

### Don't Wait Till Too Late For License Plate

While license plate purchases at the Birmingham branch office of the Secretary of State did increase slightly during the past week, local Chamber of Commerce officials expressed the fear that many local motorists will not have obtained their plates by the March 1 deadline.

They also anticipate a rush during the last few days of the month as procrastinating car owners flock to beat the deadline. To prevent long, time-lagging lines, a C of C spokesman urged drivers not to wait till the last moment.

"You will be saving yourself a great deal of trouble and inconvenience if you obtain your plates

### Rotarians Hear Talk by "AAA Traveler"

James P. Welch, the Detroit Auto Club's "Old AAA Traveler," recounted to Birmingham Rotary Club members Monday noon some of his interesting visits to historic American localities observed on his travels across the nation.

"They are intrinsically important, but all of them are unforgettable, especially when you meet them face-to-face," Welch declared.

now, rather than put it off till later, he stated.

Titles must accompany applications, motorists were reminded. New weight slips must be attached to applications for commercial vehicles weighing over 1,000 pounds.

Business hours of the local office through Feb. 23 are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday inclusive.

### This & That

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financial and administrative structure.

"We publish a monthly condensed summary of General Fund revenues recorded for the current month from major sources and the totals collected for the year to date, and compare each with the corresponding totals for last year.

It also shows the amounts available and amounts expended for the year to date by major function, such as education, welfare, etc. Brief comments are included, calling attention to major fluctuations or other outstanding features or trends revealed by the figures.

Three Types of Reports  
These types of annual reports are published. The first is a very condensed, inexpensive pamphlet for wide distribution to the "taxpayers" of the State—in other words, the people. Our original order, the printer was for 15,000 of these pamphlets. After we sent a sample of them to the secretary of each service club of Michigan, requests came for 22,000. A total of 37,000 have been distributed.

The second type is more formal and complete and is the official financial report of the State, primarily for the Governor and members of the Legislature, all administrative officers of the State, etc. Its distribution is necessarily limited to approximately 1,000.

The third contains all the tables and columns of figures and statistics absolutely essential to the many who seek detailed information relative to any and all phases of the State's finances. We are making an honest effort to furnish the right amount of information in each type of report to be helpful to the citizen, without burdening him with a lot of non-essentials.

Writing the checks for all the payments of all State agencies and activities is paid for by us. About 22,000 employees stem to expect their checks twice a month. The right on payday. This requires the writing of over half a million checks annually. All other ordinary types of payments require another 400,000 checks each year. Old age assistance and other aid items require another million two hundred and fifty thousand checks.

"I'm sure you can visualize some of the work that is involved in handling and filing the documents, writing the checks and sorting, reconciling and filing them when returned paid. In other words, we are handling big business. Our Office paid out over \$369,000,000 last year.

Soldier Bonus Payment  
Lahoud modify that by saying that the State didn't pay that much for its own actual operations, but this was the total monies handled, including return to municipalities, etc.; 61.2 per cent represents pay-

### More Gas Leaks May Develop in Next Few Weeks

"If you smell leaking gas in your home, play safe and call Consumers Power Company."

This advice was issued today by David L. Brown, Division Manager for Consumers. He said it applies to all Birmingham area residents, regardless of whether or not they have gas service in their homes.

The severe winter, according to Brown, has caused the possibility of breaks in underground gas lines. Gas escaping in frozen ground may travel underground along gas pipes into the home of a gas customer. Or it may follow a water pipe or some other pathway into the home of a non-customer.

Most Severe Winter  
"This has been the most severe winter in many years from the standpoint of gas companies and water departments," said Brown. "The ground has frozen much deeper than usual and while our mains and service pipes are built and maintained in accordance with the customary practice, the danger of underground breaks cannot be entirely eliminated. Leaks in underground pipes sometimes develop from the contraction and expansion of the metal under extreme weather conditions. Or they may sometimes cause the ground in some particular spot to heave more than the piping can stand, breaking caused by heaving of the ground may develop during the next few weeks as the frost leaves the ground.

Good Ideas to Ventilate  
"Good ideas to ventilate into the gas, he said, "so that leaks may be easily detected. If anyone smells leaking gas in his home, the only safe course is to call the company immediately.

"We will be glad to send a man right out to check the situation and take whatever action is necessary under the conditions. Or if the odor of gas is strong, another good precaution, according to Brown, is to ventilate the house by opening doors and windows.

ments to or for local units, while 38.8 per cent covers State expenditures for administrative, operating and capital outlay.

The work in our department necessitated by the recent soldiers' bonus payment was no small task either. In about eight months over 500,000 checks were received, processed and checks written and mailed. Over \$200,000,000 have been paid to Michigan veterans all over the world and claims are still being received, processed and paid. Of the 33,173 men and women in service from Oakland County, 27,987 claims amounting to \$9,958,355 have been processed and paid.

Realizing that I have been dealing with a dry subject, I have tried to make the facts interesting and understandable because they are vital to good government.

### Education

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the family income is; they have no adequate knowledge of how far they can go.

Critical considerations: School does what it can. The elementary readers are woven and shot through with ideas of giving, honesty, uprightiness. In music, art, special studies, training is given. But if what your child says and does doesn't suit you—turn the mirror upon yourselves.

"In response to audience questions about courses in family relationship, Elliott explained that Michigan law has sanctioned this field for nine years, that outstanding work in it is being done in Lansing, Flint and Highland Park, that Michigan is on the verge of mirroring upon yourselves. How schools and probably will do so generally within ten years.

A Trenchy Subject  
"But," he cautioned, "because this is a touchy subject because of our Puritanical upbringing, parents must be aware of what the schools are doing, understand it;

### Obituary

J. Harry Simpson, 4435 Sheridan Drive, Beverly Hills, died suddenly at 11:17 a. m. at his residence of a heart attack.

He was born in Detroit and had lived throughout his life until last August when he moved to Beverly Hills. He was a member of the Holy Name Church, Birmingham.

Mr. Simpson was a retired metal broker and treasurer of the H. and H. Tube Manufacturing Company of Detroit. He served in World War I in the field artillery. He was a member of K of C 308, Detroit.

Two sisters survive, Miss Helen E. and Miss May V. Simpson of Beverly Hills.

There will be a prayer service today at 2:15 P. M. at the Manly Ballou Funeral Home. Services will be from Holy Name Church Friday at 10 a. m. with burial at Holy Sepulchre.

Era C. Bristol  
Era C. Bristol died Feb. 13 at his residence, 23209 Thirteenth Mile road, Southfield Township, at the age of 82. He was the son of the late William and Clarissa Daniels Bristol. On Feb. 8, 1888 he married the late Ada Bingham.

Mr. Bristol was a farmer all his life and a member of the F and AM 44 of Birmingham and treasurer of the Birmingham School Board for many years.

He is survived by his son, Ralph, of Southfield; three daughters, Mrs. Ida Germain of West Bloomfield, Mrs. Julia Clemens of Southfield and Mrs. Clarissa Hackett of South Lyon, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 16 at the Bell Funeral Home with burial in Franklin cemetery.

Frank C. Smith, 1211 Pierce street, died suddenly of a heart attack in Chicago, Feb. 11.

He was a manufacturer's representative with offices in Detroit. Surviving are his widow Esther, a son, Dean, and a daughter, Mrs. James Bickford all of Birmingham, and three grandchildren.

Private services were held in Chicago.

### Have Quiet Week

Despite the sleet storm of Friday, Birmingham Police have passed a week of little excitement. They call a consistent majority of reports of householders concerning minor infractions of the law which they had observed and felt should be brought to the attention of the officers.

Fleming, too, enjoyed a quiet week, their work being chiefly routine checks and inspections.

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**Yukon**  
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Supprise Kill  
He shot at a large bear and hit it. The grizzly at once took to the trail and hid in a clump of bushes. Wounded by the guide not to approach because of a nasty and unsporting habit a wounded grizzly has of waiting for the hunter to pass his cover and jump on his back, Hatale stood a safe distance and fired several more shots at the wounded animal. When the guide said it was safe, the party approached to find that Hatale had not one, but two bears. He had a goodly amount of furs in the background of the accompanying photograph.

In summing up his impressions of the Yukon, Miller said, "Well, it's pretty tough country. It's a long way off and hard to get to, and when you get there it's not kind to you. It gets cold—85 below—and people have actually frozen their faces while sleeping. There's gold there if you want to dig for it, but there are bears, sheep, moose, elk and goats—and I'm going back!"

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