Registration Books for Bloomfield Township Close Saturday---Don't Delay

This is for men only: when you finish reading this please turn to your wife and tell her that she is the finest woman you know. Then give her a couple of kisses. But be sure she is your wife.

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HILLS RETAINS TITLES AFTER HUNT RACES

Lieut. Seas Shows Form To Retain Bloomfield Cup In Colorful Race

THRONGS SEE EVENTS

"Lieut. Seas," owned by Walter O. Briggs today remains holder of the Bloomfield Cup following his spectacular performance at the ninth annual Open Hunt races held Saturday at the Briggs, Fosdick and Oakdale Farms in the Hills.

For two years now he has been winner of this trophy, last year entered by his former owner John S. Sweeney, of Detroit, and although for 10 years he has been competing at racing events throughout the middle west, once again he has shown himself the pick horse in the district.

It was the most colorful race of the day, filled with thrills from start to finish but it also offered the only casualty of the afternoon when Rigan McKinney, riding B. Leslie Behr's "Strymon" was hurled from his horse's back on the second to the last jump receiving a broken collarbone. He was removed to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

While no attendance has been announced, officials say records were broken.

Due to an unexpected change in the program the Metamora Hunt trophy and the Bloomfield Cup were combined, "Strymon," "Lieut. Seas," and E. F. Hammond's "Meter Boy," with Alex Copland riding completing the entries. Of these three "Lieut. Seas" alone came through to the finish, "Meter Boy" going down on the first jump and throwing his rider. Copland was badly shaken but received no injuries.

E. S. Nichols' "Black Rock" and Behr's "Tapper" were the only starters in the Metamora Cup Race with "Black Rock" taking the trophy.

Promised Excitement

From the moment the bugle sounded and the scarlet coated judges on their powerful white horses called their last warning to the eager crowd, the promised excitement. Scarcely had the restless crowd risen to keep the speeding horses in sight when down went "Meter Boy," catching the first rail, and all this while "Lieut. Seas" was steadily gaining a lead that would be impossible to overtake. "Black Rock" alone was able to keep in the running with the favorite but gradually he fell behind unable to steal on "Lieut. Seas" lead.

"Tapper" ran with "Strymon"

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AND THE TALK ENDED

Village Commissioner W. W. Henry, Monday night, injected some humor into a discussion of removing two small trees on the new municipal block of land. The trees, one a plum and the other a tree of heaven, are in the way of the landscape architect; Manager James W. Parry, in the face of the recent tree agitation, was opposed to cutting or moving the trees without a public hearing. Commissioner Henry closed the discussion by saying, "Certainly, let's keep these two trees on the property; we've had enough Hell about the new municipal building during the past year, and it won't hurt to keep a little Heaven on it now."

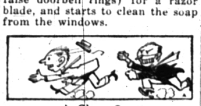
Hallowe'en Tricks Growing Duller, Natives Declare

Same Old Pranks, Year After Year, Old Timers Find Monotonous

"There is no originality in Hallowe'en pranks anymore. Year after year, it's the same old thing—soap on the window and a ring at the door."

Thus do many old timers in Birmingham talk about today's youth on its holiday observed next Tuesday.

When one awakened after a Hallowe'en in the old days here he was ready to find all sorts of unexpected pranks had been played during the night. Now, however, John Birmingham, arises, reaches drowsily (for he has been up late the night before answering false doorbell rings) for a razor blade, and starts to clean the soap from the windows.



A Close One

Jokers today do not usually arise the ire of the victims, the police say. Only once were they called on to forstall what might have been a serious happening and that time they had the aid of a Nature which had made the angered one short winded.

What joke had been played never was learned but police intercepted a furious citizen chasing another down the street. At the time they arrived, however, the "chaser" had become winded and, giving up the race, could say only, "'&.'/$ won't play Hallowe'en jokes on me and get away with 'em."

The era of plank sidewalks and gas street lights in Birmingham was when originality counted for something at Hallowe'en, George Mitchell believes. He recalls many incidents of the days now forgotten and easily brings from his memory characters and incidents which attest what he said, as their shadows, haunted and goblin-like, march across the contemporary stage.

In the Elegant Eighties, during the regime of the Eccentric and Washingtonian clubs, practical jokes were the mode for adults to follow as well as children.

The Tonies, as the group of young ladies who composed the

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WALKS PROMISED ON WOODWARD

Birmingham is to have sidewalks on Woodward avenue this winter.

This was assured at the commission meeting Monday night when Village President H. T. Ellerby said he could practically promise that if the state does not complete the laying of the walk in time, the village of Birmingham will provide at least temporary walks until spring.

Manager James W. Parry said in reply to questions he could not assure the completion of the walks by the contractors who are working for the state but he believed the work would be completed before snow falls.

The Ann Arbor Construction company is doing the work for the state and at the state's expense. Walks are to be replaced where they were taken up for the paving of Woodward avenue on both sides of the street.

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POLICE RENEW WAR AGAINST TIPSY DRIVERS

Jail, Heavy Fines Meted Out To Men Nabbed In Net

WOMEN HURT IN CRASH

Five men stand convicted of drunken driving today as police continue their war on tipsy motorists in the village. Four paid heavy fines and one drew a jail sentence.

George Alexander, of Windsor, who said he was the owner of many race horses paid a fine of $100 in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court. He was arrested Saturday after his car hit a truck at Woodward and Maple avenue injuring his three women companions. The party was on its way home from the Boomfield Open Hunt races.

The women were taken to the Harper Hospital in Detroit. They gave their names as Edna Williams, Ethel St. Louis and Vivian Taylor, all of Detroit. Miss St. Louis said the women in the party were models for a Detroit furrier.

The truck driver was Ernest Gurden of Pontiac. He escaped without injury.

Peter Campeau and Jessie Vasquez, both of Pontiac, paid fines of $100 each when they appeared Monday before Justice Hunt. Patrolmen Frank Williams and Joseph McGregor made the arrests.

Vasquez was arrested after a chase through the downtown streets by Clark Green, a former police sergeant here. His car had become involved in a minor accident with another machine on west Maple avenue and the man fled. Green gave chase through the downtown streets and captured the man on east Maple avenue.

Frank Cook of Pontiac is in the Oakland County jail for 30 days following the imposition of sentence by Justice Buck. He was arrested by Patrolman Harold Snyder. His license was ordered revoked for 60 days.

Charles McDonald, Twelve Mile road, was fined $100 by Justice Hunt. He was arrested by Patrolman George Townsend and pleaded guilty.

PAUL MORROW, 36, TAKEN BY DEATH

George Street Resident Had Lived in Birmingham 19 Years; Survived By Family

Paul Morrow, 36 years old, died at his home, 213 George street early yesterday morning. Burial will be Friday in the White Chapel Memorial Park on Long Lake road with services at the S. O. Wylie Bell's Home for Funerals, Rev. Floyd Logee, officiating.

Mr. Morrow has lived 19 years in Birmingham coming here from Kokomo, Ind. During that time

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RENTALS

Lower Duplex on corner two paved streets. Large lot, garage. Centrally located. Reduced rent to desirable tenant.

ALSO 4 bedroom house, fire place, sleeping porch, garage, excellent location, $115 month on lease.

AND half of double house, 3 bedrooms, fine shape, good neighborhood, $65 mo., adults preferred. Small house, 2 bedrooms, $50 month.

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TWO DAYS TO REGISTER

Saturday is the last day to register if you would vote for President Nov. 6.

The Bloomfield Township Offices in the First State Bank building will be open from 8 a. m. until 8 p. m. that day. Persons who have not registered since the last presidential election MUST re-register before 8 p. m. Saturday to be eligible to vote.

So far, 4,500 persons in the township have re-registered. A one-hundred percent vote from persons registered is expected on election day.

Do not have regrets after elections are over.

REGISTER TODAY, TOMORROW OR SATURDAY and be eligible to CAST YOUR BALLOT NOVEMBER 6.

'TWAS AN EERIE NIGHT, AND GHOSTS CREPT–SS'HH–MYSTERY!

"Twas near an hour past midnight and the rain trickled softly down the eves of the new municipal building. All else was quiet and eerie. A late home-goer, nervous on the deserted street, whistled an old but lively tune, trying to keep the ghosts away.

A sudden creak near the building caused him to start. Robbers, he thought. Or could it be a ghost. He broke off his whistling and a cold feeling went up from his heart. He drew back into the dark, and felt of his wallet and watch.

He saw shadows and then large dark forms which appeared to be slinking into the still deeper dark of the night. They were headed for the building, picking their way over the rough ground cautiously, and with stealth. No word was spoken.

The home-goer was petrified.

He could do nothing but watch. He was afraid these mauraders would hear, at their distance, his heart beating.

What diabolical business could this be, he wondered. A group of vandals, bent upon destroying the new building? Thieves, ready to rip fixtures and plumbing from the place?

Where were the police? He could not leave his hiding place, lest the band see him.

It was so slow. A minute was several hours. Still the slow quiet march of the group in the shadows.

They entered the basement and he saw his chance to find the police. But just as he was about to start, he noticed that one of their number remained outside. Possibly a lookout, he thought.

The lights went on. Many of them in the building, and he noticed two women among the group. The form of H. T. Ellerby, the village president was discernable and the women, he recognized as Hope Halgren, commissioner, and Myrtle Carson, village clerk. Then he saw in turn other members of the commission. He threw off his scares.

Questions elicited the information that the members of the village board had been in session until 12:45 a. m. when it was necessary that they inspect the new commission rooms to decide on the placing of furniture.

The timid home-goer continued his journey. There was nothing to be said about it. He even discontinued the whistling.

Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

Persons wishing to send letters by the Graf Zeppelin to European countries are requested today by village postal authorities to mail them immediately. Ten letters and four postal cards mailed by people wishing to use the transatlantic air service are now in the hands of postal employes. The majority of these are addressed to Germany, but some go to England, France, Denmark and Belgium.

Many features are contained in this issue of The Eccentric. There are many sidelights on the Open Hunt races, comic strips, a half page of pictures on world events, book reviews, a story of a Birmingham girl who is the youngest woman radio director in the country, the tale of a Birmingham woman who put aside her ambition to become artist until long after marriage when her family was well along in life, and then had her early ambition realized . . . there are many worth while things on the inside pages of The Eccentric.

Today is the last day to see the Kunsky Eccentric news reel of the Bloomfield Open Hunt races at the theater. This feature is provided by the Birmingham Eccentric and the Kunsky Theater corporation.

There is to be social distinction among the dead, a Villager has reported to the Wanderer. One day last week a saleswoman from a mausoleum corporation approached a villager with an unusual proposition. She was offering to make provision for the villager's death, promising him a resting place among the elite. "We intend to cater to the exclusive society of Bloomfield Hills with the exception of a few Birmingham persons of high social rank," the saleswoman explained. This inducement to die was further embellished by promises of avenues in the mausoleum arranged according to social prestige. The villager broke down and confessed to the saleswoman that she had a certain little hole in the ground reserved in a far away city where she felt that she could lie contented without the glory of a mausoleum bluebook.

A suggestion has come to the ears of the Wanderer which, if adopted by the commission, will bring much continental color to

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G. O. P. CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN VILLAGE

Contributions, in amounts from a dollar up, for the furtherance of the Republican party's cause in the coming campaign, are being received at several places in Birmingham. Howard Glenn, in charge of this work for Oakland County, seeks to obtain as many signatures as possible to the Hoover-Curtis Legionnaire, together with contributions.

Petitions have been placed with James W. Cobb, postmaster, James V. Bayley, township clerk, Mrs. Virginia Hewitt, David Ladd, and at The Eccentric office. Contributions may be made at these places when signing the petitions.

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SUPERVISORS VOTE DOWN CIVIC CENTER

Committee Named To Study Advisability Of Proposed Move

QUESTION IS DEBATED

A special committee of the county board of supervisors today has the authority to confer with the city commission of Pontiac relative to the possible location of the new county building. This action was taken by the board after a resolution, calling for the combining of the county building with the civic center in Pontiac, was defeated by a vote of 23 to 18.

The matter has been debated pro and con for some time since the opening of the October session of the board. Supervisor Robert Y. Moore of Bloomfield Township has opposed combining the county and city projects and it was partly through his fight that the issue was defeated.

A public hearing Friday showed that the opinion in the county and city of Pontiac was divided. The city advocates the combination of the two projects while persons in the county appeared to be in favor of having them separately located.

The resolution which authorized the committee to meet with the city commission of Pontiac was introduced by Supervisor Washington E. Irish of Independent Township. It follows:

"Resolved that the special Court House committee be given authority to confer with the City of Pontiac to see if the City and County can agree upon a site which would be acceptable both to the said County and City.

"Further, that the special Court House committee be authorized to call a special meeting of this board when in the opinion of the committee a session should be called for a further discussion of the Court House situation."

SECOND HEARING ON TREES CALLED

Objections To Be Heard Nov. 29 To Proposed Removal In Subdivision

A hearing is called by the village commission for Nov. 29 to hear objections to the removal of trees in the Bloomfield Woods subdivision where it is planned to cut through a street.

This move is in accordance with a resolution passed more than a week ago by the board which prohibits the cutting down of trees before a public hearing is called on the issue.

Trees occupied a considerable part of the discusson at the meeting again last Monday, when a delegation appeared in answer to a hearing on the removal of many trees for the proposed extension of Lincoln avenue.

The commission decided to allow the trees to stand but to remove the surplus trees to other parkways.

FOR ARTISTS' MATERIALS
The Devoe Paint and Art Shop, Theatre Building. —adv.23tf

Buy your life insurance from L. W. Porter, P. O. Box 24, phone 1292. adv.26tf

Masquerade dance, Poppleton School, Oct. 26, Crooks and Beaver Rd. —Adv.28

WHISTLERS!

Are you preparing for the contest?

There are to be cash prizes and they might as well go to you.

One thing about this contest that The Birmingham Eccentric and the Kunsky-Birmingham Theater is putting on Nov. 9—you do not have to be good to have a chance at one of the cash prizes.

If you can whistle good, bad or indifferently, start the practice now—and have some fun.

NEW PAVING ON WOODWARD IS COMPLETED

Street To Be Opened To Traffic Next Wednesday, Contractors Report

RAIN CAUSED DELAY

All of the new pavement which has been laid on Woodward avenue will be open for traffic next Wednesday, it is announced today by the construction superintendent and engineer.

The cement mixer poured the last of the concrete yesterday morning at Oakland avenue, completing all that is to be done this fall and rounding up the surfacing in the business district. According to Lyle Rosso, superintendent, the last of the curbing will be in the forms today. Final operations on the east side are being completed at Woodward and Maple avenues.

Expectations previously were to round up the work last Saturday but two days delay was caused by the rain, it is reported.

A section 1,350x10 feet between a point opposite Oak street and the River Rouge on the east side of the avenue and another piece of 460 by 10 feet on the east side between Haynes and Lincoln avenues will be surfaced next spring, as soon as weather conditions are favorable, authorities say. The contractors were not able to complete these two sections because of the lateness of the season.

Seven-day cement has been used in the new nine inch surface, the western half of which is now in use. This type, has the same wearing qualities and the same cost as that which is seasoned longer, W. E. Nordburg, engineer, said. The chief difference in the content is that the cement is ground finer. One hundred tests have been conducted to ascertain the strength of the cement as it has been laid.

The west side of the River

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PLAN NEW DIRECTORY

Work is going ahead today on the most complete directory for the village of Birmingham yet to be issued. It will be released by The Birmingham Eccentric during next January.

Representatives of The Eccentric today are canvassing the village thoroughly, taking names and classifications of residents who will be listed.

While the definite announcements relative to the many new features of the directory are not yet ready, it is assured this book will be more complete in every detail than any directory ever issued in Birmingham before. Accuracy is the keynote and is being constantly stressed in the gathering of information which will be included.

One section will be devoted to information of special interest to the business and professional phases of Birmingham's life and development.

Information of a more general nature also will be in the volume. It is designed to give residents of the village information which will be complete in every important detail.

The grade of paper used and the binding of the new book are to be of unusual quality, nothing being left out in the way of making it a book which excells in appearance and still is durable.

MAN KILLED BY STREET CAR NEAR VILLAGE

Retired Royal Oak Well Driller Struck At Crossing In Troy

SON SEES ACCIDENT

Struck by a street car as his son looked on, George A. Corsaut, 66 years old, retired Royal Oak well driller was instantly killed at his automobile late yesterday on Main street south of the Sixteen Mile road in Troy Township.

E. A. Corsaut, the son, was drilling a well 300 yards from the scene of the accident.

The force of the impact derailed the car which could not stop for at least 100 yards after the crash.

Rushing to the car, the son found his father dead. He believes the automobile stalled on the tracks.

Adna Knickerbocker, conductor on the line car, told Deputy George Forsyth who investigated that Corsaut turned suddenly in front of him at a distance of 30 feet and he was unable to stop.

Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons and three daughters. The family home was on Edgewood drive in Royal Oak.

ANNUAL DRIVE OPENED BY 'Y'

Teams Ready For Start Monday Of Campaign To Raise $8,000

The eighth annual drive of the Y. M. C. A. in Birmingham will open Monday and close Nov. 5, it is announced today as workers are making final plans for the start. The goal is $7,500.

Charles J. Shain is announced as general chairman of the drive and will be one of the speakers at the dinner for majors and captains to be held today at 6:30 p. m. in the Chateau Tea Room.

Announcement is made by Robert D. Lynd, secretary of the organization, of the working staff in the drive. Two teams will be headed by Majors Clarence Vliet and Charles L'Hommedieu.

Mr. Vliet's captains will be: George R. Averill, Howard Tuggey, G. A. Ziegler, John Martin, James Bayley, R. H. Peck and Kenneth Bingham.

The captains under Mr. L'Hommedieu are: Robert Peck, Melvin

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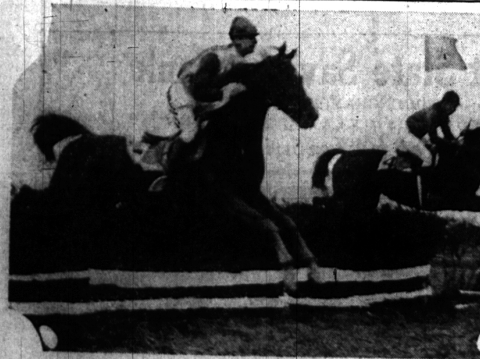
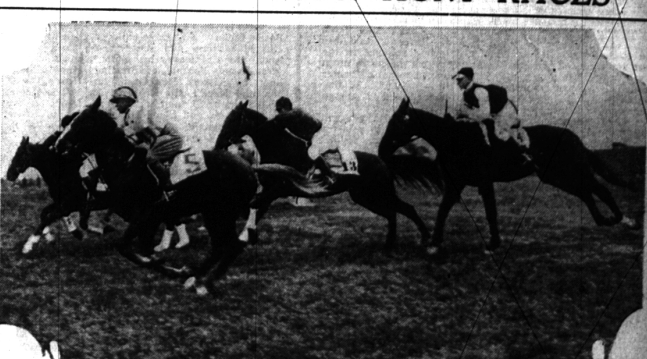


Above is shown the start of the Meander-Plate Race at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Races Saturday.

Sen. and Mrs. James Couzens were among the prominent box-holders at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Races Saturday. They are shown with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Yaw.



"Ruine", winner of the Open Steeplechase at the Bloomfield Open Hunt races Saturday, is shown with William Clark riding. "Massillon", who came in third in the event is shown with C. S. Bowen riding.

—Times photo strip