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 far this season at right guard in the Spartan line, and although benched because of injuries earlier in the week, last Saturday returned to the line-up to contribute his

share in the 14-7 defeat of Colgate at the Spartan's Homecoming at East Lansing.  
 Strodt also is president of the Phi Delta fraternity, president of Seaboard and Blade and one of the leading students in the classes on drawing and design.

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 village of Birmingham, has been paying taxes for fire protection in the village and for the same protection for property owners outside of the village, it was pointed out.

**Ask \$5,000 Each**  
 Therefore, the committee announced, unless the three townships would provide \$5,000 each for the purchase of additional equipment and its maintenance, Birmingham would be forced to cut off its fire protection service. Birmingham regretted that this action might be necessary. Commissioner Allen told the group.

Within a few days the representatives of the townships replied that they were unable to accept the ultimatum of Birmingham city would have to seek fire protection elsewhere.  
 Bloomfield Township immediately established a fire department of its own in the township garage on Oak Long Lake road. This department was organized solely for fighting grass fires, automobile fires and smaller blazes. The apparatus is composed of a small truck, equipped with metal ladders, chemical fire extinguishers and wire brushes, etc. It is manned by Jack Wilson and Vernon Griffith, the latter, a former fire captain with the Birmingham department.

**Survey Also Made**  
 Bloomfield Township also made a survey of all the homes outside of the village, indicating a description of the property, the township department, location, fire facilities, such as water power, well, adjacent streams and ditches, and the name of the owner of the property. This survey was made by Lloyd Ford, township clerk, and a number of these property owners were instructed to call Birmingham city in case of fire, and to report the alarm, turned in to the township station would be answered immediately and if the blazes were reported as being a building, additional equipment would be sent from the Birmingham department, Pontiac, or Keego Harbor.

They Township also has established a small department similarly equipped, at Big Beaver, to fight grass fires, according to supervisor Garner M. Miller. Additional fire protection is received from Bloomfield Hills Village, Keego Harbor, Pontiac, Royal Oak City and Clawson.

**Still Investigating**  
 Southfield Township, according to Charles Bingham, supervisor, is still investigating the situation and committee of eight men from different parts of the township is seriously considering the problem. In the meantime, Southfield Township has been and is receiving fire protection service from Farmington, Berkley, Farmington Royal, Royal Township and Detroit. Mr. Bingham says.  
 Representatives of the three townships agree that Birmingham was entirely within its rights to cut off the service, but all feel that the village is morally bound to answer alarms from homes not so distant from the village even if they are outside of the village limits. Birmingham's ultimatum could not legally be met, they point out, for the establishment of special assessment districts to pay for this service in the township was impossible under the State laws.

**As Good As Ever**  
 "We aren't worrying," says James V. Bayley, Bloomfield Township clerk. "We've got just as good protection as we ever had. The Bloomfield Hills Village department is more in the center of the township, anyhow. The Birmingham fire department would have to travel 12 miles to get to the farthest point in the township while the Bloomfield Hills department would have to go only six miles." Mr. Reid also pointed out the superior advantages of the Bloomfield Hills department. It is located in the center of population and almost in the center of the township, geographically, he pointed out.  
 In case of fire in the township, while the Bloomfield Hills Village equipment was engaged, Pontiac or Keego Harbor would be called, the officials report. Statistics compiled by Mr. Bayley also indicate the increase in cost of fighting fires in the township when the Birmingham department answered the alarm.

**\$3,383 in 1929**  
 From May 1, 1929 until May 1, 1930 the township paid Birmingham \$3,383 for fire protection. Mr. Bayley reports, and of these fires only four were house fires, he said.  
 From May 1, 1930 until Oct. 1, 1930, the township has paid Birmingham \$2,873.70, he says.  
 The Bloomfield Hills Village department's bills has been paid \$27,800 in fire fees from May 1, 1929 to May 1, 1930 and \$24,800 from May 1, 1930 until Oct. 1, this year.  
 "Most of these fires did not require the use of a big fire truck," Bayley declared. "A great majority of the fires were minor grass fires and when the Birmingham trucks responded to the alarm, all the equipment needed was a chemical fire extinguisher or hose and the equipment needed had difficulty because several companies would be called for such fit."  
 "And we have pay two or three companies for fighting one small grass fire. By our new system we pay for only the one fire department and save the taxpayers that money."  
 Of the 34 fires in Bloomfield Township last year, Mr. Reid said, "two were automobile fires, one was a fire that broke out in hay stack and five were house fires. The rest were grass fires. Of the five houses that caught on fire, that could burn, burned and probably would have burned no matter how many departments answered the alarms. It depends, largely, of course, on how far the fire has spread before the alarm is answered."  
 "There's no doubt about it, how-

**Has Active Part In Church Fair**

furnish them with fire protection. In an emergency I would respond in an alarm near our village, however. I want to see if the Southfield township unless I am ordered to go on by the village fire commission.

"I won't see anybody's house burn and I'll take the responsibility of answering alarms outside of the village. We had only seven calls last month, two of those were automobile fires and the other five were grass fires."  
 The manager of Oakland Hills Country Club called me up and asked me what I could do about the situation. I told him that we'd stretch a point for his club or anybody else's house within a reasonable distance from the station. The problem is a serious one and I don't see why the three townships can't get together and come to a solution of it."

**No Complaints**  
 Representatives of the three townships report that no complaints have been made since Birmingham cut off its fire department service.  
**Putting Features Ladies' Guest Day at Birmingham Golf Club**  
 Ladies' Guest day at the Birmingham Golf Club was held Friday. A tournament was held in the morning, with prizes awarded to those with the fewest number of putts, and owing to the cool weather, only a small number of women took part. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. C. E. Van Wagoner in class A, with 33 putts; Mrs. J. L. Kenyon in class B, with 36; and to Mrs. J. E. Code in class C, with 32.  
 Winners of guest prizes were Mrs. L. M. Post, who took 35 putts; Mrs. C. W. Thomas, who took 39; and Mrs. J. Guerrero, with 47. A special luncheon was served the golfers, who afterwards played bridge. Tomorrow will be the occasion of the annual meeting, luncheon and bridge of the women golfers.

**Dr. Record First Speaker At Forum**  
 The first open forum on International Relations will be held Monday at 7:45 p. m. in the Community House for both men and women. Dr. Augustus Record, of Detroit, will lead a discussion on "Russia—A Study in Poverty." Everyone interested is welcome and no charge will be made for anyone attending this of subsequent lectures. For those who wish to become regular members of the group, however, a nominal charge is made to cover telegraphing and other expenses.  
 The first meeting of Mrs. Charles J. Shain's Tuesday morning International Relations class for women was held this week. A discussion of the Imperial League conference was begun and will be continued next week. Registration in the classes will still be open next Tuesday and the following week, Mrs. Shain says.

**Troy Paid \$1,526.20**  
 Glenn W. Ladd, Troy township clerk, reports that from Apr. 1, 1929 until Apr. 1, 1930, 12 calls answered by the Birmingham department cost the township \$1,526.20; 15 calls answered by the Clawson department cost \$720; 11 calls answered by Rochester cost \$16 and a call answered by the Bloomfield Hills Department, \$50. The township board meets again, Nov. 6, Mr. Ladd said, and the bill, that again be discussed at that time.  
 Mrs. Ora M. Utley, Southfield township clerk, reports that following expenditures for fire protection service in Southfield township since Jan. 1, 1930: Redford township, \$125; Berkley, \$500; Detroit, \$50; Farmington, \$100; Birmingham, \$100; Royal Oak Township, \$1,250.  
 "We aren't looking about the cost," Birmingham department official charged to us for fighting fires in our township," Mr. Bingham declares, "not if they'll give us the service."

**Three Alarms Unanswered**  
 Three fire alarms from outlying districts turned in to the Birmingham department since the commission's edict, Sept. 15, have been unanswered. According to the records of the Birmingham department these fires were as follows:  
 Cent. 2, 2:28 p. m., grass fire, near Southfield and Eight Mile roads; Oct. 1, home of Mr. C. A. Newcomb, Wing Lake road, south of Long Lake road. Are in quarter-section west of Cranbrook road.  
 No report on the results of these fires, with the exception of that in the home of Mr. Newcomb, however, reports that he extinguished the fire, small blaze in his basement, and that the alarm was erroneously turned in to the Birmingham Fire Department. His home is excellently protected but he would be willing to pay his share for the general protection of the district in which he lives, he said.

**9 Fires in Township**  
 Reports of the Birmingham Fire Department show that since May 1, 1929 the Birmingham Fire Department responded to 63 alarms in Bloomfield Township. Twenty-nine of these were house fires, barns or other structures, 39 were grass fires and five were automobile fires. Twenty alarms were answered in Southfield, nine of which were grass fires, nine house fires and two structures; and two were automobile fires. Twenty-one alarms were answered in Troy Township since May 1, 1929. Seven of these were house fires, 12 were grass fires and two were automobile fires.  
 R. C. Lawhead, chief engineer of the Michigan Inspection Bureau, which organization is conducting a survey of fire fighting facilities in Birmingham, reports that the fire insurance rates for frame houses in the village of Birmingham are 65 cents per \$100 value; for brick houses, 75 cents per \$100 valuation for frame houses in Bloomfield Hills Village and 85 cents for frame houses in the townships. The last rate, he says is known as the "unprotected property" owners in the territory outside of the village, he said, were never given a reduction in rates because of the protection offered by the Birmingham department.  
**Won't Go Far**  
 Russell Moore, chief of the Bloomfield Hills Village fire department, says, "I have been left up to my judgment as to what fires outside of the village I may answer, but will not go far into Troy township. I have never been approached by the supervisor of Troy township as to whether we would

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**  
 Robert W. Chisum, of Dorchester road, Birmingham, says of the late Harry Brooks, aviator: "The effort of the 'Defender News' to reformulate our Michigan wild lands is a fine thing. Last week, while attending the visitation of 40 acres of planting to Harry, sponsored by Birmingham school children, I was greatly surprised to observe the fine start that many trees already have toward a future statey place."

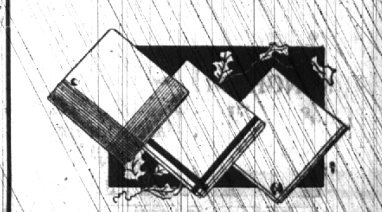
**WOMEN SEEK SCHOOL DATA**  
 A letter was read Monday evening at the meeting of the School Board from Mrs. John R. Ormond on behalf of the Birmingham branch of the A. A. U. W. According to the letter, the educational department of the Association is planning a course of lectures in February entitled "Trends in Education."  
 As a preliminary to this course, members expressed a wish to become better acquainted with the Birmingham school system, and requested permission to visit each of the schools in order to learn more about their cafeterias, open air and rest periods, individual speed, problem children, and night meetings for children.  
 Members of the board said that they would be glad to cooperate in every way possible with the university group and that they would extend every courtesy to them.

**Masons Give First Dance Of Season**  
 Birmingham Masons will give the first of their fall dances Thursday, Oct. 30, at Bloomfield Park Clubhouse. A four-piece orchestra will furnish the music and Halloween decorations will be given in the ballroom.  
 William Cassidy, representing the Birmingham chapter, No. 95, R. F. M., and Arthur Mason, representing the Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. and A. M., will be in charge of the dance. Tickets may be secured from either of these two, and will also be available at the clubhouse. The dance is open to all Masons and their friends.

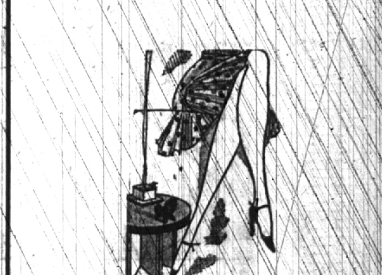
**D'MOLAY INITIATION**  
 The first initiation of the season of the James S. Hasbarger chapter of the De Molay will be held Tuesday evening in the Masonic temple. Five candidates will be initiated, and representatives from other chapters will be guests of the Hasbarger chapter. A special invitation to Masons of Birmingham and vicinity is extended by the De Molay.  
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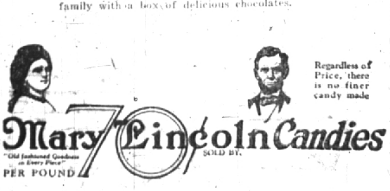
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