twelve Mile road.
Gattie was married in the same
church June 12 to Miss Helen
Gregory of Beverly Hills.

Called back from the wedding
trip because of a shortness of
breath on the Hills following a
death of Patrolman Robert Dex-
ter, who also was killed in an
auto accident, Gattie had kissed
his bride goodbye and started for
Bloomfield Hills. A few minutes
later Birmingham police told her
of the accident.

According to Chief William Putnam
of the Hills, he had been parked
on Woodward avenue and was
driving his car when he saw
later Birmingham police told her
of the accident. The force of the
impact hurled Gattie several feet
and demolished the cycle. Neither
Luscombe nor his brother, Ray
who was with him at the time,
was injured.

Survived by Relatives
Gattie had been a member of
the Bloomfield Hills force since
April 16. Prior to that he had
been with the Detroit force for
three years. He was 30 years old
and was 6 feet 4 inches in height.

Besides his widow he is sur-
vived by his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Gattie, Sr., of Walford
Station, Ont., and the following
brothers and sisters: George,
Madigan of Blind River, Ont.,
Caroline, Mary, Gertrude, John,
Henry and Charles Gattie of Walford
Station.

JUSTICE FAILS TO PROVE DRUNKEN DRIVER

Two Men Who Face Hunt
Plead Guilty To
Charge

Two drunken drivers appeared
before Justice Malcolm Hunt
Monday and were sentenced to 30
days in the Oakland County jail
or \$50 fine.

William McCarthy, 489 Melvin
street, Detroit, arrested by Patrol-
man George Townsend, one of the
men, is serving the 30 days in the
Oakland County jail at Pontiac.

The other offense was by F. H.
Linderman, Waterford, arrested by
Patrolman H. M. Milderbrant,
who said his \$50 fine and was dis-
charged.

WORK PART SCHEDULE

Woodward Widening Ex-
pected To Begin On
Schedule

Indications today are that the
state will begin work on the
widening of Woodward avenue
Aug. 1, according to Man-
ager James W. Parry.

Part of the cost of the installa-
tion of sewers and services will
under way and the cutting down
of trees will be practically com-
pleted, according to Parry.

Mr. Parry's estimates that the
preparatory work will cost ap-
proximately \$37,000. The tree
cutting cost \$8,000. The sewer
installations will cost \$15,000 and
the services also will cost \$15,000.

Taken By Death PAVING JOBS START TODAY IN VILLAGE

Taylor Construction Com-
pany Awarded Contracts
For \$71,410.00

EARLY FINISH IS SEEN

Work was scheduled to be
started today on the paving of
eight village streets, following the
award of contracts to the Taylor
Construction company of Birming-
ham Monday night by the vil-
lage commission.

The local company's bid was
under that submitted by the other
bidders. The figure was said
by Manager James W. Parry to be
well under prices paid by the
village last summer.

The Taylor company's bid for
all the streets was \$71,410.00.
The other bids are: White Con-
struction company, \$76,820.42;
and the Healy construction com-
pany, \$72,374.40.

All the streets are to be paved
with concrete and the work is ex-
pected to be completed in six
weeks provided the weather is
favorable, according to James
W. Parry, village manager.

The streets are: Hamilton from Wood-
ward avenue to the Grand Trunk
road; Coach George Johnson, in-
ward to Brownell; Merrill, South-
field to Pierce; Willets, Wood-
ward to Chester; Bates, Brown to
Willets; Hennetta, Brown to
Willets; Chester, Maple to Wil-
lets; and Martin, Pierce to Ches-
ter.

Many of these streets are sur-
rounding the three blocks used
for the new civic center of Birming-
ham. Arrangements have been
made with the Detroit Edison
company to install and operate
large street lights on the civic
center streets. This work also is
to be completed at an early date.

The same contracting firm to-
day in working on the construc-
tion of the new village hall. They
received this contract a week ago
and the cost of the job is \$15,000.

VILLAGE VOTE BEING PROBED

Whether Birmingham, as a vil-
lage, will vote on the proposed
annexation of a part of Bloom-
field Township to the city of Pon-
tiac in the next election is being
probed today by attorneys under
the direction of the supervisor's
office.

The territory in the township
annexation is that land sur-
rounding the new general motor
truck plant near Pontiac. The
same issue was defeated at a pre-
vious election.

**PEDDLERS' ORDINANCE
IS AMENDED BY BOARD**

The ordinance governing ped-
dlers in Birmingham was amended
last night by the village board to
exclude persons who sell
goods manufactured out of the
state and delivered direct to the
factory when the village com-
mission met Monday night. The
ordinance is the highest of its
nature because of the high license
fee for transients which is \$25 a
month to protect the local mer-
chants, it was explained.

Survived by Family
He is survived by his widow;
three daughters, Mrs. E. M. H.
of Cleveland, and Misses Ethel
and Mae at home. A half sister,
Mrs. Jane Holdaway, and a
niece, Mrs. Clyde Seely, live in
Farmington.

Services were held at 1:30 p. m.
Monday at the home, in charge of
the Farmington Blue Lodge, F. &
A. M. No. 102, in the North
Farmington cemetery. Rev. Samuel
Pack, of the First Christian
Church, will officiate.

VAN BLACK DUE IN COURT FRIDAY

The examination of Frank E.
Van Black, former publisher of
the Outlook, secretary of the south-
eastern Oakland County, who is
under bail of \$1,000 on a charge of
embezzlement, will be held tomor-
row in Justice Fred E. Gordon's
court in Royal Oak. Van Black
lives at 425 east Main avenue.

A warrant was issued for his
arrest on the complaint of Otto
Mont, secretary of the Outlook
Publishing company who charged
that while Van Black was presi-
dent of the company he had mis-
appropriated \$187. Van Black has indicated he
will fight the charges.

RENTALS
SIX-ROOM house, centrally located,
select district, \$108.00. On
lower duplex, garage, on Pierce
street, \$45.00. Modern home, \$100.00.
See 15th. Month in excellent order.
See 15th.

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OUT OF RACE BOARD TO MEET ON PROPOSAL TO CUT TREES

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commission has been called for
tonight to decide whether the four
large elm trees along the south-
east corner of Maple and Woodward
avenue will be razed in prepara-
tion for the construction of a new
building by the Burge Commercial
Development company of De-
troit.

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HIGH RATING GIVEN WATER OF VILLAGE

Birmingham water has been
rated good by tests made by the
Perry Testing Laboratories of De-
troit, according to reports this
week to James W. Parry, village
manager. The analysis was of the
minerals in the water.

PLAYGROUND MEETS
Playground programs to be held
in Birmingham during the sum-
mer months will be held in the
mornings at Barnum field and in
the afternoons at the Adams play-
ground, Coach George Johnson, in-
charge of the programs, announ-
ced today. A meeting of soft ball
league players will be held Fri-
day at Barnum field at 7 p. m.

**NEW POLICEMAN
IS APPOINTED HERE**
Birmingham's new policeman,
Mrs. Alice M. Haldane, who lives
on Brown street, is active today
in her new duties, according to
James W. Parry, village manager.
She succeeds Mrs. Albert D. Jar-

vis. While Mrs. Haldane has not had
any experience in police work,
she has been active in social ser-
vice work, and recently has been
employed as a school counselor,
also as assistant to Mrs. Nellie
Williams in the book and child ac-
tivity department of the schools.

Woman 'Mothers' 100 Men FINDS TIME TO DO MORE THAN COOK

A kindly woman who mothers
50 hard working men in Birming-
ham soon is to have her "family"
increased to 100.

She is Mrs. Marshall Vaughn
whose official title is that of cook
for the Nelson Construction com-
pany of Chicago, whose men now
are in Birmingham working on the
new Grand Trunk railway right
of way. They are housed in a
large camp on Buckingham road.

A new camp soon is to be com-
pleted and an additional 50 men
will be in the village. That was more
than Mrs. Vaughn and her husband
are in complete charge of all the
food and its preparation for the
men. More than that, she has the
responsibility of their general com-
fort. "I can't just feed them and let
them go. Why, some of those
guys are real carlees. They would
never provide for themselves. I
would have to after them all the
time."

The complete camp full of men
from Kentucky. Its members
are unanimous in their antipathy
for Mrs. Vaughn. They like her
enough but doughnuts take first
place.

The talk was interrupted by the
entrance of one of those huge,
burly men. They like pie more
than doughnuts. "I haven't any pie
since dinner. That was more than
an hour ago," he said.

But there was no pie for him
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mise.

The two bantered back and
forth and the man, what the
crowd would call a doughnut, a
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could make them," she said when
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Villagers AND THE Village

By THE WANDERER
The story of a young man who
satisfied a long standing ambition
is being told all day in Birming-
ham. As a youth in the wilds of
Franklin, it is said, he had a long
ride home. But with the ap-
proach of a new year, business took
his attention from this desire. In
place of the bronco, however, there
came a motorcycle into the family,
owned by a younger brother who
is handling the family business
and has made somewhat of a
reputation at the hobby. Intimate
friends of the boy, however, were
not so sure of his judgment. His
brother was the envy of the older
one, so one day, permission
was given, Kenneth Bingham by
his brother, Carson, took a ride
all alone. Well, the story goes,
he rode—AND HOW! Witnesses
say the ride was a real one, riding
the ground on all the long ride.
Roaring through the quiet village
of Franklin, it is said that the
natives, and in fact, all forms of
life, took to their heels. The only
exception is the life of the town,
in their fear beyond the
farthest cloud. The trouble was
that the boy, starting the
machine but he forgot to stop it.
Finally a kindly Fate inter-
vened with a ride, which, how-
ever, and brought a fine direc-
tly into the course of the trip. To-
day Ken limps a bit, temporarily,
and he smiles the smile of one
who has realized a long cherished
ambition—and has come to the
conclusion that ambitions, born in
early life, are very foolish things,
after all.

The caddies at Woodward and
Maple avenues, who have ridden
Detroit from kindly motorists are
wise in the ways of human nature.
They never ask for a ride from
a man who is riding alone with
a mail car when the traffic light
is green. They select their prospects
carefully and only when the cars
are stopped for a red light, they
ask. "Why waste energy?" one of
them asked. "Riding in this way
every day, we get to know what
looking at people whether or not
they will give us a ride."

Of 15 men who passed Maple
and Woodward avenues during a
few minutes last Monday when
the thermometer, 12 of them
were without coats. Birmingham
tried many ways of keeping cool.
Children had a great time of it
at the fire station where firemen
played the hose on them. The
soda fountains were crowded and
electric fans set to work. Fire-
men, Autos filled the streets in
the evening, many of the villagers

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USE FOURTH WATER RE BY ONE ACCIDENT

Patrolman Moody Struck By
Car While Directing
Traffic

NO FIRES REPORTED

The Fourth of July in Birming-
ham was marred only by one ac-
cident.

Patrolman Moody was struck by
St. Joseph Mety Hospital today
suffering from a possible fracture
of the skull received when he was
struck by a machine while direct-
ing traffic last night at Vinewood
and Woodward avenues.

The village was quiet all the
day, many of the residents leav-
ing early for the lakes. The fire
department was not called once
during the day. Despite the
heavy traffic on Woodward ave-
nue, no accidents were reported
except that in which Moody was
involved.

The reckless driving charge was
placed against the driver of a
car which struck him. He is Clyde
W. Fox, 135 Perkins street, Pon-
tiac, and he was to be brought
to court today.

Police say cars were driving
somewhat recklessly on the
three abreast at 10 p. m. yester-
day when the car driven by Fox
struck the officer before he could
get out of the way.

An X-ray was to be taken today
to see if the officer had received a
fracture of the skull.

Many private displays of fire-
works were held, the sky above Bir-
mingham last night but there was
no public demonstration. Numer-
ous Birmingham residents drove
out to the stadium of the
University of Detroit at Livonia
to see the fireworks.

Lack of both accidents and fire
marked the Fourth this year as
one of the most quiet in the his-
tory of Birmingham.

Moody lives at 515 Purdy street.

Our Society Editor- Finds July Fourth Isn't What It Used To Be Back Home.

By DOROTHY WILLIAMS

The only similarity between the
Fourth of July in Birmingham and
back in Lunenburg, Massachusetts,
—the home town is the weather.
The weather here is just what I
need to tell me what I am doing
today. They looked at them,
mouths open, and just wondered.
They seemed to think the Library
Bell was a new fox trot. Of
course, understand, I know all
about the weather. The fire depart-
ment. They were just out for the
day from Henry Ford's playhouse.

No! So Important
Anyone who sought excitement
and noise around here was sorely
disappointed. Auto horns and an
occasional firecracker were for-
gotten. The villagers took their
selves, their families and the house
poor to their cottages, to the
lakes or to the city. The return-
ed to the village, to the city, to
the city, to the city, to the city.

Organized games, various kinds
of athletics and other recreation
were held. The children were
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COURT SLOWS C. T. PROGRESS

Litigation Holding Up Right
Of Way Excavations
In Village

While work on the new Grand
Trunk right of way is progress-
ing northward, the village exca-
vation in the village is mov-
ing slowly, according to Village
Manager James W. Parry. The
agreement between the state and
the village relative to the grade
separations within Birmingham
has not yet been signed. The vil-
lage waiting for the state to move
he said.

A litigation involving property in
the south of Birmingham is de-
laying the work, the manager said.
When this is settled it is ex-
pected the agreement here will be
signed and the work in the vil-
lage be hurried.

HOSE BATHING O. K. ON OCCASIONS

A comic strip climax was en-
acted at the fire station on Wil-
lett street, where the hose bath-
ing of children was held Monday
morning when Birmingham
children were enjoying the
warmth of the water which pro-
duced the large fire hose loaned
them by the department.

A reporter, sent to determine
the cause of all the shorts front
many young throats, found him-
self quite in the way of the water.
He would have been far more en-
joyable if he had taken the trouble
to dress for the occasion as had
the children.

Many Birmingham youngsters
made the most of the opportunity
given them by the intense heat
and cool. The practice, according
to Vernon Griffith of the depart-
ment, is to be continued on warm days.

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equipment.

TRACY A. COTTON
Woodward at Balfour

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