

SUSPECT IN KIDNAPING IS CAPTURED

Alleged Kidnapers Identified As Assault Of Mildebrandt

THREE NOW IN JAIL

With the issuance of a warrant in charging Edward Wilds, 26, with the kidnaping of Matthew Holdreth, Jr., 24, son of a wealthy restaurant owner, and Birmingham police conclude their search for the three alleged kidnapers. The three men are identified as Patrolman Henry Mildebrandt of Birmingham.

Wilds had been sought for a long time since the shooting here April 16. His two alleged companions are in the Oakland County Jail today awaiting trial on charges of assault with intent to kill.

Mildebrandt and Harry Reynolds, Birmingham taxi driver, identified Wilds as the former's assailant Tuesday when they identified him at Detroit police headquarters.

Identifying Shooting, Attempts of Undersheriff Green to Obtain a Confession from Holdreth

After the identifying shooting, attempts of Undersheriff Green to obtain a confession from Holdreth were met with a shrug of the shoulders. "I'm all talked out," the alleged kidnapers said.

Holdreth was not convicted in Detroit on the kidnaping charge, it is expected he will be returned to Oakland County and tried for the Mildebrandt shooting, Green said.

Holdreth and Frank Hofer, 29, were arrested by Detroit police after they are said to have taken \$5,000 ransom money from Holdreth's father on the Six Mile road, Detroit. Most of the money was recovered.

Meanwhile the youth was held captive, chained to a bed in a Detroit apartment house.

His release was effected when he struggled to a window Monday night and held the youth until Hofer had been in jail since Saturday night and refused to tell police where the youth was.

It is thought the young Holdreth had been without food and water.

Germano, 30, and Laurence McMillen, 24, are the two men held here in the Oakland County Jail on charges of kidnaping. Greenman claims Wilds was with them at the time of the shooting.

Hofer and Wilds were identified by young Holdreth a few minutes after the shooting. He said their capture was effected by Patrolman Edward Hofer and Hubert McGrath of the Bethune station, both of whom will receive rewards of \$100 each.

John C. Lodge also worked his commendation of the work of the two officers.

DRUNK DRIVER GETS JAIL TERM

Straight 60-day Sentence Meted Out To Pontiac Man Arrested Here

One man is serving a 60 day sentence today in the Oakland County Jail, Pontiac, and another has paid \$100 fine, following their plea of guilty Saturday to drunken driving charges before Justice Floyd S. Buck.

Golden Pearl, 225 Frank street, Birmingham, paid \$100 fine for drunk driving charge. He was given an alternative of 60 days in the county jail.

Arrested by Patrolman Leo A. Stiers on a similar charge, Noah R. Hardison, 6 Green street, Pontiac, is serving a 60 day term in Oakland County Jail. He was given no alternative.

Villagers and Village

By THE WANDERER

Sport-loving villagers are facing a busy fortnight. Saturday, Sept. 28 is the occasion of the annual Bloomfield Open Hunt races. The opening of the plans of the Women's National Open Golf tournament to be played at the Grand Trunk, the Oakland Hills Country club.

Once again speaking of fall. Was it only six months ago that Birmingham in sole and in chorus was shouting, "Ah fall down and go boom!"

COMMITTEE DELAYS SIGN ORDINANCE

A report of the committee investigating the proposed ordinance against signs protruding from village buildings will be made Tuesday afternoon at the meeting of the village commission. The matter was delayed because the committee has not yet completed its investigation.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Carl Brad, realtor: "When the announcement was made Saturday of the plans of the Grand Trunk, we had 20 lots unsold in a subdivision near the right of way. By Tuesday morning they were all sold. That is a fair indication of what the Grand Trunk plans mean to the village."

SECRETARY

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE TAX

Resolutions to Supervisors Ask Study of State Methods

(Special to The Recorder)
Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 18.—Resolutions providing suitable appropriations to make a detailed study of the amount of state tax, Oakland County called upon to give in relation to the tax on other counties are to come before the board of supervisors at a special order of business Thursday morning.

Supervisor Alfred E. Gale introduced a resolution today asking the county this year by the state board of equalization, and present a report on the year 1928-1930. His resolution provides an appropriation of \$7,500.

The resolution was then submitted by Washington Irish, Independence Township, and approved by a vote of 10-0.

Mr. Yapple is at work today in Birmingham executive secretary of the Community House. He comes here from Highland Park where he was an instructor in the high school. He also has a background of extensive social work.

CONTRACT LET AT LOW FIGURE

Paving Price For Lincoln Avenue Is Under Last Year's Estimate

Work on the paving of Lincoln avenue between Pierce and Southfield avenues will be started immediately following the awarding of the contract by the village commission to the Taylor Construction company of Birmingham at a record low figure.

The total bid was \$12,068, or approximately \$900 under that of the R. D. Baker company, the lowest bidder. The high bid was \$15,463.

Manager James W. Perry reported to the commission that the paving done last year in the village cost \$2.28 per square yard while this figure is \$1.97.

Because of a difference of opinion between James Taylor and members of the commission over terms in a previous contract, Commissioner Lee A. White asked the board to increase the price of the contract by \$100,000.

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SOCIETY TO GATHER SEPT. 28 FOR ANNUAL HUNT RACES

Detroit society will center around Bloomfield Hills Sept. 28 as the functions given in the beautiful Blooming Hills Golf and Country Club will be given.

The social-sporting event of which each year attracts large crowds will be even larger than ever this year, it is expected, and box reservations insure a new record in attendance.

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MAY CANCEL MT. CLEMENS GR. D. GAME

Village School Board Intimates Meeting For Discussion

SPIRITED SESSION HELD

Following a spirited session with Russell Gore, father of Don Gore, Baldwin High school half back, the board of education Monday evening agreed to allow Mr. Gore and George R. Averill, editor of The Birmingham Economic, to discuss with Mt. Clemens school officials cancellation of the football game scheduled for Oct. 18.

The unofficial emissaries reported Wednesday to members of the board of the plans of the Grand Trunk railway; its proposed expenditure of one hundred million dollars on the electrification of the railway and the construction of an auto speedway.

The trustees were sold in the streets and delivered to the homes in conformity with the policy of this newspaper to keep its readers informed of the events of vital interest, even if the issuance of an "extra" is required.

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VILLAGE YOUTHS AT CONFERENCE

Invitation List Includes Twenty Boys, Girls and Six Leaders

Twenty boys and girls and six leaders from Birmingham will be among the 200 who attend the Detroit Boys and Girls conference Saturday at Cranbrook as guests of George G. Booth.

The annual affair will have as a theme "Religion in Life" and a sermon on this subject will be given by the Rev. W. H. Marquis, pastor of Christ Church.

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Expansion Plans for Grand Trunk

Speedway Plans

Of Grand Trunk

First Track To Be Laid In Month On New Right Of Way; Rapid Growth For Village Seen

Developments have followed fast since the announcement Saturday from officials of the Grand Trunk railway that the company will spend \$100,000,000 on the construction of an overhead speedway and the electrification of its rapid transit lines between Detroit and Pontiac.

General interest has been given the construction workers on the new right of way between Royal Oak and Bloomfield Hills, and the first track will be laid on the permanent road bed in a month, it is prophesied.

Real Estate Active

A committee of Birmingham citizens is appointed to interest residents in constructing and operating a hotel in the village.

Real estate men throughout Birmingham and Oakland County report rapid land sales. The land is being bought for investment purposes and for the building of new homes.

The city of Royal Oak is planning a "Progress Day" to herald its new development.

Tentative approval of the plans has been given by state officials and the matter is receiving the consideration of Gov. W. Green.

The governor announced the Grand Trunk plans will not interfere with the plans of the state to complete the paving of Woodward avenue and to construct a permanent highway on the site of the present railroad tracks between Royal Oak and Bloomfield Hills.

The Detroit city council on the granting of permission to the railway to proceed with its speedway plans.

Optimism High

A general optimism was prevailing here today following the announcement made through The Recorder Saturday.

The city council will vote for a virtual bridge for auto traffic running the entire distance of 26 miles from Detroit to Pontiac and having ramps to accommodate entering and exiting traffic at important points.

Growth of the village at a rate which far outstrips its past rapid growth is predicted by village officials.

Miss Orr's death was one of three caused by an airplane crash on the Fifteen Mile and Dequindre roads and the subsequent collision of the village building with Joseph Mercy Hospital, when his car collided with one in which Miss Orr was riding.

Webster is a toolmaker in a Detroit automobile factory.

BUILDING CODE ORDERED CHANGED

W. W. Henry Building Over Line Allowed To Be Continued

Following a heated discussion by the village commission Monday night over granting permission to W. W. Henry to continue building an apartment house in Bloomfield center, the village building code was ordered revised and made clear on its definition of "lines."

Construction was stopped by C. Egbert who found plans did not conform to the code.

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ON BOARD

Photo by Arnold

MRS. LAURENCE THOMAS

Mrs. Thomas is the newest member of the Grand Trunk railway board. She was appointed by the village commission to succeed Mrs. Elizabeth Mazzotta, who has moved from Birmingham.

FURNITURE STORAGE

244 Broadway St. Call Mr. Shumway, 1864 during day, 702-74 evenings.

JOHN STALLS CAR, COP STALLS JOHN

"Got a car stalled out here," John announced.

"Yeah? Where?" answered the cop.

"I dunno. Just stalled that's all. Just stalled," John explained.

"You mean you got your car stalled?" the cop asked.

"Yeah, Anderson. Tuesday he paid a fine of \$100 for parking on a sidewalk in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court. But he was on a side road by Hills police."

E. SEEVER E-RE-ELECTED

Veteran Member Of Auditor's Board Defeats Grant 27 To 15

(Special to The Recorder)
Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 18.—Edward Seever, member of the county board of auditors for 8 years, was re-elected by the board of supervisors here this afternoon. Seever drew 27 votes to 15 for Grant.

Two supervisors indicated they would vote for Seever, but were voted for by Spencer L. Howarth, Orion, whose name was on the ballot.

Seever was re-elected to the post of commissioner without opposition.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD IN R. O. FOR E. A. STARR, FORMER VILLAGER

Edwin A. Starr, 76 years old, a native of Royal Oak and well known in Birmingham and throughout Oakland County, died Friday in the Royal Oak cemetery. Services were held at the residence on Crooks road at 1:30 p. m. and later at the Royal Oak Methodist Episcopal church with Rev. Eugene M. Moore officiating. He died at his home after a week's illness. Until his death Starr had been active in the affairs of the community.

He was born on the Old Starr homestead in Macomb county, Mich., in 1854. He received his education in the Birmingham Academy in the days when the village was an educational center of the district there being no school in Royal Oak. He was well known to a circle of friends among a classmate of the late George Mitchell. All of his sons and daughters are graduates from the Birmingham High School.

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In 1873 he married Mary Salisbury, who died in 1896. He purchased a tract of land in Birmingham and entered the real estate business. At one time he owned a stock seed farm of the Jerome B. Rice seed company. For the past 20 years he has conducted a florist plant in Birmingham.

Mr. Starr was interested in civic affairs. He was an active member of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and later of the Troy Farmers club. For 21 years he was a member of the Birmingham Club and Cedar Falls, Chicago, Royal Oak, the new grade building named after him in Birmingham.

He was instrumental in bringing many cultural projects to the village.

He was a member of the Royal

CONTRACT OFF FOR NEW WELL

Village Claims Digger Failed To Live Up To Terms

Contract with the W. F. Ward company for the completion of a well on the Redding road was cancelled because the digger failed to live up to the terms of the contract.

The well at Redding and Lakeside roads was to be completed by the end of the month but the digger failed to do so.

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