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Birmingham Men Direct Auto Show

Harold H. Stuart and Walter Judd Largely Responsible For 1931 Exhibition at Convention Hall

Largely due to the efforts of Mr. Harold H. Stuart, of Adams road, as manager, this year's Detroit Automobile Show which opens Saturday, has four points of major difference from all previous shows, marking it as unquestionably more important than any similar exhibition ever held in Detroit. Mr. Walter J. Judd, an important member of the D. A. D. committee directing the show this year.

1. For the first time in the middle west all of the 1931 products of all manufacturers will be gathered under one roof for display purposes.

2. It will be the first time the Ford "progress of transportation" exhibit has ever been shown outside the Ford museum in Dearborn.

3. More than 2,000 automotive engineers from all over the world will hold executive sessions covering all phases of automobile design and construction in the Book-Cadillac from Monday through Friday next week.

Besides, business conferences of automobile dealers with bankers and capitalists from all over the middle west augurs distinct upturns in production and sales activities.

Hereafter the industry will an-

PLAYWRIGHT WILL SPEAK AT SCHOOL

Teachers' Club Sponsors the Appearance of Miss Anne Frierson, Jan. 22

Under the auspices of the Birmingham Teachers' Club, Anne Frierson, young southern playwright, will speak at the Baldwin High School auditorium, Thursday, Jan. 22 at 8 p. m.

Miss Frierson first gained public recognition through the presentation of her drama, "Quagmire" by the Provincetown Players at Chicago. The success of the play resulted in Miss Frierson's role of the zulu Negro becoming popular.

Aided by her banjo Miss Frierson presents the story of the picturesque, almost blue-black race that lives on the marshy coast of South Carolina. She pictures the fervor of their religion, their romance and music.

A cordial invitation to the parents of Birmingham school children to enjoy the entertainment is extended by the Birmingham Teachers' Club. There will be no admission charged.

Oldsmobile, Packard, Pierce-Arrow, Plymouth, Pontiac, Rover, Studebaker, Willys and Willys-Knight.

Show Travel Progress
A fascinating panorama of the world's progress in transportation, sweeping across history's pages from the reign of King Tutankhamen 3,000 years ago through the periods of the primitive Indian drags, the six cart, "covered wagon" of the pioneer, and stage coach to the dawn of the automobile era, will be unfolded at the auto show next week shown for the first time outside of the

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BIRTHS INCREASE, COUNTY REPORTS

Deaths, Marriages Decrease During 1930, Clerk Daugherty's Figures Indicate

Interesting comparisons in the vital statistics reported to his office during 1930 included the fact that births in Oakland County increased while deaths and marriages decreased, County Clerk Burton P. Daugherty reveals.

During 1929 there were 4,643 births recorded and in 1930 there were 4,982. There was a marked decrease in the number of deaths in 1930 as compared with the number of deaths in 1929 and during 1929, 1,829 deaths were recorded in 1930. There were only 243 who obtained their first papers and 146 their second papers in 1930.

A sharp decline in the number of aliens granted first and second citizenship papers in 1930 was recorded, only 114 obtaining their first papers and 127 their second papers in 1930.

Almost one-third of the divorce cases filed were denied during 1929, 205 being denied and 425 being granted. In 1930 there were 266 granted and 207 denied. Criminal cases were almost the same in both years, 565 being filed in 1929 and 569 in 1930. Alimony payments decreed by the court being paid in 1929 and \$143,362.23 being paid in 1930.

There were 306 law cases started in 1929 and 1,129 in 1930.

U. OF M. SINGERS HERE ON JAN. 27

Members of the committee arranging for the concert to be given here by the University of Michigan Glee Club under the auspices of the Birmingham Glee Club announced that the organization will appear at the Community House.

The concert originally scheduled to be held here was postponed during the mid-winter holidays because of examinations and other interferences with the original plan. The committee which is arranging the concert is headed by Dr. James Haszberger, Dr. W. N. Gerken and A. W. Winfield.

School Board Meets Again January 26

School Board officials will meet again on Jan. 26, Monday night, when diplomas for the graduating class of Baldwin High School will be read for signing.

Other business of importance to be decided pertains to reinforcing the school building. A resolution, and schedule covering maturity dates for bonds in the proposed new \$100,000 issue are being prepared in the meantime by Supt. Clarence Vliet for the consideration of the Board.

Prizes Awarded By Garden Club

First prize for exhibit at the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society were awarded Thursday night at the Community House by James Rogerson. Second prize was won by James Gallagher and third by Ivan Coupar.

It was also announced at the meeting that the talk on "Babylonia" by Jacob Bauman had been postponed from the February to the March meeting of the organization. H. P. Doying, a new member of the society, will be host to the group Jan. 30 at his home, 342 Merrill street. Committees for the coming year are as follows: employment—Thomas Hind and Jacob Bauman; educational—Arthur Claxton, Jacob Bauman and Thomas Hind; entertainment—George Leslie, James Gallagher, Robert Skene, Ivan Coupar and Harry Van Zeilfen.

Arrests In County Drop During 1930

During the last months of 1930 arrests by Oakland County deputies declined and the number of calls answered dropped decidedly, Sheriff Frank Schram reports, the average number of prisoners in the county jail being reduced from 200 to 150 during December.

The high percentage of liquor arrests and convictions is a source of particular satisfaction to him, Schram said. A reduction of \$5,000 from his annual budget has been made and he has reduced his staff by two members since he was Sheriff Schram's fourth term.

Substitute 'Alleviation' For Employment Relief

Checking up on the new families reported out of employment and suffering at Christmas time, has occupied the Community House organization since the holidays and attempts to do something constructive in the way of relief even if jobs cannot be manufactured to meet the times are being made, according to Mrs. Hope Halgren, director of the Community House.

In the rush of the holidays little attempt was made to tabulate the information, but 11 more names were added to the original 55 persons who filled out unemployment application blanks with the Community House through the public schools distribution system. Numerous families reported in need of Christmas cheer had unemployed members of the course who did not fill out application blanks, so there is still no accurate check on the number of unemployed in the village.

Applicants are directed where to go for help of a specific nature, and a few intermittent jobs of a part-time nature are available from time to time through the Community House, but no real solution to the unemployment problem has been found possible. In the work of the Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee, that not one of them could offer an hour extra work of any type each week to help relieve the situation, according to Mrs. Norman Lyle. Taking care of the families with whatever alleviation is possible, is the course being pursued by the Committee in its work, until loop-holes are found in the impulse which has prevailed during the last few months, members of the committee report. In attempting to gain work of a part-time, odd-job nature through householders in the community, little success was attained either, although a few calls reach the Community House from time to time, and unemployed persons are given temporary work-relief.

Work is what they all want, of course, not 'charity' or 'alleviation'. Mrs. Lyle says, "but we have found the mountain of resistance practically insurmountable."

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HIT BY AUTO, DAN PARKS, 72, FATALLY HURT

Native of Southfield Dies in Hospital After Mishap On Maple Avenue

Struck by an automobile while he was crossing Maple avenue at Pierce street, Thursday morning, Dan Parks, 72 years old, a retired farmer living at 548 Pierce street, died at 5 p. m. Friday of injuries in the accident. The Parks was Emerson Gravelin, 22 years old, 283 Merrill street.

Funeral services for Mr. Parks were held at 2 p. m. for Mr. Parks at the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals, the Rev. J. C. Mathews, pastor of the Southfield United Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in the White Chapel Memorial Park.

Gravelin told the police he was (Turn to Page 5, this Section)

DRIVER IS RELEASED

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Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p. m. Monday from his residence on West Maple road, by John W. Fry, 22 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon C. Fry, who was killed early Saturday when the automobile in which he was riding fell in the pavement on Southwestern Highway north of the Nine Mile road and struck an embankment.

The body was found beneath the wreckage by F. G. Dolph, 10203 Mark Twain avenue, Detroit, who saw the wrecked automobile in the ditch.

Apparently, young Fry fell out of the automobile into the ditch from Detroit, G. Dewey Kimball, coroner, reports. The automobile plowed into a ditch and for about a distance of 200 feet before it struck the embankment and was demolished.

Following the investigation conducted by Kimball and Deputy Sheriff Clifford Murray, it was announced that no inquest would be held. The body was removed to the Kinross Funeral Home, and being taken to the Fry residence for the funeral services. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Besides his parents, the youth leaves two brothers, Stanley E., of Detroit, and Wilby, at home, and a sister, Miss Grace C. Fry.

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