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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR—NO. 16

CRANBROOK TO OPEN OBSERVATORY FRIDAY
With the moon in its first quarter, and the planets Saturn, Mars, Jupiter and Venus favorably situated, the astronomical observatory of the Cranbrook Institute of Science will be open by appointment to the general public Friday evening. It was announced yesterday. Reservations may be made by calling Birmingham 277.

"Straw hats in the Fall"
Russell Sage, when asked the secret of his financial success tersely stated—"I buy straw-hats in the Fall at bargain prices."
This history shows that a possibly percentage of his "straw hats" were real estate holdings purchased in a market comparable to today's.

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PERSONAL TAXES MAY BE REVISED

Shain Asks Commission Why City's 1933 Levy Was Not Reduced
A complete revision of the city's 1933 tax assessment on personal property may be necessary, it was indicated by Mayor Harry Allen at the meeting of the City Commission Monday night.
The indication was made after Charles J. Shain, local druggist, member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors and former village president, appeared before the Commission to inquire as to why his personal property assessment this year had not been reduced.
Several other business men had informed him, Mr. Shain said, that their personal property tax assessments this year were the same as those of last year, despite the fact that in most instances the stocks in their stores have been materially reduced.
In reply, Mr. Allen said the Commission's attention had already been called to this matter. A general revision might be necessary, he said, inasmuch as some stocks had been assessed which are no longer in existence.
"In cases of inequity in the personal property levy, if there are any, will also be adjusted," he said.

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Otto Hoesler, of 835 avenue Detroit, the passenger, was cut severely about the head and face, and was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, but the driver, John Hauber, 9455 West Ford street, Detroit, was uninjured.
Hauber, owner of a granite works in Detroit bearing his name, was arraigned before Municipal Judge H. Russell Hoffman in Pontiac on a charge of being drunk. He pleaded guilty and was used \$15.
Hauber told deputies that Hoesler caused the accident by grabbing the steering wheel as the car neared the telephone pole. A boy who saw the car crash and who was struggling in the car as it passed him on the highway.

Breaking Window, Thief Loots Home

Gaining entrance by smashing the glass in a rear window, a thief or thieves stole cash and articles valued at more than \$18 Sunday night from the home of E. J. Roy, 284 Chesterfield road. The burglary occurred between 6:45 and 9:15 P. M. while members of the family were away.
The loot included \$13.85 in cash, a brief case valued at \$3 and a yellow gold ring on which no value was placed.

FERRDALE MINISTER WILL PREACH HERE

Rev. Llewellyn Evans of the Ferrisville Presbyterian Church of Ferrisville will preach the sermon at next Sunday evening's union service for the congregations of the First Methodist, First Baptist and First Presbyterian churches. The services will be held in the Presbyterian Church, beginning at 7:45 P. M.
"Working with God" will be the subject of a sermon to be delivered by Rev. Russell D. Hopkins at a joint service of the Methodist and Baptist Churches at 19:45 Sunday morning. The service will be held at the Methodist Church.

THRUST FOR THERMOS BOTTLE CAUSES CRASH

When he reached down to pick up a thermos bottle lying on the floor of his car, Emil M. Luedke, 36 years old, of 296 East Thirteen Mile road, Royal Oak, lost his sense of direction and crashed into the rear of a second car parked on West Maple avenue in front of the Wateck Building Sunday morning, he told police. The second car was owned by David H. Ladd, 312 Madison avenue. Both cars were damaged, but no one was injured.

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The World At A Glance

Nazi Regime Becoming Isolated
Scramble to Be Envoy to Russia?
Compler for Soviet Orders
By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer
NEW YORK.—Colonel Hugh L. Cooney, noted American engineer who designed the huge Dnepropetrovsk water-power dam for the Soviet Russian government, may be the first United States ambassador to the Soviets, President Roosevelt thinks a great deal of Colonel Cooney (having called him into conference) and so do the Russians.
The road is a dot on the map.
Here's an interesting table from interstate commerce commission records. It's interesting in view of demands of Railroad Commissioner Joseph B. Eastman that the salaries of railroad executives be reduced.
The last shows the pay grouping of railroad executives on March 1, 1932, and on March 1, 1933. Incidentally, there was a decrease of 100, or 8.58 per cent in the number of executives during the year.
Here's the table:

Under \$5,000	Number of positions	Mar. 1, 1932	Mar. 1, 1933
\$5,000 or above	3,624	6,483	1,053
\$10,000 or above	3,478	2,329	1,149
\$15,000 or above	368	275	93
\$20,000 or above	272	217	55
\$30,000 or above	116	86	30
\$40,000 or above	64	48	16
\$50,000 or above	49	36	13
\$60,000 or above	30	26	4
\$70,000 or above	16	15	1
\$80,000 or above	10	7	3
\$90,000 or above	3	2	1
\$100,000 or above	2	0	0
\$130,000 or above	2	0	0

GERMANY ISOLATED
Germany is rapidly becoming an island isolated—commercially. It is beginning to occupy the place Russia held following the Russian revolution. Now even Russia joins in the refusal to deal with the Nazis.

WHY CODE MAKERS WORRY
All sorts of stories are being told to this writer concerning the conditions in these pre-war days. This concerns a large coffee-roasting establishment in a well west metropolis.
Girl employes (being paid very low wages) are forbidden to do anything in the shops.
A hungry girl was found eating a nut. The manager immediately discharged her. Every day, the "throw's" "stale" bread and cakes out to be destroyed.

PROSPERITY ON THE LAKES
By August 1, more freighters will be in operation on the Great Lakes than at any time in the past two years. Iron ore and coal movements require the shipping.
Last year was the worst year since 1896.

WOODIN
William Hartman Woodin, secretary of the treasury, has not left his office in Washington in a month.
He went to New York for treatment of a throat ailment.
While receiving treatment he has been busy preparing for an amateur light opera or musical on his own estate, with much of his own music in evidence.

Fall From Porch Fatal To Visitor
Funeral services were held this week in New Kensington for Mrs. Alice Davis, mother of Edward Lucas, 987 Hazelwood avenue, who died Saturday after falling from a porch.
Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Pontiac, from injuries she received when she fell off the back porch of her sons home.
The accident occurred July 15, arrived here from New Kensington on a visit. She died a week later of a fractured skull without regaining consciousness. The body was sent to New Kensington Sunday night from the Bailey Funeral Home.
Surviving, besides Mr. Lucas, who is associated with the Yellow Cab Company in Pontiac, are two daughters, Mrs. Ralph Grimmer and Mrs. William Housough, both of New Kensington.

Salt Water Pool Claims Man's Life
Funeral services were held Monday for Herbert Phillips, 25 Pleasant Ridge, who drowned Friday night while swimming in the Bushler Salt Water Swimming Pool on Rochester road near Nineteen Mile road.
The drowning occurred while a dieguard was on duty and more than 100 persons were in the pool. Phillips was swimming with his mother, Mrs. Clara Kissel, and a brother. Mrs. Kissel said she saw the youth disappear under the water, but believed he was swimming beneath the surface.
An autopsy reported the death was caused by drowning, with apparently no contributory cause, according to coroner G. Devey Kimball. Phillips lived in Pleasant Ridge with his mother and stepfather, Frank Kissel.

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True False Score
1. Gasometry is the science of process of measuring gas.
2. A gawk is a South African bird.
3. "H" is the chemical symbol of hydrogen.
4. Innomata is a word used with whom one is in love.
5. Misanthropy is hatred of mankind.
6. Interest on \$100 for two days at 4 per cent would be \$0.35.
7. A culic foot of sugar weighs approximately 50 grains.
8. Sun Beau was a famous trotting horse.
9. Joe Cronin is manager of the "Washington Nationals" baseball team.
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What this country needs is a revolution of the wheels of industry.—Atlanta Constitution.
In politics the past master is the postmaster.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

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Answers will be found on page three, this section.

New Suit Attacks County Drain Levees

The right of Oakland County to levy special assessment taxes on county drains built several years ago is again challenged in an injunction suit on file in Circuit Court. The suit is similar to that filed in the Southfield District case, in which the assessments were held to be illegal.
The plaintiff in the new suit, the Simbach-Humphrey Company of Detroit, contends that assessments on seven county drains are illegal because the drains are in reality city sewers. The drains cited are the Adams road, Triple, Campbell Road and Revere improvements, Humphrey, Royal Oak, Lawson and Acacia Park drains.
The suit asks for an injunction to restrain the county treasurer from placing assessments for any of these drains on the tax rolls and asks that further assessments be abandoned. The company owns subdivisions in Troy and Southfield and has been assessed for drain taxes have been levied.

Puzzle Contest Winner Repeats

All of Birmingham must have gone "puzzling" last week, and we're telling you that picking the prize winner in the Eccentric's "Puzzle Contest" was a job for a tenderfoot.
The judges argued, elaborated, discussed and discussed, but finally wound up by awarding first prize to—yes, no other than Mrs. Marjorie Pyfe, 468 Lincoln avenue. Pauleze is there no one in Birmingham to beat her?
Second prize, however, went to a new entry—Rafael Stewart, 247 Park street, who brought in an answer worth seeing—and they're all in the window at The Eccentric office.
Mrs. Lucille Kimball, North Woodward avenue, who, Mrs. Pyfe, is a multiple winner, was third.
The Lady's Beauty Shop, Axler's Hand Laundry and the East Maple Gas Company gave prizes. The answers were easy, but don't just resign yourself to simple regret with three more valuable prizes. They're all in the window at The Eccentric office. Woodward avenue, who, Mrs. Pyfe, is a multiple winner, was third.

Subdividers Would Vacate Land Plat

The City Commission has under consideration today a petition from the Goodrich Land Company, Inc., for permission to vacate the plat of land known as Sheffield Estates No. 1, or to reissue from the Commission a release of its liability under the terms of the plat.
The petition sets forth that the company has been unable to pay village, state or county taxes since 1928, and that to date taxes have accumulated against the subdivision in the amount of \$59,255.26, of which \$15,934.92 is owed to the city and \$43,320.34 to the state and county.
Return of the property to acreage form will produce a more favorable market for the land than continuance in its present state as a subdivided plat, the petition declares. Except for that portion of the subdivision which was pledged to the state to be used by the Grand Trunk Railroad as a right-of-way, the property is owned entirely by the Goodrich Land Company.
The company has constructed drain tiles and sewers in the subdivision, and the petition points out that the property has been turned over to the city for year for cultivation as a welfare garden.
The petition was presented to the Commission Monday, but action was reserved until later.

That Is What Water Softening Plant Would Mean, Stewart Declares

Residents of Birmingham could save more than \$15,000 per year, or well over one dollar each on soap bills alone if the city were to install a municipal water softening plant, Mr. Stewart declares.
That is the opinion of B. C. Stewart of 7016 Burt street, member of the special city committee on public works projects, which is co-operating with City Manager James W. Parry in a study of projects which might be constructed under the terms of the National Recovery Act.
Birmingham water has a hardness of 254 parts per million, particularly being the technical unit for measurement of hardness. Thus, distilled water has a hardness of 0.1 parts per million. And, of course, whose water is almost as hard as any in Michigan, has a hardness of about 450 parts per million.
Birmingham's 264 parts per million of hardness cost each resident \$5.33 in per capita retail soap sales annually. Mr. Stewart's recent survey claims, A city water softener would reduce this figure to a "reasonable minimum." Mr. Stewart says, of about \$4 per capita.
Other cities of the name nature as Birmingham, Mr. Stewart says, have per capita retail soap sales annually of from \$3.60 to as much as \$7.27. The former figure is for Superior, Wis., which has a water hardness of 45 parts per million. Bloomington, Ill., with a water hardness of 50 p. p. m., has a per capita annual cost of \$4.20 in soap. The latter figure is for Chicago (Champaign-Urbana), Ill., twin cities with a water hardness of 298 p. p. m., is \$5.58 per capita annually; and the \$7.27 figure is for Chicago Heights, Ill., which has a water hardness of 555 p. p. m.
"The saving to the residents of Birmingham would be at least \$13,000 yearly," Mr. Stewart declared. "The saving in soap bills alone, it must be remembered, Other factors, as for instance the expense of keeping boilers free from the scale resulting from hard water, are not counted in this figure. They would represent an even greater saving, as presented in an earlier report of the committee."

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