

Detroit Boy Leads Police Merry Chase After Ramming Car

It was like a movie thriller, from start to finish. Patrolmen Malcolm Ross and Merlyn Holmquist were quietly cruising around the city in their patrol car, just like a good gangster script would have them do. Suddenly, still following the script, the radio from the Pontiac police headquarters began to chatter.

It described a stolen truck, believed to be headed south, and asked that all officers be on the alert for it. Within a very few minutes Ross and Holmquist saw a vehicle answering the description, and swung in behind it to check the license. It was the wanted truck!

The officers pulled along side and tried to pull the driver to the curb. Having other ideas, the driver refused to stop. The officers pulled in front and began to reduce their speed. That's when the truck driver changed the script—that is, the one Ross and Holmquist were using. He didn't stop. He pushed down on the gas, opened the door,

leaped from the truck, and took off through the snow covered field. The truck rammed into the back end of the squad car, and that a serious accident did not result is because one police officer in Birmingham had the courage necessary to use his car as a stoppage contact for a vehicle much larger than his own.

A second radio call went out, alerting all officers in the area, while Ross and Holmquist began trailing the fugitive through the snow-fallen snow. He was finally apprehended at a drive-in theatre near Coolidge highway.

Police were somewhat amazed when they found they were dealing with a 16 year old boy. They reported that the lad had been riding to Pontiac in a stolen car, with a friend. Police said he was being questioned concerning other recent car thefts in this vicinity.

Mayor Names New Board of Review

Appointed by Mayor Donald S. Bell to the 1950 Birmingham board of review are Chad M. Ritchie, 1150 Puritan, Fred C. Pew, 329 Sunfield, and City Assessor Elmer Haack. They will meet March 7 to review the 1950 tax assessment roll.

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police officer and the judge in dealing with violators. This understanding should produce better results. Printed on the new ticket are 24 specific items which contribute to 80 per cent of the accidents. These are arranged in three columns. Those on the left are least dangerous; those on the right are most dangerous. When the officer stops a violator he checks the items that apply.

Can Decide Immediately
The violator presents this ticket at court. By noting which column the check marks are in, the court can know immediately whether a warning is deserved or what fine would be fair.

There are not enough officers to see every violation. But under this new system they will stop every violator they do see, even if the offense is not the most dangerous.

Being stopped by an officer may never be pleasant from the motorist's point of view. But if you are stopped, remember that little violations are little infractions. Unless treated, they grow into big ones most certain to cause an accident. Every time you see a violator stopped just think to yourself, "That stop may have saved someone's life, possibly my own."

(NEXT WEEK: Speeding Causes Accidents.)

Blauman to Join Athletics March 1 for Spring Training

FRANKLIN — Dick Blauman, this community's most recent contribution to major league baseball, is about to begin the second year of his career with the Philadelphia Athletics. The 20-year-old rookie hurler has spent the winter months at home with his parents, the Carl T. Blaumans of Franklin Village. He has devoted a great deal of his time aiding his father, who is suffering a physical handicap at the present time.

Dick says he is in fine condition and keeps fit by playing basketball weekly with the Bob Craig team in the Birmingham YMCA league. A two-mile run each day is on his conditioning schedule, with a workout at a local gymnasium.

Young Blauman has rated his Class A contract he holds and his managers have predicted that he will come up next year. Dick will leave for West Palm Beach for spring training on March 1, and later for Lincoln, Neb., where he will remain for the rest of the season.

Graduation

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were similar to ours. We today, though, have the advantage of a better way of life. Therefore, we should certainly build far better than was built then. The only obstacle, today is the human element.

Dr. Harris told of the grain which was destroyed in the west a few years ago while people were going to death. "This was the human element," he said. "This was because some people wanted to make more money. There was no question of mechanical failure here. We were equipped to harvest this grain, ship it and manufacture it. Just human greed caused this affair."

He explained to the graduates that he felt "Youth's Stake in Tomorrow's World" depended on three things.

Three Things
The first is how hard they are willing to work. The second was how concerned they are about things which worked toward the common good of all. The third is a genuine and sincere love for others.

He told them that life was on trial, and they were the members of the jury. "Life has kicked a lot of people around, and will do the same to you. Remember that people are what make life hard living. Acquit life of the charge against it by living it courageously, ungraciously and fairly."

The Rev. Arnold Runkle of the First Methodist church presided at the service and led the devotional period. Special music was prepared by the church choir.

Study

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and treated 60 children from the Birmingham school district. The survey states that there is a need for "more knowledge of the reasons why many children do not get had an opportunity of association of any kind."

It urges "earlier and continuing identification of children as a group life and activity beginning, ideally, with family councils and family activity-planning in preschool years."

It points to the need of more mothers' study groups organized around children of the same schools age so that common problems may be examined and discussed.

Like a Jig-Saw Puzzle
In releasing the summary of the survey, Mrs. Ormond, who is now the president of the board of the Community Council, said, "Although this is a local survey of services available for children and youth in the Birmingham school district, it is also concerned with the whole community facilities and programs because we use them and some of our activities are interrelated and partially financed by them."

"In trying to show these relationships, the survey sometimes felt like it was working with a jig-saw puzzle from which important pieces were missing because the coordination is weak at some points, or just doesn't exist."

Mrs. Ormond said the problem of inadequately serving youth in this community seems different from the problems of most communities except that here there are fewer problems arising from economic difficulties.

Special Responsibilities
"Our favored position imposes special responsibilities," the survey chairman pointed out. "Probably the underlying needs here are pretty much the same as they are for the whole country. For one thing we all need to know, whether parents or not, the fundamental importance of education that prepares for living."

"We need more understanding of the place of education and the school system in preparing people to live together and work with groups if we are not to continue in the old pattern which has proved inadequate to meet so many problems."

"We need to participate more in youth programs supplying leadership, another shortcoming we share with other communities."

B'ham Should Set an Example
Mrs. Ormond said it was the feeling of the survey that what Birmingham, with its many advantages, should be doing better and thinking further ahead in the preparation of children for living and facing problems which we know are grave. It could be setting an example, rather than keeping pace with a program that is inadequate in many ways."

The survey was obtained from the Education and school personnel, although recommendations made come from the survey command and not the schools. Commenting on the survey, Dr. Dwight B. Ireland, superintendent of Birmingham schools, who will act as moderator at Tuesday's Institute discussion, said that a group wanted to do it and so many people gave their time and attention to a complicated task and save it from becoming a mere formality.

A New Approach
"But without knowing its contents," he said, "I can say that one of the important things about it is the fact that it was done and that a group wanted to do it and so many people gave their time and attention to a complicated task and save it from becoming a mere formality."

"The survey as it was explained to me," he continued, "deals with the influence of forces in the community which affect the whole development and personality of the child. This is a rather new approach for a group to take to youth problems and, a difficult one. I am sure that many communities in the state will have the courage or the will to tackle such a big job with the assistance of this survey. The survey committee and the Community Council of Birmingham are to be commended for this attempt to view the whole picture."

Five Main Topics
The survey is divided into five main topics: a healthy body; helpful home environment; opportunities for learning and self-expression; emotional growth and development; and opportunities for living.

Each topic is subdivided into from four to eight sections. Each section answers four questions: 1. What does our community need here? 2. What are we doing? 3. What organizations operate in this field? 4. What coordination is there?

Several weeks ago an abbreviated report on the survey was sent to the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth in Lansing, which is collating reports for a state-wide survey as the basis of Michigan's report and recommendations to the National Conference on Children and Youth to be held in Washington, D. C., next December.

Sub-Committee Members
The work of obtaining factual material for the survey was done in sub-committees organized as follows:
Education: Mrs. Edwin V. Clarke, ch. Mrs. Karl E. Ketchum, Mrs. Harvey B. Greene, Mrs. Wm. E. Essey, Mrs. Warren S. Sumner and Mrs. S. James Duncan.
Religious training: Mrs. Loren M. Blunt, ch. Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Barnham, Loren O. Blunt, Miss Julia Kagan and Edw. P. Kirbert.
Community organizations: Mrs. Lee A. White, ch. Mrs. J. Rowe Quinn and Mrs. Cleveland Walcutt.
Courts: Mrs. Raymond W. Reilly, ch. Mrs. Robert Rohr, William Hooper and Raymond W. Reilly.
Mrs. T. Hollister Mahley, with the assistance of staff members of health and welfare agencies and child clinics, assembled material on organizations which give assistance to children in time of trouble.

All sub-committee reports, as well as the survey summary, will be placed in the reference department of the Baldwin Public Library where they may be examined.

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was always most sincere in all he did. "He had a deep understanding of the average taxpayer, and always tried to find the one point which would be of greatest benefit to both the individual and the city and still solve the problem."

"He helped build our recreation program, and was a member of the commission when Poppleton field was purchased by the city. He served during the years of civilian defense, and was mayor of Birmingham during the closing years of the war. No man worked harder at this time than he did."

Served 12 Years.
In 1948, he was again proposed as a candidate for office, but declined because of poor health. "I have served 12 years," he said, "and this is enough for any one citizen. In addition to this, I do not feel that I am physically able to see all that I should to the office."

Mrs. Moody was a member of the First Presbyterian church, and at one time was president of the

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Birmingham golf club. He was also former member of the Pine Lake country club.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. A. W. Lane of Janesville; three brothers, Curtis of Detroit, Ira of Providence, R. I., and Harold of New Freedom, Pa.; one sister, Mrs. Barnis Williams of Hebron, Me., and two grandchildren.

Services were held from the Bell funeral home yesterday afternoon, after which the body was taken to Janesville for burial in Oak Hill cemetery.

Have You Met . . .

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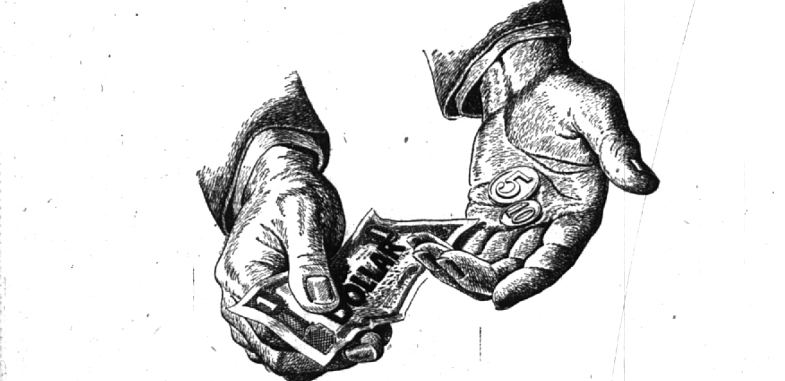
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