My New York

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NEW YORK.—Madhattan Day: Telephone buzz at the fantastic hour of 7 A. M. from the manager of a Broadway dance hall, who had seen my name somewhere and evidently had the idea I was a sports writer. He wanted me to referee some boxing bouts — between young women! — and said he'd been calling my office and home for four days without finding me in . . . Dawn was almost the only hour left and he was determined . . .

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Summoned from the tub by the postman, I am presented with a new package . . . It's a sample of a drink which resembles tea and is supposed to have been the mainstay of South American laborers for generations . . . Driven by curiosity which will some day get me into trouble, I brew a cup — sufficient, according to the wrapper, to "suffuse every fiber of the being with new energy" . . . An hour later I am asleep . . .

THE TOWN'S BEAT

Telephones again . . . Voices outside that Rudy Vallee will appear in another movie, "International House," a comedy of a troupe of performers stranded in the Orient . . . That my presence is desired at the opening of a new night club where every fish one eats . . . That I am overdrawn at the bank, that I ought to cover the meeting of a new "Art and Discussion Forum," which sounds suspiciously Villagey . . . More tinkles, more voices . . . My entire ready, but hads't I better be measured again, with that tendency to fluctuate alarmingly on Sundage? . . . Katharine Brush just sanctimoniously announces that a new novel is completed and will I break her heart if she leaves with her, now that she is seeing folks again? . . .

The typewriter man comes to say portable and I'm surprised to know that he is as helpless as I am before a standard size machine . . . In New York all the typewriter men are specially trained to disseminate the liveness of specific models; he assures me he wouldn't know how to change the ribbon on anything but portable, reveals that his wife has an ancient typing bill which got out of order . . . He tries it and now, two months later, there are still a number of keys left over.

AROUND ABOUT

In search of curios for this place I catch a downtown Elevated and alight at the Battery, which I visit once in so often . . . Now I wasn't up to date when I remarked on the perennial flocks of pigeons which hover about that place . . . The pigeons of the lower tip of Manhattan have migrated, at least for the winter, in large numbers, uptown . . .

An attendant at the Whitehall building—who used to be, by the way, a newspaperman himself on World—says that the birds have been forsaking the Battery and its pleasant park steadily for months . . . Union Square now is the rendezvous ground for the flights, particularly since the new public works have gone up there and the park has been spruced up . . . Bryant park, and the Public Library steps, are getting the degree, too . . .

The people around this park (not the Battery) don't have the time for bits of bread and popcorn any more" . . . And those pigeons are no fools . . . They know which way the wind blows . . . It might be added that the wind blows pretty fiercely out of the Atlantic across Battery Park these days . . .

SURBERNECKING

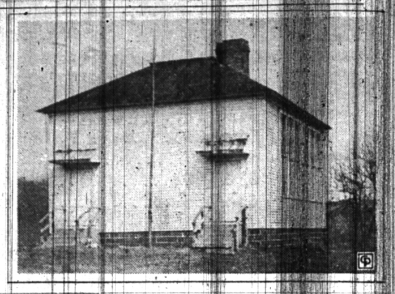
I find a building which I'd never heard of before or, having heard of, forgotten . . . A modest little affair of 66 stories, the City Bank Building, in Beaver street . . . The view from the observation tower is astonishing; after peeping at Manhattan from the mid-town heights, the visto from here makes the buildings seem topsy-turvy, upside down . . . And you can see this apparently a couple of days ahead . . .

A facetiastic crack: About to descend in the elevator, the bride-groom of what is probably a honeymoon couple inquires of the attendant: "What building is this?" . . . He patiently tells him . . . And comes a crack: "Oh, the City Bank Building. What sort of business is it for?" . . . And the boy, undaunted: "The banking business, sir."

DETROITER'S CAR IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

An Essex coupe owned and driven by Joe Cohen, 2936 Pasadena road, Detroit, was entirely destroyed by fire at 4:15 P. M. Wednesday on Woodward avenue near Kennedy road, south of Fourteen Mile road. The car began to smoke, Cohen told firemen, and burst into flames just after he had stopped and gotten out to investigate the trouble, believed caused by a short circuit in the wiring system. Royal Oak firemen responded to the alarm.

PHILOSOPHER-SCHOLAR TEACHES COUNTRY SCHOOL



Above, pupils of Whaley rural school, with their teacher, Lloyd Edgar Sears; below, one-room schoolhouse.

Children who attend the one-room country school, the Whaley school, Liberty rural school district, near Jackson, O., are fortunate to have a philosopher-scholar, Lloyd Edgar Sears, as teacher. Sears lives alone at "Cardinal Glen", his house being so named "because of the cardinals that my mother used to feed," he relates. He has a fine library and besides the three R's he tries to teach, "Belief in a supreme force that rules the world; the teachings of Jesus; beauty of nature; love for books, pictures, music, poetry, our flag and square dealing."

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dies in Grand Rapids Hospital after 12 weeks' illness.

Helen Grawn, Detroit, wins state girl's tennis championship at Kingswood School tournament.

May 26-June 2

Open hearings on village-city issue begin.

Board of Review establishes 1932 village property valuation at $22,816,640, or $594,620 below that of previous year.

Walter Kramer, Detroit, wins singles title in state open junior tennis tournament at Cranbrook.

June 2-9

Dr. William Lloyd Keith, health officer, discharges Mrs. Olga Benning, village health nurse, who says dismissal is unofficial.

Dr. J. B. Hassberger elected president of Village Players for 1932-33 season.

June 9-16

Mrs. Benning resigns, following Dr. Keith's dismissal and two closed meetings of Village Commission.

Special election on village-city issue set for Aug. 3.

Free cooking school, sponsored by The Eccentric, attracts 1,275 Birmingham housewives in three days at Community House.

Dr. Frederick B. Fisher, Ann Arbor, addresses 77 seniors at Baldwin High School commencement.

James W. Taylor elected Exchange Club president, succeeding Oscar P. Peterson.

June 16-23

Petitions circulated for 17 candidates for city charter commission.

Village opens early collection of 1932 taxes.

Annual Hill School reunion draws 100 former students.

June 23-30

Miss Blanche Breakey appointed to succeed Mrs. Olga Benning as village health nurse.

Two hundred attend summer conference at Cranbrook, sponsored by Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

David Levinson succeeds R. J. Coryell on Bloomfield Township Board.

Planning Commission submits completed new zoning ordinance to Village Commission for study and approval.

Bloomfield Township property valuation lowered from $48,000,000 to $30,500,000.

Bloomfield Hills Savings Bank decides to pay depositors in full and discontinue business.

Harry Bissett installed president of Rotary Club, succeeding George B. Boutwell.

June 30-July 7

Charles W. Crandell assumes duties as superintendent of schools.

Three candidates file for posts in Board of Education election.

Large taxpayers petition Bloomfield Hills Commission for reductions in operating expenses.

July 7-14

Village Commission postpones village-city election to Sept. 6 to conduct independent study and prepare report.

Ray A. Palmer, John H. Rossow Schools Board posts in annual election. John E. Martz is defeated candidate.

Julius Kuzma, Detroit realtor, hangs self in village lockup.

Bloomfield Hills Village employes get 20 percent salary cut.

Miss Berintha M. Blunt, daughter of the late Marion H. Blunt, dies from burns received in gasoline explosion at home.

July 14-21

Prosecutor Clarence L. Smith promises investigation as second drowning in five weeks is reported in gravel pit becoming pool on Southfield road near 12½ Mile road.

July 21-28

Sixty-five candidates file for nomination to Oakland County offices in September primaries.

Slump in stamp sales endangers first class rating of Birmingham postoffice.

Joseph F. MacGregor elected committeeman of the 17th district American Legion; Ernest A. Burtraw named captain.

July 28-Aug. 4

School Board annuls all teachers' contracts, planning to re-write them at reduced salaries.

Village payroll slashed $5,087.50 more for remainder of the year. Village Assessor Albert W. Noonan given six months' leave of absence.

Aug. 4-11

School tax levy for 1932-33 set at $371,500, or $47,735 less than that of previous year.

Election for approval of new Bloomfield Hills city charter set for Sept. 10.

Awards made in vegetable division of Village Farm and Garden Contest.

Aug. 11-18

John C. Lawson, Birmingham business leader, dies.

Board of Education slashes $47,000 from teachers' salaries to balance new budget; delays school opening two weeks; abolishes special subjects.

Mrs. Harry M. Russell dies, two days after a son, William Olin Russell, Farmington business man, had committed suicide.

Mrs. John E. Rosso elected president of Student Loan Fund Association.

Aug. 18-25

Village Commission reports favorably on adoption of city form of government. Fourteen men qualify as candidates for city charter commission.

Eight candidates file for posts on Bloomfield Hills' first city Commission.

Mrs. Gordon L. Bailey elected treasurer of Michigan Department of American Legion Auxiliary.

Harold H. Crane, son of Mrs. A. M. Lonsberry of Birmingham, dies with five other persons in automobile crash and fire at Midland, Mich.

Aug. 25-Sept. 1

All but one Birmingham school teacher returns new contract, at reduced salary, to Board of Education unsigned.

Sept. 1-8

Birmingham votes to incorporate as city, 213 to 260. Harry Allen, E. W. Osborne, George E. Averill, Harold C. Ellerby, Ralph J. Coryell, Frank S. Packard, Lee A. White, Clarence Vliet and Charles J. Shaw elected to charter commission.

Rev. Henry S. Evans resigns as pastor of United Presbyterian Church to accept charge at Latrobe, Pa.

Sept. 8-15

Bloomfield and Troy Townships cast record votes in primary as Norman C. Orr defeats Clarence L. Smith for Republican nomination for prosecutor, and Frank Greenan wins nomination for sheriff in a field of five candidates.

Bloomfield Hills approves new city charter and selects Luther B. Allen, Frank W. Atkinson, Robert C. Hargreaves, Clarence E. Otter and Donald D. James to first City Commission.

Sept. 15-22

Winners named in Village Yard and Garden Contest.

Donald James elected first mayor of Bloomfield Hills.

Total of 2,508 students enrolled in Birmingham schools open.

David Levinson elected commander of Charles Edwards Post of the American Legion, succeeding Ernest A. Burtraw.

Al Watrous, Oakland Hills pro, wins annual Michigan P. G. A. tournament at Birmingham Golf Club.

Sept. 22-29

Rev. R. M. Atkins resigns as pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church to accept call to Central M. E. Church of Pontiac. Rev. Russell D. Hopkins appointed to succeed him here.

Detroit Edison Company agrees to reduce Bloomfield Township's annual highway lighting bill from $13,000 to $3,000.

Sept. 29-Oct. 6

Suit filed in Oakland County Circuit Court by five Bloomfield Township property owners charges state officials spent $2,500,000 needlessly and fraudently in purchasing land for new Grand Trunk right-of-way.

Rev. John Marvin succeeds Rev. Leigh H. Hagle as pastor of Emmanuel M. E. Church.

Birmingham Y. M. C. A. prepares for opening of annual maintenance fund campaign, with $4,800 as goal.

Oct. 6-13

Prof. Thomas H. Reed recommends sweeping reforms in Oakland County government in executive report.

Mrs. Nancy B. Thomas, librarian of Baldwin Public Library, re-elected president of Michigan Library Association.

Chester W. Haskins commits suicide because of ill health and financial worries.

Lawrence Hulbert appointed to city charter commission when Clarence Vliet is unable to accept election.

Oct. 13-20

Increase in stamp sales in third quarter believed sufficient to enable Birmingham postoffice to retain first class rating.

Wilder Woodward opened from Oak street to Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Howard S. Thorne hangs self because of illness.

Oct. 20-27

Board of Supervisors' decision to return welfare problem to individual townships and cities after Jan. 1 saves Bloomfield Township $100,000.

Rev. David L. Woodward resigns as pastor of First Baptist Church to accept call to LaGrange, Ill.

Oct. 27-Nov. 3

Undersheriff Frank Greenan, Deputy Harry Tedder and a bank robber are slain in gun battle near Lancer.

Baldwin High School football team beats Cranbrook, 26 to 0, in third and last game between two teams.

Central Welfare Council formed to unify poor relief efforts in village.

Nov. 3-10

Bloomfield Township remains Republican in record vote despite nation-wide Democratic landslide. Troy and Southfield go Democratic. George A. Dondero elected first congressman from new 17th district. Roy Reynolds, Arthur P. Bogue, Lynn D. Allen, G. Dewey Kimball win county offices.

Burglars steal $13,000 in clothing, jewelry, cash and securities from two homes and an office.

Closed First State Savings Bank declares 5 percent dividend, as Depositors' Committee abandons efforts for re-opening.

Darice Rowley acquitted by jury on charge of embezzlement from Birmingham Savings Bank.

Village tax collections reach 40 percent of total levy.

Laurence M. Thomas, metallurgist, dies at home here.

Mrs. Eugene M. Walton succumbs.

Nov. 10-17

Local attorneys petition city charter commission to restrict office of judge of proposed Municipal Court to lawyers only.

Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith re-elected chairman of Goodfellows Club.

Nov. 17-22

Holders of school bonds press Board of Education for payments on defaulted bonds and interest. Goodfellows set $1,500 as goal in annual newspaper sale for charity.

Nov. 22-Dec. 1

Village Commission extends deadline six months for enforcement of ordinance to prohibit projecting signs.

Baldwin High School defeats Royal Oak in annual Thanksgiving Day football game, 18 to 0, to complete most successful season in five years.

Goodfellows and other organizations distribute 225 baskets of food to poor families on Thanksgiving.

Bloomfield Township Board adopts $37,517 budget; sets tax rate at $1.24 per thousand.

Dec. 1-8

Goodfellows raise $1,000 in annual drive.

Shelton Wright elected president of Birmingham District Boy Scout Council.

G. Dewey Kimball wins recount for re-election to coroner's office.

Dec. 8-15

School Board nears compromise agreement with bondholders' women's committee plans drive to stimulate early tax payments.

William G. Olsen elected president of Exchange Club, succeeding James W. Taylor.

Baldwin Public Library budget curtailed as Library plans celebration to mark fifth anniversary of occupancy of new building.

Winter tax payments begin.

Village Commission gives 60-day trial to angle parking on Woodward avenue from Oakland avenue to Brown street.

Henry Clark "Bud" Smith, star golfer and Baldwin High School graduate, kills self.

Dec. 15-22

William Bleakley and Stanley Gay killed in collision at Fourteen Mile and John R Roads.

Arthur Engell, house servant and talented musician, ends life by drinking poison.

Ypsilanti Normal Choir near by capacity audience at concert for benefit of children's free dental clinic.

Dec. 22-29

City charter commission completes new charter.

Thirty seniors listed to receive diplomas at Baldwin High School mid-year commencement. Hester Giles is valedictorian.

Plaintiffs in Grand Trunk land suit fight majority opinion, other judges that case should be thrown out of court.

Alvin Anderson dies after leap from moving bus.

FOOTBALL SQUAD SELECTED HER

Miss Doris Edmundson

This compelling eyeful of feminine pulchritude is evidence enough that members of the varsity football squad of Marshall college, at Huntington, W. Va., know their beauty as well as their football. Because of their triumph over West Virginia Wesleyan in their annual intra-state classic they had the privilege of choosing "Miss Victory Queen" of West Virginia. She is Miss Doris Edmundson, a junior co-ed at Marshall college.

YOUTH RECOVERING FROM CRASH INJURIES

John Chick, 19 years old, of 2195 West Maple avenue, is reported to be recovering rapidly from injuries received early Monday when he drove his car into the back of a second machine belonging to John Manning, of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, on Telegraph road near Lone Pine road. The youth received cuts about the head and face but was released from the hospital late Monday.

Love With a Foot-rule

Gladys—"Listen, Mable. This is what my boy says in his letter. 'Darling, I think of you all day—your naturally waved hair, your brown-grey eyes, your slightly prominent cheekbones, your twenty-four-inch waist—'"

Gladys—"Oh, didn't you know? Bob writes those descriptions of missing people for the police."—Fliegende Blatter.

NEW BOB WORN BY DAINTY BLONDE

Joan Bennett and her new bob.

A new bob especially becoming to the dainty blonde type of girl is shown here by Joan Bennett. It has been named the "Riviera". Above, the hair is shown parted on the left side, over the temple. Below, left, the side view shows the hair curled in poppycute curls to give the appearance of waves. The contour of the head is not disturbed, however. Curls continue around to the back allowing the tip of the right ear to show. The middle back of the head, right, reveals the hairline on the neck.

Dread Investigation

Above, Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth; below, Dr. Iva Lowther Peters.

Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, industrial engineer, and Dr. Iva Lowther Peters, research expert, are combining forces to discover for the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs how widespread is discrimination against women during the economic crisis. "We are not starting with the premise that women are mistreated," Dr. Peters says. "What we want to know is how widespread are these and other tendencies."

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