

MYSTERY COVERS CAUSE OF FALL INTO ATLANTIC

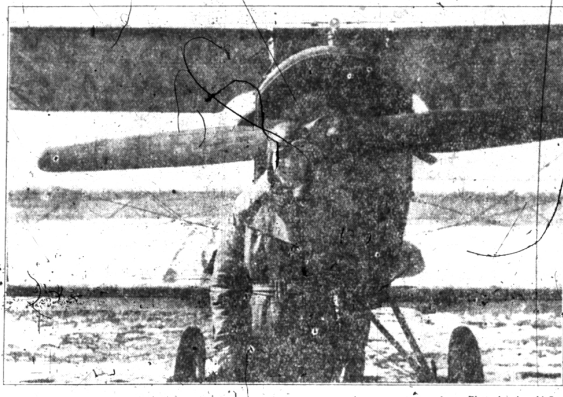
(Concluded from Page One) Herbert R. Earle of Bloomfield Hills, wired a dramatic story of the accident to Detroit. He was one of the witnesses. The story follows: "We were bathing at Indian-lantic beach. Mr. Earle said, 'I suddenly saw the Ford plane diving down on the beach. I called to the children with us to look out for we could almost reach up and touch it. The pilot waved to us, but on it went, although it seemed to be weaving slightly and not keeping a perfectly steady course. I read the number on the plane and saw the Ford Trade mark. "About three miles farther down the beach the pilot apparently attempted to circle to the left and over the sea, when it came down nose first. The wind was blowing from the east and along the beach all the way here is a high bank. Brooks evidently was not familiar with the peculiar antics of the wind along the beach under such conditions. I believe he was making a landing when he passed us and evidently he was turning about with that view when he took his fatal view. "He might easily have landed on the Indian-lantic boulevard or the park course here had he known their nearness, but he was flying so low and close to the ocean beach he might not have seen what lay directly back. A few minutes after the crash we were told what had happened and drove to the nearest spot on shore. It was getting dusk and we could see plainly what those who reached the spot sooner said in the air above the rolling sea. "Built Signal Fire "Some thought they saw the pilot standing on a wing of the plane, but the opinion of the majority seems to be that the tail of Brook's plane. A west wind was blowing, which would not only carry the wreckage out to sea, but there was no boat which could ride the sea any where near. The coast guard at Vero beach had been given the alarm by telephone, so we built a large bonfire on the beach as a signal guide to the boat which they had promised would come by way of Sebastian inlet. Nothing but a thermos bottle has come to us.

Five Issues Face Voters At Elections

(Concluded from Page One) ing a current burden of taxes in that amount, whereas the bond issue is to continue over a period of 20 years. "The same procedure, in part, obtain on the bond issue of \$50,000 which is to be used to phase outright four pieces of property in the second block. If this property is purchased now, the taxpayers will be able to save many thousands of dollars, because Mr. Parry points out values are ever on the increase, and by purchasing these four pieces now the village will save a great deal of money. The passage of this bond issue together with the one for \$200,000, disposes for all time of the necessity to provide further funds with which to obtain and develop the civic center, as at present planned. "Property in the second block will all be held by the village when the four pieces in question are purchased. Village officials plan that this block, located between the Public Library and the municipal building blocks, will be cleared of its present houses, developed as a park area. Sufficient funds from salvaging the houses on this block will be realized, manager Parry says, to create a fund for the maintenance of the civic center grounds. "When the civic center project was first conceived three years ago, a group of realtors from the Birmingham Real Estate Board to appraise the value of the properties in the two blocks. The appraisal was set at \$200,000.00, and this amount was approved by the electors at a subsequent election. Although the proposed bond issue to be voted on March 12, requires within them approximately \$70,000.00 to be used for buying the remainder of the civic center property, it is pointed out that this under-estimate of the actual cost system shown by the fact that \$200,000.00 has not proved enough to complete the project. "By fault of any public official, the original \$200,000.00 was not enough to purchase all the property involved. "The present commission, by its unanimous vote to put this proposition up to the voters, is really offering the people's project as originally conceived, as originally conceived, the original civic center program which local electors, at every election, have approved. "Therefore, the passage of both bond issues, one for \$60,000.00 and the other for \$50,000.00, will give all the money required for land purchases, as well as the final touches—even to landscaping the grounds—for the new municipal building which is now being constructed, manager Parry stated. "A three-fifths majority favorable vote is necessary to carry all village projects.

A New Well Unit Proposition number 3 relates to the construction of a well unit worth of bonds, the money to be used in locating and completing a

BROOKS FLEW SOUTH IN FIRST PLANE



Harry Brooks made his first cross country flight to Florida soon after he was graduated from the Baldwin High School where he had been well known as an athlete and aviation enthusiast. It was taken with Hoyt Brown of 519 Pardee street who purchased the plane shown with Harry Brooks above so that Harry could teach him to fly. The boys paid their expenses from money made by taking in passengers along the way. "The plane, a Denny, was shot in the best of condition when it was purchased and Brooks spent a great deal of time in recording it. Brown relates a thrilling story of Harry's first cross country flight. "Harry and I were always good friends. We chummed together. He was greatly interested in flying and his enthusiasm somehow got me into it. One night, as we sat in his home on the Twelve Mile road and I was reading a magazine, he said, 'I wish you will buy a plane. I will.' "I suggested Harry, 'I guess when I bought the ship. He began teaching me and then we began making a flight to Florida. We could make many giving passengers rides. We did not our route too, so we decided that Harry should take the ship off from the coast of gasoline and oil. We even set a figure on the number of miles we would have to travel miles every day. "But," said Brown, "it was a trip of grief all the way. We had forced landings after forced landings. We left on a cold day, November of 1924 and before the day was over, Harry had started with us, struck the top branches of a tree at Dayton, O., and the two boys got that ship were taken to a hospital. "We did not ever think to see how the boys were making out, and the next day took off. Spectacularly, we were in the mountains at Tippecanoe, O. At Nashville, Tenn., we were held up two days by forest fires in the mountains. When we did take off over the mountains, I was studying our route and Harry was holding the ship along a railroad track. "Suddenly Harry landed the plane sharply—the railroad track had disappeared into a mountain valley had narrowly missed a creek and the engine of the motor. "We had another forced landing in a water-hole patch near Anderson, Ill., when our water

with our present two units—that is, of course providing they never got running. But we do need the extra fuel to balance the system. Therefore, the \$67,000.00 bond issue is for a new unit, plus the necessary pipe lines to connect it with the village system. The new unit will be located in the north-west section of the village. When completed, it will equalize the pressure in the water mains, and will do a great deal to eliminate stagnation in the circulation of the water, and the removal of stagnant condition in the water. "Sewer Improvements "The two remaining bond issues, the voters will decide upon March 12, each of them for \$200,000.00, relate to the water mains and the sewer systems of Birmingham. One of them is for the development and expansion of the present system of handling this phase of the village's engineering work, such improvements have always been paid out of current taxes, in spite of the fact that many of these improvements last from 25 to 40 years and ought to be spread over a longer period of payment. During 1927 the village spent \$6,000.00 for such improvements, manager Parry said. Therefore this \$200,000.00 bond issue is to reduce the current tax budget of an expense that should be paid for over a period of years. "Because the State will re-sur-

CROWDS SEE BURTON'S SPECTACULAR FINISH



Fortune smiled on plucky 'Smiling Billy' Burton, endurance driver and he finished his 124 hours of continuous driving in Birmingham on a total of 2106 miles, piled up a credit. About 600 persons saw him finish at Maple and Woodward avenues. Burton's hands were handcuffed to the wheel of his car by the officers of Police James Anderson. Just before the start of the en-

Year's Review Gives Praise To Village

(Concluded from Page One) ment in paying the village's share of street paving projects."

Library Completed Among other construction things cited in manager Parry's preliminary report of work accomplished by the village commission during the past year are the completion of the new Baldwin Public Library. This library is counted as the first among communities of Birmingham's size in Michigan and is the envy of surrounding towns and villages. "The establishment of a paid fire department, wherein for the first time Birmingham is served by a regular department, consisting of six full-time men, and augmented by the former volunteers. "Sale of the old Baldwin Public Library building, located at Woodward and Woodward avenues, for \$125,000 is also referred to as a good piece of business by the commission. The transfer of this money, so authorized by the voters, to the fire department, for the acquisition, the report reads. "The tearing down of the old steam water works adjacent to the site into a park area, and the elimination of an expensive piece of this obsolete station, are also given credit. "Negotiations with the state relative to completing its promise to build Woodward avenue 100 feet wide, at state expense, is praised as a noteworthy achievement by the commission. When finished this Summer the pavement will be 70 feet wide between curbs. "Expansion of the health department of Birmingham, with a full time nurse and a sanitary officer under the commission, are mentioned as marks of community progress. "Sewer Paving (That the commission took heed of needs for sewers is shown in the fact that the best sewer pipe of a mile of sanitary sewers were laid, and two and one-half miles of storm sewers were laid in various sections of the village. Three and one-half miles of water main additions were also on Grant avenue, Liberty avenue, and in the (Yorkell Park subdivision). "A lot of two and three-tenths mile of paving were laid, together with curbs and gutter, on Lincoln street, between Second and Townsend street, Bates street, and Oak street. This was the largest paving program ever carried on by the village in any one year; manager Parry shows.

During the past summer subdivision improvements were put in by subdividers under the inspection of the village. The amount of \$455,000.000. Permanent street name markers were placed at many street intersections, as part of a plan to install 150 of them at needed points in Birmingham. The balance of the markers have not been installed but will be as soon as the first leaves the ground. "More than a mile of sidewalk in South Birmingham and adjacent to Grant avenue and Adams avenue was completed, which contributed largely to the improvement of that section and helped children in getting to and from school. "Other portions of Manager Parry's report indicate a wide variety of projects upon which have been expended much constructive effort during the year; it includes the widening of West Maple avenue, the provision for business alleys in the business district, the opening of Merrill street from Pierce to Woodward avenue, the extension of Willette street and Hamilton avenue, and the addition of a new well to the village water works system. "To avoid paying fines, four fathers spanked their young sons in Judge Berman's court in Springfield, Ill., for soaking a playmate with water after biting and gagging him."

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