

FIFTY-FIRST YEAR—NO. 38

THREAT TO TO CAR TILT

Elberly Charges Laxity In Village's Engineering Department

A road contractor and an engineer will be summoned to appear before the village commission Monday and iron out differences with T. Elberly, village engineer. It was threatening last night at the board meeting that Elberly would resign unless a settlement is made in the meantime, Elberly said.

Corson claimed it is not unusual for contracting bills to be held, and said he believed his department is as efficient as possible, considering that it has no funds, gained in a few months.

A bill for \$400 Elberly said was being worked on to rectify errors made by Corson. He presented to the commission a copy of questions raised by commissioners at Corson for an hour.

Commissioner Lee A. White said the village could not be held responsible for the bill as Starr was retained by Taylor without the approval of the commission.

"I have investigated with Commissioner Scott Taylor and we find the department has no efficient data," we also find several mistakes," Elberly said.

"Every engineering department makes mistakes," Corson said, "but it is up to the engineer to stand in back of his work and believe that of any competent and disinterested engineer will agree with me."

New Year's Eve Quiet In Streets

Five Alleged Revelers Marched Off To Jail

Birmingham listened to the swan song of 1928 with languor and accepted the coming of 1929 with few signs of interest, so far as noise is concerned. The streets were practically barren at midnight Monday and even a lone horn-blower could not be discovered.

There were many house parties, however, and hundreds of villagers journeyed to Detroit to join in the merry-making at night clubs and theaters there.

Five persons were arrested during the evening by police and paid fines in court on charges involving—

Thomas Cecil, 41 Pasadena avenue, Highland Park, was arraigned yesterday morning before Judge Floyd S. Buck on charges including driving without a license.

The Highland Park man and three companions were held in jail Tuesday following their arrest at 5 a. m. John Dill, 31 years old, 1402 St. Joseph street, Detroit, pleaded guilty to a drunk charge and paid a fine of \$25.

Edward Frederick, 61 years old, 527 Lehigh street, Birmingham, fined \$25 or 15 days in jail when he pleaded guilty before Justice Buck to drunkenness.

State And County Begins Work Of New Terms

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CRASH FATAL TO PASSENGER

Treot Man Dies Soon After Woodward Accident; Driver Released

Investigation is underway today by Earl C. Gordon, former county coroner, in the death of Bert Matthes, 30 years old, 1805 West Grand boulevard, Detroit, who died Monday at 9 p. m. in St. Joseph Mercy hospital following an accident at Woodward avenue and Bird avenues at 2:30 p. m. Monday.

Matthes was riding in a motor car which was released following a statement made by the Oakland County prosecutor yesterday and pending an investigation by Gordon.

Injuries sustained by Matthews were not serious at first, but a second line of northbound traffic and collided with the car driven by Mrs. William, 55 Detroit street, Royal Oak, included a fractured skull, a compound fracture of the leg and internal injuries.

The investigation is the last to be made by Gordon who was succeeded in the coroner's office yesterday by Lee Voorhes.

Villagers and Village By THE WANDERER

The failure of cars to negotiate the icy hills at Long Lake road and Woodward avenue New Year's Day was the only thing to mar the serenity of Bloomfield Hills village, Chief of Police William Putnam reports.

A new car of the pickup type is now being used by the fire department. The small vehicle was put into use Monday. It is to be used for general work, including investigations and can be used to carry mowing equipment.

Special bus service was furnished to cars. Two celebrants of Oakland County by the Eastern Michigan Motorbus company. The Detroit Motorbus company.

Members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors met at a January session at the court house in Pontiac Tuesday.

New license plates for village owned cars have not been delivered.

STORE GUMMEN STAY DEFIANT

Robbers Of Haberdashery "Don't Remember" After Life Term Sentence

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POLICE EXTEND LICENSE TIME

Three More Days Given As Motorists Continue To Stand In Line

An extension of time for motorists using 1928 license plates in Birmingham is announced today by Chief of Police James Anderson.

The local license bureau at the police station in Birmingham today announced that the number of applicants who demanded licenses before Tuesday.

More than 900 sets of plates had been issued from the police department in Birmingham today.

ELLERBY OPENS NEW OFFICES

H. T. Ellerby, village president, today established in his own insurance office in the Dime Bank building, Detroit.

DATE NOW NAMED FOR NIGHT SCHOOL

Feb. 5 has been set as the tentative date for the opening of Birmingham's public night school.

HOME ROBBED AFTER CHILD SHOOTS SELF

Prowler Enters Lincoln Avenue Residence As Family Aids Boy

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Mrs. Drunken, a sister of the boy, and her husband were called to the house next door where her father, Michael Noonan, lives, at 325, a watch worth \$25, a brass watch and a bracelet were stolen.

Meanwhile, Drunken reported, someone had entered an open bedroom window in his house next door and rifled the drawer of a dresser, taking a ring valued at \$25, a watch worth \$25, a bracelet and three gold chains.

Mrs. Drunken said the burglar was seen in the house next door at 197 Lincoln avenue.

NEW AUTOS ON DISPLAY HERE

Village Has Automobile Show Of Its Own As New Models Arrive

This applies to Birmingham today as dealers are displaying new models in latest priced automobiles at the village show.

The new Pontiac manufactured in seven different models will go on display at the Shaw Motor Sales in Birmingham.

All of the seven models of Pontiac are provided with chrome-plated lamps, adjustable driver's seats and the closed jobs are completely outfitted inside.

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Many Skaters Use New Municipal Rink For Sports

Poles are being set today for the lamps which are being installed at the skating rink.

Twenty five 100-watt lamps with shades are being installed at the rink.

A fire loss during December is reported today by the village manager by Vernon Griffith, head of the fire department.

The total value of property endangered by fire is set at \$70,000.

Total hours of fire fighting spent by the fire department during the month of December is reported by the village manager.

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