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11 VILLAGE YOUTHS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Birmingham will be represented by 11 boys, a leader and Robert D. Lynd, secretary at the national Older Boys' Conference to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Grand Rapids. George S. Yaple, Community House executive secretary, will also attend.

Among those from this village who are attending are: Irwin H. Neff, Jr., leader, Gerald Rocheleau, James Drumm, Gleonard Schwallie, Jack Patterson, Lloyd McClure, Earl Schultz, Lloyd Dennis, Herman and Ralph Schwarze, Edmund Quail, and Earl Ziegler.

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with the antics of such "city-creatures" as The Three Allens, Luther D., (chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission and president of Bloomfield Hills Villages), Harry, of west Maple avenue, (a member of the Birmingham village commission), and Robert R., of Knox street, (also a member of the local village commission.) Then there is Allen McGirr, of Madison avenue, president of the club and also its original conceiver; (he was born within 15 miles of the property owned by the club, and is reported to be the possessor of a keen eye and trigger finger equalled only by Daniel Boone.) Robert E. Porritt, of Adams avenue, famous as a trap shooter and general good fellow; Dr. Fred L. Tucker, (what, man!), and Euclid avenue, than whom there is no less wonderful a school—unless you take into consideration one Russell McBride, of Dorchester avenue, whose escapades interested this reporter to such an extent that a special paragraph later on will be devoted to him and the learned local tooth-extractor and otherwise afterdinner speaker. Then, well, in the next paragraph, we will take up the case of

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Elmer C. Huston, local hardware dealer, of east Maple avenue, who made his first deer hunting trip this fall, (or we were informed by the serious-minded Tucker) and who not only brought home a fine buck, but also transported a snowshoe rabbit within his luggage. Dr. Tucker and Russell McBride, who are believed to have placed the frozen rabbit in Huston's carpet-bag while he was for a moment out of its sight, declare that the rabbit was as good a specimen of northern rabbit as could be found—even though part of it has been eaten away by the camp cat the night before. Mr. Huston enjoyed himself very happily, it is stated by Allen McGirr, except for the times that he found various articles (including frozen rabbits) in his bed when he sought to retire. You will, however, be interested most vitally (you who know of Mr. Huston's retiring nature) to learn that the first evening after he had hunted in the wilds for his deer, he valiantly described his several encounters with buck, doe, and fawn, eventually causing much consternation when he uttered that now famous statement of his "those deer are—are—I am not guilty." If you know Mr. Huston, you will please do not refer to this daring episode in this melodrama. He really deserves peace and quiet for a while.

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Two members of the clan Wilson were there: Jack, of Lawrence street, and George, the sheriff of Alcona County, in sympathy for the preacher-man, which it did. Of course, Rev. Dutton left the camp the day that we, accompanied by Luther D. Allen and Walter Y. Stanley (the latter formerly of Birmingham, now of Pontiac, and manager of the Pontiac-Oakland County Legal News) arrived upon the scene. Undoubtedly Rev. Dutton felt that, since we had arrived in camp, our own religious nature would easily supplant his should he depart—thus providing the rest of the boys with the necessary Godsent chance to ward off great catastrophes. Anyway, the preacher left—and the entertainment proved that we should have left with him.

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For a father to take his son into the woods, bringing him into a companionship that is not equalled very often in other stratums of life, is a fine experience. Such was the good fortune of Will Haskett, of the Fourteen Mile road, just east of Southfield avenue, who shared the woods this deer season with his 13-year-old son, Lawrence, a last year's graduate of the Baldwin High School. Both father and son bagged a deer each, and you may rest assured that Lawrence, after ten day's of fruitless hunting, was a happy boy the evening he was being congratulated on his big ten-point buck. Arrangements were made happy with his dad, although he did not get a deer; his cousin is Emery, and he is the 11-year-old son of Albert McGirr, brother of Allen, who lives in Alcona County, and who manages the club property. One day Emery accompanied his father through the woods. Emery carrying a small shotgun; he bagged a rabbit, and was jubilant over the exploit. He was a perfect little boyhood as he tramped through the woods behind his expert woodsman father; his cheeks rosy, his eyes bright, his step eager for the adventure that lay before him. He is a fine boy—that he well may be his parents.

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Soaking of the woods and Albert McGirr—here is a man in his thirties, with his life thus far spent in the vicinity of Spratt, in Alcona County. He is very quiet, and never ventures conversation unless the thing under discussion is familiar to him; that is to say, he never talks just for the sake of talking. He showed us a verse and some prose, which he had written and, although somewhat crude in construction and meter, bearing stronly the inner urge to seek expression for personal observations. Here is a man's heart and mind which, under proper development, could become Michigan's outof-doors poet. Plenty of midnight oil for five years and he could, we are sure, acquire a fame that would not only inspire Michiganders for a more loyal love of their state, but bring him a bit of gold in return.

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The hunting lodge owned by the Birmingham Hunting Club is situated on the side of a hill, affording a wonderful view for miles distant. It is 40 by 94 feet in dimension, cost more than $10,000.00, and is being equipped with most of the comforts and conveniences of the modern furnishing, culinary, and plumbing worlds. (An important part of the plumbing is still out of doors—in spite of the fact that the club has not yet done any business with the Chicago mail order houses.) Double-decked iron beds, able to sleep twenty persons, are installed near the two huge fireplaces in the large, partitioned-off dining room, next to a spacious kitchen, welcomes the hungry hunters, three daily where excellently prepared food, under the direction of Mrs. Tillie McGirr, a sister of the McGirr's, soon disappears into yawning mouths, to be expended in human energy as it sends warm-clad feet over the 6,000 acres of hills and valleys.

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Referring to the dining room; this was the scene of many fine levies. For leaving your spoon in your coffee, for instance, you would be required to pay ten cents; other infractions of an as yet unknown etiquette also brought forth fines as young McBride secured about his collection business. In fact, this levying thing became so serious with Rev. Dutton that he, after having enough to buy a solid silver table set, tied his spoon to the end of a leather watch chain—he was determined, we presume, to watch his spoon. There is plenty of "horse-play" about a deer hunting camp, you may be sure—a sort of relieving of suppressed emotions, and other kinds of foolish affairs.

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Few of the men in the camp would sit upon a deer runway; practically everybody would make solitary pilgrimages into the woods, walking slowly against the wind, watching for the slightest movement upon ridges, hillsides, or in the valleys. The red hats, coats, or other crimson garments worn by the hunters easily warned one of their approach, and prevented casualities. Thirty buck deer were taken from the Club's property this season. Literally hundreds of deer tracks were discernible in the snow, while at all times it was most unusual if a hunter returned to camp without seeing from three to a dozen does.

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In the evening, after the supper had been put away and the boys had started in of hearing yarns about "the big one that got away," then things of a different nature take place. After the usual two or three hours of unabridged bridge, and other card games, are thrown into the discard, the boys begin to make plans for getting some sleep—that is, some of them do. Several of them don't—including in this case, Fred L. Tucker, Russell McBride, and Howard Lister. Last Thursday evening, about 11 o'clock, when this reporter was needing sleep after the long motor trip, this trio began to put on the first degree of what is known to every deer hunter as "The Camp Ritual." Of course, lone before we climbed into our bed, we had scratched between the blankets and found a frozen rabbit, a half-brother to the one which Mr. Huston later threw out of his own bed. Patiently, we pulled the covers over us, waiting for the second act—which soon came in the person of what appeared to be a small white mouse. As soon as McBride showed it between the covers, we very, very quickly rose up with a trifle of hurry; we were unable to locate the beast; fully thinking it a live creature. (We learned next day it was made of rubber). The curtain rang down, while "two of the property men," McBride and Masters, went outside. Shortly they again appeared before the footlights with what seemed to us an owl, and prepared to toss it into our bed. Here is where some real action took place; the editor of The Eccentric, by this time completely entering into the spirit of the game, sprang from the bed spring and then sprang from bed to bed (like a circus performer by the name of Robert R. Allen who had previously done the same thing) and eventually reached the floor next to the bunks of what he thought were two friends. With quickening tread, he continued his nocturnal flight, his pajamas thinly resisting the zero temperature, as well as the clutching claws of the animal which McBride and Masters seemed bent upon giving us. With a lunge—an heroic lunge—we managed to get hold of the chain that suspended the animal. And we were able to see that it was a raccoon. We finally entrusted the "fowl" perpetrators to take their pet outside. And, then, after about another hour of bedlam, we managed to creep into the arms of Morpheus. This "ritual" with variations, was given to most everybody in the camp. Even upon one's leaving the camp, one would find queer things in one's luggage upon getting home. For instance, Huston and Tucker both (so McBride tells us) were given frozen rabbits, while others received nursing bottles, solid gold watches, and even fountain pens. Truly, the "ritual" of a camp breaks down all inequalities of mankup, and creates a common bond of sympathy among the sufferers.

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Robert Y. Moore, Bloomfield Township supervisor, who lives on Oakland avenue, is some hunter. He could walk faster and farther than any man in the camp, and tied with Allen McGirr in hunting the bouncing antlers. Karl Hans, of West Chapin street, and Joe Moore-house, of Maryland boulevard, were tireless in their combined efforts to break even with the deer; however, both of them managed to stack the cards (figuratively speaking, of course) and brought home venison on the hoof. Morris Wattles and Elmer Ford, of Troy Township, were colorful in their woods attire, and aided greatly in keeping the boys in fun among the sufferers. And that peerless prince of a fellow, David Hilleath, local iron manufacturer.

Well, we must bring this hit-or-miss narrative to an abrupt end. We have just been informed that space is narrowing down in this week's Eccentric. We have given you—especially the relatives of the deer hunters—a clearer picture of the life led by the local deer-slayers, and we have partially relieved ourself of some personal emotions. All joking aside, however, the boys who comprise the Birmingham Hunting Club have a splendid property. The next time they invite us to be with them, we shall take along the State Militia for protection.

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VILLAGE COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Village Commission held Monday, November 25, 1929 at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present: President Kilerby, Commissioners R. Allen, H. Allen, Hersey, Hulbert and Halgren.

Absent: Commissioner White.

Minutes of meeting held Nov. 18, 1929 approved as printed.

Miss Emily Sargeant of the Detroit Visiting Nurses Association was present and addressed the commission.

668—Moved by Commissioner Halgren that the following bills be paid:

Interest on bonds, $4,497.00; Ann Arbor Foundry Co., $155.92; The Harrett Co., $827.; Contractor Publishing Co., $15.00; Eberbach & Son Co., $2.35; Wm. Ford & Co., Inc., $166.75; Mike Harabedian, $3,614.78; Howell Electric Motors Co., $13.91; Ray I. Matthews, $70.00; Michigan Bell Telephone Co., $69.25; Michigan Road Maintenance Co., Inc., $8,88; Leon Miller, $5.47; Chas. Plumstead, petty cash, $9.16; Pontiac Sand & Gravel Co., Inc., $783.00.

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0.

669—A communication was received from Frank Cousens, Inc., requesting the removal of a house from 160 N. Bates to Lot 26 Merrills Plat.

670—Moved by R. Allen that the petition from Frank Cousens, Inc., to remove a house from 160 N. Bates to Lot 26 Merrill Plat be granted.

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0.

671—Moved by Commissioner H. Allen that the President and Clerk be authorized to enter into a contract with Geo. W. Smith Co. for the construction of curb and gutter and drainage structures in Harrowgate Subdivision when the Bloomsbury Corp shall have enter into an escrow agreement with the Village of Birmingham, in accordance with a resolution of the Village Commission adopted Oct. 28, 1929, and that checks of insurecesful bidders be returned.

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0.

Commissioner Halgren excused from meeting.

672—Moved by Commissioner H. Allen that the President and clerk be authorized to enter into an agreement with Bonner Bros. for the payment of the sum of $11,000.00, less deductions, the said agreement bearing date of Nov. 4, 1929 and approved by the Village Attorney.

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0.

674—Moved by Commissioner Hersey that the Commission of the Village of Birmingham hereby deem that public improvement, to-wit: the securing of the right of way for a public alley in the block bounded by Maple, Pierce, Martin and Henrietta Streets in the Village of Birmingham necessary to the said Village of Birmingham, and

That the said Commission further deem it necessary to take the following described private property for such public improvement, to-wit: the southerly 9 feet of Lot 6 of Merrill's Plat, Village of Birmingham as recorded in Plat book No. 3, Page No. 3, Register of Deeds Office for Oakland County, containing approximately 350 square feet, such improvement being for the use and benefit of the public.

It is further resolved that the Village Attorney commence the necessary proceedings in behalf of the Village of Birmingham to acquire such private property aforesaid, before a Justice of the Peace of the County of Oakland to carry out the objects of the resolution in regard to taking private property by the Village for such public use as provided in Chapter 13, Section 2784 to 2819 inclusive, Compiled Laws of 1915.

Yeas: 6; Nays: 0.

Commissioner Robert Allen excused from the meeting.

675—Moved by Commissioner White that the Treasurers return of the 1929 tax roll be accepted and printed in the minutes.

Tax Roll Summary - 1929

1929 Tax Levy		
$15.80 per $1,000.00 on $25,280,230.00		$328,642.99
Special assessments added		142,348.59
Reassessed taxes added		2,250.24
Misc. tax leins added		6,560.04
Total tax roll		$479,801.86
Penalties added		4,518.76
Total to be accounted for		$484,320.66
Collections—taxes	$240,166.42	
Special assessments	92,694.72	
Penalties	982.50	
Total		$333,839.64
Returned to County Treasurer		
Taxes	88,443.42	
Special assessments	58,468.79	
Penalties	3,536.26	
Total	$150,448.47	
1-personal-1-bank stock tax cancelled	33.15	
Total accounted for		$484,320.66

	1929	1928	1927
Percentage general tax collected	73.1%	77.0%	77.7%
Percentage Special Assesments collected	61.8%	60.1%	59.8%
Percentage tax roll collected	69.4%	72.6%	73.2%

Signed,
CHARLES PLUMSTEAD,
Village Treasurer.

Yeas: 5; Nays: 0.

676—Moved by Commissioner Hersey that a motor bus drivers license be granted to Wm. E. Camack and his bond covering same be accepted.

Yeas: 5; Nays: 0.

Moved by Commissioner Hulbert, that the meeting adjourn.

Yeas: 5; Nays: 0.

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