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LOCAL LAWYER HELD TO TRIAL

C. S. Matthews' Bond Raised Following Conviction in Speeding Case

Charles S. Matthews, 45 Chestnutfield avenue, who is now out on \$2,500 bond on a charge of involuntary manslaughter as a result of a fatal automobile accident at Woodward avenue and the Eight-Mile road, Dec. 3, was found guilty last Thursday of speeding. Matthews was ordered held for trial on the manslaughter charge and his bond was raised from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

That's No Excuse

Marshall Chang Haushling was unable to be present due to absence.—Hankow (China) Herald.

Flintermann Will Filed For Probate

Mrs. Sophie E. Flintermann, the widow of Carl F. Flintermann, Bloomfield Hills resident, who ended his own life by hanging himself Jan. 18, was bequeathed his entire estate after making arrangements for his funeral expenses, Flintermann's will, filed for probate in the Oakland Circuit court last week, revealed.

STRUCK BY MACHINE, WOMAN IN HOSPITAL

Struck by an automobile driven by Fred Jarvis, 47 Omar street, Pontiac, Ella Brindley, of Lone Pine road, was taken to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital late Wednesday afternoon with serious head injuries. Jarvis told deputy sheriffs who investigated the accident that Miss Brindley, evidently anxious to board what she mistook for a bus, stepped into the path of his machine at Woodward and the Lone Pine road. Jarvis and Joseph Proctor, of Bloomfield Hills Village, took the woman to the hospital. Jarvis was not held.

MICHIGAN MEN GIVE CONCERT

Glee Club Sings For Lions Charity Fund Tuesday: Good Program

University of Michigan Glee Club members, honored by a dinner at the Baptist church before their concert at the Community House, Tuesday night for an appreciative audience that filled the auditorium.

Following the concert, Lions Club members who sponsored the performance, enjoyed a dance and bridge party in the Community House arrangements being in charge of Mr. William Wood.

Program numbers scheduled for the Tuesday night concert were:

- "Laubas Atque Carnina," by Stanford.
- "The Victors," by Ebel.
- "The Variety," by Moore.
- Selected solos were chosen for this program spot.
- "Broken Melody," by Sibelius.
- "Volga Boatman Song," arranged by Bromberg.
- "The Cossacks," by MacDowell.
- "Zigeunerweisen," by Sarasate, was played by Roman Hamilton.
- "Rhine River," arranged by Burleigh.
- "Going Home" (New World Symphony), by Dvorak.
- "Morning," by Speaks.

Intermission at this point, followed by the Midnight Song Quartet selections, Messrs. Catchpole, Streight, Saltonstall and White compose the quartet.

- "Sylvia," by Speaks.
- "The Long Day Closes," by Sullivan.

A recitation, "The Wisdom of King Solomon," was an added feature on the program, before the closing number, singing of the University song "The Yellow and Blue," by the glee club men as a special favor to all the alumni who were present.

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Minstrels Feature Junior Boys' Chorus

As a special feature of Father and Son week, the "Black and White Minstrel" show, first evening performance of the Barnum Dramatic Club, will stress the Junior Boys' Chorus numbers under the direction of Mrs. Edith Roach Corryell. Feb. 10, 8 p. m., has been set as the time for the presentation, under the faculty directorship of Miss Lyla E. McCormick. Membership in the dramatic club includes almost a third of the Barnum school enrollment, and every member is anxiously concerned about having everyone in the village interested in amateur dramatics attend their performance as "encouragement."

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LET ME IN ON THIS PARTY

Do what proportions the war will grow cannot even be approximately estimated. Some of the best authorities have been consulted, and they shake their gray or bald heads in philosophic dread of the consequence of such a feud.

Alderash L. Chomolley, veteran statistician and compiler of the first figures in which the Woodworth Tower was used as the least common denominator, is pessimistic. "If all the soluble pellets for ping-pong were stretched end to end," he declares, "and all the sand paper on

VILLAGERS INVITED TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Robinson Wants Complainants To Present Facts Before Grand Jury

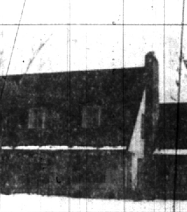
Residents of Birmingham and vicinity who have matters they believe should be brought before the forthcoming grand jury are urged to bring their complaints to Phillip H. Robinson, assistant state's attorney general who is conducting the investigation.

Mr. Robinson said he would give his utmost attention to any complaints of evidences of wrongdoings in the county. "A great many matters have recently been brought to my attention which I think deserve a thorough investigation," he said. "Residents of Birmingham who have knowledge of wrongdoings in the county which they believe should be brought before the grand jury will receive the whole-hearted co-operation of this department."

It is expected the investigation will be begun with the selection of the jurors on Feb. 1.

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