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FIVE KILLED IN TRAFFIC DURING JULY

All Deaths Occur Outside Village Limits, However

MANY ACCIDENTS HERE

Although five persons were killed in traffic accidents in the vicinity of the village during July no fatalities were recorded within Birmingham, according to the village police report made public today.

Thirty-two accidents were reported in the village during July, the largest number of any month this year. Reports for the preceding month show 27 accidents.

Increased traffic through the village is reflected in the marked rise in the number of traffic signal violators. Persons arrested on this charge numbered 151, against 123 of the previous month, which 112 persons faced speeding charges.

Sixteen persons were charged with reckless driving, while drunk driving charges were preferred against five. Twenty-four persons were arrested for disorderly conduct. Arrests for the month numbered 347 with fine totaling \$681.19, reports show.

AMONG THE WOMEN

Mrs. F. F. Holt Finds Players High Type Recreation

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS
The countless opportunities for self-expression offered in the Village Players comprise the most important feature of the organization, according to Mrs. F. F. Holt, of Linden road. Mrs. Holt has been a member of the group for four years and was recently named vice-president of the organization.

"The majority of us have spare time with little idea of how to pass it. We have stronger emotions with little chance of expression; then there are those in every group with a flare for the artistic. For all these persons the Village Players' activities offer an outlet," Mrs. Holt said.

She also sees the activity as a camouflage "duty to the community." Many persons have this sense of duty to the group. In working through an organization such as the Players they believe that to an extent they are satisfying this urge and doing their bit. It replaces the demand for political, social or club work which holds the attention of many communities."

Place For Talent

For a large number of persons the interests of the Village Players is a tremendous relief, she believes. "Whatever your talents may be, you can find a place for

VILLAGE MEN HEAR OF CLUB NEAR HERE

Old Course North Of Birmingham Sets 300 As Membership Quota

NEAL IS PRESIDENT



(Photo by Hayes Studio) Mrs. F. F. Holt

them in the Players. The organizers, the politicians can run things. Those who want to use their minds can join the play reading group, the artists can paint and design scenery and there are countless other fields of activity. Housewives, musicians, even authors can join in the work of the group. We are urging members to write plays. It is one of the ambitions of the Players to produce their own vehicles."

Without the greatest enjoyment derived from the Players is in the glamour that surrounds the production, Mrs. Holt believes. "We have the thrill in miniature. There is the drill of rehearsal, the criticism, the praise, the sense of accomplishment or failure, everything that the stage suggests is reproduced in a small way. Even though it is experienced but once a year it gives the actors considerable pleasure. Most of all, once a year we can get above ourselves and that according to psychologists is one of the most beneficial things to all of us."

For the community as a whole the Players offer little, Mrs. Holt feels. "We have a small playhouse and small dues. Our talent and budget limit our productions. We can't offer the latest Broadway hits. We are merely a group of nearly 300 persons drawn together by a common interest in dramatics. It is merely a highly entertaining recreation for us."

Beneficial Recreation

Psychologically the recreation offered by the Players is invaluable, according to Mrs. Holt. It is much as H. A. Overstreet puts it in "About Ourselves," when he cites the case of "the adult who chases animals, or beats brass, or listens to music or reads, or does other 'chance combinations.'" "That adult," Overstreet says, "has developed himself and so has expanded into wholeness of life."

Mrs. Holt is intensely interested in the acting side of the Players' activities, playing a leading role in the three-act production "Aren't We All," given this spring at the Playhouse.

"It is really an inherited interest," she said. "For three generations there has been dramatic tendencies in my family, with numerous stories of youth longing for the stage while family urged them to follow a profession. Invariably the profession won and the stage fell back into second place as a highly colorful hobby."

Had Early Start
For Mrs. Holt the first glimpse of the stage came when she was seven—a very young student in the Francis Parker school, Chicago. Through her school she went until her graduation from Bryn Mawr, dramas were the outside activity that compelled her attention. During her sophomore year in college she received one of the highest dramatic honors to be bestowed upon a student. She was named a member of the casting committee of the college pageant which is staged but once in four years, but the work on the committee was only the beginning of an activity which she followed eagerly throughout college.

Mrs. Holt has lived in Birmingham for six years, making her home on Linden road. She is also active in the work of the American Association of University Women here.

Parading is Leader
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Notable progress has been achieved since June, 1927, when General Pershing became leader of the movement in behalf of the Cathedral. In the months which have elapsed, more than 115 feet has been added to the length of the roof line, which is 134 feet above the ground level, and the great vaults of the choir have been completed structurally. A new construction program has been recently undertaken by the Cathedral fabric. The other units, which are structurally complete, are the foundations, the crypt chapel, the apse and the choir. The new work is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000. More than 250,000 cubic feet of stone will be required.

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Birmingham AS SEEN BY—



F. J. MULHOLLAND

Address: 129-131 N. Woodward Avenue
Nature of business: Dry Goods
Have you always been in this type of business?
Yes, I have been in Birmingham for six years, prior to which I was in Royal Oak five years.
What led you to choose Birmingham as the location for your store?
Birmingham interested me because it is made up of a very fine class of people and homes.
What do you think of Birmingham's business future?
I think it is on a par with the other suburbs of Detroit, and Detroit itself is considered the fastest growing city in the world.
What do you consider Birmingham's greatest need?
Rapid transit service between the village and Detroit to me is our greatest need.
Are you desirous of keeping the village of a residential nature?
Yes.
What factors will encourage more housing in the village?
Progressive merchants.
In what way can the merchant make a village a better shopping area?
By being alert to grasp the new opportunities that present themselves with the growth of the village.
What growth do you expect of Birmingham during the next five years?
I anticipate a 100 per cent increase in population.
Have you any "pet" idea you would like to see manifested in the village?
I would like to see Birmingham merchants agree to close their stores every Wednesday afternoon during July and August.

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- 6-bedroom, 3-bath, on an 88-foot corner. Hollow tile construction, newly painted and decorated. Oil burner, Frigidaire, incinerator. \$23,800.
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- 75-foot corner in East Maple Gardens, \$2,650. \$265.00 down.

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DEATH TAKES VILLAGER'S KIN

Rites Held For Mother Of Mrs. Arthur H. Otis

Word is received here today of the burial in Lakeview cemetery, Cleveland, last Thursday of Mrs. Lettie B. Vilas, the mother of Mrs. Arthur H. Otis, of Buckingham road.

Mrs. Vilas, who was 70 years old, died in Cleveland July 29 following an illness of four months duration. She was well known in Birmingham.

Besides Mrs. Otis she leaves her husband, Malcolm G., of Cleveland; another daughter, Mrs. Frank S. Baker, of Tacoma, Wash.; and two sons, Malcolm B., and Charles W., of Cleveland.

A Great Dane dog owned by Mrs. R. C. Colvin of Glenoak, Ill., received a drowning job return from Lake Michigan.



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MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL OF L'ENFANT PLAN NEARS COMPLETION AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

When Pierre Charles L'Enfant first conceived plans in 1791 for the building of the national capital at Washington, his plans called for a church for national uses. Today, nearly 140 years later, there rises, stone by stone, on the most commanding elevation in Washington, a great Cathedral which is to be an enduring monument of what religion means to the American people. And this rising Cathedral is believed to be just such an edifice as L'Enfant had in mind.

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Above, Washington cathedral under construction; below, leaders in the movement to complete the edifice by 1932 are, left to right, former United States Senator George Wharton Pepper, General John J. Pershing, and Bishop James E. Freeman.

Cathedral, it is said, to provide shelter for congregations of approximately 2,500. The finished edifice is expected to provide seating accommodations for 7,500, with standing room for 27,000 at occasional great thanksgiving or choral services.

Art Shipley of Alliance, Neb., accidentally mixed 22 caliber cartridges with his smoking tabacco and shot a hole through the rim of his hat when he lit up his pipe.

Mrs. Theresa Grogan of St. Paul calmly telephoned the police when she saw a man's foot sticking from under her bed, causing the arrest of Walter Rogers, wanted for numerous thefts.

