

Golf is becoming a great pastime for people of all ages; some day it may be possible to learn that Muri DeFoe, of Charlotte, Michigan, has purchased a set of clubs.

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# Wanted

## G. H. MITCHELL SEVERELY STRUCK BY HEART ATTACK

Impressive Services Final Tribute To Birmingham Pioneer

**FOUNDED ECCENTRIC**  
Solemn and impressive funeral services yesterday marked the passing of George H. Mitchell, who died suddenly at his home, 114 Brown street, Friday night, a few hours after he returned from spending a winter in Florida.

Mr. Mitchell was born in Birmingham and spent his life in the village. He was one of its best known figures, having been known as village clerk, postmaster and co-founder and publisher of the Birmingham Evening Post. He would have been 75 years old next month.

As a tribute to the memory of the late George H. Mitchell, the hour of his funeral, following services at the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals, on East Maple avenue, the body was carried to Greenwood cemetery by his life long friends. The funeral was under the auspices of the Masonic Order, and a large number of friends, accompanied him, paying tribute to the esteem in which the man was held.

**Attack Is Sudden**  
Mr. Mitchell has been in good health all his life. However, Thursday night, when he and Mrs. Mitchell were retiring on the main floor of the home at 114 Brown street, he was taken ill. He was unable to leave the house to visit friends. After dinner he had an attack of heart trouble and died a few minutes later. Mrs. Mitchell, to whom he had been married more than 30 years, was at his side at the time.

Two daughters, Miss Carrie Mitchell of Kalamazoo, Cal., hurried to the village when they received news of his death. They are his only immediate survivors.

His nearly three-quarters of a century ago on Woodward avenue across from the present office of The Evening Post, he was an educator in the old Hill School. He has always taken an active part in the annual meetings of its old graduates.

**Career Starts Early**  
He started work in the general store of J. W. Whitehead, as a clerk and assistant postmaster. This experience stood him in good stead in his later career. He was a Democratic administrator of Presidents Glover Cleveland and William McKinley. He was postmaster for a total of 13 years.

Later he entered business with Whitehead, as a partner, and close friendship lasted until the death of Mr. Whitehead in 1924. The store was a drug and grocery store and later started banking on a small scale. The store was sold to Mr. Whitehead and he has since developed into what is now the First National Bank of Birmingham.

During his time Mr. Mitchell was a training ground for many of the young men of the village. Charles J. Shain, former village president, took his first position as a young man under Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell obtained his start in the business world at a salary of \$100 a year when he was 20 years old. After two years with Mr. Bigelow he entered the employ of Frank Hagerman, now president of the First State Savings Bank. His enthusiasm for Hagerman attracted him to Mr. Hagerman's employ as the latter had the Western Union office here.

It was in 1877 Mr. Mitchell was married to Mrs. Hannah Corey of Warren. Their wedding trip was over the hills. At daylight came around them they were back to their respective work. For several years they went on in this fashion, Mr. Mitchell working and struggling on together.

The came the day when they pooled resources and bought a

### LIFE IS ENDED

## GEORGE H. MITCHELL

Excavation for the new Birmingham Community House is under way today and plans are being laid for the formal ceremonies to be held on the corner starting April 28.

Contracts were awarded to the holden construction company of Detroit, the lowest of 13 bidders who qualified. Their estimate was \$40,853. The bids ranged from that figure to \$139,856.

It is expected the building will be ready for its formal opening on New Year's Day, 1930. Mrs. Charles J. Shain, president of the Hill School, was in charge of the starting point of yesterday was at a rapid pace, she predicted.

With its main entrance on Beas street and a secondary entrance on Townsend street, it will possess an imposing figure and promises to be the center of village social activities.

Plans for the cornerstone ceremonies are not yet definite. It is believed Miss Jane Addams, who will be in attendance. Other details of the program are being worked out by Mrs. E. H. Mann, who heads the committee.

Sponsorship of the \$80,000 building is being handled by the following: Max Bartholomew, Son & Co., \$38,540; Geo. W. Auer Company, \$37,000; Roger Randall Company, \$87,000; Conrad Keller Company, \$87,250; Connelly Building Company, \$88,930; H. H. (Continued on Page 2)

## WORK STARTS ON NEW HOUSE FOR VILLAGE

## Low Bidder Begins Operations On Community Structure

## DEDICATION APRIL 28

## SERVICE CLUBS GET TOGETHER

## Lions, Rotary, Exchange, Gyros Hear Major Ralph Royce

Members of Birmingham's four service clubs, Lions, Exchange, Rotary and Gyros, and their families and guests, held their first joint meeting here Monday night in the First Baptist Church dining room. They were dined well, given funny stories to laugh at, and heard a most interesting and convincing address by Major Ralph Royce, who was the guest of honor.

Perhaps never in the history of the village's business and professional men, and their wives, gathered together for such a large group. The large dining room of the new First Baptist Church proved an excellent place for the affair. Considerable credit belongs to the Lions Club, and its president, Royce, for the entire program.

Following brief talks by Clarence Vliet, Ralph Moulthrop, and (Continued on Page 2)

## CAVALRYMAN CALLED HERO

Capt. T. M. Rundell, Ex-Villager, Distinguished Self On Mexican Border

Capt. T. M. Rundell, a native of Birmingham, stationed with the United States troops at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., distinguished himself recently by performing an act of heroism, according to dispatches received here.

Following the siege at Naco, Ariz. when rebel bullets wounded three American women and an American soldier, General Frank E. Coches, in charge of border operations, sought to dispatch a message of warning to General Rosta Topet, rebel general, to discontinue firing across the border.

General Gonzales, federal commander, refused a truce so the message could be delivered. Capt. Rundell, in charge of the rebel and federal lines, defying the bullets, and delivered the message. He was severely wounded.

He returned shortly with a reply from Gen. Topet in which the rebel chief agreed to terms of the United States general and promised that only machine guns would be used in the future.

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## ME FOR TRAIL, HE SAYS

Investigation into the death of Clayton E. Carnes led Birmingham police and representatives of the Oakland County prosecutor's office to South Bend, Ind., where they are seeking relatives of the dead man. They are anxious to question his widow relative to alleged domestic quarrels.

Carnes was found dead in his bed, bullet through his head, by Alty Larkins, 2541 North Bates street Friday evening. A note on the bed was scrawled in a feeble hand said:

"Well, Alty, I will say goodbye. I can't expect you to keep me and I can't walk. Thank you for your kindness to me and my family. Me for the long trail. Yours with love to you."  
CLAYTON E. CARNES, P. S. It is now 2 o'clock.

Police discovered the man's wife and daughter left Detroit hurriedly at about the time of the shooting. Further discoveries started them on the search for the woman.

Carnes, a former policeman in Philadelphia, had been a cripple from paralysis for several years. He was able to walk slowly, however, and neighbors saw him post a letter on the afternoon of the shooting.

Every bit of evidence pointed to suicide, according to Sergeant Richard Lawler who handled the case.

Carnes had been shot through the head by a .32 caliber revolver which lay at his side. He died instantly. It was identified as his property. Coroner O. C. Farmer directed the body be taken to the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals, Sergeant Lawler said.

Domestic troubles were hinted by Larkins who made a formal statement to Prosecutor Norman C. Orr who opened the investigation. Sergeant Edward Myers and Charles Wilson, chief assistant prosecutor, left Monday for the Indiana city.

Cornes, Larkin said, had been dependent on his domestic and financial troubles. He had been unable to work for several years and was dependent upon relatives and friends.

## POWERS WOULD QUESTION WIFE IN INDIANA

Note To Friend Reveals Friendship Of Dead Policeman

Funeral services were held Monday at the St. James Episcopal Church, for Mrs. Alice J. Brooks, 83 years old, who died Saturday following an illness of more than a year. Mrs. Brooks was a native of Troy Township and has lived the greater part of her life in the vicinity of Birmingham, where she has been prominently identified with village activities.

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## SALE OF LAND BRINGS \$75,000

Woodward Frontage Goes To Detroit Interest; Building Planned

Sale of Woodward avenue frontage involving \$75,000 to be completed by the construction of a commercial building is announced today by the Malcolm Hunt Realty company. One hundred feet of Woodward avenue frontage at the southwest corner of Frank street is reported sold to out-of-town investors.

It is understood a store building will be constructed on the site. The price of this sale is said to be the highest in the city's history. A garage, now on the property, will not be effected by the sale.

## COURT HOUSE SITE APPROVED

Board Favors Former County Jail Location For Building

Pontiac, April 18.—The Oakland County board of supervisors was to meet this morning to consider means of financing the proposed Oakland County Court House which yesterday was approved for the former site of the county jail at Wayne and Huron streets, Pontiac.

Recommendations of the special court house committee were approved by a vote of 34 to 8.

A bill no action was taken relative to the method of raising funds to finance the project, it was understood a majority of supervisors disapprove a bond issue. Possible methods are to use proceeds from the sale of the present court house land or by a special mill tax.

The former chairman of the board, Gale, is now a member of the new committee and Scott on the committee on boundaries for cities and villages.

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## SCHOOL BOND ISSUES TO BE VOTED JUNE 10

Plans For Special Election On Proposed Barnum School Dropped

Birmingham's school district will vote on two bond issues totaling \$245,000 for the completion of the proposed Barnum unit at a special election on June 10, according to action of the board of education at their meeting Monday night. Previous plans for a special election were dropped. At the same time trustees will be elected to the board to fill the expired terms of Ray Palmer and Guy W. Jensen.

The bond issues will be apportioned as follows: \$210,000 to cover the cost of the Barnum addition, and \$35,000 for construction and equipment of a swimming pool installed in the proposed building. The total cost of the building is estimated at \$385,000, a sum of \$130,000 raised by a bond issue of 1927 will combine with the \$245,000 of the proposed bonds.

Although the bond issues have been increased \$20,000 since the original estimate, the board of education declares that the present tax rate of \$18.50 on \$1,000 will not be raised.

Members of the board estimate an increase of approximately one million dollars increase over last year in property valuation in Birmingham school district. They are confident that the corresponding increase in the school income will cover the increased expense of the proposed construction.

In explaining the increase in amount of the bond issue, Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, said: "It was previously planned to build a swimming pool outside the building proper, connecting it with the school. Required plans for the pool were in the building. There is a tremendous increase in convenience from the former site. The present site affords a floor space of 50,000, larger than the former site. A music room and auditorium has been added to the second floor plan. In the revised plan, it is believed that although these features bring added expense as necessary and will more than recompense for any added expense."

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## RECOVERING

Patrolman Millebrand Recovering From Bullet Wound; Suspects Grilled

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Every precaution is being taken by the deputies as they seek the desperados who shot down two policemen and stole and wrecked two autos in their frantic dash from Ann Arbor to the supposed lair in north Oakland County.

**Expect Fight To Death**  
With two of the bandit gang known to be injured from the crash that wrecked their car near Birmingham early Tuesday, they are believed determined not to be captured alive. Strength was added to this theory today when they were suspected of being the men who wrecked a hardware store in Ortonville, taking shot guns, rifles and many rounds of ammunition.

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Meanwhile Birmingham police were preparing to go to Detroit today to view two suspects arrested in an automobile there. Deputies are also searching for those of the Birmingham thugs who were with the men who were arrested.

Two men arrested in the neighborhood of Ortonville late last night by Under-Sheriff Frank Scully, 77, and William Carter, 19, were taken to the Birmingham police station.

Leslie Trueblood at 3:50 a. m. Tuesday at Maple and Woodward avenues, asking where they could find a cab. Questioned as to the cause of their injuries, they said they had been in an auto accident and were unable to find a taxi.

Shot Without Warning  
He called Reynolds, Millebrand, however, urged the men to come to the police station for medical attention before starting on the trip. He stepped into the front of Reynolds' car and the men in the rear. Patrolman Trueblood and Leslie Service started to walk to the station.

Without warning, one of the men shot Millebrand in the back of the head. He fell to the ground and momentarily paralyzed my left arm. The officers on foot then realized a hold up was in progress but were too far away to open fire.

Arriving at Southfield and Maple avenues, Millebrand and Reynolds were forced from the car. After the bandits drove away, they were driven away.

Handicapped by lack of a speedy police car, the Birmingham patrolmen were not outdistanced by the robbers.

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## Current Comment

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**  
Should Birmingham have a swimming pool? If so, what is the most advisable method of obtaining it?

Mrs. Dr. C. Murray, Pilgrim road: "Although I believe Birmingham needs a modern swimming pool, the school is not the best location. A pool should be installed in a place accessible for one district and another. At the present, I do not believe any school is the place for a swimming pool. It might better be in the new Community House. Careful supervision should be exercised in conjunction with a recreation instructor employed to oversee swimming."

Edward G. Smith: "Birmingham needs a municipal swimming pool and needs it in the near future. (Continued on Page 2)