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THIS and THAT

Badly as electrified transportation between Detroit and Birmingham may be needed, since the interurban cars were discontinued a few weeks ago, it is unlikely that any arrangements can be made with Detroit's street car system to supply the need. It looks as though the Grand Trunk's shiny new rails offer the quickest solution for additional means of rapid transit between Birmingham and its southern suburb, the Fourth City.

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Within the confines of Birmingham and vicinity are approximately 12,000 men and women, boys and girls. Each of us is filled with certain desires, urges, and impulses; with few exceptions, all of us seek to tie our lives in with the fine, the strengthening qualities of life. One of the best ways to get an additional portion of happiness is to do something for others; especially those who are less fortunate in either money or mind than ourselves. We know a Birmingham man and wife who more than delight in going out of their way to help others. This man is very busy in a high place to which he has climbed in the automotive world; financially, he is wealthy; spiritually, from an observation of a few of his activities, I would say that he is possessed of some of the precious stuff that brings about a rapture of soul. Life, it seems to us, is filled with many opportunities, among the greatest of which are the chances to do

ECCENTRIC AGAIN WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

For the second time this year a national journalistic honor has come to Birmingham's "Home-Town Newspaper." The Birmingham Eccentric. Last week, during the annual National Editoral Association Convention, held in Atlanta, Georgia, The Eccentric was awarded first prize, a Silver Loving Cup, for best serving the advertising needs of its community. The contest, open to the entire 11,000 weekly newspapers in the United States, was determiped upon the ability of a newspaper to meet the advertising and merchandising counsel problems of the business and professional life of its community. The Silver Loving Cup, the gift of the Mergenthaler Linotype Co., was presentd by John E. Allen, editor of Linotype News. Joseph A. Sturgeon, Field Manager of the Michigan Press Association, of which George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric, is president, was in Atlanta and formally received the award.

Early this year The Eccentric was selected by Prof. John E. Casey, of the University of Oklahoma department of journalism, to fill the place of full back and publisher of his 1930 annual All-American Eleven of weekly newspapers.

Cicero once voiced this thought: "In the most corrupt nation you have the "Most laws." The reason this is true is that man-made laws are negative qualities of goodness; they are devices created in an effort to protect persons who wrong the life, safety, or property of others. Therefore, it follows, the more laws you have the more law-breaking there is, for you wouldn't have so many laws if they were not necessary to cope with conditions. Cicero certainly knew his social and political economy.

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Malcolm W. Bingay is a Detroit newspaperman who was for many years managing editor of The Detroit News. Now he is with the Free Press. He is, incidentally, writing some fine stuff—some of it genuinely constructive journalism of a rare kind. His comment on the value of the annual Belle Isle field meet, sponsored by The Free Press, contained observations of immense value to persons who, reading them, later pondered their significance. We hope Bingay keeps banging away.

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To settle this growing problem about the new and larger golf ball, (though said to be less corrigible) we offer the following solution: allow everybody who shoots over a certain personally desired score to use both balls, counting only the best of the alternate shots.

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Referring again to this business (and many will agree that it does take the place of business) of golf, it offers great opportunities for the growth of Christian character. When your wolfer dubs a shot, he may, or he may not, call upon Old man Profanity to wield the club; if he does, well, he remains a dub. If he doesn't swear, he conquers his inclination to do so, and rises higher in the scale of uprightness. One way to get out of the rough is to refrain from being rough, would you say?

GRAND TRUNK CELEBRATION PLANS MAPPED

Parade Included In Elaborate Program; David H. Ladd Chairman APPOINT COMMITTEES

Plans to make the celebration commemorating the opening of the new Grand Trunk station and the inauguration of commuter service from Detroit to Pontiac one of the most elaborate events in the history of Birmingham were adopted Tuesday night at a meeting in the Municipal Building when the subcommittee in charge of mapping the program submitted its report to the general committee made up of representatives of 20 organizations in the community. The exact date is yet undecided, but some time late in July will probably be selected.

The report recommended a parade from the center of the village to the station, impressive dedication ceremonies at the new terminal at which prominent officials of the Grand Trunk Railway and others will be asked to speak, and the enlisting of representatives from all cities and villages on the new line to participate in the celebration.

Ladd Named Chairman

At the recommendation of both the sub-committee and the general committee, David H. Ladd, realtor and former village commissioner, was appointed general chairman of the event, and D. J. Jordan was named assistant chairman.

As proposed by the sub-committee, the general program calls for each phase of the celebration to be handled by one specific organization. Each organization so delegated will choose its own committee to take charge of the work, and from these committees one large general committee, different from the one now functioning will be formed.

The sub-committee, which had been appointed only for the purpose of recommending a program for the celebration, was dissolved immediately after its report had been accepted at the meeting Tuesday night. It was composed of James J. Martindale, chairman, Mr. Jordan, George R. Averill, Mrs. F. S. Ross, John B. Minter, and Robert K. McClellan.

Work Divided

The program report divided the work of the celebration among various organizations and individuals as follows:

Ceremonies at station—To be presided over by some representative citizen of Birmingham, to be selected by the general chairman.

Invitations and reception—Business Men's Club.

Entertainment—Exchange Club and Woman's Literary Club.

Decorations—Rotary Club.

Parade—Lions Club.

Supervision of grounds at the station—American Legion and Boy Scouts.

Finances—To be appointed.

Publicity—Advertising Club and George R. Averill.

The committee's recommendation that the Village Commission be asked to send invitations to other Woodward avenue communities to partake in the celebration was carried out by that body at its meeting Monday night.

POLICE MAKE 232 ARRESTS IN MAY

6 Charged With Felonies; $1,111.55 Collected In Fines, Report Shows

Birmingham police arrested six persons for felonies and 226 for misdemeanors during May, according to the department's monthly report issued Monday by Miss Carrie Stoddard, police clerk.

The felonies included four cases of keeping a place where gambling is permitted, one of possession and one of transportation of intoxicating liquor. Eight persons were arrested for driving under the influence of liquor, eight for being drunk, 10 for reckless driving, 126 for speeding, 72 for violation of the parking ordinance, and 106 for violation of traffic signals.

Fines collected by the department for the month totalled $1,111.55, the report showed.

Two persons were injured in 16 accidents during the month. One

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HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Jeffers and family who moved from Detroit to Birmingham June 1. They now reside at 575 Vinewood avenue. Mr. Jeffers is commission engineer for the Michigan Bell Telephone company in Detroit.

Their family includes two sons, Frederick, 6 years old, and Richard, 1 year old. Frederick will enter Quarton School in September.

19 Seniors Graduated In First Commencement Ceremony At Cranbrook

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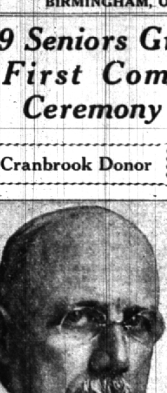

George G. Booth

Founder Is Speaker As Boys' School Reaches Historic Milestone

Cranbrook School for Boys, which first opened its doors to students in the fall of 1927, reached the first definite milestone in its history last Saturday when graduation exercises were held in Christ Church, Cranbrook, for the first senior class. The class numbered 19 boys.

George G. Booth who, together with his wife, Mrs. Ellen Scripps Booth, endowed the school along with five other units in the Cranbrook Foundation, was the commencement speaker. William O. Stevens, headmaster, awarded the diplomas.

The entire ceremony was strikingly plain, with no signs of elaborateness. With the church well filled in the rear with public spectators and friends of the school, and at the side with relatives of the graduating seniors, the class filed in slowly to the strains of the great organ and took seats at the front of the church facing the audience.

School Flag Changes Hands

The seniors were followed by the entire student body, marching by forms, and by faculty members, who together filled in the front pews. The invocation and benediction were spoken by Dr. S. S. Marquis, pastor of the church. Other simple ceremonies included the singing of school hymns and the presentation of the school flag by William I. Rose, Detroit, president of the school league, to Richard A. Freund, also of Detroit, the incoming president.

Awards to students for achievement in scholarship craftsmanship and citizenship had been made at a special ceremony the day before.

Introduced by Mr. Stevens as "The Father of Cranbrook," Mr. Booth sketched briefly the history of science and inventiton during the past 50 years. "I want to tell you something of the legacy your fathers and your grandfathers have left for you, and I want to give you some idea of the tools you will find on your workbench," he said.

Warns Against Errors

Enumerating many of the marvels of transportation, chemistry and physics as well as new experiments in government, religion and ethics, most of which have made their appearance within the last half century, Mr. Booth asserted that "the proper use of them will make your lives more improved." The list of past accomplishments, he pointed out, are long, although not necessarily lasting. "You may weep for your fathers' sins," he said, "but you may not set them down as lacking in industry or inventiveness."

"You can see our errors," he continued. "Many of them are conspicuous. Many we would like to forget if we could. But the

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73 SENIORS TO GET DIPLOMAS

School Board Approves List For Baccalaureate, Commencement Ceremonies

Exactly 73 Baldwin high school seniors are on the accepted list of the Birmingham Board of Education to be graduated at commencement ceremonies to be held Thursday of next week. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening in the auditorium of Baldwin High School, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Rev. David L. Woodward, pastor of the Birmingham Baptist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate address. His topic will be "Building A Life." The mixed chorus of Baldwin High School music classes will sing under the direction of Miss Mae Brumsted, accompanied by Mrs. Frances Stephenson.

The graduates will appear in public for the second time arrayed in traditional caps and gowns when the commencement services are celebrated next Thursday evening, begining also at 8 o'clock. Rev. M. S. Rice, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Church of Detroit, will be the speaker.

Melvin C. Hart, principal at Baldwin, will present the class for graduation and diplomas will be awarded by Clarence Vliet, superintendent of public schools. Mary Emma Green, valedictorian, and Nancy Johnson, salutatorian, will deliver the class orations.

The following students will receive diplomas:

Edin E. Andrews	Leonard C. McClure
Margaret L. Arnold	Betty Neal
Mildred Ash	Elizabeth Packard
George Atherton	Marjorie Phillips
Donald W. Blow	Esther R. Plotkin
William M. Bowlus	Richard G. Kilerby
Grace Louise Boyes	Theodore F. Etter
James G. Brien	Marian B. Fowler
Jean Adin Brooks	Gwendolyn Gardner
Katherine L. Brown	Edith E. Gaskill
Shirley M. Brown	Jane Gesreich
Marjorie Canever	Robert M. Gillespie
Jane Doris Carnahan	Mary E. Green
Gordon Chamberlin	Helen Gickelberg
John T. Chandler	Virginia Hollmuth
Wilbur E. Dalley	Esther J. Hoover
Jean J. Daniels	Gilbert O. Hopper
Phillip de Beaubien	Joseph T. Huston
Edwin W. Deer	Barbara Jackson
Leona G. Doherty	Betty Jane Johns
Wilfred Donaldson	Nancy K. Johnson
Mary Q. Johnson	Ruth M. Pratt
Marguerent Kamif	Jessie C. Prentice
Julia Kane	Elwyn P. Puckett
Cora Mae Keller	Eleanor J. Quail
Willis R. Kinney	Daniel J. Robertson
Charles G. Kinnison	Doris O. Root
Frederick O. Kurth	Amy Schneider
Rich C. Love	Helen A. Starr
Thomas Martindale	Helen Jean Strand
Marian Masters	George L. Ivey
Curtis Matthews, II	Genevieve D. Upper
Walter Maximoff	Neil L. Welch
William C. Merz	Harry W. Wheaton
Dumont C. Mills	Mark Wilson
Jane Minthing	Morris K. Winborn
Thomas B. Moore	

Calendar of Coming Events

Today: Sixth district convention of the American Legion and auxiliary at the Community House; meeting of the Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society at the Community House at 7:30 P. M.

Friday June 12: Benefit barbecue at Springdale Park given under auspices of the Women's Society of the Birmingham Methodist Church.

Saturday, June 13: Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church, Cranbrook, and Bloomfield Hills and District Hotricultural Society flower show at the pavilion at Cranbrook.

Tuesday, June 16: Oakland County Tuberculosis Society clinic at the Community House at 10 A. M.; annual election of officers of the Exchange Club at the Community House at noon; musicale at United Presbyterian Church to be given by the ladies choir, 8 P. M.

Thursday, June 18: Hills School reunion. Birmingham and Bloomfield units of the National Farm and Garden Association to visit 14 Grosse Pointe gardens.

MISS REESE RESIGNS AS FRIEND OF COURT

Miss Ida Anne Reese, after serving eight continuous years as friend of the Oakland County Circuit Court, tendered her resignation Saturday morning, following a controversy which had raged over her office for several months.

C. Earl Currah, Pontiac attorney, was appointed to succeed Miss Reese, the appointment to become effective Sept. 1.

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COMMISSION SETS 1931 TAX RATE AT $13.50

Figure Same As Last Year; Drop In Valuation Prevents Reduction BUDGET IS DECREASED

A resolution accepting the assessment roll for the Village of Birmingham as submitted by the Board of Review, and placing the tax rate at $13.50 per thousand, the same as that of last year, was adopted by the Village Commission at its meeting Monday night.

A drop of $1,427,600 in the total valuation of personal property and real estate in the village made a reduction in the tax rate impossible, despite the fact that $73,770.07 had been sliced from estimated 1931-32 expenditures when the village budget was adopted by the Commission about six weeks ago.

As submitted by the Board of Review and accepted by the Commission, the assessment rolls place the total valuation of the village for 1931 at $23,444,840. Last year the valuation was $24,872,440. The reduction represents a decrease in the valuation of personal property amounting to $252,520, and of $1,175,080 in the valuation of real estate.

This valuation, to be assessed at the rate of $13.50, will yield $316,505. Since the Commission had adopted its budget in anticipation of an income of $317,042.89 from the tax levy, a further budget reduction of $537.89 was found necessary, and was provided for in the resolution.

This item, which it was voted to take from the $20,000 contingent fund, brings the 1931 budget $74,307.96 below that of last year.

VILLAGE PLAYERS ELECT DIRECTORS

Annual Meeting Marks Official Close Of Successful Season

The Birmingham Village Players closed officially one of the most successful years in their history Friday night when they assembled in the Playhouse for the annual election of directors and social meeting.

Those elected to the board included Dr. John B. Hassberger, George LeFevre, Dr. Harry Muehlman, C. C. Ryan and Mrs. Cecil F. Charlton, the last two of which were retained from last year's board.

The directors will meet some time within the next month to elect their own officers.

The Players presented 21 one-act plays and one three-act play on eight different programs during the 1930-31 season. The season was a distinct success both artistically and financially officers of the group reported.

The officers for the past year were: Mr. Ryan, president; D. C. Murray vice-president; George M. Dwelley, secretary; William Laurence Shaffner, treasurer, and Mrs. Charlton, librarian.

EXCHANGE CLUB TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Birmingham Exchange Club will hold its annual election of officers at its regular noon meeting next Tuesday. There was no meeting of the club here this week, attendance of the members at the state convention in Pontiac Monday being taken as a substitute for the usual gathering in the Community House.

MERCHANTS TO OPEN 7TH SEASON SUNDAY

The Birmingham Merchants will open their seventh season under the managership of Joe LaFave, Sunday when they are scheduled to engage the Hostess Cakes of Detroit on the Bloomfield Township Park diamond. Clarence Fuller, of Detroit, formerly of Birmingham, where he pitched for several seasons, will do the hurling for the Merchants. Bill Cleaninger, also of Detroit, will be the catcher. The game begins at 3 P. M.

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Birmingham To Greet 500 War Vets At Legion Convention Here Today

Local Post, Auxiliary Join In Welcoming Sixth District Conclave

Final arrangements were being completed this morning by the Birmingham post of the American Legion and its auxiliary for the entertainment here this afternoon and evening of close to 500 World War veterans and their wives at the annual sixth district Legion convention.

Men and women of state and national prominence in Legion circles will be among the delegates, and will be introduced at the convention banquet at the Community House, beginning at 7 P. M. The banquet will be addressed by several persons outstanding in political and veterans' affairs.

The convention will open at 5 P. M. when the visiting Legionnaires and auxiliary members will assemble in the Community House for separate business meetings. Rev. Willard Brown, American Legion committeeman for the sixth district who will also be one of the speakers at the banquet, will preside over the men's session. Mrs. Joseph F. MacGregor of Birmingham, district committee women, will have charge of the women's meeting.

Person To Speak

Paul Eger of Lansing, assistant attorney-general, will act as toastmaster at the banquet which will begin immediately after the close of the business sessions. The speakers will include Harry Allen, Birmingham village president; Seymour H. Person, Congressman-elect from the sixth district; Mrs. F. M. Alger of Grosse Pointe, wife of the chairman of the 1931 Legion national convention; Charles Schutz, state Legion commander; Judge Frank L. Doty of the Oakland County Circuit Court, and others.

Entertainment features at the banquet will be provided by local talent. Following the banquet, the Community House will be opened to the public to be entertained as the guests of the American Legion at a dance from 10 to 12.

In a statement issued yesterday, David H. Thompson, commander of the Birmingham post, requested that local business men display their flags for the occasion. The convention is the first district Legion gathering to be held in Birmingham in three years.

Announce Program

Committees in charge of arrangements for the assembly include the post, Joseph F. MacGregor, chairman of the speakers committee; and from the auxiliary, Mrs. Thelma Bailey, Mrs. David Levinson and Mrs. Ernest Burttraw.

The complete banquet program follows:

Invocation ..... Rev. Willard Brown
Community singing ..... J. F. Wenzl
Toastmaster ..... Paul G. Eger
Welcome to Birmingham ..... Harry Allen, village president
Welcome To You Rev. Willard Brown
Auxiliary officers and notables ..... Maurice Chevalier ..... Joan Baker
Remarks ..... Congressman-elect Seymour H. Person
Collegiate Rhythm ..... Rosemary Grimmelsman and Julia Myhrs
National Convention ..... Col. A. T. Roberts
Present Day Conditions ..... Mrs. F. M. Alger
State Convention Progress ..... Charles Schutz, state commander
"Taps" ..... Jean Brooks and Betty Shields
The Soldier Citizen ..... Judge Frank L. Doty

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SOLONS DEFER VOTE ON DOGS

Hear Protest To Proposed Tax, But Postpone Definite Action

Village Manager Parry announced late yesterday that the village will begin licensing dogs on July 1. He advised dog owners not to secure county licenses unless they already have them, since the village licenses will meet all requirements. The fees for the new licenses have not been established, he said, although indications are that they will be lower than the present county rates of $4 for female and $2 for male dogs.

A dog's life is an uncertain one in Birmingham these days. The present ordinance regulating dogs expired July 1, and the proposed ordinance to take its place is still in an improvised form. No action was taken to adopt the new measure when the Village Commission met Monday evening.

It is still in the hands of the dog committee appointed two weeks ago, consisting of Clare H. Ogden, village attorney, and Charles E. Lewis, who are investigating ordinances regulating dogs in other municipalities.

A protest against the proposed tax of $2 a year for male dogs

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Gerald Higby Heads New List Of DeMolay Officers

More than 200 people witnessed the installation of the newly elected and appointed officers of the Hasework Chapter, Order of DeMolay, held in the Masonic Temple Tuesday evening.

Gerald Higby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Higby, 839 Springdale road, succeeded Stephen Grace as master counselor. The other new officers are:

Senior, William Lancey; junior, Malcolm Ewer; senior deacon, Dalbert Fear; junior deacon, Ralph Gilbank; senior steward, Stuart Shrives; junior steward, Clifford Ransier; orator, Glenard Schwallie; scribe Frank Higby; treasurer, Gordon Thornton.

Sentinel, Nathaniel Lawson; chaplain, Earl Halsey; marshall, George McKeough; standard bearer, Dan Patrick; almoner, Stewart Clark; first preceptor, Keith Crissman and other preceptors include John Williams, Ralph Easterle, William Hopkins, Gordon Magnuson, Russell Cripe and James Puckett.

The Legionnaires of the Metropolitan District were in charge of

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Gerald Higby

WOMEN SEEK $2,000 TO OPEN BARNUM POOL

Move To Prevent Summer Closing As Planned By School Board WILL ASK PARENTS' AID

Unless a group of women who have been using Barnum School swimming pool for private swimming classes is successful in raising $2000 within the next two weeks the pool will be closed during July and August to save School Board expenditures.

The pool was kept open last summer, when approximately 1500 persons made use of it weekly, but the cost of maintenance, estimated by Louis Randall, business manager of the Birmingham schools, at about $1000 a month, will prevent its operation this summer by the School Board at its own expense.

Decision to close the pool unless outside support is contributed was reached definitely at a meeting of the board Monday night. Previous to the meeting a group of women, headed by Mrs. Fred D. Furrar, 252 Brown street, who circulated the petition for permission for the first women's swimming class at the pool, approached Mr. Randall and Superintendent Clarence Vliet to ask if the pool could be kept open under any conditions.

Committee Formed

They were told that only by raising $2000 in cash could this be done. The women later agreed among themselves to tackle the problem by means of sending out letters to parents of school children asking them to contribute $1 each. These letters will be sent out tomorrow, according to Mrs. Farrar.

The women's swimming classes consist of from 100 to 120 individuals divided into six different groups, each group meeting once a week for a period of an hour and a half. They hire their own instructors, and are now completing their third term of training.

From this group has been formed the "Barnum Summer Swimming Committee" which is sponsoring the campaign for the maintenance of the pool, and which consists of Mrs. J. H. Rosso, Mrs. Frank Packard, Mrs. Y. C. Smith, Mrs. Farrar, Mrs. Verne Skillman, Mrs. C. M. Brown, Mrs. Frank B. Tyler, Mrs. T. R. Walton, Mrs. Clarence V. Gardiner, Mrs. L. J. Slusser, Mrs. James R. Patterson, Mrs. Arthur Peck, Mrs. Harlowe M. Zerbe, Mrs. Herbert Moore and Mrs. Charles J. Shain.

Pool Charge Disfavored

If the women are successful in raising the $2000, the pool will not be restricted to the classes, but will be open to the public as it was last summer, free of charge. This method of maintaining the pool was approved by the board as the only possible means of main-

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FIRST MONTH FIGURES

Enforcement of the 60-day dog ordinance during the first 30 days from May 1 to June 1 resulted in the impounding of 19 dogs, of which six were destroyed, police report. Seven owners gained freedom for their pets by paying fines of $5 each.

Only two violators of the ordinance were brought into justice court. Of these, one was fined $5 on a charge of harboring a vicious dog and the other was given a suspended sentence for releasing his dog from the pound without permission.

Six dog bites were reported to the police department, and 12 to the health department.

BOARD OF REVIEW PROLONGS SESSION

Re-check Of Township Valuations Will Delay Close Until Friday

Attempts at further equalization and a re-check of all valuations already established have forced the Bloomfield Township Board of Review to continue its session through Friday of this week, although it was originally scheduled to come to an end Tuesday.

Opening its meeting last Wednesday, the board held public hearings daily until yesterday when it went into closed session with Parry A. Vaughan, township supervisor, and L. B. Reid, township engineer, for a final check-up of the assessment figures.

The closed session will be continued today, Mr. Vaughan said, and Friday the board will close its work with a final series of public hearings on the assessment rolls.

The township valuation for 1931 is estimated by Mr. Vaughan at $32,929,000, although the exact figure will not be known until the Board of Review completes its work. The board is composed of Luther Heacock and Robert K. McClellan.

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