Naked and somewhat forlorn, the trees of Birmingham and vicinity will soon stand before the blasts of winter—get ready to burst into loveliness again next spring. Trees are courageous.

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COURT ACTION THREAT MADE IN WELL WORK

Well-Digger Refused Pay For Unsuccessful Work Here

"USELESS," BOARD SAYS

Indication that he will sue the village for fees for making several test wells was given the commission Monday night by W. F. Ward whose efforts of a year to obtain water in Birmingham have been unavailing.

The commission refused his requests for reimbursements for the work done, claiming the contracts specifically stated he was not to receive money unless his well produced a minimum of 350 gallons a minute.

Mr. Ward said he could have produced the water if allowed to dig a well on a site he selected. This was stopped because of building restrictions, however. Commissioner Harry Allen declared the contract should allow the well digger alone to select the well site rather than both the contractor and the village.

"The contract between Mr. Ward and the village does not give the former the entire selection.

"The village has received a decided benefit from my work because now you men at least know where water does not exist and it will save the time and expense of having wells sunk at these points in the future," Mr. Ward said.

"I don't agree with that at all," replied Commissioner Robert Allen. "The No. 4 well, which you said would not produced, was later made to produce by another company and it is working well today." (He referred to the latest addition to the village water supply.)

"I thought it would save us both money and time if you could see it my way," Mr. Ward said in concluding the interview. "I guess now it is up to me to make the next move."

3 STUDENTS IN CRASH HURT

Girl, Two Boys Injured In Auto Collision Near Lapeer

A girl student of Baldwin High School and two Cranbrook students today are recovering at their homes from injuries incurred when the car in which they were riding Sunday near Lapeer collided with another machine. Two passengers of the car also were hurt.

The injured:

Miss Brede, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brede, Jr., of 640 Lakeside drive.

Richard Sawyer, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sawyer, of 256 Abbey road.

Tom Raymond, of Lapeer, third occupant of the car Sawyer was driving.

D. F. Lovejoy, Detroit.

L. T. Sallon, Detroit.

Miss Brede had been a guest of Miss Barbara Raymond, sister of Tom, at Lapeer, and the three were returning to Birmingham when the machine collided. Miss Brede was cut about the face.

Both cars were demolished.

Board Disagrees On Removal

The village commission remains deadlocked today on granting permission for moving three houses, now located on the property on Bates street owned by Senator James Couzens. The houses are to be moved to make way for a new 56 family apartment house to be constructed by the Wabeek corporation. The vote Monday night was three in favor of allowing the removal through village streets and three opposed. Commissioner Lee A. White was absent. Petition for the removal was denied by Commissioners Hersey, Hudson and President Ellerby. Commissioners H. Allen, R. Allen and Halgren would have approved the removal. This will not delay the construction of the apartment, however, according to announcement from the Wabeek office. Ground for the new building is expected to be broken Nov. 1.

BOUND OVER IN DEATH OF TWO

(Special to The Eccentric)

Pontiac, Oct. 23.—James LaRue, 26, of Royal Oak, is bound over to circuit court today on a charge of involuntary manslaughter after his examination before Justice Henry W. Harpster in municipal court. He is held in default of $1,000 bail. His arrest followed the death of two motorists who crashed into the rear of his truck near Birmingham. Deputy George Forsyth who made the arrest testified the truck was parked on the pavement without lights.

MAY LEAVE

REV. F. E. LOGEE

REV. F. E. LOGEE ASKS LEAVE

Presbyterian Pastor Offered Post In Bismarck, N. D.; Meeting Called

The Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, today is taking action to answer a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck, N. D. He will ask his congregation Monday to join him in requesting the Presbytery of Detroit to dissolve the pastoral relations here so he may accept the Bismarck pastorate.

He spoke in the North Dakota church doing his last summer's vacation and learned this week the pastor there had been transferred to Minneapolis.

The church is one of the leading of the state and broadcasts its services through the northwest.

Mr. Logee has been pastor here four years, during which time attendance of the church has grown from 300 to 525. If the change is made, it is not expected to take place for another month.

TOM THE PIPER'S SON HAS IMITATOR HERE

Tom, the Piper's Son, famous in song and story for the long distance run with a pig under his arm has his 1929 imitator in Birmingham. He is Harold Mulligan, 26, former butcher in a chain grocery store here. Mulligan didn't steal a pig but he took several hundred dollars worth of lard from the store and now is in the Oakland County jail under sentence of 30 days imposed by Justice Floyd S. Buck.

SCHOOLS CLOSE OCT. 28 AND 29

Students of the Birmingham public schools will be released from school Oct. 28 and 29 when teachers attend the annual convention of the Michigan Educational association in Ann Arbor.

Several members of the faculty will participate in the various departmental programs. Melvin C. Hart, principal of Baldwin High, and Merlynn Smiley, instructor of Adams School, manual arts department, will conduct discussion in that department. Members of Miss. Ruth Hull's Latin classes will present a burlesque on "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in Latin.

PARRY OUTLINES NEW DETAILS OF VILLAGE PLANNER REPORT

James W. Parry, village manager, in a clear and concise fashion Monday noon at the First Baptist Church told fellow-members of the Rotary club some of the details of the report of City Planner Arthur C. Comey, complete copies of which have been sent in booklet form to every resident of the community. Mr. Parry, using large maps to illustrate his talk, emphasized again and again the fact that the report, although suggesting many plans and policies for the development of Birmingham, should be construed only as a general guide, to be altered or added to if deemed necessary.

Quoting Mr. Comey, Mr. Parry said, "The plan is not a call for great immediate expenditures, but rather a program by which those expenditures which will be made in any event may be most effective and much wasteful expenditure avoided."

History Traced

Manager Parry traced the history of the village planning commission, including its hiring of Mr. Comey, early this year, to investigate Birmingham's situation with regard to present needs and future expansion.

"You must remember that the Village Commission, changing as it does from time to time, and confronted with daily problems due to our rapid growth, hardly has time to gaze upon Birmingham from the standpoint of ultimate requirements," stated Mr. Parry. "This is simply because the average official has not time to go into the matter. It was because of this that the planning commission, a group of un-official private citizens, was appointed several years ago to view Birmingham and its problems from the perspective of its ultimate needs and capacities for growth.

"The planning commission is thus able to look far into the future. It realized, though, as it

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WOMAN DIES AS CAR LEAPS FROM ROAD

Seven Other Passengers In Auto Racing 75 Miles An Hour Injured

INQUEST IS PENDING

A Detroit woman is dead today and seven other persons are recovering from injuries received early Sunday when the large sedan in which they were riding ran wild at Franklin and Eleven Mile roads while racing another machine at 75 miles an hour. The machine jumped a ditch and overturned pinning the woman beneath it.

Mrs. Ona Bennett, 25, of 11730 Charlevoix avenue, Detroit, the crash victim, was dead when she was taken from beneath the car wreckage. Her neck had been broken.

The driver, Richard E. Erickson, 27, of 16259 Lesure avenue, Detroit, escaped with slight injuries. He was treated at the Margrave hospital, Royal Oak, and later released after making a statement to Assistant Prosecutor David C. Pence.

George Erickson, of the same address, Mrs. Agnes Molgaard, of 12816 Linwood avenue, Detroit, and her husband, Fred, were rushed to the Highland Park General hospital. They are reported recovering.

Arthur Erickson, also of 16259 Lesure avenue, and his wife, Orlis, and Carl Bennett, husband of the dead woman, were released after first aid treatment.

No inquest has been called, according to Coroner J. Lee Voorhees, who investigated. Besides her husband, Mrs. Bennett leaves a six-year-old daughter, Arlene.

The party had been at a steak roast at Walled Lake and was returning to Detroit.

"A machine passed us and someone in our car said, 'You won't let him get away with that, will you,' so I stepped on the accelerator. I saw the very sharp curve in the road but could not stop the car in time," Erickson said.

RITES FRIDAY FOR NATIVE

Mrs. H. M. Benedict, 78, Succumbs After Long Illness

Mrs. Ellen A. Benedict, 78, widow of Henry M., will be buried tomorrow in Greenwood cemetery with funeral services at 2 p. m. at the residence, 535 Merrill street. Rev. Floyd E. Logee, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Mrs. Benedict died yesterday after an illness of three weeks. She was in poor health for the past three years.

A native of Troy Township, with the exception of a few years, Mrs. Benedict lived all her life in the vicinity of the village. For more than 50 years she resided at her late home on Merrill street.

Mrs. Benedict received her education in the Troy district schools. In 1868 she married Henry M. Benedict, settling for a time in Waterford. Shortly after that they moved to the village.

She was a member of the Eastern Star and of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are: two daughters, Mrs. Henry C. Poole, of Pontiac; and Miss Daisy Benedict, at home; and a son, W. H. Benedict, of Los Angeles, Cal. She also leaves two sisters and a brother: Miss Mary Toms, Mrs. Carrie Hutchins and Robert A. Toms, all of Goodrich.

The Mrs. Benedict who died is not related to Mrs. Ellen C. Benedict of Bloomfield Hills.

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—Adv. 28-29*

OCCUPANTS ONLY SCRATCHED

Two Escaped with their lives when this car struck another at the Thirteen Mile and Lahser roads Friday night. Leonard Kolb, of Lower Straights Lake, and H. H. Howard, of Royal Oak, the occupants, were cut and bruised. Impact drove the car 50 feet.

Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot

RAMSAY MacDONALD CHATS WITH VILLAGER

Forty-five years ago when Ramsay MacDonald, England's premier, lived in a small hut on a side street in Edinburgh and skimped for a living and studied and preached his "radical" doctrines of labor representation, the great and the humble did not mix. Servants did not shake hands with their master's guests nor welcome associates of adolescence whom the years had carried along a different path in life's system of superb highways.

But today, as Mrs. Kate Drumm, of 203 Willetts street, manager of an employment agency, will attest, it is different. And well she may, for she has just returned from a visit with one of the most talked of men in Europe—the same Ramsay MacDonald with whom she talked and joked, laughed and chided, listened and sympathized while he was an underfed but healthy youth from the country, carrying his message to the workers of Edinburgh.

The Premier was guest at the Vincent Messey home where he saw Mrs. Drumm's daughter, Susan, who is employed there and whom he had also known in Scotland.

Recalls Old Friend

"He walked up and shook hands with her and asked, 'how's your mother?'" Mrs. Drumm said. "Susan told that I was in the states. 'It must be 25 years since I've seen her,' Mr. MacDonald answered. Then my daughter wired me to come to Washington and I packed my bag and left."

As soon as her mother arrived in the city Miss Drumm got in touch with the Premier and a visit was arranged. So it came about that Mrs. Drumm again met the Highland plowboy.

"He was a tall handsome lad with rosy cheeks and black curly hair," she said. "Of course, he's still handsome but his temples are grey and he has lost some of his clear color. 'You're great now', I said. But he laughed it off. 'I'm still the same,' he said. And he is. He is the same kindly Ramsay MacDonald."

And when the two old friends—separated these 25 years—sat down to talk in Washington it was not a case of the Prince and the Pauper; not a Rosie O'Grady and the Colonel's Lady session. The Great and the Humble were on one plane. Reminiscenses flew fast and there was much news for each to tell.

Ramsay MacDonald remembered, easily enough, his harrangues on the street corner before what stragglers he could make listen to his burning message; a message which these years later caused industrial and political leaders throughout the world to take heed; cause an order to change. He recalled, too, the wee "but'n ben" which was his home.

"Just The Same"

"He's just the same as ever. There is no false pride about him and his accent is the same, almost, as when he first came to the city from the plows in the highlands," she said.

Mrs. Drumm told of their talk and of the Premier's questions about this brother and that sister. "He told me he saw my brother Robert when he was in Edinburgh and he asked about the rest of the family," she explained. "He told me I had not changed, but that's not true," Mrs. Drumm laughed.

Twenty-five years have passed since they last met. To one the years have brought fame and to the other a simple life marked by days of joy and sorrow. Forty years ago they were young people in the city of Edinburgh. MacDonald had come there a country boy, harbouring radical views which had made him discontented with his little village of Weeks in the highlands; had come there burning with the ambition of youth, to conquer the world.

Back in Week he had known some youths who had later come to Edinburgh. Naturally he went to make his home with them and

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FOUR ESCAPE CRASH DEATH

Passersby Rescue Woman From Flaming Auto After Accident

Four persons who escaped death when the two cars in which they were riding at the Thirteen Mile and Lahser roads collided Friday night are recovering today from injuries. They are:

O. W. Shannon, 47 Mohawk drive, Pontiac, fractured skull.

Mrs. Shannon, cuts and bruises.

Leonard Kolb, 48, Upper Straights Lake, fractured ribs.

H. H. Howard, 37, 2002 Lakewood avenue, Royal Oak, cuts.

Investigators are still seeking a clear explanation of the crash which sent the car Kolb was driving 50 feet into a field elevated from the intersection of the roads. The Shannon car was overturned and its occupants pulled from flames which started but were quickly extinguished.

Kolb, president of a printing firm in Detroit, told Birmingham police he did not know what struck him. "Something seemed to crash into us from the rear and then everything went blank," he said.

From the damage done to the cars, police advanced the theory they both had been traveling at a terrific rate of speed. Kolb and Howard were returning to the latter's home from a country club when the accident occurred.

All the victims were given first aid treatment by Dr. C. F. Lawler in his hospital here and then removed to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at Pontiac.

DELAY TRIAL IN AIR CRASH

More Time Needed To Probe Death Of Plane Passenger

(Special to The Eccentric)

Pontiac, Oct. 23.—Examination of Frank Wrede, 29, of Detroit on a negligent homicide charge in connection with the death of his passenger in an airplane flight near Birmingham is postponed until next Wednesday at the request of Prosecutor Norman C. Orr. The pilot was arrested after C. W. Kel, his passenger, died an hour after the plane crashed 2,000 feet to the ground and when Deputy George Forsyth was not satisfied with Wrede's pilot's license.

Prosecutor Orr said he needed an additional week to gather more information from the Department of Commerce at Washington. The plane fell when Wrede let go of the controls to adjust his safety belt while the ship was in a loop, he told Forsyth.

MAN BEGS SENTENCE, IS GIVEN 30 DAYS

A man who begged to be sent to jail has had his wish granted today and is in the Oakland County jail under sentence of 30 days on a disorderly charge. He is E. W. Masters, 60, no home.

He entered the Birmingham police station Monday and told Miss Carrie M. Stoddard, clerk, he was homeless and wanted a "long jolt in jail." Puzzled, she called a patrolman and the two took their troubles to Justice Floyd S. Buck.

Justice Buck first ordered the man to leave the village within an hour. He refused. "I have no place to go and I'd appreciate it if you could send me to jail," Masters said.

"Leave the village," the justice said.

"I won't do it, your honor," replied Masters.

"All right then, 30 days in the Oakland County jail."

For the first time Masters seemed happy. He thanked Justice Buck as he was led from the court room.

BIRMINGHAM MEN TO BE SENTENCED

(Special to The Eccentric)

Pontiac, Oct. 23.—Two Birmingham men found guilty of grand larceny will be sentenced in circuit court here Monday. They are Martin Allen, 18, and Robert Falzwedel, 29, of 515 Pierce street. They were arrested by Pontiac police.

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WOMAN GUILTY OF SLAYING

Killed Husband In Self-defense, Mrs. Zaren Tells Court

(Special to The Eccentric)

Pontiac, Oct. 23.—Mrs. William Zaren, 43, of Southfield Township, will be sentenced Monday on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the slaying of her 27 year old husband to which she pleaded guilty in circuit court Tuesday. The woman claimed her husband was a degenerate and that she shot in self defence.

The shooting occurred in their home south of the Thirteen Mile road near the division road. She was taken into custody immediately and at first said he had committed suicide after they quarreled. Position of powder burns on the man's body indicated to investigators, however, that he could not have shot himself. When confronted with this she admitted she shot but claimed it was accidental. She later made a formal statement declaring she shot him in self defence.

A first degree murder charge, originally placed against her, was reduced to a manslaughter charge. She has been held in the Oakland County jail without bail since the shooting. The woman has a 23 year old daughter by a previous marriage. Zaren was a truck driver.

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Mt. Clemens Wins Over Baldwin In Clean, Fast Game

2,500 Fans See Tilt; Bathers Entertained Later

Visitors Outclass Village Team By 27-0 Score

The most widely discussed high school game of the season is marked in the record books today, giving Mt. Clemens High School a victory over Baldwin by a score of 27 to 0. Months of argument over whether the game should be played or cancelled was ended Friday afternoon on Pierce Field. Gore and Brien, backfieldmen for Baldwin, were on the bench because of objections to methods used by Mt. Clemens last year but all other members of the first team, physically fit, were in the fray.

Clean Game

A record mid-season crowd of 2500 attended.

The game was clean, fast and interesting despite the somewhat disasterous result for Birmingham. It was the second defeat suffered by Coach George F. Johnson's men this season. Coach Walter Olson's hard hitting gang from the Bath City has not yet tasted defeat.

Whether football relationships between the two schools will be continued next year will not be decided until the season is closed, it was indicated by Coach Johnson, who explained schedules are not made nor contracts signed until that time.

Mt. Clemens lost more yards through penalties than did Birmingham but in the matter of penalties for roughness the teams were even, each losing 15 yards. Mt. Clemens lost an additional 15 yards for off side plays.

The crowd and players all seemed to have the same idea of politeness and decency at times threatened to develop into an Alphonse-Gaston affair. Mt. Clemens supporters—500 of them—cheered Time after time for Birmingham. Village fans were just as generous with applause for the visitors. Mt. Clemens players aided fallen Baldwinites to their feet and the same courtesy was extended to the visitors by Johnson's men. The coaches posed for photographers before the game shaking hands.

In the evening a banquet was given for members of both teams and officials of both schools by the Rotary, Exchange and Lions clubs of the village. Speeches were given stressing the fact that relationship between the schools is not strained, and more cheers were led for both sides.

Fast Game

Despite all this, however, the game was not a tea and cream puff affair. Baldwin, weakened by the loss of Gore, Brien and Winborn, the latter who was out of the game because of a broken arm, went down fighting their hardest and in the matter of first downs held Mt. Clemens almost even.

Despite rumors to the effect Gore and Brien would be penalized for refusing to play the Mt. Clemens game, both were back on the squad and in good standing yesterday.

Approximately 150 persons attended the banquet at the First Baptist Church in the evening. L. L. Forsyth, principal of the Ann Arbor High School and president of the Michigan High School Athletic association, was the main speaker. Dr. Harvey Brown, assistant coach at the University of Detroit, slated to talk, was unable to appear because of an emergency professional case.

Games being played by the association teams are on a higher plane than ever before, Mr. Forsyth said. "The spirit of clean sportsmanship is extending from the amateur ranks to the professional," he said. "This was brought home to me recently when I attended a world series

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GAME HERE SATURDAY WITH FERNDALE ELEVEN

Baldwin High School football team meets Ferndale High on Pierce Field Saturday at 3 p. m. The schedules announce the game for Friday but this is incorrect, Louis M. Randall, business manager of the school said. "I hope the fans will see this announcement and go to the field Saturday instead of Friday," he said.

Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

For the first time in our memory, Birmingham Friday had the air of a college town the day of the big football game. While there were no fraternity houses decorated in the conventional bunting, there were plenty of decorations on the cars that lined the streets before and after Baldwin played Mt. Clemens. There was youth and laughter and a great deal of downright earnest talk about the party at Pierce field.

Ralph Moulthrop, James W. Taylor, and Jack Wilson, were made recipients of "five and ten" prizes Tuesday noon at Lone Pine Tea House when they, in the order named, topped the list of those who guessed the correct names of advertising illustrations taken from current magazines. A total of 18 illustrations were passed around the table, when each Exchangite was asked to identify the name of the product being advertised. As a great many of the illustrations were taken from the Ladies Home Journal, much difficulty was experienced by many Exchangites in making proper identifications, according to Robert R. Allen, who conducted the contest.

Early Hallowe'en celebrators already have started soaping windows. An auto sales room on south Woodward avenue was the first to realize this. Then a policeman sent the three young celebrators home.

The first snow of the season which fell swiftly yesterday brings

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HOUSE APPEAL IS CONTINUED

Workers in the Birmingham Community House appeal which is progressing today in the village report a marked interest in the welfare activity of the House. A number of donations has been received with the specification that they be used for welfare work of the House, solicitors report. The Thrift Shop and employment agency are outstanding in the welfare work.

A report of Mrs. Grace Trumbull, chairman of the Thrift Shop and of the House employment agency reveals interesting facts concerning the activity of the departments during the past three weeks.

During that period 27 persons have found employment through the House agency and 57 persons have been sent out on day work, the report shows. Seventeen of these permanent positions were for maids. It was also reported that three of the day workers had been placed permanently for two or three days a week.

The advent of the cold season is reflected in the activity of the Thrift Shop. During the past three weeks 27 baby garments have been sold, 19 children's dresses and 14 children's coats, as well as other articles of children's apparel. The sale of 33 women's dresses and seven women's coats was recorded. All types of clothing for both men and women were sold at the shop during the past three weeks, Mrs. Trumbull's report shows, with shoes totaling 59 pairs as an important item.