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## SOFTBALL LOOP FORMS

Senior League To Be Divided Into Two Groups; Entries Close June 1

First steps towards organization of the senior divisions of the Y. M. C. A. softball league were taken last Thursday night at the initial meeting of representatives from prospective entrants in the league at the Y. M. C. A. building. Robert D. Lynd, executive secretary of the Birmingham Y. M. C. A., who will work with a committee composed of managers of each team in conducting the league schedule, was the chairman.

It was decided to divide this branch of the league into two groups, one to be known as the Organization League and the other the Young Men's League. Each of these groups will play independently of one another and the Junior Y. M. C. A. league which is already functioning under the supervision of Irwin Neff, Y. M. C. A. physical education director.

The Organization League will be open to teams representing any established institution in Birmingham. Entrants already signed up for this division include the Post-office, Firemen, two De Molay teams, Holy Name Church, Baptist Church, Goodfellows Club and Lions Club.

### No Age Limit

The Young Men's League will be open to any group which wishes to organize for the sole purpose of playing ball. The only qualification the players must meet is that they either reside in or work in Birmingham. The Midget Club is the first entrant in this group.

No age limit will be established for players in either league, as was originally planned. Entries will remain open until June 1, and the schedule of games in both leagues will begin during the first week in June and continue until the middle of August.

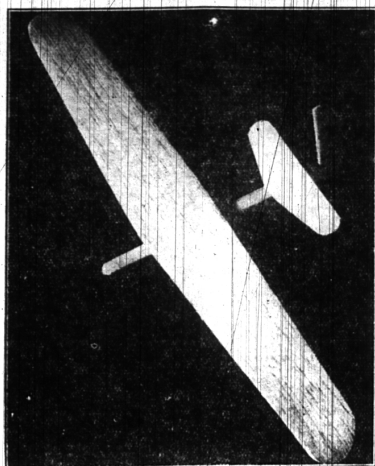
If present plans materialize, Organization League games will be played on the Poppleton field and young men's league games on the Hills School field. Games in the junior division will continue to be played on the Y. M. C. A. diamond.

### Plan Title Series

Although each group will have its own individual schedule of games, a title series between the winners in each of the senior divisions to determine the village champion will be played at the end of the regular season, according to present plans.

A second meeting of team representatives and Mr. Lynd for the purpose of adopting a schedule and completing arrangements for the league opening will be held at the Y. M. C. A. next Thursday, May 28.

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## HOLDS 3 ON DRY CHARGES

Judge Buck Binds Alleged Offenders To Circuit Court

Three defendants charged with liquor law violations were bound over to Circuit Court Friday when brought before Justice of the Peace Fred S. Buck for examination.

Pete Bayless, 1228 Lingle avenue, Flint, was held in \$1000 bail for transportation of intoxicating liquors and Yves, Butler, 214 Toplar street, Flint, was committed to jail in default of bail to await trial on a charge of illegal possession.

The pair was arrested by Birmingham police on May 8 at the corner of Woodward avenue and Quanton road when two five-gallon cans of alleged moonshine liquor were found in a car driven by Bayless.

Fred Rice, 605 Highland avenue, Pontiac, was also committed to jail in default of \$1000 bail to await trial in the present term of Circuit Court after waiving examination.

He was arrested by Pontiac authorities for keeping a place where liquors are sold. Bertha Myers, Pontiac, arrested on a charge of specific sale of intoxicating liquor on April 26, was dismissed.

Pontiac Study Club Meet Mrs. Olga Benning, village health nurse, will give a talk on Russia, her native country, at a meeting of the Pontiac Study Club to be held in the State Hospital at Pontiac Saturday.

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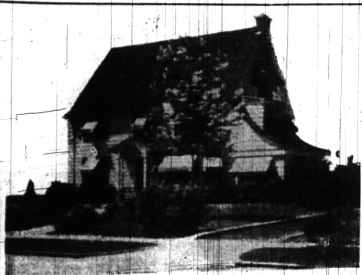
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## Europaragraphs

By W. Stoddard White

*As which an Eccentricist member notices of a 12,000 mile auto tour of his great rival countries of Europe.*

France has in a measure rid the solution of her unemployment problem by regulation of foreign workers. There are between 150,000 and 200,000 unemployed in France, we were told at the great Michelin tire plant in Clermont-Ferrand, as contrasted with the far greater number in the United States. This is the part also, the fact that foreign workmen in France are there "on probation." If at any time the number of foreigners in a trade prevents Frenchmen from holding jobs the foreigners are deported.

French elevators are of the self-operating type. Except in parts of England, elevator operators are virtually unknown in Europe.

An interesting method of cleaning tires is especially the method of the flushing of them by hydrants under the edge of the sidewalks in the early morning. A man or woman employed by the city goes about blowing a small whistle or ringing a bell as they ring and unhooking the gates of the water.

That had not seen everywhere in northern France, gave way to the as we approached the Basque

country of southern France and northern Spain. The style of architecture shows distinctly a Spanish influence in the south of France.

Clermont-Ferrand is sometimes known as the "Black City" from the fact that a majority of its older buildings are constructed of black volcanic rock from the neighboring extinct and dormant volcanoes.

We had an interesting experience in meeting an English-speaking Frenchman in the road leading westward from Clermont-Ferrand to Bourdeaux. We were driving along at a fairly high rate of speed when we were overhauled by another car of the same make. The other driver made motions for us to stop, and when we did so, hailed us in English. It developed that he was the distribution manager for France of the General Motors Corporation of which both our cars were products. He had not yet seen the 1931 model of the particular make which we were driving, and was naturally anxious to see one. He had been proceeding in the opposite direction and, seeing our car approaching him, had turned about and raced to overtake us.

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