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PARENTS HEAR SAFETY TALK

H. O. Rounds, Traffic Expert, Discusses Safety Patrol Work

IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

H. O. Rounds, head of the safety and traffic division of the Detroit Automobile Club, yesterday addressed students of the Adams and Baldwin High Schools, and their parents, on the work being carried on by various organizations in the interest of traffic safety.

Mr. Rounds was formerly director of the Bureau of Public Safety of the Detroit Police Department and he was the originator of the school boy patrol. Today there are in southern Michigan more than 400 public schools that are protected by the school boy patrol. In excess of 6,000 boys of acknowledged leadership and scholastic standing are members of this patrol.

"The chief function of the school safety patrol is to safeguard younger children of the schools at street intersections," said Mr. Rounds. "This is not an attempt to regulate traffic, but is intended to keep children safely on the curb until it is safe for them to cross the streets. The patrol leaders, wearing distinguishing arm bands, assist in su-

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Joseph H. Wallace, 1932 East Hamphrey street: "Now is the time to make plans for your Spring gardening. You can't go out in the garden late in the Spring, scratch your head with one hand and scratch the ground with a hoe in the other, and expect to get a garden."

periving playgrounds and they see that children do not endanger the safety of themselves or others or do not run into the streets.

"This responsibility is excellent training in the first principles of citizenship and it has been found to have a beneficial effect upon the school in improving the general morale and development of school spirit. With the assistance of the principals and teachers, the patrol leaders devise the safety rules that are to be observed in their respective schools."

According to Mr. Rounds, the increasing number of traffic accidents with its annual toll of thousands of lives which include a large percentage of children, demands close study and supervision. "The best minds of the country are studying for the solution of the problem," he said. "And when the majority of accidents are the result of carelessness, it is apparent that the public must be educated or impressed with necessity of cultivating carefulness. It has been found that children are more susceptible to this safety training."

OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

Fire loss in the village of Clawson during 1929 amounted to only \$807 in 24 alarms, including one false alarm, the annual report of Sergeant L. P. Straub states. Loss in 16 alarms in Royal Oak township, answered by the Clawson department amounted to \$10,400, the report also stated.

Dr. Bertha Van Housen, of Chicago, with her sister, Mrs. Alice Van Housen Jones, will leave from the family home at Stony Creek, at the outskirts of Rochester, January 19, for Panama, where Dr. Van Housen will read a paper before the Pan-American Medical Congress.

Dr. Van Housen is the only woman doctor from the United States to be honored with an invitation to the Congress. Her paper will deal with surgery in which she has attained a world famous position. Her discovery of "Twilight Sleep" brought Dr. Van Housen to the attention of the medical world a number of years ago.

Died, Tuesday morning January 9, Frederick Lantz, an aged and respected resident of Lake Orion. Mr. Lantz died in Laport at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alexander Campbell, where he and his wife had gone for the winter.

The increased popularity of the Avon Township library is shown in the figures submitted by Miss Florence Comstock, librarian, for circulation attained during the past 12 months at Rochester. A total of 19,887 volumes were circulated during the year and of these fiction was 16,703 and non-fiction 1,376. Periodicals numbered 1,808. There were nearly 300 new borrowers. Cash fines collected reached \$148.

Structural steel platforms for spectators at the Detroit Ski Club and jump at Bloomer State park are being fabricated at the A. W. Yates Machine Shop in Rochester. The platforms are to be set in a series of steps oblong in shape with the steel legs embedded in concrete foundations on the slope of the hill below the slide. Each platform is eight feet off the

ground and is about eighteen feet long; the length from top to bottom step being about fifty feet. Spectators will now be able to witness the jump without elbowing thru the press of the crowd; a clear view of the jump being obtainable from the platform.

Valuation of building permits issued by the Ferndale department of buildings and safety engineering during 1929 was \$1,212,760, a report prepared by M. L. Kautz, superintendent of buildings, shows.

Mike Cassidy, age 38, father of four children, is in a critical condition in the Lilly Emergency hospital, Ferndale, suffering from a fracture of the skull, a broken nose and lacerations, sustained at 6:50 p. m. Monday when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver while he was walking along Hill-road at College Avenue, Ferndale.

A mother, her two children and a friend, miraculously escaped serious injury, or death, Sunday morning when their automobile was struck at the Lincoln avenue crossing in Royal Oak by a Grand Trunk passenger train and carried 50 feet down the right-of-way, where it was wrecked.

Pupils of Farmington Schools began this week in earnest their work of earning money with which to pay for the planting of 100 acres of pine trees in Michigan's reforestation campaign.

Farmington Township taxes collected thus far this year are nearly double the amount collected by this time a year ago, according to a report made to the Township Board Tuesday evening by Township Treasurer Elmer Empson.

Resignation of Charles R. Talbot of Farmington, for the past two and one-half years, president of the Peoples State Trust and Savings Bank of Pontiac, was announced Thursday morning. His health was given by bank officials as the cause of Mr. Talbot's resignation.

Morris Dickinson, age, 42, 425 E. Manlyhurst avenue, Ferndale, was fatally injured Saturday evening when his sled, hitched to a neighbors automobile was struck by another car.

A mishap that might have had serious consequences occurred in Farmington early Thursday afternoon when a D. S. R. car jumped the track on Grand River avenue just west of the Herman Schaeper home.

NEW BIRMINGHAM DEPT. STORE IS BUSINESS MONUMENT TO OWNER

With the opening of the new and enlarged Birmingham Department Store in the Briggs Building today, the village is afforded the opportunity of visiting a business monument to the ability of Louis E. Davidson, its owner and manager.

Mr. Davidson, who purchased the original Birmingham Department Store across the street from his new quarters in December 1925, where it had served the community for 24 years, foresees the growth of the village into the modern, flourishing village it is today. He removed from the original store the atmosphere of the "general store" with its old-fashioned business methods and their accompanying handicaps. He improved his displays, added new customers, purchased new and more appropriate stock for a growing community.

The store, which will be opened with a flourish of music and lavish decorations is three times the size of the old store. The program for the opening day provides for musical presentations from 2 to



L. E. DAVIDSON

4 p. m. and from 8 to 10 p. m. with refreshments and special price reductions.

The store extends from Woodward avenue to Maple avenue

with an attractive arcade display front, increasing the display space three times that of the old store. A large basement and mezzanine floor with circular wrought-iron railings and walnut stairways to the latter and a spacious center stairway to the basement are features of the new store.

All up-to-date equipment, drinking fountains, telephone service, ladies' waiting rooms, artistic and substantial cabinet work, easy chairs and excellent lighting are included in the new store.

The men's merchandise department is on the Maple avenue side of the store with a complete line of haberdashery and nationally-known makes of men's suits and gifts is located at the Woodward avenue entrance. Household furnishings, linen goods, towelings, yard goods and ready-to-wear departments are on the main floor as well as the millinery and negligee departments.

Shoes for men are sold in the basement and a stock of women's and children's footwear is for sale on the mezzanine floor. Bedding, linen and blankets, children's wear, nurses' and maids uniforms and sports wear are in the basement as well as work clothes both for men and women.

TALK IS GIVEN BY LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas Addresses Exchange Club On Good Books

Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, librarian in charge of the Baldwin Public Library, was the speaker at the Birmingham Exchange club meeting Tuesday noon at Lone Pine Inn. She discussed the value of a library to a community, and complimented local people not only on their library and its books, but on their own excellent taste and hunger for literary subject matter.

"The new Baldwin Public Library is recognized as one of the finest, if not the finest, of its size in Michigan," stated Mrs. Thomas. "Everywhere I go I find people who have heard of it. During the Christmas vacation I attended a library meeting in Chicago where a woman said to me, 'do you people in Birmingham know that you' (Concluded on Page 7, Part 2)

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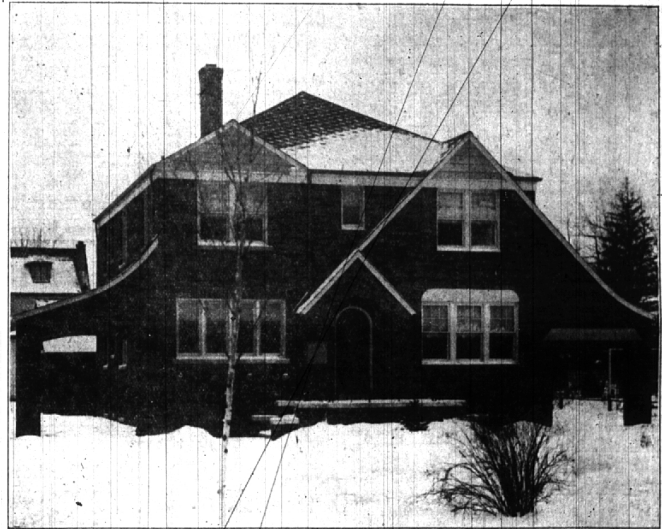
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