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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 "spuds" 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 the article or articles are a bargain or not. Although his position is auditing the bills accrued by and through various County activities, his real job—one that he sometimes works 18 hours a day on—is the business of really saving to Oakland's citizens thousands of dollars each year through judicious purchasing.

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 Severen, of Ortonville, Hadley Horton, of Holly, members of the Board of Auditors. J. N. Goepfert, chief accountant, and two girls who act as "clerks."

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, while searching for a man who would fill the job, cast aside party politics and sought out Mr. Brewer. And in fact became an astounding innovation in Oakland County official circles because a large majority of the Supervisors, being Republicans, chose 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 the old system of keeping the County's books and installed the State system of accounting.**

2. **The installation of a Purchase Order and Requisition system which has saved the County a great deal of money, as all requisitions from the various offices and departments are made to the Chairman of the Board of County Auditors and he in turn makes all purchases for all departments except the Road Commission. Under this system purchases are made in large quantities, 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 by withholding settlement from the Auditor-General until December 26, 1922, has been able to carry on without 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 plats in the County. The 1920 re-assessed tax amounted to $129,234.71, most of which necessitated re-assessment on Village and Townships at-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 lost**

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Eco City To Have 15 600-Candlepower Street Lights Soon

PETITION IS ACTED UPON FAVORABLY BY TOWNSHIP BOARD MONDAY

Work will be started very soon on the installation of 15 600 c. p. street lights in Eco City, according to township supervisor Luther Allen. At their meeting last Monday the Bloomfield Township Board were presented a petition signed by 400 Eco City citizens, requesting that some means of street lighting be installed.

Mr. Rex Humphrey, of Leinbach-Humphrey Co., who was present at the meeting Monday, stated that he would give a bond to pay for the maintenance of nine of the fifteen lights for five years, or until Eco City becomes incorporated or is annexed. The township will pay for the maintenance of the rest of the lights. According to Mr. Humphery, he expects 1800 new people in Eco City within the next 12 months.

FUND DRIVE WILL REACH HIGH MARK

ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO EASY ACQUISITION OF $1,500.00 GOAL

"According to reports which I have received to date from the various members of the committee, the drive to obtain a fund of $1,500 to advertise Birmingham in Detroit newspapers will go over easily," declared J. H. Sheridan, chairman of the committee appointed by the Birmingham Real Estate Board, in an interview yesterday. "Very few of the business and professional men visited refused to assist in the campaign to advertise the benefits of Birmingham to prospective residents."

"Our committee has gone out with the idea of asking local citizens to invest in this publicity campaign. We do not feel that any money given us is in the nature of a donation or contribution. Birmingham stands out unique among Detroit's many suburbs and the object of this advertising campaign is merely to remind thousands of Detroit's residents that this town is a good place to live in. Redford, Dearborn, Royal Oak, Ferndale and several other Detroit suburbs are advertising their respective commons and Birmingham must get busy if we want to grow."

The committee, composed of Mr. Sheridan, R. C. Moulthrop, H. George Field, Glenn Begole and George R. Averill, will meet next monday to make further plans regarding the campaign. No money was collected this week, the object being to sound out business men on the matter.

SECURING DEEDS FOR WOODWARD

Right-of-Ways For Widening Are Only Obstacles Encountered

STEAM SHOVELS BUSY

"We are going to widen Woodward avenue, from the Eight Mile Road to Pontiac. Getting really started has been slow work. No elaborate preparatory work was outlined when the State decided that 'America's Most Dangerous Highway' should be made safe for travel. We will have the money to do the job. The only thing that can hold us is the getting of deeds to property along the way. But we will get these deeds as soon as our engineers have definitely set their stakes".

That, in substance, is the way Governor Alex Groesbeck thinks when considering the widening of Woodward avenue, according to reliable information which came to the Eccentric yesterday afternoon.

"Two big steam shovels are placed at Stinchfield's, just north of Bloomfield Center", stated the informant. "Some trees have been removed and the shovels are ready to start as soon as the engineers have signed up people whose premises will become part of the right-of-way. Present plans are to get a right-of-way on the west side of the road so that the present sixteen-foot pavement

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EPISCOPAL CONVENTION ELECTS HERMAN PAGE TO BISHOPDOM

(By J. B. Howarth)

Historically the Convention of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Michigan held in St. John's Church House, Detroit, on Tuesday of this week will take its place as unique in that it took but one ballot to elect a Bishop to succeed our deeply beloved Diocesan, the late Charles David Williams, who died suddenly on the evening of Ash Wednesday last.

In other ways the Convention was exceedingly interesting. It was known that one of the candidates to be placed in nomination for this great office would be the Very Rev. and Warren Lincoln Rogers, Dean of the Cathedral, Detroit. When Mr. Dudley W. Smith, Senior Warden of St. John's Church, Detroit, finished his glowing tribute to the qualifications of the Rt. Rev. Herman Page, Bishop of the Missionary District of Spokane, Washington, and placed him in nomination, Dean Rogers arose nad in an even more eloquent, earnest and sincere address surported the nomination of Bishop Page.

That Dean Rogers has the love and admiration of the clergy and laity of the Diocese is clear from the well deserved tributes that were paid him by those who advocated his elevation to the office of Bishop of the Diocese and the applause that followed. It is largely because of the general custom to go outside a Diocese in selecting one to be its spiritual leader that he was not chosen. The Cathedral is to be congratulated that he is to remain as its Dean.

A majority of the votes of each House, Clergy and Laity, is necessary to elect a Bishop. There were 81 Clerical votes cast of which Bishop Page received 49 while in the other house he received 92 of the 169, making a majority of both houses, and so he was declared elected, whereupon his election was made unanimous.

If Bishop Page accepts the election he will be the fifth Bishop of this Diocese which has been in existence nearly one hundred years.

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.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT HERE

School Board Orders Outfits For Grade Schools; Delivery Soon

INVOLVES OVER $1,000

The youngsters are to have full equipped playgrounds. Last year the Parent-Teacher Association asked the Board of Education why the school grounds could not be provided with playground apparatus. They told that there was no item in the budget to take care of it, but that when the tax budget was again made out, the suggestion would be considered.

After due consideration this year, an item was added to the budget providing $1,058 for the purchase of six apparatus sets, two for each grade school, one for the smaller children and one for the older. This division of sets for the older and younger children is considered the wisest plan by members of the school board.

The appratus set for the older children at each of the schools will consist of three swings, a parallel bar, a trapeze, and a pair of rings. For the smaller children, there will be a 20 foot slide, three swings, and one see-saw. The frames of these sets are made of heavy reinforced, galvanized iron set in cement.

Word has been received that the apparatus will be shipped sometime next week, and according to Superintendent Vliet, this installation will be completed by the end of October.

BIRMINGHAM'S NEW PUMPER WHICH WAS ORDERED LAST WEEK

The 750-gallon American LaFrance triple combination pumper, which the Commission purchased a week ago last Monday, will probably be delivered before the first of 1924. The pumper was purchased at a price of $12,500.00, and is equipped complete with fire-fighting apparatus.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS LOSE TO FERNDALE

K. P. AGGREGATION RECEIVE 8 TO 1 TROUNCING

The Knights of Pythias nine lost to Ferndale last Sunday by a score of 8-1. The game was played at Ferndale. Munger, who was on the mound for the Knights, had eight strike-outs to his credit, against 12 by Ferndale's moundsman. Beebe scored the lone run for the local aggregation in the seventh inning.

This Sunday the Knights will play the Romeo K. P. team at Romeo.

GUN CLUB HOLDS SHOOT

The Birmingham Gun Club held a regular shoot last Wednesday afternoon at the club's grounds. After the shoot a dinner was served, followed by a business meeting.

Have you seen Chamberlain's display of Hand-carved Candle-sticks, Clocks, Trays and Lamps in Shuster's window? Birmingham Hardware Store, corner of Woodward and Maple Avenues. adv24

MADGE HART IVES will resume her classes in Piano, Sept. 1st. Mrs. Ives is a pupil of Prof. Barth, Berlin, Germany, and of Prof. Ahrendt, Florence, Italy. If desired, younger pupils may do all practicing in lessons. Studio—Community House. Phone 701. adv21tf

See C. E. Chamberlain's Hand-carved Clocks in Shuster's window, corner of Maple and Woodward Avenues. adv24

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BALDWIN WILL IS CLEARED BY NEW ABSTRACT

Library and Municipal Property Deed Lies In Name Of Village

U. OF M. HAS NO CLAIM

More Complete Legal Opinion Will Be Given By Doty Next Monday

Reporting at the last Commission meeting, Village Attorney Frank Doty read in part an abstract that the Village has had recently drawn up covering the property donated by the late Martha Baldwin, and which is now being used for library and municipal purposes.

Attorney Doty stated that the deed of the property rests in the name of the Village, and that were the Village to refuse to maintain a library on the property the property would not go to the regents of the University of Michigan, as has been universally advocated by the members of the library board. Though the will of the late Martha Baldwin does stipulate something of the sort, it would without a doubt be declared invalid according to Mr. Doty. The will specifies that if the Village of Birmingham refuse or neglect to comply with certain stipulations, the Village of Birmingham must sign over the deed to the property to the regents of the University of Michigan. Attorney Doty stated that in his opinion this could not be done because the Village of Birmingham has never signed an acceptance of these terms, and therefore can not sign over a deed to the property to any party.

To solve Questions

The Commission ordered the procuring of the abstract a few weeks ago in an effort to solve the many questions that have been continually arising concerning the use and possible disposition of the property. It is brought out very clearly in the abstract that the small piece of property at the corner can not be sold or disposed of in any manner, nor can it be used for anything but a park or building sight for a library.

There are still a few points that are not entirely made clear in the abstract, and Attorney Doty has been instructed to have them clarified and to offer a written legal opinion at the next meeting of the Commission.

Local Boy Injured In Ypsi-Adrian Game

ANDERSON HURT IN TACKLE; FINISHES GAME; PEDERSON PLAYS

Sanley Anderson, who is playing on the Michigan State Normal College football team, was rendered unconscious in the game with Adrian last Saturday played at Ypsilanti, when he tackled an Adrian man. Anderson's tackle resulted in a 40 yard run for Ypsilanti, which was one of the most spectacular plays of the first half. Anderson was able to play the game through.

Another local boy, Maurice Pederson, entered the game in the last quarter and successfully held down the berth at righ tackle. Ypsilanti won, 13-0.

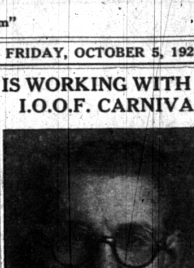
Village Considers Opening Of Ann St.

MAY BE JOINED BETWEEN FRANK AND DAINES; DECIDE NEXT WEEK

Consideration is being made by the Village officials for the opening of Ann street, between Frank and Daines streets. A positive decision will probably be reached the first part of next week.

The cost of opening this street would probably approximate $6,000. Though the distance to be opened is much shorter than would be involved in the opening of Henrietta street, from Brown to Lincoln streets which has been proposed, the Ann street project would cost nearly two thirds as much as would the Henrietta. This is because in opening streets the lot at each end of the proposed opening is paid for while the inside lots are donated.

IS WORKING WITH I.O.O.F. CARNIVAL



JAMES S. BRIGGS

Mr. Briggs, who is Vice Grand of the local Odd Fellows Lodge, is chairman of the committee in charge of street decorations for the carnival which will begin Monday.

ST. JAMES FETE ON TOMORROW

Much Anticipated Annual Affair Gives Promise Of Many Features

EVENING STREET DANCE

Tomorrow one of the most anticipated events of the year, the Saint James' Fair will take place. The usual appreciative crowds that always attend will be recompensed for the patience, time and labor involved in the accomplishment of such an affair. As has been heretofore, all of Birmingham's people who appreciate not only the result of the labors which are praiseworthy enough in themselves, but also the work and effort that must go before, will be present to avail themselves of the unusually attractive, and useful, merchandise which the committees in charge have promised.

The following chairmen report their booths complete and ready; Mrs. N. T. Shaw, baked goods; Mrs. Louis Hupp, general household linens; St. Margaret's Guild, children's handmade garments; Miss Marion Peters, Balloons; Miss Betty Harris, old records; Mrs. A. W. McCalmont, candy; Mrs. H. A. O'Dell, and Mrs. Frank Briscoe, post office; Mrs. Raymond Reilly, aprons; Mrs. Irvin Neff, white elephant; Mrs. John Williams, pop corn balls; Miss Agnes Hulburt's class, grab bag; Mrs. Nelson Whittemore, afternoon refreshments; Mrs. E. C. Monahan, ice cream cones, etc; Jack Gafill, afternoon races and sports.

The noon lunch will be served from 12:30 until 1:30, cafeteria style, with Mrs. F. M. Boynton and Mrs. L. M. Baker in charge.

The evening dinner is to be served at six and seven o'clock and will be under the supervision of Mrs. W. W. Giles who will be aided by Mrs. Walter Morley.

The music for the evening's dancing is to be furnished by one of Finzel's orchestras. Mrs. Loren Stauch will be in charge of the dancing.

The Country Store, under the supervision of Mrs. Walter Carpenter, is expected to be one of the big features of the fair.

Mrs. Hampikian, an Armenian woman, will have a stand displaying leather goods, wrought iron and hammered brass novelties.

OFFICES TO BE CLOSED AT NOON SATURDAYS

VILLAGE CLERK AND TREASURER TO HAVE HALF-DAY OFF

Announcement has been made that the offices of the Village Clerk and the Village Treasurer will be closed on Saturday afternoon. During the summer months this has been the custom, but heretofore they have remained open during the rest of the year. That these offices should continue their custom of closing Saturday afternoons was decided by the Commission at its meeting Monday evening.

"PENROD AND SAM" TO BE GIVEN AT BALDWIN HIGH TONIGHT

This evening the movie "Penrod and Sam" will be shown at the Baldwin auditorium under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association. The picture is taken from Booth Tarkington's story of the same name and is a sequel to the famous "Penrod" shown here last year.

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WALL MAKING GOOD SHOWING ON MICHIGAN '11

WELL-KNOWN SPORT WRITER SPEAKS OF LOCAL BOY AS GOOD MATERIAL

In a very analytical article in the last Detroit Saturday Night, concerning this season's football outlook of the University of Michigan, E. A. Batchelor writes as follows of Fred Wall, who is a candidate for the pivot position on the first squad:

"Coach Yost has nothing to worry about on the center position. Jack Blott was a better center last season than anyone whom he opposed. He will be still stronger this year and he ought to qualify for consideration as an All-American man. In case anything happens to Jack, the team will have an excellent substitute in Fred Wall, of Birmingham. He has several years of experience at Springfield Training School and though he weighs only 170 pounds, is an all-around finished pivot man."

LOCAL MAN TURNS OVER WITH SEDAN

CAR DRIVEN BY HARRY PETERSON IN COLLISION TUESDAY ON WOODWARD

On Tuesday night at about 9:30 the sedan driven by Harry Peterson who, according to Chief of Police Anderson, lives with Wm. McCallum on South Woodward Ave., and the touring car driven by James Kennedy, colored, of Detroit, collied on Woodward Ave. just north of the Lone Pine Tea Room.

The car driven by Kennedy struck the other car on the side, tipping it over. Mrs. Peterson, who was with her husband, suffered a slight dislocation of the shoulder and a few minor cuts on the head. Peterson of Pontiac, turned over with the car nedy was not hurt. Blame for the accident had not been placed up until Thursday morning.

Harry Sims, colored, of Flat Rock and a companion, Ernest Wartzack, noon near the Bloomfield Golf Club. Sims was driving last Monday afternoon near the Bloomfield Gold Club and a collision occurred in which he was behind them. They were brought here and treated by local physicians. Sims received only a few scratches, while Wartzack suffered a number of lacerations of the scalp, which necessitated the taking of seven stitches. Local police assert that both men had been drinking heavily. The Pontiac Daily Press charged Sims with being a bootlegger, and Wartzack with being a "customer."

I.O.O.F. CARNIVAL STARTS MONDAY

Six-Day Event Will Bring Many Outsiders To the Village During Week

CONTESTS ARE CLOSE

Monday will herald the opening of the Odd Fellow carnival which will continue through Saturday. All preparations are completed for the coming week, and many elaborate and unique events are promised by the committee in charge.

Announcement has been made that the well-known Triple Link Band of 40 pieces, from Detroit, will give a concert on the grounds on Wednesday evening. Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the grounds will be opened to the public. That evening a moving picture, "Tropical Romeo", will be shown. There will be a prize drawing for a ton of coal. The Carnival spirit will be crowned on Monday, and announcement will be made of the Prettiest Girl and the Most Popular Girl. Dancing will also be a feature of the evening.

Tuesday the event featured will be the public initiation into the Ancient Order of Flim Flam, by the only degree team in the state qualified to put on the work.

Thursday evening a public wedding will be held uniting James Snowden, of Redford, and Miss Beatrice M. Dotson, of Detroit. The Rev. D. H. Curry will officiate at the wedding.

The winner of the Overland sedan will be announced on Saturday. On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons a Baby Clinic will be held,

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IT WAS A FOXY AND MEMORABLE PARTY FOR THE OPEN HUNT CLUB

It was a decidedly foxy dance that the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club staged last Saturday evening to commemorate the opening of a new barn on the club property and incidentally to aid in the cost of the barn's construction.

Coming in the evening following the fall "drag" the dance was on a really hunting flavor since not only did its guests number those who had ridden so courageously in the afternoon but also the patient rural population by whose sufferance the hunters were permitted to chase the mythical fox over several hundred acres of Oakland county farm land. In a spirit of good fellowship—that vigorous sort that fox hunting is so apt to engender—the hunt club extended its hospitality to the farmers whose acres had been ranged by the hounds. It was a "bring you-for-past-favors" invitation but it was sincerely received, and the farmers, wives, children and all lined the sides of the dance hall.

But there the benificence ended. Or was it there that the foxiness started? At any rate, numerous residents of Birmingham, sans hunting, scraped and bowed from the dance until after they had purchased a second two dollar ticket—second to the first two dollar ticket sold them in advance and supposedly covering the admission of a couple. Having motored out to the Hunt Club yard and then stumbled about in the dark with only the stable scent as a guide to find the particular barn that held the dance, the second assessment was universally accepted—though possibly with regrets.

It must be admitted, however, that once past the hat-passer on the gate, the party really was worth even the

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B'HAM DAIRY CO. IS SOLD TO NEW MICHIGAN FIRM

Dairy and Farm Produce Co. Sign Final Papers Last Monday

PULLIN WILL MANAGE

Village On Way To Becoming Dairy Center For This Section Of State

The Birmingham Dairy, formerly owned by George F. Pullin, passed into the hands of the Michigan Dairy & Farm Produce Co. Monday of this week, and thus was completed the second step of bringing together the farmer and the consumer. Mr. Pullin will remain in charge as resident manager. The acquisition of the Birmingham Dairy to their organization makes the Michigan Dairy & Farm Produce Co. the owner of two going concerns that have been established successfully for many years in Birmingham. Two weeks ago the Birmingham Creamery & Ice Manufacturing Co. passed into the hands of the concern which Monday took over Mr. Pullin's property.

"Our plan to bring closer together the producer and the consumer is meeting with great success," declared Gideon T. Bryce, Romeo farmer, who is president of the Michigan Dairy & Farm Produce Co., this week. "Every where they have been presented our plan to eliminate the middleman or distributor in the sale of farm produce we have been graciously received. Farmers who have long felt the need of an organization that would market their produce see in our plan a wonderful chance to obtain a fairer profit on the things they sell to the commission merchant. The two plants we have taken over in Birmingham are but the starter for a state-wide vehicle through which the farmer may dispose of his produce at a greater profit to themselves and at less cost to the ultimate consumer."

Jarvis Stanton, treasurer of the Company, stated yesterday that the purchase of the two Birmingham projects had placed the Village well on the way to becoming a dairy center for this section of Michigan. "Our Company is composed of men who have been associated with the production and distribution of farm produce for many years," he said, "and the success of our plan is assured by their knowledge. Summed up in a nutshell, our idea is merely giving the farmer more for his produce and selling it to the consumer for less than he always paid. This is done by the simple method of eliminating from two to eight commissions now paid to middlemen and other distributors."

Fred J. Andrus, former manager of the Birmingham Creamery & Ice manufacturing Co., remains in charge of the plant he has guided successfully for many years.

"Plans have been adopted and preparations are now being made to install the necessary equipment which will increase the output of our ice plant to 40 tons a day," announced to the Eccentric yesterday. "This will mean added facilities for delivery and a larger force of employees."

P.T.A. To Hold Joint Meeting Wednesday

TO DISCUSS NEED OF MEDICAL INSPECTION IN ALL THE LOCAL SCHOOLS

A joint meeting of all the units of the Parent-Teacher Associations of Birmingham will be held at the Baldwin High School Wednesday evening, October 10, at eight o'clock to discuss the need of medical inspection in the schools.

With the rapid growth of Birmingham, the number of school children has increased to the point where it is an impossible task for one nurse to take care of them properly. In order to give the plan a thorough trial, Dr. A. W. Newitt, cooperating with practically all the other physicians in town, has volunteered his services for a year. He will outline his plans in a short talk Wednesday evening and it is hoped all mothers and fathers and members of the P. T. A. will be there.