

SKI JUMPERS START SUNDAY

Annual Event at Rochester Brings Back Many Well-Known Men

(Special to The Eccentric) Rochester, Jan. 30.—Many skiers of national repute will seek honors at the fifth annual international tournament of the Detroit Ski club Sunday at 2:30 p. m. on the big steel slide at Rochester, entrant lists show today. Among those who will be title contenders are: Anders Hagen, of Ogdun Dunes Ski club, of Gary, Ind., five times national champion; Carl Henry, and Clarence

Hall, of Detroit; Casper Olmson of the Norge Ski club, of Chicago; winner of the Ogdun Dunes Tourney Jan. 20; Peter Fahlsted, Canton, S. D., who took first honors in Chicago last year. Others who will compete are George Arthur and Magnus Hall, of Detroit; Vernor Fosberg, Ishpeming; Ted Rex, Palmer, who outjumped Henry Hall at Ishpeming last winter; Leo Ander, of Chicago; Charles Berg, of Duluth, Minn.; Carlyle Lindholm, of Hammond, Ind., the slinkier skier; Edgar Johnson, Detroit Ski club; Bruce and Bob Frank, Rochester; Hoakon Nore, of Los Angeles; Art Mattison, of Norway; and Olaf Skogran, of Chicago Norge Club.

A junior tournament was held at Rochester last Sunday, with entrants from Rochester taking every event. Joseph Telenor, 15, of Rochester, with leaps of 43

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Charles Hallid, 501 Ann street: "During the 18 years I have been a resident in Birmingham, I have noted a great change in weather conditions, both as to temperature and length of time the winter lasts. I can recall seasons which have had from six to eight weeks of constant cold weather. Now the temperature may reach as low as a point, but it will rise in a few days. Right now I can see spring in the air. The blue sky, and the sudden changes in temperature are its indications."

and 43 1/2 feet, won the meet for boys from 14 to 16 years old. He will represent the Detroit Ski club at the national junior tournament scheduled for Feb. 21 to 23 in Brattleboro, Vt. Second place went to Tessner, 14-year-old, brother who made jumps of 43 1/2 and 49 1/2 feet. A third brother, Anthony Tessner, nine, took third place in the event for younger boys, while third place in the older class, went to Robert Howell, 15.

Shain Boosted To Head Club

(Concluded from Page 1) largely in the capability of a reporting agency, where its members may give and obtain from other lodger accounts the character of a person's credit," stated Mr. Fark's. He urged a wider use of the Birmingham Credit Bureau's office, to the end that credit losses may be minimized. Mr. Shain briefly outlined the necessity of an accurate book-keeping system for charge accounts, and emphasized the necessity of sending complete information with monthly statements to customers. He pointed out the value of "small" statements on the first of each month, and said that too often a lax system of granting credit was responsible for losses. "If you know that a person seeks credit who is known to be poor pay, you will be ahead if you refuse initial credit," said Mr. Shain. "Most people want to pay their bills, and they should be given the best of attention by a merchant."

POLICE INVESTIGATE PUBLIC PRINT SERVICE

Chief of Police James Anderson is considering a finger print service on a commercial basis for Birmingham, similar to the department recently established in Pontiac. Finger prints are taken as a means of identification in traveling, cashing checks and for general commercial uses. If established it will be a service open to everyone. The service would be handled by the police department, but it is likely that additional help would be needed, Chief Anderson pointed out. He is planning to investigate the Pontiac department and the scope of its service before making plans for the village.

A call owned by John Trowley of Broad Brook, Conn., has an extra eye, horn, tongue and an extra set of teeth. It costs nothing to publish a news item in The Eccentric, Mrs. Birmingham. Call for a reporter on 11 or 12.

AIRPORT GIVEN SUPPORT OF ORGANIZATION

(Concluded from Page 1) tion has been being investigated by Bloomfield township attorneys. If they rule that it is legal to bond for 30 years, the matter will be taken up by the board.

Figures provided by Mr. Bird indicate that in Birmingham, bond issue of \$104,000, maturing in 30 years, would be bought at the total cost of \$185,890 including interest. The bond would be retired each year at the rate of \$6,196.30. Mr. Bird declared. As a comparison, Mr. Bird said, are the annual assessments for street lighting, six cents and of the library bond issue at 31 cents per \$1,000. The total bonded indebtedness paid each year by tax payers is \$368 per \$1,000, Mr. Bird said.

Birmingham would not lose the purchase price of property, if by any chance the airport venture failed, he said. "It is doubtful if this land can ever be sold again at the present sale price. An increase of land values in a few years would allow a village to sell the land at a profit."

According to the county tax roll, the assessed valuations of the six municipalities which might aid in promoting the airport are as follows: Birmingham, \$15,000,000; Royal Oak, \$12,000,000; Ferndale, \$15,020,000; Berkley, estimated at \$23,000,000; Clawson, \$5,000,000; Pontiac, \$76,000,000; and Pleasanton, \$76,000,000. Troy township's assessed valuation is \$13,500,000 and Bloomfield, \$30,000,000.

Meet Today

Heads of various southern Oklahoma municipalities plan to meet tomorrow to discuss the possibility of the banding together of the county and townships for the proposed project.

H. T. Ellery, village president, said at the Birmingham commission meeting Monday night he believes the commission here is not in favor of putting a project with unlimited cost on the ballot. He pointed out that the village of the land would be a comparatively small part of the total cost which would include village expenses.

"I was in favor of the project at first, but now I cannot see its need, the immediate need of other things in Birmingham."

Commissioner Lee A. White said there is a serious doubt in his mind that Birmingham is planning an airport. He declared he did not see immediate need for it and believed the benefits to be derived from the expenditure were doubtful.

Mr. Bird who appeared before the board at that time said the Lions club strongly favored the project and wanted the opinion of the commission on its practicality. "It seems to me there will be a big need for such a field in 10 years, at the most, and that now is the time to make the purchase. The option on the land expires in the spring and it is expected to double in price at that time. Also, a survey has been made and it was found this is the only desirable piece of property within a radius of 10 miles of this village."

Indication that Royal Oak will go through with the project was seen in the action of the council there in passing on the \$200,000 bond issue for the post. The issue will be voted on by the electorate of that city in the spring elections.

HOUSE MOVING GRANT DENIED

Petitions of the owners to move a large frame house from the northwest corner of Woodward avenue and Willets street is denied today by the village commission. All members of the commission except J. H. McBride and Laurence Hulbert, voted against giving the permission. Mr. McBride maintained the commission did not have the right to refuse. Mr. Hulbert was absent. Other members of the board said the removal would be liable to cause damage to the pavement. It was proposed to take the house to a lot on Ridgevale avenue.

HILLS ACCIDENT PROBE DROPPED

Prosecutor's Office Makes Report On Interurban Crash In Bloomfield

Action in the case of the traffic jam Jan. 17 on Woodward avenue south of the Hickory Grove road in Bloomfield, Hills village, when three persons were hurt, is dropped today, following the investigation conducted Friday by Assistant Prosecutor Charles Wilson, of Pontiac. Mr. Wilson did not see the matter as one which came within the jurisdiction of the prosecutor's office, he said.

Three persons sustained minor injuries when the southbound interurban crashed into three cars which had skidded onto the car tracks, the police report stated. The interurban, traveling down grade, was unable to stop because of the ice coated rails, and continued for 200 feet after striking the cars. Almed Smith, of Birmingham, was the motorman. Investigation was made upon the suggestion of William H. Putnam, chief of Hills police, who stated that it was possible to see for 2,000 feet along the car tracks and that he believed that the interurban could have been stopped.

Those injured in the crash were: Kathleen Reed, 102 Oak street, who sustained a fractured ankle; William A. Falk, 3829 Cherry street, and Ralph Fredrick, 2957 Yellowstone avenue, both Detroit, who received minor injuries.

COMMISSION ASKED IN SUIT

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Answers Questions

E. B. Howarth, state senator, was conferred with property owners in regard to settlement of the Adams road right-of-way hearing. The hearing was in the charge of Victor Burton, deputy state highway commissioner. Other officials who participated in the discussion were A. N. Laird, assistant to the chief engineer of the Grand Trunk railway, and Frank Atkinson, of Fitzsimmons and Galvin, legal representatives of several land owners.

Laird repeated under oath the announcement that the Grand Trunk railway is planning to start rapid transit service over the new road between Detroit and Pontiac.

CALL HEARING ON TWO ROADS

Hearings of objections to the paving of Adams and Division roads are announced today for Feb. 11 by the Oakland County road commission.

The two projects underway include 20-foot pavement with 36-foot grades on Adams road from the northern limits of Birmingham to Auburn avenue, and the paving of the Division road, a continuation of the Adams road from the southern limits of Birmingham to the Eight Mile road. Another portion of this project is the surfacing of the Fourteen Mile road from Woodward avenue to the village limits of Clawson. This includes 12 1/2 miles of improvement.

The hearing on the Adams road project will be Feb. 11, at 2 p. m. at a store at Auburn and Adams avenues. The meeting on the Division road will be in a club at the Division and Thirteen Mile road roads at 10 a. m. the same day.

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Edward K. Allen, local realtor: "Birmingham citizens have not given sufficient support to the proposed airport project to vote in favor of placing it on the spring ballot as a bond issue. The project is a \$104,000 for land only, it amounts, to my way of thinking, it would result in a political football for years to come. I believe in progress, but am opposed to political entanglements with other governmental units in the handling of a jointly owned property."

COMPROMISE SEEN IN ASSAULT CASE

Judge Reduces Bail Of Defendant Who Is Bound Over To Circuit Court

A compromise between prosecuting and defense attorneys is being considered today on advice of Roy L. Buck in the case of Floyd L. Brown, charged with assault, under bail of \$500 on a charge of assault.

Bail of Brown was reduced from \$2,000 when he appeared for examination Tuesday. He was arrested in binding the order issued by Chief of Police James Anderson when, it is charged, he threatened his two brothers-in-law with a shot gun as they attempted to remove furniture from his home.

Justice Buck said while the man had grounds to project the belongings in his home, he felt justified in binding the order in circuit court so details of it might be cleared up.

The complainants in the case are Julius and Charles Nelson of Keego Harbor and Walled Lake respectively.

According to the testimony given by Julius Nelson, his mother, Mrs. Luther Nelson, had been living with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. When she decided to move, they took a truck to the home to claim some of the furniture. Brown, declaring he had a deed to the furniture, said he would not surrender it without a court order. When the brothers began to move it from the house, he threatened them with a gun, it was testified.

Curt W. Augustine was the prosecutor, and George Sutton represented the defendant.

Daniel Robinson of Magberry, Ind., celebrating the passing of his 104th birthday Friday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Schorren of St. Louis was sent to prison for theft as a result of testimony given by her daughter.

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