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BOY SCOUTS SET \$75 GOAL IN PAPER DRIVE

Between \$50 and \$75 is the goal set by Birmingham Boy Scouts to be realized from the proceeds of their old newspaper and magazine collection, to be conducted this coming Saturday instead of last Saturday as was erroneously announced in last week's *Post-Herald*.

The scouts will canvass every home in Birmingham to collect the papers, which will then be sold and the proceeds used to carry on the activities of the organization, which is entirely self-supporting. The collection will be made between 8 A. M. and noon. Similar drives are being planned for regular intervals in the future.

BOARD MAY CLOSE PARK CLUBHOUSE

Township Considers How to Save \$1,000 During Winter Months

The question of whether the Bloomfield Township Park Clubhouse shall be kept open during the winter months at a cost of approximately \$1,000 for heating and maintenance, was discussed by members of the Township Board at a meeting Monday evening.

The present need for all possible economy was given by Justice David Levinson as reason for closing the park for the winter.

"Bloomfield Township is in no position to pay for extra recreation," he declared. "If the Board would build a skating rink at the park and give the taxpayers something for their money, it would justify us in allowing the clubhouse to remain open."

The question of heating the clubhouse was raised, and members of the Board declared the present system of heating by gas was too costly under present conditions.

A committee to investigate the cost of installation and operation of other heating systems was appointed by Supervisor Harry A. Vaughan. Serving on the committee are Justice Levinson and James Dolin, clubhouse manager.

The committee was asked to report at the next meeting, when the question of keeping the clubhouse open will be re-considered.

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Service Clubs To Hear "Radio Reporter"



Billy Repaid
 Clubs to be held at the Community House Monday night, with the Rotary Club as sponsor.

The "radio reporter," widely known through his regular broadcasts from station WJL, will be the speaker at a joint meeting of the Rotary, Exchange and Lions

That M. S. C. Fracas

(Editor's Note—This is one of a series of editorials from the pages of Michigan newspapers on the recent explosion of three faculty members of Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, located at East Lansing.)

By VERNON J. BROWN
 Editor and Publisher, Ingham County News, and member Michigan State House of Representatives.

In another column of this newspaper there appears an article purporting to review the matter which has confused the public mind during recent weeks in regard to affairs at Michigan State college.

Unfortunately, from time to time during the past two decades or more, similar outbreaks upon and around the campus have marred the otherwise splendid record which M. S. C. has made.

What of the future?

Recently a group of newspaper publishers presenting the leading weekly newspapers of Michigan appeared in the office of the president and handed that official a communication directed to the State Board of Agriculture, constitutional body in control of college affairs, urging that body to recede from its atmosphere of secrecy and artifice and to openly hear all parties at once.

A week later, this same group of newspaper men, at the invitation of the State Board, extended through the president, appeared before the Board to listen to the confidential report made by a special investigator employed by the Board, covering the matters at issue.

After several hours of discussion with Board members, the details of the report and considerable mitigation regarding the motives behind the whole controversy, the newspaper representatives retired and issued the following statement:

"The publishers are disappointed that the previous request for an open public hearing on all matters affecting the issues at controversy in the college affair was not granted. The publishers are most concerned with personal and professional welfare of the college, as well as the interests of the taxpayers of Michigan in listening to and reviewing the arguments presented, the publishers are of the opinion that certain fundamental weaknesses exist in connection with the college affairs, chief of which is in the divided administrative responsibility."

"It is believed that until these weaknesses are eliminated from college affairs, future factions and controversies will persist. The publishers urged members of the Board of Agriculture to consider the true motives of the controversy, rather than merely the punishment of those who have criticized what they honestly believe to be wrong. Any policy which tends to muzzle freedom of discussion or honest criticism is inimical to the growth of a college."

"These words of warning fell on deaf ears. The matter to be 'muzzled' seemed to ring in the ears of the members. The culprits (?) who had dared raise their voices in protest against what they considered illegal and unethical practices were properly punished. They have been fired and thereafter peace and quiet will reign for a time. No more will hereafter complain in public. He will know that punishment is not for those guilty of bad practices but for those who condemn them."

Some of the reasons which these victims of a politically minded Board have complained against have been corrected, but other members of faculty, having knowledge of these and other bad practices, will hesitate to express their views. Had Mr. Avery, citizen who pays the bills may know what is going on.

The music institute and the arrangement under which an obscure music master has been, within a few short years, from comparative poverty to affluence, competency on. He is drawing in salary and fees within a few dollars in less than a year. The president of the college and will gas time for profitable private concert work. His pay grows larger than that of connected deans who have given years of service to the college and the farmers of Michigan. But these details are not the most not complain. If they do they will be punished as have these other victims of campus politics.

In April of 1929, the terms of office of two of these Board members will expire. But political parties are warring that men with broad minds, men to whom political

RITES HELD FOR "BUD" SMITH, 21

Baldwin Graduate, Golf Star, Takes Own Life After Rebuke

Funeral services for Henry Clark Smith, 21-year-old Baldwin High School graduate and amateur golf star who took his own life because his mother rebuked him for staying out late at night and because of the death of an uncle, were held in Detroit Saturday morning. Interment was in the family mausoleum in Elmwood Cemetery.

The body of the youth, who was known as "Bud," was found by three hunters in a car standing in a secluded field near the intersection of Franklin and Turcott Mile roads last Thursday morning, a single bullet through the head.

Coroner G. Dewey Kimball, who attributed the death to suicide, said Smith had apparently committed the act some time before the victim Monday.

Smith, popular among the youngsters in Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Detroit, to whom he was known as "Bud," was reprimanded by his mother when he returned home at 2 A. M. Sunday Dec. 3. He disappeared the next day, and his mother called on a party with whom he had spent the evening.

Birmingham police were informed that Smith had apparently committed the act some time before the victim Monday.

The youth was known to have grieved almost continuously over the death in August, 1931, of his uncle, William H. Trautman, Bloomfield Hills, prominent jeweler, with whom he had spent much of his time. Smith's father died when the former was a child, and he and his mother had lived with Mrs. and Mr. Trautman in their Detroit home, for 14 years.

Smith was graduated from Baldwin High School in June, 1929, and was a member of the varsity tennis team and prominent in other activities. Following graduation, he attended the University of Detroit, where he was a star member of the golf team.

In 1931 he was runner-up for the golf championship of Bloomfield Hills Country Club, since having the University of Detroit he had studied architecture and advertising.

Surviving, besides the mother and Mrs. Traub, are two aunts, Mrs. George G. Caron of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Frank J. Roehm of Detroit.

Golfer Kills Self

Henry Clark Smith



Courtesy Detroit Free Press
 HENRY CLARK SMITH

ACCUSED OF RECKLESS DRIVING AFTER CRASH

Lisle Groves, 907 Benvenue avenue, pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Justice Floyd S. Bick last Thursday on a charge of reckless driving. He was arrested after a car he was driving had collided with a second machine, standing at the corner of Brownell and Forest streets, owned by Glenn C. Richards, Birmingham R. D. 2.

Judge Bick postponed the hearing to give Groves an opportunity to pay for repairing the damage to Richards' car.

Fire Damages Motor

An overheated motor on the air compressor at a gasoline station at the corner of West Maple avenue and Bates street was flamed for a fire early Friday night which burned the wiring on the motor before it could be extinguished by firemen.

Sunday Evening, 7:30

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YOUTH CONFESSES AUTOMOBILE THEFT

Former Villager, Arrested For Speeding, Admits He Stole Car

An 18-year-old youth, formerly a resident of Birmingham, is in the custody of federal authorities in Detroit today, awaiting arraignment on a charge of stealing an automobile in Hugo, Okla.

The youth, Eugene E. Sedille, who lives with his family on Pleasant avenue here until last July, was arrested last week for speeding by Patrolman James E. Anderson. When an investigation disclosed that the license plates on the car failed to correspond with those which had been issued for it, Sedille confessed he had stolen the car in Hugo, where he had been living with his mother, police said.

The boy's father lives in Detroit, and Sedille was believed to be on his way to visit his parents when he was arrested.

He was held by local police until Monday, when he was turned over to federal officers who were to try him for violation of the Dyer act, according to Chief of Police John P. Hackett.

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TOWNSHIP MOVES TO COLLECT FAST-BILLS

A check of "delinquent accounts receivable" was turned over to Township Attorney Floyd A. Blakelock for collection by the Bloomfield Township Board at its meeting Monday evening.

The total amount of the unpaid bills has not been estimated. James V. Bayley, township clerk, declared.

Fire! Theft!! Smash!!!

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