

CONTINUE WAR ON OVERLOADS

State Police Arrest 21 For Driving Excess Loads in Birmingham

The war against overloading of trucks is being continued with vigor by state police, who fined 21 drivers into court during the month of November. Justice Floyd S. Buck collected fines amounting to \$358 for this offense alone. Other state cases included violations of the state game law, driving while drunk, and disorderly conduct. Two cases were bound over to the Circuit Court, one for indecent liberties, and one for carrying concealed weapons. There were 32 cases altogether, and a total of \$748 in fines and \$200 was collected. Twenty-two speeders formed the largest percentage of offenders in the village. A total of \$617 was collected in fines here for 41 misdemeanors. In Bloomfield Hills, the fines amounted to \$1,360, since there were 27 disorderly conduct cases brought into Justice Buck's court, one of whom is serving a 45 day sentence. The six other cases were divided between reckless driving and speeding.

Real Estate Men Planning Banquet

for the annual banquet of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, to be held Thursday evening, December 12, at 7 o'clock, at the Fox and Hound Inn, Bloomfield Hills. According to Robert R. Allen, newly-elected president of the Board who is in charge of arrangements, a capacity crowd of Birmingham business and professional men is expected to attend the event, the chief speaker of which will be Recorder of Court Judge Frank Murphy, of Detroit. A year ago Judge Ira Jayne addressed the realtors' banquet. "We expect over 100 people at the banquet, tickets for which may be obtained from any member of the Board," stated Mr. Allen yesterday. Other features of entertainment are being planned for the occasion, Mr. Allen said.

Our eight Congresswomen generally wear black when in attendance at sessions of Congress, but not always.

THURSDAY MUSICAL ARTISTS



MRS. EVANGELINE BLEAZBY
Central Press Staff Writer

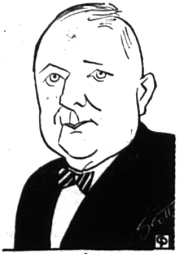
MRS. SUSAN RICE OLIVER
Cranbrook

Mrs. Oliver, soprano, and Mrs. Bleazby, organist, will present a program next Thursday at the December meeting of the Thursday Musicales at Christ Church.

NEW U. S. MINISTER TO CHINA EXPERIENCES BIZARRE INCIDENT

By CHARLES P. STEWART
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Washington. — The queerest things happen in China! "Absolutely nothing is impossible there," Viscount Ichida once told me, when he was foreign minister of Japan. A land that puzzles a Japanese statesman, whose own country seems pretty peculiar to an accidental, certainly must be extraordinary. Anyhow, bizarre incidents already are beginning to occur in the daily life of Nelson T. Johnson, although he has not yet even sailed to take over the job of American diplomatic representative in the celestial republic, whither President Hoover recently assigned him, as successor to retiring Envoy John Van A. MacMurray.

In fact, Nelson T.'s career started trending toward the eccentric on the eve of his actual appointment, but before he had been notified of it and probably before it was definitely decided on. Nelson T. was simply a prosaic



NELSON T. JOHNSON
assistant secretary of state at the time—one of four; a very ordinary government functionary. If he had had any idea then of the unusual mixup which his personality and his name were about to involve the administration in,

maybe he would have sensed something prophetic in it. Johnson was of just barely enough official consequence to get him an invitation to the White House dinner in honor of Charles G. Dawes, given to the latter by the president immediately prior to the Chicagoan's departure to resume his duties as United States ambassador in London. Next to Secretary of State Stimson, the really essential guests at this blowout were the members of the senate committee on foreign relations—especially Chairman Borah and Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California; the Californian perhaps even more so than Chairman Borah, because he has had considerable political friction with President Hoover and it was vital to let the whole country know that not a bit of coolness still existed between them.

The foreign committeemen having been provided for, room remained for a few extras and it was thus that Nelson T. was included. At the last minute, however, the discovery was made that the table looked like being a trifle crowded. Accordingly, the ukase went forth: "Scratch off Johnson." Whereupon the White House secretary-in-charge, of invitations scratched off the name of Senator Hiram Warren Johnson of California. It is not of record what fate subsequently befell the secretary. Nelson T. Johnson may be of so little social consequence that it was reckoned he would be least missed among the 50 or 60 folk whom it was originally intended to invite to dine with Ambassador

Dawes, but there are reasons for believing he will make an exceptionally good minister to China. He and retiring Minister John Van A. MacMurray are alike in that they both have specialized on far eastern diplomacy and that both speak Chinese—a mighty rare accomplishment outside of Asia. But they differ greatly in temperament. It is John Van A.'s view, as revealed by his methods in the American legation at Peiping (and an extremely common view among white men in that part of the world), that the oriental can best be dealt with by knocking him over the nose early and often. It has proved tolerably successful in the past, in times of weaker and weaker Chinese government that at present, but in recent years the republican Chinese

have displayed increasing signs of reacting it. More than once, during the troubles which have marked his incumbency in Peiping, Minister MacMurray has clamored for at least the threat of force to back up his policies—which might have been all right if mere threats had turned out to be sufficient, but would have involved no end of inconvenience if the Chinese had stood pat and told us to go ahead with our fireworks. Nelson Johnson, on the other hand, as chief of the state department division of far eastern affairs, until his recent elevation to an assistant secretaryship, has persistently put the soft pedal on the warlike music of which John Van A. was so fond—and, being some thousands of miles nearer to headquarters, here in Washington, has managed to keep John

Van A. from playing much of it. Minister MacMurray is unopposed, not unnaturally, not to have liked it, and the popular theory is that it had a good deal to do with his resignation. Johnson, it seems, holds that the Chinese are easy enough to get along with harmoniously, if one falls in with their odd ways, sets himself down as if he liked it and recognizes that impossibilities are perfectly normal in a country where they are constantly happening.

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Regular Value, \$5
WOODWARD PHARMACY
First National Bank Bldg.
Phone 766

\$30 IN PRIZES

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There is a list of various kinds of businesses at the bottom of this advertisement. Go through the paper (this week's) and discover the number of drug stores using advertising space (just count the different stores and not the number of ads.). Then count the number of Banks using advertising. Follow the list, checking as you go along. Bring this list, along with a short article on what you think is the best looking ad. (give reasons why) to our office. The first correct list will win first prize, other lists entered will win prizes according to correctness and the time entered.

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- Fifth to Ninth Prizes 1.00

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- Building and Lumber
- Real Estate
- Insurance
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- Utility Companies
- Dry Cleaners
- Music Stores
- Women's Apparel (Specialty)
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THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
220 NORTH WOODWARD AVE.

Winners Will Be Announced Next Week

For Sale—in

DEVONSHIRE DOWNS

WE INVITE you to inspect this home, just completed in Devonshire Downs—the new residential community in Bloomfield Hills. Located at the intersection of Square Lake and Nicolet Roads, one block west of Woodward Avenue, this home is one of four erected by us to establish the character of the community.

For immediate sale we offer these four homes at prices which represent cost to us with no profit added.

The fact you may not be in the market for a home right now does not lessen the cordiality of our invitation to visit these new houses. If you enjoy seeing splendid architecture and perfect interior arrangement—we will be delighted to show you through these homes. Open Saturday 2 P.M. to 5 P.M.; on Sunday 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. All homes are heated.

KNIGHT-MENARD CO.
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Realtors

Features of the English Home illustrated above

Architecture: Old Sussex.
1st Floor Plan: Reception Hall, Living Room, Library, Dining Room, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Lavatory.
2nd Floor Plan: Large Upper Hall, Four Bed rooms, Three Baths, Recreation Room.
Equipment: ABC Automatic Oil Burner - Hoffmanized Steam System - Frigidaire - Kitchen Ventilating Fan - Humphrey hot water heater - Electrical bathroom heater - Kernerator refuse burner - Plate Glass windows - Fenestra casements - Chamberlain Weatherstrips - Linoleum Installation - "Red Seal" Electrical system - Copper screens.
Garage: Two-car, heated, attached to house.
Width of Site: 82½ feet.
Architect—
RICHARD H. MARR

