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School is out, and children, as well as teachers, are enjoying the freedom of the out-of-doors. Who can say that a month out of doors may not be worth a year in some school-room?

BALKO KILLING STILL COVERED BY MYSTERY

Investigators Without Definite Clue To Identity Of Slayer

FUNERAL IS HELD

Investigators in the death of Walter Balko, slain Birmingham landscape gardener, continue to grope in the dark today—eight days after he was found shot to death in a daisy field near the Birmingham Golf club.

Clues have been unusually scarce and while in most slayings police are constantly being regailed with "tips" undersheriff Frank Greenan and Deputy K. L. Philpott have had little outside assistance in the Balko mystery.

A story purported to have been telephoned to a Detroit newspaper office by a man who said he witnessed the murder, is branded imaginary by officers.

They still cling to their original opinion Balko was shot by a man who sat in an automobile with a woman companion when he walked up to the car.

Funeral Held

The gardener was buried in Northville last Thursday after funeral services at the S. O. Wylie Bell home for Funerals. His four brothers were pall bearers and the mourners were confined to members of his family.

Appearance of a heavily veiled woman at the funeral who sat apart from other mourners led officers to question her in the belief that she might be able to throw some light on the mystery. She explained that she was Mrs. Archie Avis, east Marshall avenue, Ferndale, and had been a childhood sweetheart of Balko's when both lived at Northville.

Mrs. Avis said Balko was a pall bearer at her brother's funeral a year ago but with that exception she had not seen him for 15 years. Officers were satisfied with her statement that she knew nothing else about his death.

Still Working

Although Undersheriff Greenan and Deputy Philpott have declared they are convinced that Balko was shot when he approached an automobile in which a man and woman were sitting in the lonely lane, they have been active this week on the case. Both have been reticent regarding the turn being taken in their inquiry but declared they have uncovered nothing which tends to discredit their first theory.

The belief that Balko was an habitual nocturnal prowler was supported by the finding of a

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DELAY ACTION ON HOSPITAL

Dispute By Supervisors To Be Settled At Next Week's Meeting

Action on the purchase of the proposed new Oakland County Contagious Hospital will be resumed next Monday by the board of supervisors following a dispite this week over the legality of borrowing $50,000 in addition to the $125,000 previously voted for the work.

The board adjourned until next Monday morning at 11 o'clock, at which time it will take up the matter as a special order. It is expected that before that time an opinion will be obtained from the prosecuting attorney as to the board's rights.

Bids Retained

It was voted to retain the two low bids on the general contract and the low bids on the plumbing, heating and ventilating and electric wiring. Bids were received

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BUSINESS GROUP MAY FORM CLUB

Formation of what may become a live, wide-awake business and professional men's organization in Birmingham was started last night when village president H. F. Elsey, at a meeting of local business men gathered together in the village offices to discuss the proposed sign ordinance, suggested that a club of some sort be massed together, the object being to promote a better feeling between merchants and citizens.

David Ladd, local realtor, heartily endorsed Mr. Ellerby's plan, and obtained favorable opinions from all those present to crystalize the idea. A temporary committee, composed of Ellerby, Ladd, E. H. Tillotson, Lou Saunders, Ralph Wilson, and Ed Watko was formed, and a general meeting of local merchants may be called some evening next week.

Committees will be sought from each of Birmingham's luncheon clubs, the Lions, Exchange, Rotary and Gyros. Behind the entire plan is a hope that, through better acquaintance and understanding, Birmingham business and professional men and women will be able better to serve the residents of this area.

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Neither Whoopee Nor Boom-Boom To Mark Celebration Thursday

Birmingham's Fourth of July tomorrow will not be featured by the usual bursts and booms of firecrackers and torpedos, or the brilliance of nightly sky-rockets, as result of the strict enforcement of the Michigan's new law prohibiting sale of fireworks, which state and county officers are ordered to enforce by Gov. Fred W. Green.

With thoughts of a "sane" Fourth residents are planning picnics and other outdoor activities at the many lakes in Oakland county. With thousands of other persons from neighboring communities and from Detroit also making a daily excursion to the county, Woodward avenue will be crowded with cars.

To many of the older Birmingham residents who have perennially associated the commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, 153 years ago, with the shooting of fire-crackers, and the other explosive and noise-making inventions, tomorrow will not appear to be a Fourth of July. It will undoubtedly be a quiet holiday, with only the crowded highways and the feeling of a "mid-week Sunday" to make it appear different from any other day.

In view of the anticipated condition of the highways tomorrow, Chief of Police James Anderson has asked motorists to be especially careful. On Woodward avenue each driver should remain at all times on his side of the pavement, the chief pointed out emphatically. Motorists getting out of the traffic lines will help avoid accidents considerably but will always slow up traffic, he stated.

In regard to the new law banning fireworks Chief Anderson said it will be enforced strictly in Birmingham, in hopes of securing a "safe and sane" Fourth.

The statute, which was adopted March 29, 1929, makes it a misdemeanor to sell or use fireworks and it is punishable by a fine not to exceed $100 or by imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. It is not illegal for fireworks to be used at a public gathering under the direction of a competent person provided the city government issues a permit.

Although other communities have previously restricted the sale of fireworks, this is the first year they will not be sold in Birmingham.

HILLS CARILLON PROGRAM SET

A carillon recital is to be given at 9 p. m. tonight by Anton Brees, internationally famous carilloneur, at Christ's Church, Cranbrook.

The program follows: Jef Denyn's "Andante Cantabile;" Westendorf's, "I'll Take You Home again Kathleen;" Elliott's, "There's a Long, Long Trail;" Haydn Wood's "Roses of Picardy;" Handel's "Minuet from Berenice;" Alexander Ewing's "Jerusalem the Golden;" J. B. Dykes's "Lead Kindly Light;" Mendelssohn's "Spring Song;" and "Confidence;" Schubert's "Serenade;" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Saturday's program which will be given at 4 p. m. includes: M. Van den Gheyn's "Prelude;" E. Nevin's "Mighty Lak A Rose;" "Santa Lucia;" "Aloha Oe;" Gounod's "Gavotte;" L. H. Redner's "O Little Town of Bethlehem;" W. H. Monk's "Abide with Me;" Handel's "Largo;" and Chopin's "Funeral March."

ROAD POST NOW FILLED

Hillman Officially Named To Succeed G. Ross Thompson

Howard C. Hillman, of Springfield Township, today is a member of the Oakland County road commission following his formal appointment by the board of supervisors this week during their session in Pontiac. He succeeds the late G. Ross Thompson. He resigned his post as supervisor of the township last Friday following his informal election to the board. He, in turn, is succeeded by Edward F. Cook.

Several other matters of business were taken up by the board.

Confining to a recent act of Legislature, the board voted to move up the annual October session to the third Monday in September to give assessing officers a longer opportunity which to prepare assessment rolls before the December tax collection.

Supervisor James E. Lawson proposed that the county adopt provisions of Act No. 15 of the Public Acts of 1929 which is effective Aug. 28. The September session is in lieu of a meeting in October.

F. G. Ely made a motion that the board proceed to ballot on road commissioner after Harry N. McCracken of Farmington had reported the result of the board sitting as a committee Wednesday when Mr. Hillman received the majority vote. Mr. Hillman received 31 of the 37 votes cast. John A. Adams was given 2, Max Hagelstine 2, Spencer Howarth 1, and Frank J. Malcolm 1.

John Grant offered a motion that the board reconsider its action of Thursday in authorizing the appointment of a second judge for the Pontiac Municipal Court. Several members thought a committee should be appointed to investigate the request of the Bar association. This is not expected to make any difference in the appointment, but was considered a more businesslike procedure. chairman appointed Goodloe H. Rogers, Preston Allen and Alfred Gale members of this committee.

CONDEMNATION IN G. T. LAND UNDER WAY

Clardy Argues Dismissal Of Injunction Suits Against State

MANY SIMILAR CASES

Condemnation proceedings against the owners of 7,000 parcels of land in Bloomfield, Troy and Royal Oak townships were to have been started today in Oakland County probate court by the state for the new Grand Trunk right-of-way. E. B. Howarth of Royal Oak is handling the case for the state.

Deputy Attorney General Kit F. Clardy of Lansing came to Pontiac Monday to argue a motion for the dismissal of five remaining injunction suits in Circuit Court brought against the state and Grand Trunk railroad by owners of property in Bloomfield Townships.

Cases Identical

He stated the cases are identical in nature with those brought by George H. Johnstone and Frederick C. Pohlmyer in which the Michigan Supreme Court held recently the state may proceed under certain conditions which Mr. Clardy said have been complied with.

Holders of restrictive negative easements, the court held, must be paid for damages that will accrue from the locating of the new railroad.

Their interests may be protect-

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Hills Village To Ban Signboards

The Village of Bloomfield Hills, desiring to improve the appearance of its area by the elimination of all commercial advertising signs, last night set July 15 as the date for a public hearing to consider the passage of an ordinance coping with the problem. Under the ordinance, signs of a uniform size, with uniform lettering of gold upon black background only, will be allowed in premises when used by the owner for personal use to advertise his property. The ordinance is designed to maintain the high character of the Hills' Village.

Building permits from January 1 to July 1 in the Village of Bloomfield Hills amounted to $558,000.00, village clerk W. M. Story informed the commission when it met last night; this total is nearly twice what is was during the same period of 1928.

LODGE INSTALLS

The Birmingham I. O. O. F. will hold an installation of officers at 8 p. m. July 11 at the lodge rooms.

CHAIRMAN

MRS. C. G. WILSON

Mrs. Wilson will again act as general chairman of the Community House drive which will reopen some time in October. She will be assisted by Mrs. Charles J. Shain as vice-chairman. Although the committee has not yet been named, it will have nearly the same organization as that of the campaign of 1928, it is planned.

Possibility of purchasing lots on adjoining sites of the Community House were discussed at length at the luncheon held for Community House workers Monday at "Linda Vista" the home of Mrs. Joseph A. Braun. Further details of the campaign were also discussed. Nearly 30 persons attended the luncheon and pledged themselves as workers in the fall campaign.

WOMAN FILES COURT APPEAL

Pleads Guilty To Drunk Driving And Appeals When Given Jail

An appeal is filed today in circuit court on the sentence meted out by Justice Floyd S. Buck to Mrs. Evelyn Fitzgibbons, 34 years old, of 107 Merrill street, who pleaded guilty to driving while drunk and was ordered to spend 60 days in the Oakland County jail.

The woman, who is the mother of a four year old child, was arrested in Woodward avenue Saturday night when the car she was driving collided with three other machines. She entered a guilty plea Monday morning but filed an appeal as soon as Judge Buck sentenced her and ordered her operator's license revoked for six months.

Autos claimed by Patrolman Robert Appel to have been damaged by Mrs. Fitzgibbon's car, were owned by Theodore Czadman, of 967 Chevrolet street, Flint; Donald Fisher, 65 Vinewood street, Pontiac and Carl Nyberg, of 373 Puritan avenue, Highland Park.

When arrested Mrs. Fitzgibbons told the officer she was on her way to Detroit to purchase several chickens. Pending the hearing of the case in circuit court, she is at liberty under bail of $500.

CORYELL RENAMED TO PLAN BOARD

R. J. Coryell, president of the Birmingham board of education, is renamed to the village planning commission today by the village commission. His reappointment was made by the board at the expiration of his term Monday night.

SCHOOL VOTE IS EXPECTED TO BE HEAVY

Three In Race For Two Positions In Education Group

MRS. FARRAR BACKED

Only three persons remain in the running for the two places on the Birmingham school board to be filled in the elections next Monday between nine a. m. and nine p. m. Voting will be in the Baldwin High School and the annual meeting of the board with taxpayers of the school district, when reports will be read, is scheduled for Monday evening.

An active organization of Birmingham men and women have started their campaigning for Mrs. Cora Farrar, former president of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of University Women who seeks a place on the board. They are declaring the village should be represented by at least one woman. Other candidates seeking reelection are Ray Palmer and Guy W. Jensen.

Despite the fact that many villagers are away for their vacations, a heavy vote is expected because all candidates are well known in Birmingham and have large followings.

At the annual meeting to be held in the evening a digest of the business conducted by the board during the year will be given and tentative plans for next year discussed.

DAYS GROWING HARDER FOR POLICEMEN

It's getting so an officer can't become ill with any degree of comfort.

Or so will attest Motorcycle Patrolman Earl Walker who Monday night is said to have held his head for home to rest a bit in an attempt to overcome an attack of indigestion.

His fellow officers immediately started a search for him, believing he had been injured in any accident, kidnapped, or drowned. All night they searched. There was no sign of him and anxiety ran high.

Tuesday morning a newspaper reporter called at Walker's home, and found the man ill and in bed.

HILLS MAN'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Hannah Story Leaves Large Family; Was 86 Years Old

Funeral services for Mrs. Hannah Story, mother of William M. Story, of Briarbank, Bloomfield Hills, were held Monday afternoon at Rockwood, where she had spent most of her life. Mrs. Story passed away last Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. J. Porter, in Lansing; she was 86 years old, and known here through many visits with her son.

Mrs. Story is survived by four sons, John and James Story, of Rockwood, Alva Story, of Trenton, William M. Story, of Bloomfield Hills; two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Porter, of Lansing, and Mrs. G. R. Smith, of Trenton. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

MOORE TAKES NEW OFFICE

Robert Y. Moore, local supervisor and chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, elected two weeks ago to succeed John Lawson as president of the Birmingham Exchangee club, formally accepted the gavel at Lone Pine Inn Tuesday noon. President Moore made a brief statement of policy, pledging his best support to the club during his term of office, which lasts six months. H. T. Ellerby, new vice-president, spoke for five minutes on the value of Exchangeism, and complimented retiring president Lawson for his excellent leadership.

President Moore appointed James Taylor as the new sheriff, to succeed Walter Pratt, and Lester J. Susser in charge of the club's athletic activities. L. W. Martindale succeeds O. J. Peterson as treasurer, while Harry S. Starr was re-elected secretary.

Next week, following the luncheon at Lone Pine Inn, members will leave by bus for summer cottage of Scott Hervey at Macedah Lake, where they will enjoy a stag party, honoring Exchangite Dr. O. O. Beck, who will be married the next morning in Ann Arbor.

The annual golf tournament between Birmingham Exchangites and Rotarians will be held next Wednesday, the winner to receive a silver loving cup.

NEW CURRENCY HERE MONDAY

New and small sized bills will be placed into circulation in Birmingham July 10 in the three village banks. The money will arrive Monday and be ready for circulation in two days. The large bills will not be recalled. Samples of the new currency are on display at the Birmingham banks today.

PARENTS MAY FACE BOARD WITH PROTEST

Action By Educators On Football Game Still Delayed

MEETING HERE MONDAY

Mothers and fathers of Birmingham school pupils are expected to appear before the board of education at the annual meeting next Monday night to demand that the football game scheduled for next October with the Mt. Clemens High School, be cancelled.

It is understood an informal organization of parents was formed to protest against the school board's ignoring complaints that the game between the two schools last fall was unethical that a return match is sought to be cancelled.

The matter was discussed by the board last Monday when several of its members had been assured for failing to take an interest in the demands of cancellation but the discussion was held during a secret session after citizens had been asked to leave the meeting room.

Later R. J. Coryell, president of the board, said he believed action would not be taken by the board until the matter was "formally" brought to their attention. The expected delegation next Monday is seen as an answer to this request.

The controversy arose when parents of Donald Gore and Capt. Herman Schwartz, stars of the Birmingham backfield, announced they will not allow their sons to play against Mt. Clemens next fall. They charged the game last October was not clean or sportsmanlike.

TWO TO BE ELECTED

MRS. CORA FARRAR

GUY W. JENSEN

RAY PALMER

Two of these three candidates for posts on the Birmingham board of education will be elected Monday. Both Mr. Palmer and Mr. Jensen are members of the board whose present terms expire this week. Mrs. Farrar, a leader in educational work done by the men, seeks to succeed one of them.

SEEK TO AVOID SIGN ORDINANCE

A group of Birmingham businessmen, seeking a means of practical cooperation with the village commission in its desire to beautify the community by eliminating the called "stick out" signs, last night at a meeting in the village offices passed a resolution asking for the withdrawal of the proposed sign elimination ordinance; in its place they suggest the passage of a regulatory ordinance covering the use of advertising signs on lots and buildings in the village. They also commended the commission for its thoughtfulness in seeking to beautify the village's business section and pledged their support to a committee to draft a future ordinance looking to that end.

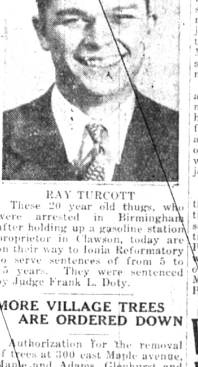
Walter Cowley of Keighley, Eng., kissed a young woman three times without her consent and was fined $500.

After being imprisoned for an hour under several tons of clay, Ray Tribble of Brazil, Ind., was dug out alive.

When Walter Corson of Chicago failed to show up for his wedding, friends found him under arrest for being drunk.

SENTENCED

FRED HILLEN



RAY TURCOTT

These 20 year old thugs, who were arrested in Birmingham after holding up a gasoline station proprietor in Clawson, today are on their way to Ionia Reformatory to serve sentences of from 5 to 15 years. They were sentenced by Judge Frank L. Doty.

MORE VILLAGE TREES ARE ORDERED DOWN

Authorization for the removal of trees at 300 east Maple avenue, Maple and Adams, Glenhurst and Maple, 110 Aspen road, 244 Willetts and one more tree at Chesterfield road was given by the village commission Monday night on recommendation of Commissioner Lee A White. This procedure is usual since the commission passed a resolution making it mandatory to have the board agree before trees are removed.

NEW PLAN DUE FROM EXPERT FOR VILLAGE

Comey Expected To Present Work To Commission

INTEREST IS SHOWN

P. 1 30—NEW PLAN

Arthur Comey, village designer and planner, of Boston, Mass., is expected to arrive here Friday with a completed plan for Birmingham. This has been under preparation for several months since he was obtained by the commission to provide it.

The plan will be studied by the village planning commission and then given to the village commission with recommendations. It is expected it will be ready to go to the commission in approximately two weeks.

The plan is awaited with some interest by persons who have advocated a more regulated and planned growth for Birmingham.

Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

"Sun" is the word of the day. Birmingham has joined with the rest of the world in adopting the suntan vogue. There are suntan cosmetics advertised in drugstore windows, suntan complexions on the streets, suntan back frocks in the shops and most of all children sporting the very latest in sun suits.

Just a guess from the Wanderer who frequently wanders into the village justice courts and a warning to motorists from Flint. It's the Wanderer's guess that more speeders arrested in the village hail from Flint than any other city, but where are those who say that Detroit is in the lead.

Some people have difficulty with possessions other than their golf clubs on nearby golf courses. For instance, the other day one of the Wanderers played with a chap whose shape was in such condition that he needed more than a mere belt to hold up his knickers by; in fact, he badly needed a large pair of strong suspenders. Not having suspenders, however, he managed to avoid arrest by stopping frequently at the club's lunch counter where, by stuffing himself with sandwiches, he was able to aid his belt in keeping up his failing trouser-knickers.

Talking about taxes one villager said: "I hope our new assessor will be given a free hand in determining the revaluation of village property. What the former incumbents of the assessor's office considered a fair valuation is reflected by the tax lists, past and present, and their assistance therefore is not required. Their opinion is our record."

DRIVER PAYS $1 PER MILE FOR SPEEDING

Speeding 40 miles an hour in the village cost Takping Pong, 2525 Marvin street, Flint, $40 yesterday in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court. Pong was arrested May 26 but failed to appear, until Patrolman William Green Monday traced Pong to Flint and brought him into court Tuesday.

FOR ARTISTS' MATERIALS
The Detroit Paint and Art Shop, Temple Theatre Building. —Adv.40tf

PROTEST WINS MERRILL ST. RATE BOOST

Village To Pay 40 Per Cent Of Cost For Thoroughfare Opening

HEATED DEBATE HELD

In one of the liveliest public debates held between the village commission and interested citizens over a public measure in many months, 45 Birmingham men and women Monday night engaged in verbal argument for nearly two hours, the citizens finally emerging victorious in that they succeeded in decreasing their individual assessments against the proposed Merrill street opening cost. Instead of the village at large paying one-sixth of the cost, the usual practice in street opening and improvement work, 40 per cent will be paid from Birmingham's treasury, amounting to $31,022.95. The remainder of the cost of the project will be paid benefitted property owners on Woodward and West Maple avenues, and on Pierce street, in amounts varying from nearly $11 per foot downward.

Officially, the proposition stands at the second resolution, in which notice is given of another public hearing within the next three or four weeks; at this hearing the assessments will be discussed, another resolution passed, and then work actually started on the project before fall.

Settlement Seen

Should the proposition go through without further interruption, a two-year argument will be settled, and the original suggestion of a former Birmingham Planning Commission suggestion will have become a reality. The opening, in question, will continue Merrill street from its juncture at Pierce street, next to the munici-

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WOMAN HURT, DRIVER JAILED

Hills Accident Ends In Arrest Of Motorist On Drunk Charge

Pleading guilty to a drunken driving charge after his car collided with another at 11:20 p. m. Monday on Woodward avenue at Quarton road, injuring a man and a woman, Dudley M. Peebles, of 407 Richton avenue, Detroit, paid a fine of $100 Tuesday in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court. His operator's license was revoked for six months.

Mrs. Vera Moore, of 130 Bower street, Clawson, is recovering at the St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Pontiac, from severe cuts received in the crash. Her husband, Charles R. Moore, who was driving the car at the time, sustained slight injuries.

According to Peebles, Moore was driving north on Woodward avenue, and stopped suddenly to turn into the Quarton Lakes station. Peebles, who was back of Moore sideswiped the latter's car causing it to turn turtle.

Miss Dorothy Wallace and Miss Mary Wallace, both of 12422 east Jefferson street, Detroit, were driving with Peebles at the time. All three escaped injury.

SPEEDER RETURNED

Arrested April 7, by Patrolman William Green on a speeding charge, Tonis Shapero, of Flint, paid a $25 fine yesterday in Justice Malcolm Hunt's court. Shapero was arraigned yesterday after Green served a warrant on him Monday in Flint.