

Within a year, we are informed, to modern iron horse will be traveling with its human and manufactured freight over the new Grand Trunk right-of-way. Vast is the trend of the times.

FIFTY-SECOND YEAR—NO. 31

## WORK RUSHED ON HIGHWAYS BEFORE SNOW

### Township Surfacing Lone Pine In Preparation For Winter ROADS READY, CLAIM

In preparation for the winter months work is being rushed today on Bloomfield township highways, according to John Wilson, township highway commissioner. Surfacing of Lone Pine road west of Franklin road and of the Tomlinson road between the Lone Pine and Quanton roads is under way with completion scheduled within a month. Six men are at work daily.

Township highways are in considerably better condition than at this season last year, according to Mr. Wilson. He mentioned the resurfacing of Square Lake road east of Squirrel and Adams roads as an important part of recently completed highway.

Completion of grading of the Fourteen, Square Lake, Wing Lake, Nicolet roads, as well as those in Bloomfield township, was reported by Mr. Wilson.

At a "twins reunion" held at New Castle, Ind., 122 pairs and 52 single twins were present.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**  
Commissioner Robert R. Allen: "I believe the commission meeting Monday night set a time record. There was little business and the meeting lasted only 25 minutes."

## SCHOOLS GET ACCOMPANIST

### Board Recommends Additional Member For School Staff

A professional piano accompanist is to be employed by the Birmingham public schools, following action of the board of education Monday night.

The employment of such an accompanist was recommended by Clarence Viet, superintendent of schools, who stated that in the average week five hours of such service are required. According to Mr. Viet, an accompanist is required weekly for two hours of chapel, two hours of Glee club and one hour of vocal work. During January and February an additional 19 or 15 hours of accompanying is required weekly.

Students who are qualified to do the work can not afford this time, Mr. Viet explained. He suggested that Miss Mae Bramsted, music supervisor, engage the accompanist.



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# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1929

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## THE SOCIAL SIDE

### Something About Village Clubs

### Business and Professional Women's Club

When the Birmingham's Business and Professional Women's Club was organized in October, 1925, it lacked the philanthropic

### Exchange Club

The Exchange was the first luncheon club organized in Birmingham. On Feb. 18, 1924, a meeting of 11 business and professional men was called and the club started. The following April 15, its charter was received. From the original 11, the membership



Photo by Arnold MISS BYRDIE KRAFT

interests it boasts today as contributor to village charity and community work.

At the time of its organization it was known as the Business Girls Luncheon Club meeting weekly on Tuesdays at the Community House with its sole aim a social luncheon hour for business girls. A committee named from the 16 members would cook and serve the luncheon each week. Not until September, 1925, did the members stop preparing the luncheon. Shortly before this the meeting day was changed to Thursday.

Miss Mary Walker headed the club as first president, while Miss E. B. Meek and Miss Ethel Bassett were named vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

Today the club numbers 16 members with Miss Byrdie Kraft president of the group. Activities of the club are increasing with the members staging a number of benefits each year. There pledge of \$500 to the Community House fund was one of the greatest to be given by the smaller organization. Upon the completion of the new Community House the club will be accommodated in a room set aside for their activities alone.

Among endurance records that of a little hen at the Oklahoma A. M. College is worthy of mention. She is 19 years old, has laid 110 eggs and has "settled" that Franz Peter Schubert first became known to the public by singing his songs during the Peerless Axe Grease hour."

The Kansas City Star suggests that had the radio been in use a little more than a century ago we might read in his biography that "Franz Peter Schubert first became known to the public by singing his songs during the Peerless Axe Grease hour."

## FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS of Long Ago

### Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
Over 2,000 tickets were sold at the station by Mr. Westrick to Detroit last week on account of

James Grinsley has a new fence in front of his residence. Note of your firm affairs," but a good substantial, durable, and handsome article.

Fred Stevens' large potatoes attract much attention at Hagerman's. They are of the Eureka and Early Rose type; one weighs six and a half lbs. and the other one and three quarters.

Joe Mead has already laid in his fall stock of axes, and any one wanting a good tip top axe with handle complete, last thing to get into the timber, can get one to suit them to a T, by calling on Joseph as aforesaid.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Our old friend John M. Rainey is home again for a week or so and everyone is glad to see the dear old soul.

Mr. J. N. Zimmerman and family are home again from Mackinaw Island where they all have been during the hay fever and other kindred ailments.

Birmingham south part is the sporty end of town for there we have the ball ground, and the race track and the big crowd of people enjoying the games and the weekly matinees.

We heard one of our village councilmen say Sunday morning

last that a night watchman should be employed to watch our village jail or some night some of the boys will steal the cages and get away with them. The report that the two men who escaped there from Saturday night last sold the cages to Joe Junk is a base and a false statement.

Harry Allen is now teaching school at Walnut Lake.

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
A meeting of the P. T. A. Council in the Baldwin High school building evening started the winter work in the four branches of the Parent-Teacher associations will meet at Baldwin unit P. T. A. hall on Tuesday in the high school when the new teachers will be received.

The Barrum school will hold its first meeting on the following Tuesday. The Adams school opened its season last night with a reception for the new teachers in the Adams gymnasium.

Construction has been started on the 40 home building program in Key City of the Buckner Building company; it was announced this week by E. E. Buckner, head of the firm. The company is specializing in modern five room bungalows.

Pouring of concrete began on Woodward avenue between Pontiac and Birmingham Wednesday morning and by noon a considerable stretch of the 20-foot strip of paving had been laid starting from the King Lake road at Blount-Field Center.

Robert Y. Moore

Photo by Arnold MISS BYRDIE KRAFT

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

**Police Chief Orta J. Tuttle:** "Already I have had several requests to watch some of the villagers who are leaving for the winter. If persons who plan to be absent will notify us we can keep a vigilance on their residences and in this way cut down the possibilities of burglaries."

## SCOUTS AWAIT HONOR COURT

### Plans Complete For Program Of Annual Fall Session Friday

Plans are completed today for the fall meeting of the court of honor of Birmingham Boy Scouts to be held tomorrow at 7:30 p. m. in the Baldwin Public Library auditorium. Parents of the scouts will be in attendance and the general public is invited by the scout committee. Two scouts, whose names have not yet been announced, will receive especially high recognition and awards will be made for all work done by the boys since May.

The scout management cup will not change hands until January, although the committee previously announced it would be awarded at this time. Both the advancement and parent banners, however, will be given away Friday.

Col. Edwin S. George will aid other scout officials in making the awards.

Scouts are awaiting the start Saturday at 1:30 p. m. from the then overnight hike to the new camp site on the Col. George property on the Long Lake road. This will be a house warming and an extensive program is planned Saturday and Sunday.

## LIBRARY NOTES

By Nancy B. Thomas

Among the new books at Baldwin Library is "Characters and Events of John Dewey." It is a two volume book of essays which deals with economics, art, education, war, government and personalities. Each of these essays have appeared in periodicals.

"Finland, the Republic Farthest North" is by Eugene Van Cleef, director of geography in Ohio State University. This is an interesting account for it is approached from the angle of the usual run of history books. Its aim is to record the response of Finnish life to its geographical environment.

"The Meaning of Culture" by John Cowper Powys is divided into two parts, the analysis of culture and the application of culture. Many readers will disagree with his ideas but, they are presented in such a way that they are not easily forgotten.

"Europe in Zigzag" by Slayley Huddleston is described by the author in the preface as "a hotch-potch of personal experiences and impressions, of political and social studies, of travel pictures and portraits of men whom I have known; but let us also say that these ingredients are not mixed without purpose. I have blended them, and I hope, with at least as much art as the culinary chef who seeks to please your palate."

"The Man behind the Book," by Henry Van Dyke, Professor Van Dyke in his preface indicates what he means by the title when he says "Understanding is the first thing we owe to a book and to the writer behind it." He urges people to read books and see what they really are, not to take the word of book clubs, nor to believe every prize book is worth it. He reviews in his final chapter four noteworthy modern novels. One of the four is Thornton Wilder's "Bridge of San Luis Rey."

Albert Corsham of Chicago was fined \$100 for turning in a false fire alarm.

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## POLICE WARN AGAINST BOGUS SALES MEN

### Credit Bureau Tells Of Fraudulent Methods Used Here CHECK PASSER SOUGHT

Warnings are issued today by the Birmingham police department and the Credit Bureau against two frauds being perpetrated in the village.

Many persons who have made deposits on articles being sold by house-to-house canvassers have never received the articles, according to J. L. DeMong, manager of the Bureau.

My advice is to ignore all solicitations for orders unless they have creditentials provided them by the Credit Bureau or the police department," he said. "If they are reputable, they will be provided by the creditentials. Many canvassers have thrown good money away to these frauds by buying without first investigating."

That well known businessmen in the village also have been fleeced by bogus representatives of an electric sign company was revealed by Mr. DeMong. Several men have paid deposits of 20 percent for the purchase of electric signs without first investigating, he said. The signs never were delivered.

Police Chief Orta J. Tuttle warned against a man of middle age who has left a trail of worthless checks through southern Oakland County communities. He uses the name and address of a Birmingham man. He is well dressed and between 45 and 50 years old, Chief Tuttle said. Most of the checks have been for approximately \$50.

There are now 150 destroyers laid up out of commission and the Navy Department will retire many more from active service to avoid making repairs. Warship become obsolete in about ten years, and if there is no war in the meantime their expense is a total loss. But there would be greater loss if war occurred.



## Franklin River Hills Adjoining Franklin Village

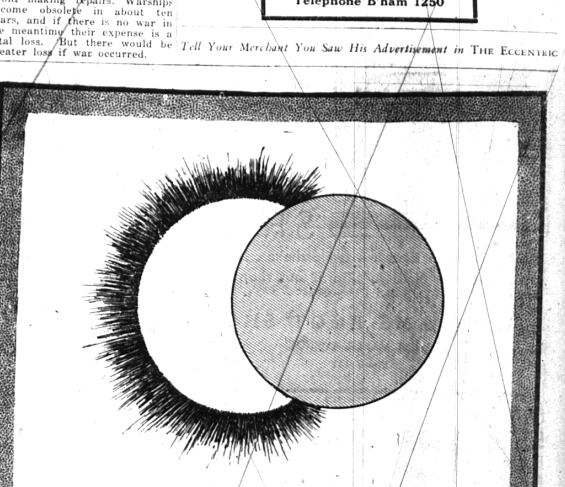
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