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PROSECUTOR SUBMITS HIS CRIME REPORT

Decrease in Drunkenness, Drunk Driving, Shown in Orr's Statement

FINES TOTAL \$16,693.15

Pontiac, Jan. 22.—A general decrease in crime, with a marked decrease in drunkenness and drunk driving during the six months ending Dec. 31, 1929, was indicated in the report submitted to the attorney general at Lansing Tuesday by Norman C. Orr, Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney.

An increase in disorderly cases and almost a double assessment of fines and costs over the same months of the previous year is shown in the report.

Between July 1, and Dec. 31, \$16,693.15 was collected in fines, \$11,065.40 being paid for court costs. Between Jan. 1 and July 31, \$14,255.79 in fines was collected and between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1929, only \$9,210.75 was collected in fines and \$9,551.00 in court costs.

During the past six months, 2,347 convictions were obtained as against 2,087 for the previous period and 1,314 for the period July 1 to Dec. 31, 1928. Of the cases brought to court during the past six months, 25 were acquitted, 13 dismissed, one escaped and 243 were discharged upon examination.

Persons arraigned for drunkenness totaled 356 as against 761 for the previous period while those arraigned for driving while drunk totaled 116 as compared with 129 during the first half of the year. There were 476 disorderly persons arraigned compared with 346 cases during the first half of the year.

Seventy-six of 101 persons arrested for assault and battery were convicted; two of three arraigned for assault with intent to murder were convicted; 12 of 20 prosecuted for felonious assault were convicted, and 38 of 43 prosecuted for breaking and entering were convicted. Only in a few cases did game law violators escape conviction.

SLIGHT DAMAGE IN GASOLINE FIRE

Fire which broke out in the McKee Bros. gasoline station at Woodward and Harmon avenues at 10 a. m. Tuesday, threatened the store of oil and gasoline but was extinguished by the Birmingham Fire Department before any serious damage was done.

Clawson H. Miller, an attendant at the station, was reported to have been throwing out a crankcase in the repair pit at the station when the flames from his torch caused an explosion in a pair of gasoline and oil. Miller was not injured and the fire was confined to oil-soaked waste rags. Damage was estimated at \$25.

THE SOCIAL SIDE

Something About Village Clubs

BOY SCOUTS

Probably the person most instrumental in building up the Birmingham Boy Scouts to the position they hold today is Lloyd Stanley, their Commissioner. When Mr. Stanley arrived in Birmingham six years ago, there was only one

GIRL SCOUTS

For years, several mothers of Birmingham had felt the need of uniting the girls of the village in some wholesome activity which would develop the highest ideals of womanhood, an activity which would develop their initiative.



MISS EVELYN SALISBURY

troop, which at the time, had been in existence about four years.

In the Fall of 1924, Mr. Stanley addressed the Parent-Teachers Council on the subject of forming a second troop, which they agreed to sponsor. John Gaffill was made chairman of a committee to organize Troop No. 2, assisted by Mr. Stanley and Melvin C. Hart. With Howard Trull as Scoutmaster, the troop was formed on Oct. 10, 1924.

Later in the Fall of that year, Mr. Stanley again made a talk on scouting, this time to a group of men gathered together by Mr. W. Whiting Raymond. The Birmingham District Committee, under the supervision of the Detroit Council, was thus organized, with R. H. Mann as president, J. H. Martindale as secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Stanley as Scout Commissioner. A constitution was drafted in Nov. 1924 for what was the first district council ever formed in Michigan.

Other Presidents Named

Succeeding presidents of the Council have been J. J. Martindale, Fred W. Johnson, Dr. Fred Tucker and R. H. Mann. Mr. Stanley has always been commissioner since his appointment.

In 1927, the third troop, called B-4, was organized. Charles Shain was chairman of the troop committee, and Clarence R. Cummings was made Scoutmaster. This group meets in the First Baptist Church. Troop B-2 was formed in April, 1929 with Charles B. Buss as chairman of the troop committee, and Elmer S. Wiseman the Scoutmaster.

Aims of scouting, as expressed by Mr. Stanley are to "reach all boys between the ages of 12 and 19, to give them a real course in mental and physical training, and to teach them how to play in order to be honest, sincere, and courteous." A boy enters scouting as a "Tenderfoot," in which class he must remain for at least a month, and until he has passed in 12 subjects, including knife and hatchet, firebuilding, cooking, signaling, first aid, pace, knot-tying, and compass work.

Other Tests Necessary

When he proves himself proficient in these lines, he becomes a Scout for at least two more months, a Second-Class Scout. Passing of 13 more tests, some of which are axmanship, judging, hike and map, more difficult knot-tying, cooking and signaling, and a general review of "tenderfoot" and second-class work, make him eventually a first-class Scout.

He now starts in acquiring merit badges. With five, he becomes a star scout, with 10, a life scout, with 21, an eagle scout, of which there are now 12 in Birmingham. The next five give him a bronze palm, the five following a gold palm, and the five after that, a silver palm, the highest award in scouting, now held in Birmingham by Mr. Stanley and Mr. Crull. Pennock Wollaston is a possessor of the gold palm.

The big work of the boy scouts, Mr. Stanley believes, has been getting a swimming pool in Birmingham and a Boy Scout cabin, which the scouts now may have through the courtesy of Col. Edwin S. George, who has given them a camp site on Long Lake. Organizations, which sponsor Troops Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are respectively the First Presbyterian Church, the First Baptist Church, the American Legion, and the Rotary, Exchange, and Lions clubs working together.

New Officers of the district council elected Monday evening are as follows: J. J. Martindale, president; Fred W. Johnson, vice president; J. F. Wenzel, secretary; treasurer; and Lloyd L. Stanley, commissioner.

These requirements, and many more, were found in the Girl Scout program, with its threefold purpose of inspiration, education, and recreation.

Consequently, in March, 1927, Mrs. Lee A. White, Mrs. Fred Johnson, and Mrs. Lawrence Thomas persuaded the local director at Pontiac to give our first training course in girl scouting.

Mothers First Interested

A notice of this meeting, published in the Eccentric, interested a number of mothers. A troop committee was formed and four troops were organized. At different times during previous years, one troop had been doing excellent work in the village, but a troop leader had to leave, the troop would disband, without this sponsoring organization to keep it going.

In May, 1928, our local committee became a Local Council, having obtained a charter from the Girl Scout National Headquarters in New York. The local officers were Mrs. Lee A. White, commissioner; Mrs. C. D. Cole, deputy commissioner; Mrs. Richard Fowler, secretary; Mrs. Frank Packard, treasurer.

Today we have seven Girl Scout troops, numbering 129 scouts, and two Brownie troops, composed of 45 of the younger girls. There are 18 members of the Girl Scout Council, the present officers being Mrs. Richard Fowler, commissioner; Mrs. John Lammie, deputy commissioner; Mrs. H. S. Evans, secretary; and Mrs. Verne Burnette, treasurer.

During the past year, five first-class badges, 17 second-class badges, and 125 merit badges have been earned by the girls, the greatest number of Awards having been given for home-making activities. Caroline Salisbury of Lakeview avenue, has received more merits than any other girl in the community.

Correctly Speaking

"Balance" should not be used as a synonym for "remainder." The dictionary says "to say the was gone the balance of the day" is an objectionable.

Today's Anniversary

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FARMERS VOTE LOWER TAXES

Oakland County Bureau Holds Annual Election At Clarkston

Resolutions declaring the present methods of levying taxes places an unfair burden upon the farmers was voiced Friday by 60 members of the Oakland County Farm Bureau at their annual meeting in Clarkston. The members declared that they were anxious to obtain a more just distribution of taxation.

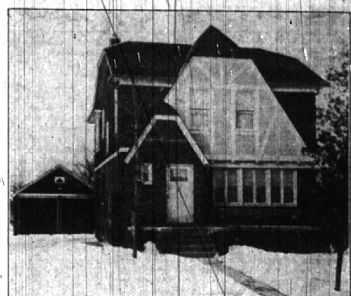
J. S. Mitchell, of Holly, was re-elected president of the organization; Herbert Hayes, of Clarkston, vice-president; Don Button, Farmington; Fred Beardslee, Oxford; Elmer Frick, Leonard and W. Ray Thompson, Holly were next selected as members of the board of directors. Mr. Button was chosen to succeed T. C. King, Waterford, resigned.

In an attempt to gain more favorable taxation the bureau voted to name a committee to confer with the board of supervisors and other tax levying members. Resolutions condemning the present methods of taxation unfair to the farmer were presented by a committee which included F. G. Beardslee of Oxford, Harold M. Vaughn, county agricultural agent, Mrs. J. W. Clapp and Wayne Newton, director of tax investigation for the Michigan State Farm Bureau, addressed the meeting.

BLOOMFIELD POLICE GIVE ANNUAL REPORT

Bloomfield Hills Village police during 1929 made 2,243 arrests and collected fines and deposits totaling \$24,271 according to the annual report of William E. Feltman, chief of police.

Disorderly cases topped the list of offenses, 367 persons arrested on this charge paying \$12,808 in fines. Traffic violations were next in number, 1,658 offenders leaving \$8,627 in deposits and 120 paying \$2,191 in fines. Eighty-two trespassing cases with fines totalling \$605 and 16 arrests for violations of state laws were reported.



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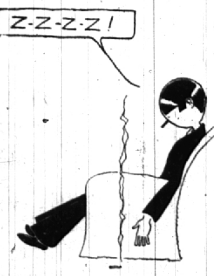
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