

Hit-Run Death in Bloomfield Twp. Last Tuesday

A negligent homicide charge has been filed against David Leaman of Farmington in connection with the hit-run death of Charles W. Taylor of Southport township, late last Tuesday afternoon, two-tenths of a mile south of Maple on Telegraph road, Bloomfield township. Bloomfield township Police Chief Clark Green said that several workers were working in the middle of Telegraph road when Leaman's car swung around a tar rig and struck Taylor. Witnesses said the car left on and the lights were turned off. He had previously driven around a barricade at Maple and Telegraph.

THE OTHER WORKERS then jumped into a car and chased Leaman until they overtook him two miles from the scene of the accident. When Green arrived, the men were holding the driver and his father, William. Both men were then put in the police car which escorted the ambulance to St. Joseph's hospital.

Green said that the younger Leaman tried to pull a loaded revolver from his pocket while they were outside the entrance to the hospital. The police chief then radioed for help. The older Leaman was charged with drunk and disorderly conduct and fined \$10 by West Bloomfield township Justice Bert Lockwood. Police said the driver also had been drinking.

TAYLOR WAS pronounced dead upon arrival at St. Joseph's hospital. He was a resident of a Southport township trailer camp and was an employee of the Cadillac Asphalt Paving Co. of Detroit. Funeral services and burial were held Friday at St. Joseph, Mich. A hearing was held Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 29, at Bloomfield township hall to determine whether or not to turn Leaman over to the Circuit Court, Justice Elmer Diesterle of West Bloomfield township presided.

Leaman was released from Oakland county jail Monday on \$3,000 bond. He told police that he thought he had hit a plank in the road. Because of construction work Telegraph road has been blocked off for several months.

Local Taxicab Fare Hike Granted By City Commission

Effective Friday, Dec. 1, Birmingham's three taxi cab companies will raise their fares, Monday evening the city commission granted a five-cent a mile increase. The companies requested the fare hike because of increased license costs; high insurance costs; increase in price of gasoline, tires, repairs, equipment and wages; and because comparable increases have either been requested or granted in Detroit, Ferndale, Royal Oak, Pontiac and Flint.

CITY MANAGER Donald C. Egbert said the increase in rates appears justified on the basis of increased costs of operation. At present the rates are 25 cents for the first one-quarter mile and five cents for each additional quarter mile.

New rates will be 25 cents for the first one-fifth mile and five cents for each extra one-fifth mile. The fare is now 10 cents a mile and 20 cents for each additional mile. It will now be 12 cents for the first mile and 25 cents each additional mile.

Egbert said recent investigation of the condition of the cabs has shown no serious deficiencies.

Harmful Aspects of Socialized Medicine Discussed by Doctor

"Socialized medicine will not build up a nation's health but instead, will break it down."

Dr. O. O. Beck, Birmingham physician, made this statement at a meeting of the Kiwanis club Tuesday night.

He showed how, in socialized medicine, a doctor is assigned a certain number of patients who are free to go to him at any time. "They go for nothing more than an aspirin," he said, citing reports from England where socialized medicine was adopted some time ago.

"It is a case of the public feeling that since they are paying for a service they may as well use it—and use it they do. They visit a doctor at the slightest ache or pain. They can even see their physician to have him prescribe a vacation."

"It's a thing we don't want to see adopted by this country." At the next scheduled meeting, Dec. 5, Kenneth Hoover, president-elect, will name committees and outline 1951 plans.

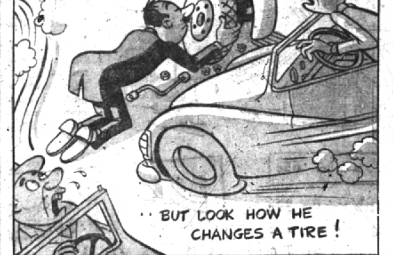
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DRUNK DRIVERS LOSE THEIR LICENSES

Maim Street by Ralph Stein



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Travelers Safety Service

Taking Applications To Fill Vacancy On Local Police Force

Applications are being accepted by the Birmingham police department to fill a patrolman vacancy created by the retirement of Sgt. Earl Moody. Moody's place has been taken by patrolman Robert Emmett, who has been promoted to sergeant. Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley said applicants must be between 21 and 30 years old; at least 5 feet 9 inches in height, weigh at least 165 pounds and be of good moral character. High school education is a minimum requirement. The selectee will serve a one-year probationary period before being permanently named to the department.

No Appeal Board Meeting Next Month

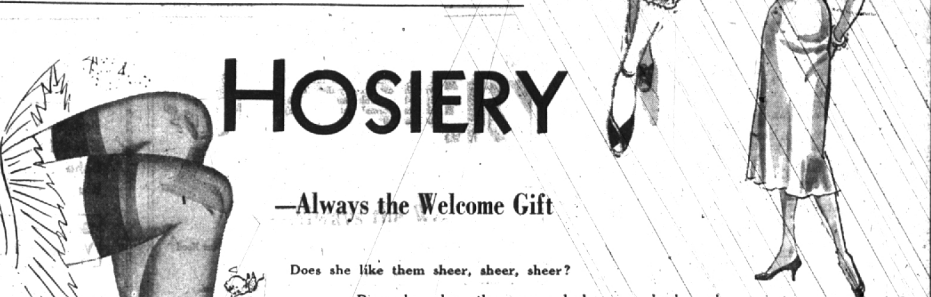
The Birmingham board of appeals will not meet in December. Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, but are cancelled when there are no appeals before the board.

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