I know that, some day, a time will come when these eyes of mine will no longer gaze upon a world I've come to love. But, in the meantime, I shall seek to shape my thought to see beyond to life that never dies.

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HILLS POSTOFFICE STAMP SALES GAIN

1932 Total Will Approach Second Class Requirement, Postmaster Says

While the Birmingham postoffice is in danger of losing its first class rating and falling back into second class, the Bloomfield Hills office appears on its way to elevation into the second class from the third, according to recent reports of Mrs. Florence Stoll, the postmaster.

During the first six months of 1932, Mrs. Stoll said, her office showed an increase in stamp sales of more than $500 over the corresponding period in any previous year. The raising of the postal rate on first class mail to three cents in July put the gross stamp sales $125 above those for the same month last year, she added.

Last year the Bloomfield Hills office did a business of approximately $5,500. Present indications are that the 1932 figure will approach $7,000, or only $2,000 less than the requirement for a second class office, Mrs. Stoll said.

While stamp sales have been consistently on the increase, no significant change has been noted in the parcel post business, she declared.

Parks Recovering From Crash Hurts

Raymale Parks, 27 years old, member of the firm of J. A. Parks and Sons, milk dealers, of Crooks and East Long Lake roads, is recovering at his home today from the effects of severe injuries he sustained when an automobile he was driving Friday turned over and plunged into a ditch at Crooks and Seventeen Mile roads.

Parks suffered a fractured shoulder and severe bruises, and was confined in Royal Oak Private Hospital until Sunday when he was removed to his home.

A defective steering device was blamed for the mishap.

Scholarship Points Son To Way His Father Followed

A four-year scholarship to Brown University, Providence, R. I., may serve this fall as an opening for a Birmingham youth to follow the footsteps his father took in laying the groundwork for an enviable reputation in athletics at the same institution 20 years ago.

The son is Leigh Lynch, Jr., 1240 Dorchester road, who was graduated with honors from Cranbrook School in June, and who has been awarded a John Hay Scholarship to Brown, one of five granted annually to students of outstanding ability, personality and promise, who live outside the State of Rhode Island.

Covers Full Tuition

The scholarship, established last year in honor of the statesman who was private secretary to President Lincoln, ambassador to Great Britain and secretary of state in the cabinets of Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, is for $400 per year, covering full tuition.

At Cranbrook, Lynch won eight letters in two years— two each in football, track, hockey and baseball. He was captain of the hockey team during his senior year, was chosen for one of the tackle posts on the all-star team chosen from private school eleven in the Detroit district, and was a member of the Cum Laude Scholarship Society.

At Brown, he hopes to achieve some of the athletic prestige his father established on the gridiron and baseball diamond two decades ago, and making application for freshman football togs will be one of his first acts on reaching Providence this fall.

Mr. Lynch, Sr., was a regular halfback on the Brown varsity in 1902 and 1903, when the schedule called for games every Wednesday and Saturday. He also did the pitching for the baseball team, and his college record in this sport landed him a berth with John McGraw's New York Giants in 1905.

Held Track Title

Followed several years of professional football and track coaching and refereeing, during which nothing of a period which the 200-pound athlete held the Metropolitan N. Y. championship for the half mile run in 1904 and 1905.

Mr. Lynch's chief fame in the world of sports, however, was as an automobile race driver. Coming to Jackson, Mich., his native city, in 1909, he joined the Jackson Automobile Company, whose line of autos was to build racing cars the prior them on the speedways.

In this capacity he won the first two-mile race held at Indianapolis, covering the 250 mile course at an average speed of nearly 80 miles an hour and finishing in front of such famous drivers as Ralph Depalma, Barney Oldfield and George Chevrolet. He took second place in the same race at 200 miles the following year, and was the first man to drive a car 100 miles in less than 100 minutes.

So it can be seen that the man who at 12 years was a member of the Birmingham Board of Education has left even a somewhat swashing son, quite a record to shoot at in the way of sports.

DETROIT REALTOR DIES AFTER CRASH

Former Highland Park Resident Suffers Stroke At Wheel Of Car

Frank E. Hager, 54 years old, Detroit real estate agent and former president of Highland Park, died early Sunday morning in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital following a collision of his automobile with two others which had stopped to wait for a traffic signal at Northwestern Highway and Telegraph road Saturday evening.

Hager, who lived at 17117 West Warren avenue, Detroit, suffered a stroke of apoplexy while driving to his cottage at Elizabeth Lake. He suffered only slight laceration in the collision and his death was attributed to heart failure by Coroner G. Dewey Kimball, who investigated with Deputy Sheriff Floyd Stableton. He was in semi-conscious condition when removed to the hospital.

The other cars involved in the accident were driven by John J. Gleason, 2812 Fourteenth street, Detroit, and W. H. Meagher, 12734 Twelfth street, Detroit. Meagher's wife was slightly injured, but no other persons were hurt.

Hager, who was president of Highland Park in 1916 before the community was incorporated as a city, is survived by his widow and two children.

FOUR ESCAPE SERIOUS INJURY IN COLLISION

Four persons escaped serious injury in an automobile accident Sunday at Twelve Mile road and Woodward avenue when a car driven by Frank Hamlin 3122 Hayes avenue, of Royal Oak, collided with the machine of Michael Noon, greenskeeper at the Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin and their four-year-old son, Francis, were taken to the Royal Oak Private hospital for treatment and were later released.

The boy was being taken to the hospital by his parents to have his head dressed for cuts from glass when the accident occurred. Neither driver was held.

Anthonis Van Dyck was the most important portrait painter next to Rubens of the Flemish school.

Enters Race For County Treasurer

Accountant Would Break Up "Ring" In Oakland County Politics

Mr. Corrigan

Emmet Corrigan, Pontiac accountant, will oppose Harold Shringeck of Keego Harbor for the Democratic nomination for county treasurer in the September primaries.

Mr. Corrigan's statement regarding his candidacy follows:

"Our county government has been in the hands of a small group or 'ring' for a long time.

"So secure have the members of the "ring" felt in their hold on the government that they have ignored the cries of the suffering taxpayers for relief and reform.

"The present state of affairs offers a big opportunity for the public officials to render valuable service.

"The treasurer's office is the most important one on the county ticket. The treasurer should have a liberal education in finance and years of experience in auditing.

"There is today too much cynicism about the acts of public officials. Unfortunately, some of it is deserved. Under our election system we must recognize party responsibility. If I am elected I will owe it to the public, to the Democrat Party, and to myself, to do my utmost to help raise the standards of public officials."

Mr. Corrigan was born in Bay City, Aug. 20, 1890. He was graduated from high school and started work in a machine shop in that city. In 1910 he went to Detroit where he was engaged in different capacities in the departments of several automobile companies.

In 1922 he moved to Pontiac to work for the Wilson Foundry, completing his college work at the University of Detroit, meanwhile, and was graduated in 1925 with the degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science.

In 1928 he severed his connection with the Wilson Foundry to enter the practice of public accounting. He is associated, as Pontiac representative, with A. W. Ehrman and Company, certified public accountants. He resides with his wife and three children at 691 Joslyn avenue, Pontiac.

Crash Victim Sues Villager For $50,000

Roy C. Hansen, 616 Puritan road, was made the defendant in a suit filed in Circuit Court Friday by Miss Buleah Piirs, 22 years old, asking $50,000 damages for injuries she claims she sustained when struck by Hansen's car after alighting from a bus on Woodward avenue at Thirteen Mile road on Mar. 8, 1931.

She claims one leg was broken in the accident, and that it is now shorter than the other.

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TAX PROTESTS ARE DROPPED

Bloomfield, Troy Supervisors To Accept New Property Valuations

All possibility of protests being filed against the 1932 equalized valuations of Bloomfield and Troy Townships had disappeared today, according to Supervisors Perry A. Vaughan and Garner Miller.

The two returned from a conference in Lansing last week with Melville B. McPherson, state tax commissioner, satisfied that protests would bring meager results, and content to accept the new valuations as equalized, both by the county and the state.

Although the new county valuation of $275,000,000 is more than $60,000,000 less than that of last year, Bloomfield Township will be forced to pay a slightly higher percentage of total county taxes. Troy was given a slight decrease in percentage, although Mr. Miller was not satisfied that it was sufficient in comparison with reductions in other townships.

Reports from Lansing this week show that in the recommendations of the State Tax Commission, Oakland County's value for state tax purposes is $350,188,000 this year as compared with $439,541,000 in 1931, and that the percentage of total state levy which Oakland will be asked to bear is reduced from 5.59 to 5.13.

Oakland County was the chief gainer from the recommendations, which place the proposed value of all property in the state at $6,819,429,704. The 1931 valuation was $7,853,514,000.

The recommendations were submitted to the State Equalization Board which will hold hearings to entertain protests of counties on Aug. 15. Following the hearings, the Board will fix the final valuation and apportionment of state tax.

Father Takes Baby On Drunken Drive

Pays $75 Fine When Arrested After Two-Mile Chase On Woodward

Arrested with his 10-months-old baby in his lap at the end of a two-mile chase on Woodward avenue early Friday morning, W. Shade Mollett, 31 years old, of 8707 Van Dyke avenue, Detroit, was fined $75 for drunk driving by Justice Floyd S. Buck.

Mollett was caught by Sergeant Isma M. Banks of the Bloomfield Hills police who was forced to chase him from Opdyke road south in the northbound traffic lane on Woodward avenue for two miles before finally forcing him to the curb along a side street.

Sergeant Banks returned the baby to Mollett's wife at the home of her mother in Pontiac. The wife said that her husband had taken it from her when he left the house following a quarrel

Baby Is Injured In Crash, Driver Fined

Sigmund Smuniewski, 20 years old, of 7050 Harness street, Detroit, was fined $15 by Justice Floyd S. Buck Monday on a charge of reckless driving growing out of a collision on Woodward avenue at Brown street Sunday afternoon in which a two-year-old baby was slightly injured.

Smuniewski was travelling south on Woodward behind another car driven by John Field, 27 years old, of 8021 Hamilton avenue, Detroit. Field stopped for a red light and was hit in the rear by Smuniewski's car on which the brakes were defective, police said.

The baby, Marshal Field of Bentley, Mich., riding with Field, was jarred and bruised.

YOUTH WHO FLED JAIL IS CAUGHT

Admits Car Theft After Arrest In Calumet Following Bloomfield Hills Break

George Bemick, the 18-year-old youth who escaped from the Bloomfield Hills police station July 23 by jumping through a second story window in the Barbour Building, is in the custody of Calumet, Mich., officers today, following his arrest there Monday.

Bemick, who was arrested here for a traffic violation in a car later found to have been stolen from a Calumet garage, caught a ride with a south-bound motorist a few seconds after his spectacular leap from the Bloomfield Hills station.

Learning through a sister-in-law in Detroit that the youth would probably return to Calumet where he had other relatives, Chief William Putman forwarded the information to officers there, and his arrest followed.

Bemick is said to have confessed to the theft of the car and about $7 in cash. It is unlikely that he will be returned here to face the jail-breaking charge, Chief Putman said.

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SALESMAN DENIES CHARGE OF THEFT

An examination will be held in Justice Floyd S. Buck's court at 2 P. M. Friday for Frank Walden, 40 years old, of Royal Oak, on a charge of embezzlement preferred by Andrew S. Miller, owner of the Birmingham Auto Supply Company, 235 South Woodward avenue, by whom Walden was formerly employed.

Miller claims that Walden, who worked about two months for the firm as a salesman, failed to turn in money he had collected from jobbers. A partial checkup showed that Walden was at least $50 short in his accounts, Miller told police.

Walden denied the charge when arraigned, and demanded examination. He is free under $250 bond.

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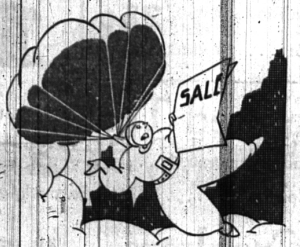

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