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CO. SUPERVISORS ELECT ALLEN TO CHAIRMANSHIP

Position Of Honor Thrust Upon Local Man At Meeting Monday

$450,000.00 BOND ISSUE

Ely Submits Plan To Erect Suitable Buildings For County's Wards

Luther D. Allen, supervisor of Bloomfield township, received the distinction Monday morning of being elected chairman of the Oakland county board of supervisors, to fill out the term of former chairman Fred Dernberger, who resigned Jan. 1 to accept a place on the board of county auditors. This is believed to be the first time in the history of Bloomfield township that a local supervisor has been elected to the office of chairman.

Three ballots were necessary to determine who the chairman was to be. Mr. Allen was given a set race by Howard C. Hillman of Springfield township, but finally won, 13 to 12. The election of Allen is seen as a victory for the southern county townships, who first backed Albert W. Willson of Royal Oak. After Willson declined, the nomination went to Mr. Allen.

"I hadn't expected to be a candidate for chairman Monday morning," said Mr. Allen after he had taken the chair. "but I want to thank you for this honor and assure you that I will do the best I can."

Want New County Home

Wednesday's special session of the Oakland county board of supervisors witnessed the submission of a plan to bond the county to the extent of $450,000 for the erection of a combination county infirmary, contagious disease hospital, tuberculosis sanitarium and juvenile detention home. The suggestion, accompanying the resolution introduced by Supervisor F. C. Ely of Pontiac, was made that all be built on property now owned by the county now used as the county farm.

The proposed bond issue brought forth a good deal of discussion. Practically all the supervisors favored the idea, though different opinions were expressed as to how the money should be raised, one of them suggesting a two mill tax instead of the proposed bond issue.

Frightful conditions existing at the county poor farm were given in detail by Mr. Ely, who, as chairman of the special committee delegated to investigate the matter, had spent much time on the subject. It is believed that little opposition from the voters will be met when the proposition is submitted to them next April.

$11,091 IN FINES COLLECTED HERE

Village Police Dept. Makes Annual Report Of 1923 Activities

SPEEDERS LEAD THE LIST

Activities of the Birmingham police department during 1923 were of much larger scope than ever before in the history of the Village, according to the annual report filed with the village manager this week by James Anderson, chief. Fines and costs totaling $11,091.12 were collected for infractions of the law during the 12 months just passed.

Automobile speeders led the list of offenders, with 814 arrests, while motorists arrested for reckless driving came next with a total of 108 cases; drivers under the influence of liquor taken into custody by local police numbered 18.

Following is the balance of the itemized records of the department for 1923: Disorderly conduct, 12; drunk and disorderly, 37; arrested for stealing fruit, 8; peddling without a license, 6; automobile accidents in the business district, 27; automobiles found deserted on local streets, 5; house burglaries reported, 5; bad checks reported, 2; children lost and found, 2; doors found unlocked by night patrolmen, 15; dogs killed, 33; suicides, 2; lodged in local jail, 7.

And, last but not least, it might be mentioned that 79 gallons of assorted liquors were confiscated and destroyed by local guardians of the Volstead Act.

McCURDY CELEBRATES 10th YEAR AS EPISCOPAL PRIEST

The Rev. Charles H. McCurdy, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, was the guest of the vestrymen of the parish Thursday evening at the Birwood Inn at dinner. The occasion was the tenth anniversary of Rev. McCurdy's ordination as a priest of the Church. He recently finished five year's service as rector of Birmingham.

His first charge was as missionary in the Michigan Thumb district, afterwards serving as assistant rector of St. John's church, Detroit. Answering a call of the East, Rev. McCurdy went to Boston where he had a parish until 1918 when he came here on the urgent request of the late Bishop Williams.

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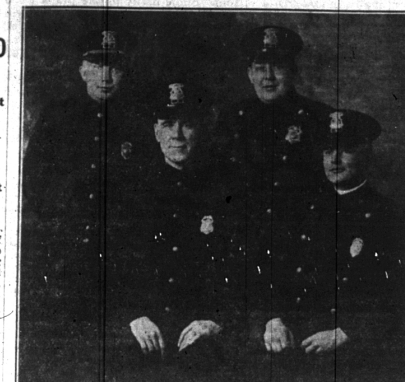

Not quite as large as New York's police department—but sufficient for the peace and quietude of Detroit's prettiest suburb.

Reading from left to right, they are: James Anderson, Chief; Richard Lawler, Clark Green, Clayton Stokes, Lieutenant.

SHOW YOUR COLORS!

Undoubtedly the American Peace Award idea formulated by Edward Bok, and printed elsewhere in this newspaper, is one of the greatest things ever presented to several generations of Americans. It is to be hoped that readers of The Eccentric will peruse carefully the plan and return the ballot as directed. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who oppose WAR to show their colors!

DADS AND LADS TO MEET FEBRUARY 14

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LOCAL AND NEARBY "PALS" WILL BE HELD IN BALDWIN HIGH

Boys of Birmingham will shout with joy when they hear what the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. decided last evening. The bright spot in every boy's year, the Father and Son banquet, is only a month away! It comes February 14 at the Baldwin high school.

Fathers and sons who went last year, know what a fine get-together time they had; they remember the wonderful program and good dinner, with group singing afterwards. Everyone knows that the Father and Son Banquet gets more popular each year because it is a perfect means of bringing fathers and sons together as pals.

Responsible for the banquet are E. G. Potter, general chairman; C. S. Kinnison, assisted by Hi-Y and Y. M. C. A. boys, sale of tickets, and Jos. Dalley, charge of supper. Committee members are working hard to make this year's banquet better than ever before.

"TURN TO THE RIGHT" IS SHOWING TONIGHT

The Senior play, "Turn to the Right," is to be given tonight in the Baldwin auditorium. The play promises to be very good, being under the able direction of Mrs. Horwath and the Misses Fearron and Walker. The list of characters is as follows:

Moses, the tailor	Irwin Neff
His Employer	Robert Schorr
Lester Morgan	Robert Schorr
Joe Bascom	Francis Roehm
Gilly	George Rollins
Muggs	Thornton Walker
Betty Bascom	Eloise Carnahan
Her friend	Faye Bisdorf
Ma Bascom	Essie Pettit
Sammy, grocery boy	Jack Burkman
Deacon Tillinger	Closson Miller
Elsie, his daughter	Mary White
Maid	Marie Young

OAKLAND HILLS GETS 1924 OPEN GOLF MEET

At the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association held at New York City, last Saturday, national tournament dates were approved by the association for the year 1924. The open championship will be held at Oakland Hills Country Club, June 5 and 6; amateur championship at Merion Cricket Club in Philadelphia, Sept. 20 and 27; women's championship, Rhode Island Country Club, Providence, R. I., Sept. 1 and 5; public links championship, Community Club, Dayton, O., June 24 and 28.

OUR SEALER ATTENDS STATE INSTRUCTION

James Anderson, local chief of police, left Wednesday morning for Lansing where he will attend a three-day session of instruction in dairy inspection and problems of weights and measures, being conducted by the state department of dairy and food inspection.

Chief Anderson, who is local dairy inspector and sealer of weights and measures, will be one of several hundred similar officers from cities and towns of Michigan who were invited to learn direct from the state department the latest methods of such work.

There is an important announcement in this issue in the regular advertising space of the First National Bank to which we give all to give their close attention. adv38*

Want To Travel? Hear Cora J. Best, World Explorer

Free Lecture At Baldwin High School On Evening Of January 15

AUSPICES OF Y. M. C. A.

Under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A., Cora Johnstone Best, pioneer trail blazer, explorer and noted mountain climber, will appear at the Baldwin Auditorium, Tuesday evening, Jan. 15, at 8 o'clock, with an illustrated free lecture on experiences met in her expeditions.

"She has hunted, climbed and been on exploring expeditions from the Arctic Circle to the tropics. She has mushed over hundreds of miles of Alaskan snow trails, driven dog teams, hunted whales with Eskimos, explored and brought out specimens of prehistoric animals from Alberta bad lands on Red Deer river, was the first person to explore Sapphire mountain where she gathered handfuls of sapphires."

Dr. Best shows moving pictures of goat caves on Iceberg Lake, also of beetles and bugs that were once under the sea but are now imprisoned ten thousand feet in the air. She also shows weird pictures of "Death Valley," the hottest place on earth, where an egg will cook if laid on the ground. In this lecture Mrs. Best takes her audience over unblazed trails, going from the remote region of Pallister Pass in southeastern British Columbia, down the old Indian trails leading from the plains in Central Alberta to the Columbia River by way of Sinclair Pass.

STUDEBAKER AGENCY MOVES TO NEW OFFICE

The Wurster-Stapleton Co., Studebaker Sales and Service, will move their office and salesroom to the west half of the Field Building on West Maple avenue. This firm was formerly the Craig-Wurster-Stapleton Co. located in the McCallum garage on South Woodward avenue. They expect to open in their new home on or about Jan. 15. The section of the Field Building they will occupy is now being redecorated, and has not been in use since being re-built after the fire.

Frank Wurster, who is in charge of the Birmingham office, has been selling Studebaker cars for the past ten years in Detroit. The office here, the first Studebaker salesroom in Birmingham, was opened last March and has grown rapidly since, adding a used car department during the summer.

While the offices in the Field Building will handle only the sales business, Mr. Wurster expresses himself as anxious to install a service garage as soon as a suitable place is located.

OAKLAND DISPLAY HERE ATTRACTS MANY IN WEEK

"It is, indeed, very gratifying to find so much response from interested motorists during our first week in Birmingham," said R. H. Carson of the Bloomfield-Oakland Sales and Service, yesterday. "Over a thousand people have inspected the new Oakland models we are displaying, several of whom have already placed orders for new cars."

Mr. Carson said a good deal of favorable comment was made on the four-wheel brake used on the Oakland models.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT BALDWIN NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Baldwin theatre, Royal Oak, established a new attendance record for southern Oakland county on New Year's Day, when 3,147 persons saw the excellent production of "Little Old New York," with Marion Davies as the star. The record is one of which many larger cities would be proud and is a visible appreciation by the public of all this section of the efforts put forth by the Baldwin management to provide first class entertainment.

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L. P. Smith, Local Man, Raised To Place Of Honor

But 31 Years Old, Is Made President Of $27,000,000 Detroit Bank

CLERK 10 YEARS AGO

At the annual meeting of the board of directors, which followed the annual meeting of stockholders Tuesday, Lawrence P. Smith of 213 Vinewood avenue, was made president of the Central Savings Bank of Detroit, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Harry J. Fox.

Mr. Smith, for several years a Birmingham man, was born in Ottowa, Kansas, in 1892. After completing his high school course there, he attended the University of Kansas. His banking career began when he was 20, as a bookkeeper in the Union National Bank of Bartlesville, Okla.

Coming to Detroit ten years ago, Mr. Smith entered the employ of the Central Savings Bank as a bookkeeper. The election of Mr. Smith, who is only 31 years old, and the youngest president in the United States of a bank having resources of more than $27,000,000, proves the fact that there is still opportunity for a young man without pull, but with plenty of push," to get ahead.

His rise in the banking world has been meteor-like; strict attention to duty, ability and effort are responsible for Mr. Smith's rapid advance. From bookkeeper he became manager of the branch office at West Grand Boulevard and Grand River avenue; five years ago he rose to the position of assistant cashier, and three years later, he became vice-president of the Central Savings Bank.

Mr. Smith's presidency in the Central Savings Bank, which is one of the First National bank group, came about as a well merited recognition of his ability and unselfish efforts; Birmingham is proud of a resident of hers who early in life, holds such a trustworthy and responsible position.

SKATING RACES TO BE HELD JAN. 20

Fourth Annual Winter Sports Day Planned At Hadsell's Pond On Sunday

LYMAN IS CHAIRMAN

An esthalished place in the program of the winter sports enthusiasts is held by the annual Winter Sports Day carnival, which, this year, will be held at Hadsell's pond, about four miles north of Birmingham on Woodward avenue, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 20.

This event, which is the fourth of its nature held in Birmingham, will be called the Birmingham and Pontiac Winter Sports Day, thus enabling a larger number of people to enter the various contests. The carnival is sanctioned by the Michigan branch of the International Skating Association of which Walter W. Osmun is president.

Besides the usual quarter-mile and half-mile races for boys and girls, there will be a relay race and a special race for business men. One change will be made this year that is quite important. Instead of the three-mile state championship speed skating race, which this year will be one of the events of the Belle Isle carnival, the one and one-half mile Michigan state speed skating championship will be the main feature of the local event. There is also scheduled a fancy skating contest, in which it is expected many of the stars of Detroit, Pontiac, Birmingham and vicinity will participate.

On the committee in charge are Guy G. Lyman, chairman, third vice-president of the Michigan Skating Association, Herbert S. Webber of Detroit, secretary and treasurer of the association, and Walter W. Osmun, world's champion one-legged roller skater. Mrs. Walter J. Pringle of Hartford, will have charge of the girls' races.

OPENS AN INDOOR GOLF SCHOOL HERE

"BOBBIE" SHAVE, GOLF PROFESSIONAL, WILL GIVE INSTRUCTION STARTING MONDAY

"Bobbie" Shave, golf professional, who graduated from Baldwin high school, is starting an indoor golf school next Monday, above the new Bloomfield Oakland Sales and Service, yesterday. "Over a thousand people have inspected the new Oakland models we are displaying, several of whom have already placed orders for new cars."

"Bobbie" Shave, who is now the "pro" at the Oakland Hills Country Club. In '23 he surpassed the best record in the history of the Kirkland Country Club of Cleveland, making the course in 70, which is four below par.

Those who know about golf, and have seen young Shave play, prophesy a brilliant future for him.

ALWAYS tip to phone the Eccentric your Classified Ad before Wednesday noon of each week. Our number is 11 or 12. adv37tf

APPROVE ROUTE FOR WOODWARD AVE. WIDENING

Governor Groesbeck And Rogers Agree On Plans At Ferndale and Royal Oak

BIRMINGHAM NEXT

Ferndale Will Have 200-Foot Right-of-Way When Project Is Completed

The first complete working plans for the widening of Woodward avenue through the Ferndale-Royal Oak district were drawn up and approved last Friday when Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck and Frank F. Rogers, state highway commissioner, spent the day in conference with D. U. R. officials, officers of the Wider Woodward Avenue Association, town officials of Ferndale, and State and Oakland county engineers.

Gov. Groesbeck, after walking the length of Woodward avenue from the limits of Detroit to the business center of Ferndale and inspecting the property on both sides of the road, ordered that a section of privately-owned land two miles long and approximately 90 feet deep from the west side of the present highway and of a smaller rectangular section on the east side of Woodward, just north of the Detroit line, be taken over by the State.

This contemplated acquisition will involve the moving of only dozen Ferndale business buildings and a few more in Pleasant Ridge, and will enable the State to lay two 40-foot concrete pavements from the Eight mile road through Pleasant Ridge to the Ten mile road. It will open a public right-of-way 180 feet wide that will relieve Woodward avenue traffic where it is now the heaviest. The governor will study immediately the problems involved in pushing this passageway on through Birmingham and connecting it with the rights-of-way already acquired between Birmingham and Pontiac.

Meanwhile detailed plans of the proposed 180-foot right-of-way for Woodward avenue will be drawn up by L. V. Belknap, Oakland county engineer, and presented to R. C. Harrison, former president of the Ferndale Board of Commerce, who has had charge of securing rights-of-way in Ferndale. Mr. Harrison and other members of the Wider Woodward Association who will interview the interested property owners, will be assisted, Governor Groesbeck announced, by a member of the Attorney-General's staff sent from Lansing to act as legal adviser.

Delay Hampers State

It was generally understood until the opening of the conference last

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MASONIC DINNER PLANS COMPLETE

SATURDAY EVENING WILL BE DEVOTED TO GALA TIME OF ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Arrangements are complete for the dinner and entertainment to be given in the Masonic Temple Saturday evening, Jan. 12. The members of the Temple association have spared no expense in making this the biggest event of its kind in the history of this Village, it is said.

The appetite of the hungriest resident of this community will be satisfied by a luscious chicken dinner served from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The lodge rooms have been arranged as a lounge, and through the courtesy of the Leonard Electric Co., a radio program will provide entertainment for those who have to wait their turn in the dining room.

After the dinner a very pleasing program will be rendered by some of Birmingham's most noted talent. The latter part of the evening will be devoted to dancing, cards and amusements in the club rooms. A good orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music.

A limited number of tickets have been printed, and are being rapidly bought by the members of the lodge and local residents.

STORY HOUR AT THE LIBRARY

There will be stories told at the Baldwin Public Library, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. All the young children are invited.

Where There Is Water There Must Be Mud--But Who Wants the Mud?

Will the Village of Birmingham be called upon to pay for cleaning out the big county drain as the result of any sand, gravel or mud that may be lodged in this drain caused by the flow of water from the new well being sunk at Lincoln and South Woodward avenues? If it does become necessary to clean out this drain, which extends south from Birmingham along Woodward avenue, will the Layne & Bowler Co. pay for such cleaning?

This is a question that seems to puzzle a number of local residents, as well as village and township officials—not to forget Cassius Crawford, county drain commissioner.

It appears that Layne & Bowler Co., in disposing of the various ingredients of earth taken from the new well, merely dump it into the ditch on the north side of Lincoln avenue, from which point it empties into the big county drain. It is contended by Mr. Crawford that a great deal of sand and mud are deposited in the big drain because the Layne & Bowler Co. has not provided suitable settling basins for removing most of the foreign matter contained in the water.

A few weeks ago Mr. Crawford visited the well, at which time he directed the well driller to stop operations. He then held a consultation with Village Manager Starr and township officials relative to the expense of cleaning out the drain. Manager Starr agreed that if such cleaning were necessary Birmingham would pay for it.

Starr said Wednesday that there would probably be no necessity for cleaning out the drain when the well is completed, that, if it is cleaned, he will attempt to collect the bill from Layne & Bowler.

That's how the matter stands at present. In the meantime, the people of Birmingham may go on singing "Yes, we have no water—but we have lots of mud today."

HEADS LOCAL I. O. O. F.

JAMES S. BRIGGS, Noble Grand

The installation of the new I. O. O. F. officers was preceded by a dinner in the dining room of the Temple last Monday evening. The honor guests at the dinner were eight deputy officers of the Grand Lodge of Michigan who presided later at the semi-annual installation service.

The new officers installed were: C. C. Hoover, past grand; J. S. Briggs, noble grand; John Canever, vice grand; F. J. Myhrs, warden; Ernest Kurth, conductor; R. Appell, Jr., chaplain; E. Appell, outside guardian; George Westerby, inside guardian; Allen McGirr, R. S. N. G.; H. Seager, L. S.N. G.; H. Appell, Sr., R. S.S., and A. Cromwell, L. S. S.

Now Ladies, Make Him Take It Back

On the evening of January first a reunion of Rebekahs, Odd Fellows and their friends was given at the I. O. O. F. Temple on Pierce street. After the pot-luck supper, which lasted from six to eight, came a short program of local talent. Right here the true history of woman's beginning, as related by Clark Hallock, might be recounted. It goes like this:

One day St. Peter came up to Adam and said, "Why so downcast, Adam? Aren't you satisfied with this beautiful garden? Speak!"

"Well," said Adam, "I'm lonesome; I want a mate."

"Oh," said the saint, "that's simple, but I'll have to make her from one of thy ribs." So the saint proceeded to take from his vest pocket, a bottle of ether with which a chloroform Adam. After the rib had been removed, St. Peter set it up against a barbed fence near by.

"Suddenly along came a greyhound pup, grabbed the rib and ran as fast as ever he could, because St. Peter was right behind him with an enormous cheese-knife in his hand. The saint saw that he had a mighty slim chance of getting Adam's rib back so, with a mighty swing, he cut off four inches of that greyhound pup's tail. St. Peter picked up the tail and took his head sadly—because, folks, that was all in this world that he had with which to make woman. And that's why she's been growling ever since."

The program was followed by an old-fashioned dance. All who came certainly enjoyed themselves because of the perfect spirit of friendliness which marked the evening.

McCALLUM WILL CONTEST BUS LAW

TO ENJOIN VILLAGE OFFICIALS FROM COLLECTING ANNUAL TAX ON BUSSES

In response to a notice from Village Manager Starr that the Star Motor Coach Line conform to the Birmingham ordinance requiring a payment for the operation of busses through town, William McCallum, owner of the bus line, this week notified Village officials that he would contest the case. According to Hazel Clark, clerk, Mr. McCallum will seek an injunction against the enforcement of the local ordinance, on the ground that it is unconstitutional.

The matter will be referred to Attorney Doty next Monday evening, it is said, who will probably prosecute the case in defense of local taxpayers.

"CITY FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS BEST"—DONDERO

Former Mayor Of Royal Oak Tells Of Benefits Gained By His City

SAYS WE DEMAND MORE

Advises Birmingham To Change From Village To More Powerful Plan

In the presence of Village and township officials, and a few local citizens, George A. Dondero, lawyer and former mayor of Royal Oak, Monday night made a short talk in favor of changing Birmingham from village to city form of government. The talk was made in the Commission chambers.

Mr. Dondero, who was brought here by members of the Commission to extoll the virtues of city form of government, told briefly of several advantages that had accrued to Royal Oak by a similar change made two years ago.

"Both Birmingham and Royal Oak are facing bright futures," said Mr. Dondero, opening his talk, "and the limit to which they can go is dependent entirely upon the kind of community they offer to those who already reside in their boundaries and the attractions they flourish to the prospective resident. Birmingham, like Royal Oak, will never be an industrial center, but will be residential.

"I am willing to admit that, for residence purposes, Birmingham far surpasses Royal Oak," he continued. "Situated amidst beautiful hills, Birmingham will always attract a wealthier class of people than Royal Oak. Therefore) they will demand perhaps greater community benefits and privileges from their public officers. Such a future outlook means that Birmingham's public officials should have placed in their hands all the tools of law that will permit perfect comfort and convenience to be enjoyed by their electorate.

"The old council form of government has been supplanted, in many places, by the village commission-manager form. This, too, is inadequate for many growing communities. The powers granted under the Home Rule Act for village is not so great as that given to cities. Knowing this, we changed Royal Oak's form of government two years ago; we do not regret the change. I think that Birmingham will welcome a similar change, once it is tried out."

Advantages Outlined

A few of the advantages suggested as a result of a change in local government outlined by Mr. Dondero were:

1. Elimination of village's share in contributing to expense of running the township outside of Birmingham for improvement taxation that does not directly benefit village residents.

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WATER, WATER—AH WHERE ART THOU?

Operations On New Well Disclose a Large Amount Of Sand, Gravel And Mud

MAY BE A DRY SUMMER

Whether or not the residents of Birmingham may find themselves facing a water shortage next summer is problematical. Operations on the new well being sunk by the Layne & Bowler Co. for the village at Lincoln and South Woodward avenues are proceeding at a rather slow pace.

A visit to the well site early Wednesday morning witnessed the act of three men filling a number of gunny sacks with the fine sand taken from the well, which is piled high on the ground. Smoke was pouring from the stack of the dilapidated boiler, while the opening of the hole in the ground, familiarly called a well, seemed to be plugged up with a large suspended pipe casing.

The man who seemed to be in charge of the drilling operations ventured the opinion that "our company has already lost money on this job. If we don't get a smaller screen down pretty soon, I'm afraid we'll have to abandon the site and start to work on the test well across from the D. U. R. car barn." No water has been pumped out of the well for about two weeks, he said.

To date, according to Village Treasurer Plumstead, the Layne & Bowler Co. has been paid $4,837.65 on the contract price of $12,500.00 for the guaranteed well. This amount is supposed to represent 85% of the cost of materials actually on the job which will be permanently used when the well is completed, said Mr. Plumstead.

Layne & Bowler Co. are said by village officials to have filed a sufficient bond to reimburse Birmingham for any money expended, in the event the well does not come up to the terms of the contract.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY

At the Masonic Temple on South Woodward avenue, the Eastern Star will entertain with a benefit card party Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The beneficiaries will be the Masonic orphans at Adrian and the aged people in the Masonic home at Alma. The committee in charge of the affair are making arrangements for about one hundred guests and the prizes, which will be given are especially attractive.