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THUG'S SHOTS SPRAY AVENUE DURING CHASE

Chase Of Pontiac's Robbers Leads Through Birmingham

LOOT IS RECOVERED

Birmingham today is recovering from its first shock at being sprayed with hand's bullets, as thugs who had robbed the Detroit Edison company office in Pontiac, Thursday evening, emptied round after round of ammunition at a police who pursued them through the village.

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Victims of recent hold-ups in Detroit have identified the pair as their assailants.

A 16 year old Pontiac boy, shot through the hip by Halman, in an attempt to halt pursuing police, is recovering at his home. He is Milo Kowles and lives at 35 Gillespie street.

The reckless with which the thugs terrified company employees during the hold up and citizens who turned their wish for freedom, favor of the methods used by the bandits and his mob, also has Hamtramck, before Jovars, was electrified this spring in Pennsylvania for the murder of a payed guard during a hold-up.

Stepping into the Detroit Edison company's office on Wayne street, doors from the Oakland County jail, they ordered, at the point of guns, the three employees to turn over the day's receipts.

Those in the office were: Everett Johnson, Rochester; Charles Malick, Birmingham; Alfred Lee, and P. Aspinwall, both of Pontiac. They ordered all to lie face down on the floor and leisurely ransacked the place. Murthering a command to "be quiet," they backed through the door and escaped.

Attraction of Pontiac Patrolmen George Fredericks and Leroy Richards was attracted to the pair as their car speeded through the streets. Believing they were pursuing traffic violators, the officers took after the pair in their scout car. When the thugs realized they were being chased they opened fire. The running gun fight lasted until the woods near Davis avenue were reached.

Motorists Aid

Thursday evening was turned into a bedlam, for south Birmingham. Autoists who lined Woodward avenue and adjacent streets turned their headlights into the street. Believing they were pursuing traffic violators, the officers took after the pair in their scout car. When the thugs realized they were being chased they opened fire. The running gun fight lasted until the woods near Davis avenue were reached.

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BLAME HIT-RUNNER FOR ACCIDENT

Woman, Man Injured In Three-Car Collision In Village

Ralph Campbell, linotype operator at the Eccentric, is recovering today from injuries received when his car was struck at Woodward and Davis avenues yesterday morning as he attempted to make a left turn. Police are probing the report of the driver who struck him, that he, in turn, was struck by another car, the driver of which fled.

Mrs. Frank Williamson, wife of the driver of the second car, was cut about the legs. Williamson escaped without injuries but her four year old son, was bruised. Both cars were badly damaged. All the injured persons were able to be taken home after receiving first aid treatment from Birmingham physicians.

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THE GALS WHOOP IT UP ON THEIR DAY OFF

The gals got out among themselves and immediately became raucous.

At least that is what the police say, out in Bloomfield Hills.

Three of them got together in a coupe—two in the rumble seat and the third in the front. They were drinking, police say. But not the driver. They had some sort of an accident. They turned their blushing car over at the Charring Cross road and Woodward avenue. Then they were all carried off to jail.

They gave their names as Miss Dora Banks, Miss Loretha Mann and Miss Ruby Trice, all of Detroit. The latter was the driver. The former two indicated they would plead guilty to disorderly charges when arraigned in court here.

FIRE PERILS DOWNTOWN

Family Routed From Apartment By Flames Sunday

Fire in the Green Pheasant Gift shop, 138 West Maple avenue, Sunday, menaced the business building of Birmingham but was extinguished with a loss estimated at \$1,000. The origin is believed to have been in a faulty stove pipe that led onto the roof. The loss was covered by insurance.

Miss Patricia Sterling, who lives with Mrs. E. H. Sterling and Miss A. T. Nims, owners of the shop who have their apartment in the rear, discovered the blaze. Opening the door into an attic, Miss Sterling was forced back by the flames and fled with her companions into the street.

The building is owned by Dr. Hugo Franzen, of Detroit and is managed by Colgrove, Buck & Tillison of Birmingham. Firm members estimated the loss at \$1,000.

The fire recalled the more serious blaze in the Field Building six years ago which caused thousands of dollars worth of damage and destroyed some of the principal business buildings in the village.

DEATH, MISHAPS MAR AIR RACE

Glory mingles with tragedy as the national woman's air derby continues today. Marvel Crosson met death when her plane crashed in Arizona. The Rasche was injured in a crack-up. Mary Von Mach, Detroit entrant in the race, was disqualified when she landed in the wrong field. Other entries, however, are happier. Miss Earhart and Ruth Elder are among the women fliers of note in the event and both are crowding the leaders in the race.

Chiuso Brothers Awarded Contract For Barnum Addition

MANY BIDS ENTERED

Work on the construction of the addition to the Barnum school will start the first of next week following the award of contract to the Chiuso Brothers company of Birmingham, low bidders, by the board of education yesterday.

Awards followed the recommendation of Frederick Madison, of Royal Oak, architect, who has studied the specifications and bids since they were submitted to the board Monday evening.

The general contract was let at \$253,000. This company is the first in the village to construct a village school.

The contract for the electrical work was awarded to the Texts Electrical company of Birmingham at \$19,437.

The firm of Eames and Brown, of Pontiac, was awarded the plumbing contract for \$73,795.

The addition to the school is to be completed by February and the school rooms available for classes that time. It will have 12 grade rooms and many other classrooms. The large swimming pool is to be opened to the public is expected to be completed at the same time. This is being constructed under a separate bond issue at the cost of \$35,000.

With more than 80 persons present, the bids were opened by the board of education Monday night. Eleven bids were received for the general construction work; 19 for plumbing and heating and 9 for the electrical work.

The remainder of the audience was made up of sub-contractors and persons interested in the selling of bonds.

LEFT-HAND TURN BAN MAY BE ENFORCED

Elimination of left hand turns at Woodward and Maple avenues will start in force in Birmingham in the near future, it was indicated Saturday afternoon following an informal discussion of members of the village commission. The plan, as put into effect on Saturdays and Sundays, tends to relieve traffic hazards and congestion, it was pointed out.

300 WILL ATTEND OPENING OF NEW PARK SITE

Field Day Observed

The new Bloomfield Township park on the Charring Cross road is officially opened today after celebration, parties participated in by 3,000 persons. Aside from the large picnic of the county supervisors and their friends, many other organizations in the county selected yesterday to stage picnics at the park.

Supervisor Robert V. Moore and other members of the township board, who were active in planning the park—Justice Floyd S. Buck, former member, R. J. Corryell and James V. Bayley, township clerk—were praised for their work.

The tract of land of more than 80 acres is considered ideal for a park. It is made up of both flat and rolling and is heavily wooded in parts.

A large baseball diamond, a nine hole golf course, tennis and bowling on the green courses are some of the attractions for those aesthetically inclined. There are many swimming holes and stretches of lawn for the children.

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Many people who have permits to enter the park but the permits will be issued at the township office to residents without planning approval. The last mill tax for its purchase in the elections in April, 1928.

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