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Driving an automobile from Michigan to Florida is not altogether fun and frolic. Especially when you have a trailer behind. But, at that, it is far easier than the "covered wagon" of a bygone day. Yet how little we appreciate this improvement in transportation facilities.

THIS and THAT

By C. R. A.
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Mar. 9, 1934

Shortly before noon today our "gypsy family" will be rolling toward beautiful Lake Wales, 100 miles east of here, where we shall enjoy the loveliness of the Bok Tower and bird sanctuary. In this Tower are the finest carillon bells in America, played by Anton Brees, the noted Belgian who several summers past played the carillon in Christ Church Cranbrook. As soon as I conclude these random paragraphs, I will couple the trailer to the car and away we'll go to—well, I might as well confess that we are about to start the best part of the trip, the **homeward stretch!** We have been at this tourist camp for exactly 30 days. (For your information as to costs for six people living in a trailer, plus a small cottage, it averages $2.50 per day for shelter—a great deal less than the hotel bill I paid when here with my family seven years ago.)

If you are interested in observing the spectacular in life, fail not to see Aimee Semple McPherson, the Los Angeles "Sister" of famous Angelus Temple, when you have an opportunity. Aimee was here recently, when she debated the question: "Resolved: There is no God," with Charles Lee Smith, president of the American Atheist Association. It was the first time I ever saw this feminine P. T. Barnum of modern religious behaviorism. Though I do not approve of her emotionalism, I certainly believe she is a remarkably "smart" and capable woman. In her pure white dress, with a white, scarlet-lined cape, and red crucifix dangling before her "girlish-dowager" figure, "Sister Aimee" is all dressed to sway the crowd. Her arguments for the affirmative side she discussed were not deeply religious at all; she resorted to numerous "pulpit tricks of oratory and witticisms," and easily won the debate. This Smith chap offered a very weak case for his side—which gave me personal pleasure, for I firmly believe there is a Divine Influence at work in our Universe, and not one that ever leaped from tree to tree as a monkey. Mrs. McPherson (she was then Mrs. Hutton) is a real human being, though—I'd like to see her and the Rev. Fr. Charles E. Coughlin engage in a public debate; boy, that would be emotionally dramatic! I understand that Aimee received $10,000 for five debates with Atheist Smith. It was easy money for the Los Angeles oracle.

Down here in St. Petersburg there is what is called the "Three-Quarter Century Club." Collier's Magazine last week had an article about it. The members of this club are all 75 years or older, and one of them is 104. One of the chief attractions they stage here is the baseball game between the Kids and the Kubs. The day I saw them play, the Kids won the five-inning game by a score of 29 to 14. A few days ago they had to quit before the five innings were concluded, with a score of 59 to 31. They all became so tired from running the bases they could play no longer. One of the players is called "Dynamite"; he is 79 years old and pitches for one of the sides. They use an indoor ball and play on a smaller diamond than standard. Hundreds of people come to see them play. They indulge in much "horse play," too. Sometimes a man on first base gets to third as an argument ensues. The day I watched them, "Dynamite" got sore at his 81-year-old sportsmanship opponent on the bench because he fumbled a ball and let three runs in. But, in spite of the "horse play," I take off my hat to this Three-Quarter Century Club. They are getting much fun and health from their athletic indulgences.

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To continue my attendance at Rotary meetings, three times I have attended the St. Petersburg Club, and once this week the Clearwater Club. The St. Pete" Club has a membership of 70, yet during the tourist season its visiting Rotarian number is 200. Last week the number was 242. Last week I attended here with Fred Westcott, who lives on Oakland avenue in Birmingham. Fred is a member of the Detroit Rotary Club, and has been "down South" with his wife and her mother, Mrs. Alice Howard. At Rotary I introduced Fred to Barney Thomas, the St. Petersburg Club's very excellent song leader, as "the song leader of the Detroit Club." I further went on to say that "Westcott is a great song leader, and he'll lead a song or two today if you call on him." Well, Fred was really flabbergasted for a moment, and tried to deny my statement, but I declared "don't believe him, Barney—its only his extreme modesty that denies my statement." So-o-o-o-, as Ed Wynn would say, Fred was later given his great moment! Barney really called on him, but

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PWA REFUSES SEWER, WATER PLANT FUNDS

Board Of Review Definitely Rejects Birmingham's Two Applications

SECURITY 'INADEQUATE'

The City of Birmingham's applications for PWA funds with which to construct water treatment and sewage disposal plants have been definitely and finally rejected, the Commission was informed Monday night in letters received by City Manager James W. Parry from Carey H. Brown, acting chairman of the Board of Review of the Public Works Administration in Washington, D. C.

Inadequate security for the loans was given as the reason for the rejection. The city had offered both revenue bonds and general obligation bonds, and both were found unsatisfactory by the Board of Review.

The city had asked for $378,000 in the sewage disposal project and $195,470 in the water treatment project, 30 per cent to be in grants and 70 per cent in loans. Inasmuch as the applications had been tentatively rejected about three months ago, before the submission of new data by the city and final action by the Board of Review, the information in Mr. Brown's letters came as no surprise to the Commission, and a suggestion from Mr. Parry that a delegation to Washington might be successful in having the applications re-opened, was given no consideration.

Mr. Brown wrote almost identical letters on each of the two projects. The letter on the sewage disposal project follows:

"With reference to the application of the City of Birmingham for a loan including grant, of $387,000 for intercepting sewers and sewage treatment plant, you are advised that after consideration of the data presented it is concluded that the loan cannot be approved for financial reasons.

"The original application was studied in our examining divisions and you were advised of divisional disapproval. You later submitted additional data and all the facts which were presented were then carefully reviewed by our Board of Review which concluded that the revenue bonds would be insufficiently supported by revenues properly to be expected from the project and that general obligation bonds would not offer the measure of security required as a condition for approval of loans.

"I regret to advise you therefore that as the loan would not be adequately secured, the application is definitely declined."

FIREMEN ANSWER 36 ALARMS IN FEBRUARY

Although Birmingham firemen responded to 36 alarms in February, property damage by fire during the month amounted to only $217, according to the monthly report of Fire Chief Vernon W. Griffith. Of this amount, $206 was on buildings and $33 on contents.

Property endangered by the fires was valued at $75,170. Firemen spent 11 hours and 26 minutes in actual fire fighting, and travelling 73 miles enroute to the alarms, according to the report.

SPRING RECESS BEGINS FRIDAY AT CRANBROOK

A spring recess of slightly over two weeks will begin Friday for the students of Cranbrook School. Classes will be resumed Tuesday, April 3.

At Kingswood School for Girls, the vacation will begin Wednesday, Mar. 21, and end Monday, April 2. Brookside School students will begin their recess Friday, Mar. 23, and return to classes Wednesday, April 4.

V. F. W. HEAD NAMED ARMY DAY CHAIRMAN

R. C. Spencer, commander of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has been appointed chairman of Birmingham's Army Day celebration, to be held April 6, concurrently with similar celebrations throughout Michigan and the nation. The appointment was announced this week by C. W. Hungerford, chairman for Michigan. Mr. Spencer has been asked to appoint an assisting committee to draw up a program for the local celebration.

HAVE YOU MET?—

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Weed, who moved to Birmingham recently from Detroit, and are living at 2252 Yorkshire road. They have two children, Johnnie, 3½ years old, and Sarah, one.

Mr. Weed is head of the bond department of Fenner and Beane, investment bankers, of Detroit.

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High School Groups Offer Free Concert

Second In Series By Baldwin Band, Orchestra Set For 4 P. M. Sunday

Under the direction of Arnold W. Berndt, supervisor of instrumental music in Birmingham schools, the Baldwin High School band and orchestra will present the second in a series of free concerts at 4 P. M. Sunday in Baldwin Auditorium.

The soloists will be two members of the band, William Gail, baritone player, and King Russell, first trumpet player. Gail will play "Russian Fantasie," by Levy, and Russell will offer "Culver Polka," by Steinhauser.

As its portion of the program, the orchestra will play Brahm's "Hungarian Dance" No. 5; "Springtime Waltz," by Busch, and "Calif of Bagdad," by Boileldieu.

The band will offer "Colonel Bogey," by Alford; "Morning, Noon and Night," by Von Suppe; "Country Gardens," by Grainger; "Whistler and His Dog," by Pryor, and Flotow's "Stradella."

There will be no admission charge.

ROLL CALL TO BEGIN APRIL 16

Community House Board Names Bingham To Head Annual Campaign

The annual Community House roll call will begin April 16 and continue 10 days, it was decided Monday night by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Bingham

H. Kenneth Bingham, a member of the Board, was appointed general chairman of the campaign, the procedure of which will be used to finance the House for the coming year. He will appoint an assisting committee this week.

The goal has not been definitely set, but will be based on the minimum needs of the organization for the next 12 months, the Board decided.

Because of the banking holiday, no roll call was held last spring, although $2,500 was raised in a campaign last fall.

DAIRY EMPLOYE MUST HELP SUPPORT WIFE

Clifford Kelly, 26-year-old dairy employe, was placed on probation for 90 days and ordered to pay $5 a week during the term of his probation towards the support of his wife, Ruth, when he pleaded guilty to the non-support clause in a disorderly conduct charge before Justice Forbes S. Hascall in Municipal Court Tuesday morning. The wife lives at 1276 Bird street, and Kelly on Townsend street.

FIRE DAMAGES ROOF

Damage estimated by firemen at $30 was caused to the home of H. H. Lippincott, 559 Southfield avenue, by fire Saturday afternoon, originating from chimney sparks. The blaze had burned a large hole in the roof before it was discovered. The roof of the same house was damaged by a similar fire about two months ago.

NEW RECEIVER AT 1ST STATE SAVINGS BANK

C. Henry Purdy, Of Pontiac, Named To Succeed Lee, Resigned

TOOK OFFICE MONDAY

C. Henry Purdy, of Pontiac, Monday began his duties as receiver of the closed First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, succeeding Charles E. Lee, who resigned.

Mr. Purdy's appointment was confirmed in Lansing Saturday by Rudolph E. Reichert, state banking commissioner. Mr. Lee had been receiver for the bank since it closed in June, 1931. He resigned, he told friends, to take another position. Several openings had been offered him, he said, and he was uncertain when leaving Birmingham which he would take.

The new receiver was formerly connected with the National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, and with the bond department of the Detroit Trust Company. For seven years he was a partner in Kessell and Purdy, Pontiac mercantile dealers.

In the three days he has been at his new post, Mr. Purdy said yesterday, he has gone over the details of his task and found everything in good condition.

Improvement in the financial position of the bank will of course depend upon improvement in real estate and in business generally, as reflected in an acceleration of payments on notes and mortgages, he said.

Since the closing of the bank, two dividends of 5 per cent each have been made to depositors.

Birmingham's 1933 Tax Rolls Closed

With 38.14 per cent of the 1933 city tax levy paid, and 34.44 per cent of the county, state and school levy, city treasurer Harold Hamilton and his assistants today were preparing to return the rolls to the county treasurer for collection of the unpaid assessments. Monday was the last day for payment here.

Total city tax collections amounted to about $86,000, and state and school tax collections to about $79,000. Last year the city collected about 42 per cent in March. County and state and school collections were made by the township.

Bloomfield Hills has collected 78 per cent of its city roll to date, and 69.8 per cent of the county roll, according to Luther D. Allen, acting treasurer. Bloomfield Township has collected about 36 per cent of its state and county levy. Both of these units are still collecting taxes without additional penalties.

MEN'S CLUB TO HEAR EXTENSION DIRECTOR

"Modern Science and Religion" will be the subject of an address to be given by Prof. W. D. Henderson, director of the extension division of the University of Michigan, Tuesday evening at the monthly dinner-meeting of the Men's Club of St. James' Episcopal Church. Dinner will be served in the church at 6:30 P. M.

The meeting will be open to all men of the community. Reservations may be made by calling Mr. F. Herdrich or the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth before Monday night.

Bits O' Birmingham

By THE WANDERER

Jerry Hilts, a senior at Baldwin High School and the only Birmingham student to enter the annual state high school swimming meet at Lansing Saturday, placed fourth in the 50-yard free style race, and because in past years when Baldwin has supported a swimming team a member qualified for a letter if he placed in the state meet, Hilts' name will go before the Athletic Board of Control recommended for a swimming letter.

Hilts, who was a member of the Birmingham Athletic Club swimming team last summer, made the journey to Lansing with the Pontiac High School squad, but swam in the meet as a Birmingham entry.

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Birmingham Exchangites were entertained and enlightened by one of their own members Tuesday noon at the Community House when E. W. Osborne, local Ford dealer and city commissioner, discussed the new automobile dealers' code.

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The DeMolay basketball team won only two games all season in the Y. M. C. A. league, but it didn't know what real humiliation was until Tuesday night when it took the short end of a 29 to 27 count in a game with a team composed of members of its own adult advisory board. Russ Hardman was the alleged star of the advisory board's victory, although he received some help at times from Ed Laird, Bill Spence, Walter Haack, Lloyd Dennis and B. J. Melrow.

The Cranbrook Academy of Art has announced that Carl Milles' studio will be open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday, when some of the most important and recent works of the famous sculptor will be on exhibit.

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Believe it or not, Bob Ripley has called on Birmingham for part of the material to fill one of his famous syndicated drawings of world oddities. In a drawing which appeared in newspapers last Thursday, Ripley showed "S. J. Serrell, of Pontiac, Mich.," riding in the old-fashioned gasoline buggy in which, according to Rip, he was fined $10 for speeding eight miles an hour in Birmingham back in 1908.

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An appeal has been made by the Community House Thrift Shop for garments for needy families in Birmingham. The supply has nearly depleted and the Shop is greatly in need of apparel for men, women and children, the Board of Directors was informed at its meeting Monday night.

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Birmingham friends of Mrs. Beulah Olin who tune in on station WEXI each Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 P. M., to hear her sing, will be interested to learn that she will broadcast also on Friday afternoons, beginning this week, over station WMBC at 3 P. M. Mrs. Olin will be accompanied by her sister Mrs. Florence Olin. Mrs. Olin makes her home with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Lawler of Madison avenue.

Rotary Chieftain To Speak At District Meeting Here

Members Of 21 Clubs Will Hear Vice-President Of International Group

Several hundred Rotarians, members of 21 different clubs in this district, are expected to attend a meeting sponsored by the Birmingham Rotary Club in the Community House Monday noon, at which the speaker will be E. R. Johnson first vice-president of Rotary International.

Mr. Johnson will be introduced by Joseph B. Mills, governor of the 23rd Rotary district, who will be a member of a large Detroit delegation planning to attend. Invitations have been sent to every club in the district.

Mr. Johnson, who lives in Roanoke, Va., is president of the Virginia Supply Company and the Roanoke Securities Corporation, and he is also an officer or director of several other business and financial institutions in Roanoke.

He is past president of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce, Y. M. C. A., and Boy Scout Council. He has been a member of the Roanoke Rotary Club since 1920, serving as its president in 1927-28. He was governor of the 56th district of Rotary International in 1932-33.

The speaker at the Birmingham club's regular meeting last Monday was Dr. Louis A. Swartz, psychiatrist associated with the Detroit United Charities and the Couzens Children's Foundation.

Speaking on "Why Men Go Wrong," he described some of the influences four years of economic stress have exerted on the minds of men and women.

Ed. R. Johnson

INTEREST SUIT TO BE DISCONTINUED

City Commission Approves $12,000 Interest Payment To Bondholders' Plaintiff

Discontinuance of a bondholders' suit filed several weeks ago against the City of Birmingham for the collection of past due interest on bonds now in default, and levy which was expected by city officials today, following approval by the City Commission Monday night of the payment of $12,209 to Lionel J. Sancrant, plaintiff in the suit.

The payment represents more than a third of the total amount demanded in the suit. City Treasurer Harold H. Corson said attorneys for Sancrant had assured him that if the payment were made, the city could expect the suit to be discontinued.

Sancrant's claims in the suit total $21,208.04. The payment made covers interest on his bond holdings for a part of 1932 and the first six months of 1933, and 50 per cent of the past due interest on his tax anticipation note holdings.

Two Mexicans Held In Attempted Theft

One Faces Circuit Court Trial Following Capture In Loft Of West Maple Garage

Two Mexican youths who, police say, attempted to steal a suit of clothes from the D. J. Stanley Company store, 119 South Woodward avenue, were in custody today, one awaiting trial in Circuit Court and the other facing a charge of attempted larceny from a store.

The two are Mike Martin, 24 years old, and Pete Castro, 19, both of whom gave Detroit addresses. They were arrested Friday by Detective Earl Moody of the Birmingham police department in the loft of a garage behind a store on West Maple avenue, where they had fled after being frightened away in their attempt to steal the suit.

Both men were turned over to Pontiac police. Castro, police said, at the time of his arrest was wearing a suit stolen from a Pontiac store. Castro was bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of larceny from a store in a hearing yesterday before Municipal Judge J. Russell Holland. The charge is a felony.

Charges against Martin were dismissed, but he was held at the request of Birmingham police, and Moody said a warrant for his re-arrest on a charge of attempted larceny, a misdemeanor, would be issued today. Moody said fingerprint records showed Martin was arrested in September, 1927, for stealing a suit from a Birmingham tailor, for which he served 90 days in the County Jail. At that time he gave the name of Joe Esta. Castro has been arrested in Oklahoma under the name of Pete Peres, Moody said.

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THIEVES STEAL GROCERY SAFE

School Scrip, Papers, Old Coins Included In Early Morning Loot

Only the most meager of clues had been uncovered today to aid the police in their search for the thieves who, early Monday morning, broke into the Birmingham Fruit and Grocery Company store, 124 North Woodward avenue, and carried out a safe weighing half a ton and containing several valuable papers, scrip, coins and stock.

The safe, its lock broken off and all the contents taken, was found by Clawson police at about 7 A. M. Monday, lying in a ditch along East Maple avenue near Crooks road. The burglary had been discovered three hours earlier by Patrolman Grant Springstead of the Birmingham police department on his regular round of trying doors in the business district.

The thieves had pried open a sliding door at the rear of the store. Parts of the safe found on the floor showed they attempted to open it without removing it, but were unsuccessful. Then they apparently carried it to a truck waiting outside. No marks were found to show that it might have been pushed along the floor, and the safe was too large to be carried in a passenger automobile.

The safe contained $160 in Birmingham school scrip, several abstracts, deeds, insurance policies, bank stock shares, a $5 Canadian gold certificate, 14 American silver dollars, and several other coins of varying value, both domestic and foreign, which had been collected over a period of years by Dominic Caputo, son-in-law of Sam Bruni, owner of the store. Some of the coins were more than 100 years old.

Besides the broken and looted safe, the only other clue discovered up to last night was the finding of some of the stolen abstracts and insurance policies by school boys in Huntington Woods Monday afternoon.

Although the store is open on Sundays, the day's receipts had not been left in the building. A cash register containing $14 in change was not disturbed.

FERA Programs Scheduled In Quarton, Pierce Schools

Two social and recreational gatherings, one for adults and the other for young people, will be held Friday night as part of Birmingham's FERA program.

One will be a "family night" at Quarton School, similar to previous events held at Pierce, Barnum and Adams Schools, the other will be a "children's night" program at Pierce School, open to all boys and girls of school age. The program at Quarton will begin at 8 P. M., and that at Pierce at 7:30.

The program at Quarton will be similar to previous "family night" gatherings, and will include community singing, square dancing, floor and table games, and social dancing. Lee Farr, chairman of music for the event, has issued a call for volunteer musicians to take part in the program.

Children have been requested not to attend unless accompanied by their parents, although arrangements have been made for caring for small children at the school if parents are unable to leave them at home. Hosts and hostesses for the event include the following:

Mr. and Mrs. William Crim, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph I. Coryell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doering, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Newell, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Keller, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Farr, Mr. and Mrs. William Da Lee, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Farquhar, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Easery, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Martz, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Beers, Dr. and Mrs. Carleton Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. W. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Blood, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Herdrick, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Penfield, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Grindley, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dubois, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McCutcheon, Mrs. Lionel Woolson, Mrs. Thelma Zimmerman, Mrs. Lee L. Bryant, F. W. Neidenfuhr and W. Dale Weitzel.

Chairman of special committees, besides Mr. Farr, are Mrs. Penfield, invitations; Mrs. Doering, publicity; Mrs. Lewis, equipment; and Mrs. Woolson, attendance.

Arthur Marcotte is general chairman of the "children's night" program at Pierce School. One room in the building will be given over to social dancing, with an adult host and hostess in charge. The gymnasium and kindergarten room will also be open, and a fourth room will be available for games. Parents of children in the Pierce neighborhood are in charge of arrangements and will supervise the program.

This is the first event of its kind planned here, and if it proves successful will probably be followed by similar programs, both at Pierce and in other schools.

City Plays U. S., and Wins Half the Time

Odds Are Even In Hide-And-Go-Seek Game Between Mail Men And Bill Carrier

Postmaster General James A. Farley's recent edict that nothing but mail must go into mailboxes contains at least one flaw, City Manager James W. Parry revealed to the Commission Monday night.

It works out alright as long as the postman follows after the fellow bent on stuffing the mailboxes with statements, handbills and various other types of unstamped literature. But when the postman precedes the carrier—that's a different story.

"We're still delivering water bills by city carrier," Mr. Parry explained, "and we're still saving money by it, because only about half of them are picked up by the postmen and returned to us to be mailed. You see, the other half of the time, the carrier happens to be just behind a postman."

However, the arrangement isn't altogether satisfactory, especially with postoffice officials. Mr. Parry admitted, and so Postmaster Joseph A. Byrne, has written to Postoffice Department officials in Washington to ask whether the delivery of city water bills can't be construed as "government business" and thus be exempted from Farley's edict.

The matter is expected to be forthcoming before the March bills are ready for delivery, Commissioner Arthur J. Brandt suggested that if it is unfavorable to the continuance of the practice, the city might supply itself with a schedule of home mail deliveries, instruct its water bill carrier to familiarize himself thoroughly with the same, and thus gain an advantage in the hide-and-go-seek game with the mail men.

Mr. Parry estimates it would cost the city about $15 a month to mail its water bills—that is, all of them.

POLICE MAKE 101 ARRESTS IN MONTH

Illegal Parking Leads List Of Violations; $102 Collected At Traffic Bureau

Of 101 arrests made by Birmingham police in February, 64 were for illegal parking, according to the monthly report of Miss Carrie Stoddard, police clerk. Police collected $102 in fines at the Traffic Violations Bureau.

Arrests in January numbered 77, and collections at the Violations Bureau $56.

Five of the persons arrested in February were juveniles, charged with larceny. Arrests for misdemeanors, besides the 64 charged with illegal parking, included 13 persons charged with speeding, 12 with violating traffic signals, two with reckless driving, two with failure to carry an operator's license, one with drunk driving, and two with driving with four passengers in a coupe.

Although there were 11 accidents in the city during the month, no one was injured, the report shows. There was one sudden death. Nine answered 133 calls and investigated 39 complaints. Twelve men were given free lodgings in the city jail.

Two burglary and entering was reported, one grand larceny and four simple larcenies. One of the larcenies was cleared by arrest and the stolen goods were recovered.

Hubert An Appointee

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No Knowledge Of Petition

O'Brien said he had no knowledge of the circulation of his petition, and that at no time did he have any intention of becoming a candidate.

Three members of the Baldwin Public Library Board, Mrs. W. T. Cushing, Mrs. John S. Lambie and Charles E. Lewis, are the only nominees for the three places to be filled on that body, and they will be returned to office by default.

Petitions for constable have been filed and accepted by Joseph F. MacGregor, the incumbent, and Phillip Lambert.

Voters who have not permanently registered or who have moved to a different precinct since the last election must register on or before Mar. 24 to become eligible for a ballot in this election.

BAKER, O'BRIEN NOT TO ACCEPT NOMINATIONS

Won't Be Candidates For Commission; Tuggey, Mann Undecided

FIVE OTHERS IN RACE

Of the nine men named in petitions on file with the city clerk as nominees for the City Commission at the April 2 election, five have already accepted the nominations, two have announced they will not accept and two others are undecided.

The two who will not qualify are R. D. Baker and R. E. O'Brien. Fred S. Ross, Luther Heacock, Floyd S. Buck, and Commissioners Lawrence Hulbert and Arthur J. Kane have already accepted their petitions.

Donald C. Mann is undecided, and Arthur J. Tuggey, while also not certain whether he will enter the campaign, indicated he was considering it favorably.

Would Oppose Incumbents

If Tuggey, a former Bloomfield Township justice of the peace and the city administration foe who circulated petitions to oust City Manager James W. Parry two years ago, accepts his petition he will be the only opponent of Kane and Hulbert, who are candidates to succeed themselves in full three-year terms.

Baker and O'Brien, the two men who will not qualify, were both nominated for full terms. The other four are nominees for the two-year vacancy which will occur when Commissioner E. W. Osborne's resignation takes effect on the date of the election. The deadline for filing petitions was last Saturday afternoon.

Ross, who lives at 504 Willits street, is an official of the Detroit and Toledo Shore Line Railroad. Buck was for many years a Bloomfield Township justice of the peace, and Mann is an engineer for the Johnson-Larsen Company of Detroit. He lives at 547 Hanna street. Heacock, 652 Lincoln street, is a retired builder who has served several terms on Boards of Review in both Birmingham and Bloomfield Township.

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