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### \$66 LOSS RAISES LIABILITY ISSUE

Cash Bag Disappears From Police  
Car, Gas Station Owner  
Asks Reimbursement

The question of the city's liability in the matter was still unsettled today, as police continued their search for a bag containing \$66.50 in cash which disappeared from a police scout car Wednesday night or Thursday morning of last week.

The bag and money belonged to Richard H. Harrack, proprietor of the Quorton Lake Service Station at Quorton and Woodward avenues. An attendant at the station gave it to Patrolman Robert Appell to be kept in the police car in the Municipal Building over night.

The bag was given to Appell at the service station, but the officer failed to take it to police headquarters immediately. In pursuance of other duties, he made several stops before reporting at headquarters to go off duty at 11 P. M., about an hour and a half after receiving the bag.

Even then, he failed to remember the bag, which he had placed on the floor in the rear of the scout car later that night did not notice it, and its disappearance was not realized until Harrack called for it at police headquarters Thursday morning.

The matter was brought to the attention of the City Commission Monday night by Manager James W. Farry, who explained that po-

lice have been in the habit of transferring money to the safe at headquarters for overnight keeping for several years for any merchant who asked for the service, but that this is the first loss which has ever occurred.

Police Chief John P. Hackett told the Commission that Harrack asked the city to repay him the \$66.50. The chief said he told Harrack to make his claim in writing, and promised to take it up with the city manager.

Commissioner Lawrence H. Hackett suggested that hereafter when merchants desire to deposit money temporarily in the police car, they either accompany the officer to the station or send an employee to be responsible for the deposit, instead of shouldering the responsibility onto the officer. He also suggested that Mr. Harrack be invited to discuss the matter with the Commission next Monday night.

### Grid Star Uninjured In Three-Car Crash

Wife, Detroit Link, Escapes In  
Blossom Accident

Ace Gutowsky, member of the Detroit Lions professional football team, escaped injury, but his wife was slightly hurt in a three-car crash Monday afternoon on Woodward avenue near Long Lake road, Bloomfield Hills police reported.

The accident occurred when John L. Knott, chauffeur for W. W. Potter of Island Lake, slowed up to make a left turn into the Fox and Hounds Inn, Carson Anderson, 43 years old, of 1532 Harrison avenue, Flint, traveling just behind Knott, stopped suddenly to avoid hitting Knott, and Gutowsky's car crashed into the rear of Anderson's car, police said. All three cars were traveling south.

The cars of both Anderson and Gutowsky were damaged, but no one was injured except Mrs. Gutowsky, who suffered bruises on one leg.

### COMMUNITY CHURCH MARKS ANNIVERSARY

Approximately 100 members of the Birmingham Community Church met at the Masonic Temple Friday evening to celebrate the first anniversary of the organization of the church. A program of brief talks and musical numbers was followed by refreshments, served by the women of the congregation.

The musical program included two vocal duets by Mr. and Mrs. James Main of Birmingham, and a trumpet duet by two young Mr. Clemens musicians. The chief speaker was Billy Repaid, well known Detroit radio announcer. The Rev. W. Clarence Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, also spoke briefly, and the Rev. Asa Richardson, pastor of the Community Church, gave a resume of the institution's activities during the first year of its existence.

George R. Averill, editor and publisher of The Eccentric, was the toastmaster.

### BANK RECEIVER FILES EIGHT RECOVERY SUITS

Suits to recover sums alleged to be due the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham have been filed in Circuit Court against eight defendants by C. Henry Purdy, the receiver. A summons was obtained for each defendant, the declarations to be filed later. The defendants are: Frank Schiack, Edgar A. Parks, Sarah B. Aldrich, Otto F. Reiter, Mattie A. Wattles, Emma J. Wright, Willard B. Harris and Cassius H. Carter.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1935.

Present, Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Walter Wesley, Deceased.

That O. W. Wesley having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as his last will and testament of said deceased, and that said instrument be admitted to said estate or granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 25th day of May, A. D. 1935, at 9 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks, ending the 30th day of May, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

DAN A. MCGAFFEY, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. FLEMING DOTY, Deputy Register of Probate. May 2-9-16.

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### Birmingham Before Today

By MINNIE HUNT SALTZER  
Just west of the ivory barge, standing about 30 feet north of the sidewalk was the stone blacksmith shop owned and operated by Jack Baldwin. He was a brother of Steve and Ed Baldwin, uncle of Marvin Baldwin and father of Mrs. Mina Mills of Pontiac.

His home was a yellow brick house on the southwest corner of the intersection of the Grand Trunk Railroad tracks and Hamilton avenue. It was in this house that Mina Baldwin was married.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin moved to a new home on Little street near Chester street. There was a vacant lot between this house and the old Baptist Church, and the lot was sometimes used for a circus ground.

Dr. Charles M. Raynald decided to build his new home on the corner of West Maple and Adams avenues May 20 to 25, Monday night that there is no local ordinance which forbids the holding of carnivals.

### House Is Moved

Mr. Mitchell had the house moved to Willis street, a little to the east and across the street from Jack Baldwin's home. In this house, John Mitchell (father of George and uncle of Miss Mary E. Uter, Mrs. Hanna Corey Mitchell and Mrs. Ida Corey Sabo) lived for many years. The knocker on the front door of the old Raynald house is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in Birmingham.

When Mr. Baldwin retired from business, the blacksmith shop became the "Miel Clement Shop," Miel Clement, Ned Daines, Ed Lander, Dr. C. M. Raynald and Julius Rundell (father of Mrs. Stella Rundell Fisher) owned racing horses and it was no unusual sight to see one of them seated on a sulky exercising his horse on the Birmingham streets. Frank Holland (uncle of Mrs. Ross Hutchinson) was a trainer in the employ of "Jule" Rundell.

In the spring the streets, except Woodward and Maple avenues, which were well graveled, were very muddy. The wheels of the cars and wagons would drop down nearly to the hubs.

### Street Is Race Track

During the winter months, after the snow had come, that part of West Maple avenue between Woodward and Bates street was used for a race track. Bates street was the starting point and the turn was made in the wide space at the intersection of Woodward and Maple.

James Van Every (father of James Van Every, clerk of the court, and uncle of William Leet of West Maple road) always attended the races. Mr. Van Every owned a champion pacer named Billy Button. There was a chattel mortgage of \$1,000 on Billy Button, which was discharged when Mr. Van Every bought him in Chicago.

At one time two Billy Buttons' legs were spavined, and it was feared that his racing days were over. Mr. Van Every owned a farm on the east side of Wing Lake, and here the horse was let to run for a year or more, until eventually his spavins entirely disappeared. Then Mr. Van Every began to enter Billy Button in Birmingham races. Men brought racing horses from Canada to compete against him, but he always won.

### Raynald Is Driver

Dr. Charles M. Raynald (father of Dr. George P. Raynald) always drove Billy Button in the races. It was a royal excitement even in the old town when a race was in progress.

Tom Adams, of Troy, always bet on the races, and generally won. Later, Ed Frier, of Northville, who sold horses in town, used to come over for the races. Except for the strip of road on West Maple avenue between Woodward and Bates street, the Davenport brothers built a race track on their farm in Troy, and again horses were brought from Canada to compete against local racers. The big horse barn on the Davenport farm was a typical old-time race track barn. Seated on a sulky, one could drive the full length of the barn, from either end. There were box stalls, along the side of the barn, to accommodate all the horses.

In those days, Elmer Lawrence was an undertaker in Orion. His widow, Mrs. Orisa Lawrence, and a son, Floyd Lawrence, now reside in Troy. Mr. Lawrence owned a three-year-old mare named Lady, also a racing champion. Lady was trained on the Davenport track by "Curly" Coffin, who still lives in Utica.

Fire Destroys Barns  
Floyd Lawrence recalls many rides on the sulky with his father and remembers how he would hang onto Lady's tail for safety. Mr. Lawrence sold Lady to a Detroit buyer. Twenty-seven years later, this buyer brought Lady back to Mr. Lawrence with the request that he keep her for the rest of her days.

The Davenport house and barns were destroyed by fire several years ago. William Davenport, father of Doro, Leilia, Ella, Mabel, Mrs. Carrie Cox and Mrs. Dora Smith, passed away at his home, on the northeast corner of West Maple and Adams avenues, on Mar. 20 of this year.

About 1896, Ed Daniels, who lived on the southeast corner of Pierce street and Lincoln avenue, set aside a part of his property west of his present home and drove the point where Bates street crosses Lincoln avenue. This was the site of a half mile race track. The men of the town who owned racing horses made good

### DRIVER WHO APPEALED VERDICT ADMITS GUILT

Chester R. Hill, Jr., 33-year-old landscape architect, of 3000 Woodward avenue, Pleasant Ridge, who had appealed to Circuit Court after being found guilty of drunk driving by Forbes S. Hassall in justice court here Mar. 15, pleaded guilty before Circuit Judge Goodloe H. Rogers last Thursday and was fined \$75 and \$2 costs. He paid the fine in preference to serving 50 days in the County Jail. Hill was arrested here Feb. 27 when police said he drove north on Woodward avenue in the southbound traffic lane from Frank street to Maple avenue.

V. F. W. POST TO HOLD  
CARNIVAL MAY 20-25  
Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are planning a carnival to be held on the east side of Woodward avenue at Lincoln and Adams avenues May 20 to 25, permission to use the property has been granted by the State Highway Department. The Post was formed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was organized in Birmingham Monday night that there is no local ordinance which forbids the holding of carnivals.

### RECEIVER UPHOLDED IN COURT VERDICT

Circuit Judge Goodloe H. Rogers in Pontiac, last week upheld the right of E. Henry Purdy, receiver of the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, to foreclose a mortgage on the William Dods farm in Troy Township. In a suit against the receiver, Samuel J. Dods, administrator of the estate of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Dods, claimed the mortgage was invalid because the receiver, Samuel J. Dods, had sold the property to Elmer R. Wentworth. Before that, the farm had been in the Dods family since 1875.

Before the suit was filed, the mortgage had been foreclosed and the bank had sold the property to Elmer R. Wentworth. Before that, the farm had been in the Dods family since 1875. Judge Rogers ruled the Dods estate should have protected its earlier against the foreclosure, and was not entitled to dispute the validity of the mortgage after the land had been purchased by a third party.

Dire Threat  
Driver O'Flanagan (to his horse, which refuses to get up after falling): "Well of all the lazy rascals, get up or I'll drive right over you."

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