

HEAVY RAIN BRINGS RELIEF FROM DROUGHT

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

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End Of Hot Spell Seen As Saving To Many Crops

STORM AID TO GRAIN

A heavy rain Tuesday night and yesterday offered relief to Oakland County farmers from the intense drought which has lasted several weeks. Hope that many of the crops, thought to have been destroyed by the intense heat, will now be saved, was expressed from many quarters.

Momentary delays in harvesting are not causing the annoyance which the long dry spell had produced, as the farmers throughout the county having been united in the belief that heavy rains alone could save the late season crops from showing substantial losses.

Later crops saved. Although potato and bean crops will show the effect of the continued drought with some bean growers already reporting their crops practically ruined, the general belief among the county today seems to point towards an average yield in later varieties at least, due to the timely termination of the dry spell. Potatoes especially have been slower this year and were badly in need of moisture.

Fruit growers also expressed the belief today that fall and winter species of apples may benefit considerably from the rain. Earlier varieties, however, are unusually small, showing the need of moisture and the effects of the invasion of the codlin moth which coupled together has kept the yields far below average. With the appearance of rain and the constant spraying of the fruit, most of the growers expect to harvest an average crop of the later varieties.

Grain is Aided. The grain yield, according to reports received by Harold M. Vaughn farm agent, is only slightly below average this year, discounting the general belief during the early summer months that these crops would not little. In almost every instance these crops have been better than anticipated, yet smaller than some time.

Truck growers alone failed to benefit materially from the fall of rain, for according to reports, serious injury to cucumbers, melons, sweet corn and tomatoes has ended prospects of an average yield.

BOY'S FRIEND

How the Boy Scout movement was first brought to America is recalled by the recent death of William D. Boyce, a well-known Chicago publisher, who was the original incorporator of the movement in the United States.

While visiting London about twenty years ago, Mr. Boyce became confused in a fog and lost his way. Meeting a boy on the street, he asked to be directed to his hotel, and the boy personally escorted him there. When Boyce offered him a tip, it was refused with thanks, the lad saying, "I am a Boy Scout."

This so aroused Boyce's interest that he inquired about the organization and conferred with leaders of the movement in London, with the result that he determined to promote a similar organization in America, which he did. Thus four million American boys have had the benefit of scout training largely as a result of the "good turn" of an unknown Boy Scout.

Similar movements had been originated by Daniel Carter Beard and Ernest Thompson Seton in the United States, all finally merged in the Boy Scouts of America, which William D. Boyce materially aided in financing for several years.

He was a true friend of boyhood and his memory will be cherished by the great organization in whose development he took such a conspicuous part.

—A READER.

NEW DRESS SHOP IS OPENED HERE

Former Fox and Hounds Shop Owner Locates in Birmingham

Announcement is made today of the opening of the Mildred Bennett Dress Shop, in the First State Savings Bank building, Mrs. Bennett, who is owner of the shop, formerly was located in the Fox and Hounds building and the one time was employed at Striffling's.

Moderate priced dresses are included in the stock, attractive sports wear being a special feature.

Marjorie Hayden, Jr., of Winchester, Mass., is thought to be the youngest carillon player in America.

DIRECTORS IN GOLF FINALS

An unusual situation has developed in the Birmingham Golf club. When the directors put trophy in competition they expected that it would be won by somebody from the general membership.

However, in this year's tournament two of the directors have been barring up the club, and now they are finalists.

Merrill C. Adams, president, of the club, and L. T. Dodd, secretary, will engage in a 36-hole match Sunday to decide the winner of the trophy. They reached the finals by successive victories in the championship flight. Last week in the semi-final matches Adams defeated Rex Lee, 2 and 1, and Dodd defeated H. J. Chalcraft, 1 and 3.

The annual club championship matches of the Birmingham Golf club will start next month, and already the two last year's finalists are tuning up. Bud Wilson, club champion, has reported rounds of 75 and 72. George Craig, Jr., runner-up to Wilson last year, and winner of the 1928 tournament, has reported the past month practicing in the east, and on his return covered the Birmingham course in 72.

The battle between these two youthful players, and the steady improvement of the club members, usually make the championship flight, promises the members a club tournament of keen rivalry.

PARKING DEBATE ENDS IN DEADLOCK

Maple Widening, Traffic Delays Discussed by Village

To park or not to park—Whether it's better to keep autos off Woodward avenue, East and West Maple avenues, from Willett to the proposed Merrill street opening.

And from Brownell to Bates street, to the line marking the front of the lot.

And by so doing prevent the clutter of streets with tin and rubber gages.

That is the question which the village commission, at its meeting Monday night, discussed at some length, eventually arriving at no definite conclusion.

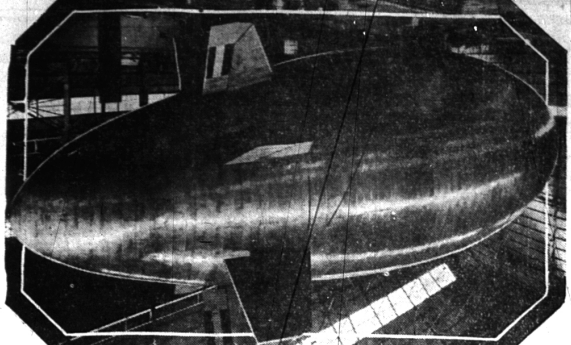
The discussion was entered into by President H. T. Ellerby and Commissioners Lee A. White, Scott S. Hervey, Robert R. Allen, and Harry Allen, when the subject of widening east Maple avenue, between Woodward and the Grand Truck tracks was opened. Commissioner Robert R. Allen vigorously protested against further delay on the project to widen this stretch of pavement to 120 feet from curb to curb.

Commissioner White and President Ellerby felt this to be a poor time to go ahead with the project, on account of the work being done on the new Briggs building. Allen, however, stated that all the property owners affected, including the Briggs people, wish to widen the street at once.

While then put up an argument for the saving of the 13 trees along the portion to be widened; he said "let's keep the trees there as long as possible—rather than cut them down, yet not let them die in their feet—if it they die."

It was at this point that the entire commission discussed a plan of eliminating all parking on Woodward avenue, from Willett to the proposed Merrill street extension, and on Maple from Brownell to Bates. President Ellerby suggested that such a plan might aid the entire business and shopping interests of the community, by opening up parking lots, or nearby streets, was suggested as the traffic congestion in the business section.

NAVY SOON TO GET ITS FIRST ALL-METAL DIRIGIBLE



Here's the ZMC-2, the United States newest and first all-metal dirigible which was built at Detroit and soon will be delivered. This lighter-than-air craft is controlled by the fins above and below the 1200 miles and has a cruising speed of 55 miles an hour. It is 150 feet long and 50 feet in diameter and is inflated by helium gas. Its weight is about the same as that of a fabric-covered dirigible. This is a stern view.

SIDESWIPES

In the World of Humor

Column in the Chicago Tribune (From Bert Leston Taylor's) In a quaint New England village. On a drear October night. A lively stable keeper met.

A maid whose truth he'd plight. Now he was tall and handsome. In a Denman Thompson way. And she 'O my' was quite a queen. She was so blithe and gay.

The lively stable keeper. As he asked her for her hand, Attempted to embrace her. But for this she would not stand.

"Oh, why upon my maiden breast Will you not lay your head?" She looked into his whiskered face. And this is what she said:

"My love works in a greenhouse. And there always is a smell 'Of violets and geraniums. Upon his coat laid."

"Now mind I do not blame you. Nor do I make complaint. For a greenhouse has a fragrance. That a lively stable air."

Temporary He: "Could you marry a man who spends all he makes?" She: "No, but I could love him while it lasted."—The Blade.

The Prospect of Trouble She: "When we are married I'll share all your troubles and sorrows." He: "But I have none." She: "I said when we are married."

Small Boy: "What is college bred, pop?" Pop: "With son in college." They make college bred, my son, from the flour of youth and the dough of old age."—Two Bells.

Send Them In Customer: "I want some powder to kill cockroaches." Clerk: "Will you take it with you?" Customer: "No, I'll have the cockroaches eat and you can rub it on their little tummies."—Typo Graphic.

Did Look Suspicious "You wish to employ one of our detectives to watch your husband?" "I do." "May I ask what has aroused your suspicions of him?" "He sent me a bunch of violets."

ADMIRAL SURVEYS BLIMP BASES



With the aid of the privately-owned dirigible, Volunteer, loaned for the purpose, Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, head of the navy board charged with selecting a site for the government's west coast dirigible base, is seen here boarding the blimp in Los Angeles for an inspection trip of the preferred areas. With the admiral, who is stepping aboard are Capt. G. A. McKay, chief assistant to the admiral (with camera) and Karl Lange, pilot of the blimp (without hat) and a box of candy from town yesterday.—The Blade.

Nothing Unusual "Did you give the man the third degree?" Asked the police officer. "Yes, we browbeat him and badgered him with every question we could think of."

"What did he do?" "He dozed off, and merely said now and then, 'Yes, my dear, you are perfectly right.'"—Wren's Writing.

How to Buy a Good Used Car Look behind, underneath, and all around the rear seat cushion. If you find a couple of lace handkerchiefs and a handful of half a package of cigarettes, or an assortment of various buttons and an empty bottle, buy the car. Any one of the above items is sufficient proof that the car has been run but little.—Duschutes Pine Echoes.

Partnership Dissolved A West Virginia dandy, a blacksmith, recently announced a change in his business as follows: "Notice: The Copartnership heretofore existing between me and Mose Skinner is hereby dissolved. Whem what owes de firm will settle with me, and whate de firm owes will settle with Mose."—The Outlook.

Things a Difference An Englishman entered a Scotch butcher shop and ordered: "A sheep's head." The butcher called down to his assistant in the cellar: "Alek, bring up a sheep's head." Thou the Englishman chimed in: "I want an English sheep's head." So the Scotch butcher shouted down to his cellar agent: "Alek," instructed, "take the brains out of it."—Wren's Writings.

Forlorn Figures



Secretary of booster club in summer resort town tries to find a spot where the thermometer will register the figure used in their advertisements.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

SCHOOL BONDS SELL AT PAR

R. J. Corryell, president, Birmingham board of education, announced: "The board of education can not allow students in the territory recently annexed to Royal Oak to attend Birmingham schools without the customary extra tuition fee. It is not in the hands of this board as the state law has taken it away from us."

UNITES FRIDAY FOR VILLAGER

Mrs. Nancy Pangborn, Birmingham Native, Dies in Detroit Hospital

Mrs. Nancy Pangborn, 52, a native of Birmingham, will be buried in Perry Mount Park cemetery, Pontiac, with services at 3 p.m. Friday at the Hunston Funeral Home, Rev. Warner R. Cole, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Pontiac, will officiate.

NEW TIME CLOCK HERE FOR VILLAGE WORKERS

The new time clock which will be used by village employees is installed in the municipal building today and is expected to be in use the first of next week. The system was recently approved by the village commission.

CADDIES START GOLF TOURNEY

The fifth annual caddy golf tournament for caddies at the Oakland Hills Country Club is under way today with 150 participants. Play will be each Monday afternoon for the next three weeks and the champion and runners up will be given prizes, it is announced.

College graduates seeking "white collar" jobs at \$25 or so a week may be interested in this. After a strike, 5,000 St. Louis iron workers returned to work at \$13 a day, with the prospect of a raise to \$14 a day next year.

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Announcement is made today of the sale of the residence of C. D. McGregor, at 475 Linden road, to Arthur A. Bull, of Detroit, who will occupy it with his family Sept. 1. The home has 12 rooms and is on an 80 foot lot. The sale was conducted by George Moughler.

Names Farm Agency

Honor of naming the first marketing agency to be organized by the federal farm board goes to Miss Lucy Hennon, manager of a grain exchange company at Lima, O. She suggested the title "Farmers' National Grain Corporation" to Alexander Legge, chairman of the board.