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CRASH HITS POLICE CHASE

Patrolman, Ribs Fractured, Remained On Duty After Car Rams Pole

Patrolman Earl Moody of the Birmingham police department is back in uniform today after a short period of forced retirement from duty caused by injuries received Wednesday night in the course of a 60-mile-an-hour chase after five suspicious men in another car.

Though he sustained three fractured ribs in the crash, Moody, after receiving medical attention, remained on duty throughout the rest of the night until his regular shift ended at 6 A. M.

The accident occurred a few minutes before midnight on Woodward avenue at the point where the double pavement begins just north of Lone Pine road. Patrolman Robert Emmett, the driver, was uninjured.

The chase began, Emmett said, at Harmon avenue when the five men in the motor car, while the officers were checking a gas station. "They were traveling at an excessive rate of speed and were looking back as though in fear of being followed, so we took to the chase," Emmett declared.

The chase continued for more than a mile when, in traversing the abandoned street car tracks while crossing over onto the double pavement, the police car skidded on loose gravel and careened sidewise into the pole which divides the two sections of the pavement.

The accident gave the suspects ample time to escape. Damage estimated at \$200 was done while the police car.

After receiving treatment from Dr. George P. Reynolds, Moody continued his patrol until relieved at 6 P. M. on schedule.

Drive Brings Post Membership Above Last Year's Mark

The campaign for members now being sponsored by the Birmingham post of the American Legion has already boosted the membership total well over last year's mark, it was announced following a meeting in the Legion quarters last night.

The drive will end next Wednesday night, when the two contest teams captained by Gordon Bailey and Joseph E. MacGregor will compare final totals. Bailey's team now enjoys a slight edge over its rival, last night's check-up revealed.

The campaign began two weeks ago, being planned as a rally in preparation for the national Legion convention to be held in Detroit beginning Sept. 21.

Europaragraphs

By W. Stoddard White

(After this only one more installment of the observations of a Detroit reporter on his 12,000-mile motor tour of Europe!)

As I write, again from the heights of our hotel on Piccadilly Circus, London, we have completed more than 2,000 miles in a tour of England, Scotland, and a brief visit to Wales.

From London we routed ourselves north along the east coast (where the railroads say it rains the most) through Newcastle-Tyne to Edinburgh and thence north as far as the Trossachs of Scotland and the "Lady of the Lake" country. There we proceeded down again through Glasgow and Edinburgh, the English lakes and Wordsworth country, north and east Wales, and east into London by way of Stratford-upon-Avon and Oxford.

English weather being notorious, we rather expected to get a bit of it—but have been extremely fortunate. Really only two days in picturesque towns have been marred by rain, and these we have established some sort of record by getting through the English lakes without feeling a single drop! One morning the beautiful Edinburgh was somewhat moist, but that wasn't really a rain (rather more a falling fog) and aside from these few cases we have been very lucky. The best parts of our British tour have been in weather that couldn't have been any finer.

After we had crossed the Roman Wall at Newcastle and entered Scotland we had our first experience with Scotch thrift. Our first night in the land of kilts was spent in Melrose, site of picturesque Melrose Abbey. Here the management of one of the town's small hotels had fastened a padlocked wooden box over the bathroom faucets to prevent the unannounced use of precious water.

Edinburgh, not far north of the English border, is a far more beautiful city than I had imagined. It and Stockholm are supposed to have the finest situations of any of the European cities, and it certainly is as beautifully placed and built as any we have seen. The ancient castle, now partially ruined, stands in the center of the town on a mountainous eminence which views the country for miles around. From the base of that rocky city I spread myself through a curved valley for perhaps half a mile on either side and considerably more at the ends, the sides rising sharply to bluffs.

The famous (and justly so) Princess Street, in handsome wide drive extending along the bluffs on one side, is entirely planted on one side to prevent encroachment of buildings. The other side gives way to the steeply rising view of Holyrood Abbey and Palace.

Holyrood Palace at the time of our visit was flying the royal flag, for the King and Queen were paying a visit to Scotland, and the

streets near the cathedral were jammed with Scottish citizens out to greet their royal guests on Sunday worship. Flags flew over every possible building and the air about the cathedral was thick with regularly-scheduled policemen for the escort back to the palace.

Stirling Castle, which figured prominently in the "Lady of the Lake," is another castle situated high overlooking its town. To look at it from the edge of the city it would never be thought of as a high castle, but the steep roads wind up every side of the hill, and it is possible to reach the castle itself with ease.

It was here and at Edinburgh, after passing through Linlithgow (where Mary Queen of Scots was born) that we encountered our only examples of amateur guides in Scotland. As we strolled down for a glimpse over the heights before leaving the castle courtyard, a little chap of perhaps six or seven years, no older than to ask a question. We paused for a moment to see what he wanted and he pointed his finger toward a breathless recitation of the glories of the castle and the various states of Field Marshal Haig, Bonnie Prince Charlie, and others. He continued this oration for perhaps three minutes without a single pause for breath, but in the quaintest of unintelligible Scottish dialects and then stopped suddenly as if his machinery had run down. We asked where he had learned all this and he replied unshamefacedly, "from the Scottish Guide-Book" with a peculiar little accent on his word for "book." He and the little girl who cried the same stunt at the other castle were quite satisfied with an English penny for their services.

Loch Katrine and the country of the "Lady of the Lake" marked the northernmost reach of our Scottish travels, much as we would have liked to continue on to the extreme north, but the town which boasts such a grand name as "John o' Groat's." Here we saw the very lake where the "Lady" held a sway, where Roariek Dhu's men roared out the "Hallelujah" in the modern music to which has since become the official greeting to the President of the United States, and passed a hundred small waterfalls, each of which might well have been the Mona Lisa where the "rag" at Lech had drunk his fill.

Turning at Lech Katrine and headed west and south past Loch Lomond to Glasgow. However, we decided to spend a night in the city and were amply repaid when, driving fast through a beautiful light evening, we struck the moor country of southern Scotland and spent the night in a town nobody hears of. This was Crawford, a tiny, one-street hamlet stretched for nearly a mile along the north shore of the Loch and the Roman wall. Because hiking has come into favor lately and being a visit to Scotland, and the

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TOWNSHIP FIRE PLANS STRONGER

Committee To Recommend System Of Protection In Report Next Week

A committee of township residents working in conjunction with the Bloomfield Township Board will report at a mass meeting to be held in the Wing Lake School house on West Maple road next Thursday night on suggestions and recommendations for a system of fire protection for the township.

The committee, composed of Dr. H. J. York, Wing Lake, chairman; Douglas Eddy, Detroit, representative of the Jackson Board of Health; Frank C. Forman, Franklin road; and Mrs. J. M. St. Franklyn road, alternate, was appointed last Thursday night at a meeting of the township board called by Supervisor Perry A. Vaughan after a series of alarming grass fires throughout the township.

The township Board of Health will discuss at the meeting, which was attended by approximately 50 township residents, is expected the committee will recommend the establishment of a special assessment district in that part of the township which the outside incorporation areas, and with the taxes to be levied on the property to be managed either in conjunction with the Birmingham village fire department, or by the township itself.

Admit Illegal Purchase

The township committee called by the township is a small truck furnished with a 100-gallon tank and booster pump, and even since, according to admissions made freely by township officers at the township meeting, the township legislature had given no authority for the purchase of such a truck, departments, and the act passed at that time did not go into effect until Sept. 1. The act allows townships whose valuations exceed \$10,000,000 to spend \$20,000 or less yearly for fire protection in unincorporated areas.

"We hadn't any right to have any fire protection at all until the first of this month when the act went into effect," Mr. Vaughan said. He also admitted the township of a special assessment district, he pointed out, would exceed 200 miles of the township, which both have fire departments of their own, and take in about 200 miles of territory. The township, made formally to the township of Bloomfield, Troy and Southfield, and the township, but never adopted, by which township could be given protection in a co-operative arrangement with the Birmingham village fire department. He estimated that some of the village would imply a capital investment by the township of about \$10,000, and a yearly operating expense not to exceed \$2,000 or \$3,000.

Favors Co-Operative Plan

J. E. Wilson, Bloomfield Township highway commissioner, declared this plan would be more satisfactory, but estimated that the township could purchase sufficient equipment and operate it itself at half the cost.

In presenting Birmingham's stand in refusing to answer fires outside the village limits except in cases where it might surprise them, Mr. Perry said:

"I think something should be done if for no other purpose than to relieve village officials from urgent requests to come out and stop people's houses from burning. Many such requests have come in within the past few weeks, and I am sure the township manager in control of the fire department, have been obliged to play the hard-hearted villain by refusing to let the trucks go out. This is not easy to do."

Cites Risk

"We have adequate equipment only for our village. We are rated Class 7 in the insurance schedule, and the minute we send equipment out of the village we invalidate that rating. In addition to that, it is too much of a risk because at any time a large fire may break out in the township and we would be unable to handle it."

"At one time we did make a practice of answering township fires, charging so much as five miles and so much for each fire. Three years ago we sent out notices that we could no longer continue the practice. For a year nothing was done and we kept answering outside calls, but bling in our boots that nothing would happen at home."

The township's annual bills to the townships ran as high as \$4,000 and more to Bloomfield Township \$1,000,000 to Troy and a similar amount to Southfield. About a year and a half ago, however, the Village Commission passed an order restraining fire trucks from leaving the village limits, and we decided not to send any answered fires in the township only in special cases.

Will Not Pay Divide Costs

"We cannot bond the village to buy equipment to fight fires in the township. We would have to make to offer the same proposal made when the restraining order was passed."

In brief, the proposal was that the township should purchase a

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BUCK CONVICTS 20 ON VILLAGE LAWS

August Offenders' Pay \$531; Bloomfield Hills Arrangements Meant

Twenty defendants were found guilty of violating village ordinances during August, his report shows. One was given a two-day jail sentence, another received a suspended sentence, and the others paid fines and costs amounting to \$331.20.

The offenses included two of drunk driving, three of reckless driving, nine of speeding, one of peddling without a license, three of violating traffic signals, two of disorderly conduct, and one of violating the dog ordinance.

Whereas the month was one of the quietest in the number of arraignments held before Judge Buck in which Birmingham police were found guilty of such offenses, the report shows, 46 defendants being found guilty of violating Bloomfield Hills ordinances. They paid \$1,207 in fines and costs.

The most frequent offense was disorderly conduct, of which 32 persons were convicted. Eight persons were convicted of reckless driving, three of violating traffic signals and three of trespassing.

Buck also arraigned 15 defendants under state laws, collecting \$227.70 in fines and costs for the county and \$75.45 in fees. Three defendants were bound over to Circuit Court, two on charges of robbery armed and one for pocket picking.

Other offenses included eight violations of the fish laws, one of vagrancy, one of disorderly conduct, three of hauling intra-state loads without permits, one of drunk driving, and one of driving a truck without lights.

DISTRICT BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Birmingham District Boy Scout Committee will be resumed next Monday with a meeting of the Community House at 8 P. M., according to Julius Wenzel, secretary-treasurer.

Principal items of business will be consideration of a date for the annual Scout field day which was postponed from last spring, and preparation of plans for the Birmingham village fire department, and the act passed at that time will cover the complete range of summer scouting activities.

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