

BREWER'S JOB TO SAVE MONEY FOR TAXPAYERS

Chairman Of Oakland County Board of Auditors Has Responsible Job

HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL

Has Held Present Position Since January 1, Nineteen Twenty-Two

In the city of Pontiac, with an office in the old County jail on West Huron street, there sits a man who operates the largest household in Oakland County. Upon his shoulders rests the task of buying everything that the taxpayers, as a collective body, need. From the purchase of a bushel of "quads" for various County institutions, to the buying of a fleet of motor cycles for the Sheriff's office, this man is the one who decides whether this article or articles are a bargain or not.

HE DOES THE BUYING FOR OAKLAND COUNTY



WILLIS M. BREWER

Mr. Willis M. Brewer is 32 years old, married, and previous to his appointment as Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors, was engaged in the real estate business in Pontiac. He is also the President of the Pontiac Board of Education.

the old system of keeping the County's books still prevailed. The State system of accounting.

2. The installation of a purchase order and check system which has saved the County a great deal of money, and all receipts from the various County departments are made of the Chairman of the Board of County Auditors and is an item in every department with an attendant saving of the public's money.

3. The Board, by transferring the total amount of State and County taxes due from Villages and Townships charged back by the Auditor-General, and also the borrowing money from the general fund.

4. The correction of all assessment rolls to make all Village and Township rolls uniform.

5. Through Mr. Brewer's direction, the chief accountant has checked up and transferred to each Township Supervisor and City Assessor the corrected list of Captions of all subdivisions and plots in the County. The 1929 reassessed tax amounted to \$129,234.71, most of which necessitated re-assessment on Village and Townships as large on account of incorrect captions on the various descriptions.

6. The installation of a Register of bonds issued by the County, showing on what date bonds and interest fall due. Also a Record of the valuations of Township, Village and City real and personal estate assessments.

7. Previous to Mr. Brewer's tenure of office settlements between the County Treasurer and City and Village treasurer were made on loose sheets, many of which were put from a folder in which they were kept. Now a new land permanent Record system has been made.

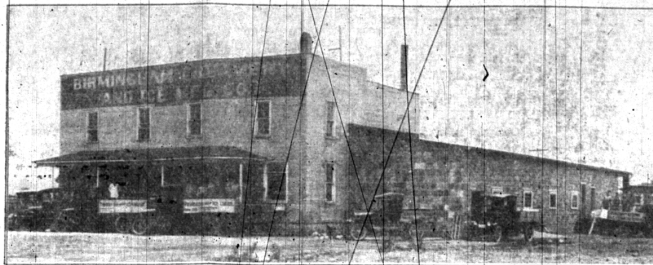
8. The Board now pays all bond and interest bonds through a Pontiac bank, thereby saving a commission. This matter was formerly handled through a New York bank on which a regular commission was paid. It is estimated that on this matter alone Mr. Brewer has saved the County over \$1,000.00 annually.

9. The establishment of a Record of bonds and other detailed information on County roads built under the Cover Act. Also the installation of a new Classification Record of items expended out of the General Fund. Another thing was the setting in of a card record system which eliminates the possibility of duplication in payment of bills. (This is important when it is taken into consideration that Mr. Brewer's office issues on an average of a thousand voucher-checks each month.)

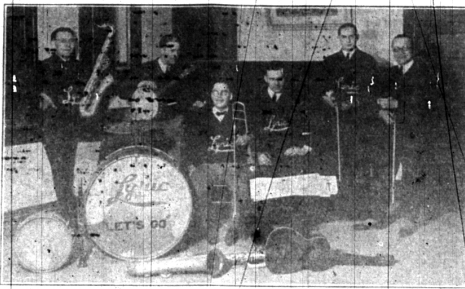
10. Mr. Brewer compelled the Ace Motorcycle Co. to replace a set of motorcycles for the Sheriff's department without cost to the County after operating the original purchase from March to October 1, last year, thus saving about \$2,500 on the purchase of new machines.

11. Approximately \$2,000 has been collected by Mr. Brewer's office through investigation of estates filed in the Probate Court of people de-

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IS CHAIRMAN OF THE I. O. O. F. CARNIVAL



T. C. BOTLING

TOWNSHIP ACCEPTS PLAT ON LONG LAKE RD.

COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES' PLAT APPROVED AT MONDAY MEETING

At their regular meeting Monday evening the Bloomfield Township board accepted plats for the Country Club Estates on the Long Lake Road. These estates are owned by the Judson Bradley Co. According to township supervisor Luther Allen, the plats are well within the restriction and are very high class.

Seattle Bit Painful: A four-cent bit is shown as a small bit and is used only on the shuttle. If a quick spin is desired, the bit can be pulled, thus driving the lower spool immediately, as it is more painful and heavier.

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, in said County, on the 27th day of September, A. D. 1929.

Present: Hon. Ross Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of Henry Frank Stone, Deceased.

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

ROSS STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate. A true copy. DAN A. McGAFFEY, Register of Probate.

Willis M. Brewer, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors, is, indeed, a thrifty housewife. In the arduous task of supplying the needs of the County, he is ably assisted by Edward Severon, of Oscoda, Michigan, a member of the Board of Auditors. J. N. Gueffert, chief accountant, and two girls who do the bookkeeping.

Mr. Brewer officially took office on January 1, 1922. His appointment to the Chairmanship of the Board was made by the 35 Township Supervisors of Oakland County, who, at that time, were searching for a man who would fill the job, cast aside party politics and sought out Mr. Brewer. And this act became an astounding revelation to Oakland County officials circles because a large majority of the Supervisors, being Republicans, had Mr. Brewer, despite the fact that he is a Democrat.

Following is a short resume of many of the ideas and methods installed by Mr. Brewer in his office—ideas and methods that have saved the taxpayers of Oakland County thousands of dollars annually:

1. The appointment of a chief accountant who has since discarded



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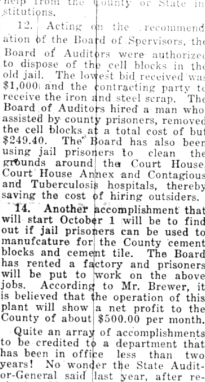
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ACTS AS TREASURER OF I. O. O. F. CARNIVAL



C. C. HOOVER

EVANGELISTS AT METHODIST CHURCH TWO MORE WEEKS

Revival meetings in charge of Rev. W. S. Colgrove of Grand Rapids, which are being held at the First Methodist Episcopal church, will continue for two more weeks, the closing day being two weeks from Sunday. Rev. Colgrove is assisted by Homer Wood of Chicago, as chorister and soloist, and Theodore Piper, also of Chicago, as pianist.

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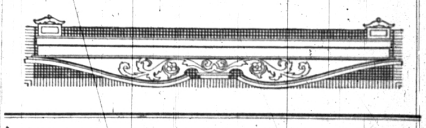
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