



FLYING BARREL—At Frososen, Sweden, military brass rolled out the 7-29 "Flying Barrel," Sweden's best attack bomber. In upper photo the ship speeds through space at better than 400 miles an hour and below, the jet plane cuts loose with four rockets. Heavily armed with machine guns, the ship will support ground forces.

Southfield Board Approves Purchase Of New Fire Truck

Purchase of an American LaFrance fire engine was approved by the Southfield township board Tuesday evening.

The cost of this equipment which includes hose and a light-in outfit will be \$26,726.62. The money will be taken from the \$50,000 building and site fund. At the Sept. 12 election, township voters approved erection of two additional fire stations to be equipped with underwriters approved apparatus.

Fire Chief Alfred Kruck said the engine can pump 750 gallons. It will probably be four months at least before the new equipment is delivered.

The board also requested the planning commission to report its ideas for the proposed site for the first fire hall to be constructed.

In other business, the board approved special assessments improvements for sewers, sidewalks and water in Birchwood subdivision, and a \$3,660.90 assessment for road improvements on Melrose from Pierce to Northwestern.

Lions Will Support Blood Plasma Drive

The Birmingham Lions club said its membership will give full support to the Red Cross plasma unit which will be in Birmingham on Nov. 29. Appointments by members may be made by calling Donald L. Cummings at Wilson Drug Co.

Cummings said the club has been contacted by the local Red Cross chapter to help fill the Birmingham quota of 150 pints of whole blood.

Guard Lientenancy For John C. Munger

The Michigan National Guard announces the promotion of John C. Munger, 450 Townsend, to second lieutenant for the 46th division of the 177th Field Artillery battalion.

Lieut. Munger joined the Guard in 1918 and has recently completed a special officers training course. Formerly associated with the city engineering department, he is now connected with the McMahon Engineering company, Detroit.

Good-nature is more agreeable in conversation than wit, and gives a certain air to the countenance which is more amiable than beauty. —Joseph Addison



SUPER CYPRESS—Tennessee Game and Fish Commission officials believe this giant swamp cypress near Memphis to be the biggest and oldest tree east of the Rockies. Measuring 140 feet tall and 22 feet in diameter, the tree is estimated to be at least 1000 years old. Note the comparative size of the man standing at the tree's base.

Free Enterprise Film Seen by High Twelve

"In Balance," a motion picture of free enterprise in the United States, was shown to members of the Birmingham High Twelve club at their dinner meeting Nov. 13. The film was shown by P. W. Kimbrough, assistant controller for Harbroughs Adding Machine company.

On Nov. 20 W. Cadman Prout, chief assistant, Friend of the Court for Oakland County will speak on the duties of his office.

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Many Improvements Cited In Troy Township Schools

Considerable progress has been made in the Troy township schools since the consolidation two years ago.

According to Stuart Baker, superintendent of schools, some of the innovations are the growth of a hot lunch program, hiring of a full time school nurse, an audio-visual testing program, extensive vocal and instrumental program in both elementary and secondary schools, construction of a new high school which will be completed next year, and a successful bus program.

TWO HOT LUNCH programs are now in progress at Troy Union and Smith schools. At the present time, 150 children are fed each day in the two schools for a nominal charge of 25 cents a meal.

Baker said that future plans call for similar programs in all township schools.

Previous to the hiring of a full time school nurse, the schools received only part time service from county health agencies. Under the audio-visual program, hearing and vision tests were given to students last year.

The school board also provides a teacher who instructs children restricted to their homes because of illness.

Separate instructors have been hired for vocal and instrumental music training. Vocal lessons start with kindergarten children, and instrumental instruction begins with fifth graders. This year Troy schools' first hand was organized by Gordon Mathie. It consists primarily of junior high students and plays at all home football games.

BAKER STATED that seven school buses now transport approximately 1400 students each day. Bus routes go to high schools in Rochester, Clawson, Royal Oak, and seven elementary schools and the junior and senior high schools.

Each bus travels from seven to 100 miles during that time.

Because of the unusually heavy traffic on several highways in the township, a large percentage of the students use the buses, the officials pointed out.

ANOTHER RECENT innovation has been the distribution of free text books to all students. Previously the books had to be purchased.

As Troy high school has been accredited by the University of Michigan, graduates can enter any college without taking exams.

tions, providing their grades are high enough.

Baker said that the high school will eventually be accredited with the North Central association and be a member of the college agreement plan.

The North Central association requires that member schools must hire teachers with college degrees; administrators should have masters degrees; each teacher should have 16 semester hours in each subject he instructs; and a trained librarian should be hired.

The new \$600,000 high school, now being constructed at Livernois near Big Beaver road, will have 19 rooms besides a combined auditorium-gymnasium.

The building will include accommodations for physical education departments, home economics, shop, commercial music, health headquarters, cafeteria, kitchen, administrative unit, library and science offices.

General news deadline is 4:30 p. m. each Tuesday.

Fire Loss Continues Low During October

Low fire losses in Birmingham continued through the month of October when only 24 fires were made by the city's fire department.

Property damage was estimated at \$460 to both buildings and contents. Silent alarms for fires and fire investigations were recorded in 46 cases, five gas investigations made and one first aid run.

The monthly reports of Fire Chief V. W. Griffin showed only four of 174 inspections were taken over to the fire investigation bureau for further action.

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