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FILE PETITIONS ON ANNEXATION OF FOUR PARCELS TO VILLAGE

Village Commission Actuated By Desire To Protect Water Supply

ELECTION IN JULY

Lands In Question Situated West And Southwest Of Town

Petitions asking that a special election be granted to vote on annexing four parcels of land to Birmingham were filed with the county clerk in Pontiac, Monday of this week. They will be acted upon at a special meeting of the Oakland County board of supervisors when they meet June 27. The election will be held the latter part of July.

The specific reason for holding this election is prompted by a desire on the part of the village commission of Birmingham to provide for a suitable water supply between about three years from now and the time when Detroit water will be furnished. Believing, from actual acquired data, that the territory extending south and west of Birmingham is abundantly filled with underground rivers, and realizing that Birmingham's present source of supply, even though fully developed, will not last beyond perhaps three years, due to the rapid growth of the town, the village commission is taking steps necessary to annex the land set forth on the petitions. The state law prohibits a municipality from going outside its own corporate limits to acquire water, which fact was manifested several years ago when Birminghams went through expensive litigation over the Latham well.

The land mentioned in the petitions is as follows: (1) the strip along the west side of Lakeview avenue, from Highland to Oak streets, which extends west to the Quarton Lake Estates, and known as the Trowbridge and Eastman lands; (2) the village property between Southfield avenue and Birmingham Park, from Lincoln to West Maple avenues, taking in the rear of certain lots facing Southfield avenue, and the property owned by William Hanna, Frank Gordon and others; (3) Birmingham Hills subdivision, and other lands extending from Lincoln avenue one-half mile south on Southfield and one-half mile west; (4) beginning at a point corresponding to a continuation of Lincoln avenue, a half mile west of Southfield avenue, and extending south and west to embrace a piece of land one-quarter of a mile square, which takes it adjacent to the old Latham well site. These two latter pieces chiefly concern the matter of future water supply for Birmingham.

According to village manager Starr, these four pieces of land are the only ones that will be balloted on for annexation, since no other subdivisions have submitted petitions. However, Starr said yesterday that petitions from other adjacent territory will probably be presented in the early fall, so that the board of supervisors, at their October meeting in Pontiac, may designate a date for another special election.

"I believe that residents of adjacent territory, though they now are debating the question, will see that the only assurance they can obtain for uninterrupted municipal service from Birmingham is to become a part of it," said Starr in discussing the matter. "The village commission has sent out letters to each outside property owner, setting forth Birmingham's status, and it is hoped that a mutual understanding can be reached between all parties concerned."

Include One Hour Limit In Parking Ordinance Here

Commission To Enforce Rule On Maple And Woodward Avenues

Believing that the recent passage of a parallel parking ordinance for Woodward and Maple avenues might be helpful by placing a one hour limit on it, the village commission Monday night passed a resolution prohibiting in excess of one hour's parking between the hours of 7 a. m. and 6 p. m. every day in the week except Sundays.

"The one hour parking limit applies to Woodward avenue from Willetts street to the Christian Science church, and on Maple avenue from the Grand Trunk tracks to Henrietta street. A fine of not less than $10 or more than $100, or 60 days in the county jail, or both in the discretion of the court, was included in the resolution.

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THE PULPIT OF THE PRESS

A Series Of Weekly Preachments By the Clergy Of Birmingham.

"MEMORIAL DAY."

By Rev. W. C. McKnight, First Presbyterian Church.

There is no desire to make it a "vale of tears"—this Memorial Day which we are celebrating this week. Nor to spend it in mourning and sit through it in "sack-cloth and ashes." Yet one cannot help but notice, as far as the great majority of people is concerned, the apparent failure to realize its meaning, and the utter indifference to its purpose. Instead of at least some thought, sport, amusement and recreation fill the air. It may be this is only on the surface, yet it is ever true that "straws show which way the wind blows."

The day comes to us as one in the round of great national holidays. We have them. We should. Sometimes we think, perhaps, they are getting too many. Yet of which would we rid ourselves? The "Fourth of July," Washington's and Lincoln's Birthdays, "Labor Day," all seem to have their places in the yearly calendar properly. But "Memorial Day" is outstanding. It is unique. It commemorates death, not life. It makes us think of deeds and men. But it emphasizes sacrifice.

Originally created as a mark of reverence for the fallen heroes of the Civil War, and an act of respect for the living veterans, it has been broadened in scope until it includes, as it should, the dead and living of all wars. A nation's expression of gratitude for service and sacrifice is here offered. The day should give "every soldier's grave a voice." These graves should be a testimony "that our land and our laws and our institutions are worth dying for."

But they are also worth living for. Patriotism is a wonderful thing. But it can manifest itself in so many ways, that sometimes it is worth trying to define. Can you put it into words? Men who have died for the nation have put it into deeds. What sort of deeds can best define it in the living? It is easily mistaken. That is, it is easily simulated. As ever, it is easily misunderstood. As ever, "appearances are sometimes deceiving." A noisy demagogue can often mislead. Partisanship may often pass for statesmanship. True statesmanship ought always to be patriotism. Yet the ranter and the critic many times win the plaudits of the multitude and gain a following.

We are talking much these days

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STARR PLANNING 100 FT. WIDER WOODWARD

Shain Introduces Resolution Directing Manager To Submit Plan

SEEK STATE APPROVAL

Roused to a point where they deem it necessary immediately to prepare a working plan for the widening of Woodward avenue through Birmingham, the village commission Monday night, on a motion made by president Charles J. Shain, directed manager Starr to complete a plan to make the thoroughfare 100 feet wide.

In discussing the matter Monday night, Starr declared himself in favor of obtaining a 100 foot right-of-way from Lincoln avenue to about Harmon street, and from Harmon street to the northern village limits a gradual increase to meet the 200 foot highway where the state will stop at Oak street. According to Starr, this would provide a minimum of 80 feet of pavement, in place of the maximum width at the widest part which is now 66 feet from curb to curb, as appears at the Woodward and Maple avenue intersection.

From a point just south of Boughner Bros. Garage, Starr plans to allow for the taking of 17 feet off both sides of the street. Several houses north of Harmon street would be removed.

"I am certainly sure that the state will make no overtures to Birmingham in the matter of widening Woodward avenue, and for this reason I believe it imperative that Birmingham should do something on its own hook, and present it to the state for approval," declared president Shain this week. "If we do not get busy on the matter, the state will come along with its own plan and, perhaps, our present main street will merely be a side one."

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REP. CANDIDATE FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER

LUTHER D. ALLEN.

Supervisor of Bloomfield township and chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors who recently announced his candidacy for member of the Oakland County Road Commission. Petitions are now being circulated to place Mr. Allen's name on the Republican ticket, and will soon be filed with the county clerk. It is generally conceded by political leaders throughout the county that Mr. Allen, with his broad knowledge of county affairs, and his warm friendships over Oakland county, will easily win the approval of a majority of Republicans for the office he seeks.

DE LUXE PARLOR CARS FOR D.U.R. FLINT LINE

Luxurious Coaches Now Being Built In Highland Park Shops

RESERVED SEATS

At the Highland Park shops of the Detroit United Railway rapid strides are being made in building two De-Luxe parlor cars to be operated on the Flint division between Flint and Detroit. It is now expected these cars will be placed in the service about the first of next month. One of them will be known as "Genesee" and the other as "Michigan."

The interior equipment of these De-Luxe cars is most luxurious. In appointments they will excel anything in the country operating on interurban lines. The forward compartment is full observation and will be given over to the smokers. This compartment will carry ten chairs while the main compartment will seat twenty persons. The interior finish is of light mahogany, with white enamel ceiling, sea-green carpets and green silk curtains, with chairs in harmonizing colors. The chairs are especially built for the company and are particularly designed for perfect comfort and ease in their riding qualities.

The car will be electrically heated and equipped with electric fans. The car equipment consists of standard trucks, four 100-horse power motors with multiple unit control and both straight and automatic air brakes so that the car may operate singly or in train. Entrance and exit will be from the rear.

"Our DeLuxe cars will carry only 30 passengers, the absolute limit in the car being the same as the number of chairs," said A. D. B. Vanzandt, publicity manager of the company, discussing the company's plan of operation.

"Every seat will be subject to reservation which may be made through our ticket agents along the line. Any seats remaining can be secured at the train from the conductor in charge. Reservations may be made any length of time in advance on payment therefor. The riding charges have been held down to the absolute minimum, being placed at fifty cents in addition to the regular or commuter rate of fare. The chair car rate applies to any distance, but, of course, the car will make only the regular limited stops.

"Our management is enthusiastic over the proposed service and fully believe it will prove extremely popular especially to the women shoppers and the commercial representatives.

"Should the development of De-Luxe traffic warrant—and we are in hopes it will—the plan is to add to this splendid equipment. For the time being the DeLuxe cars will make three trips a day in each direction. They will leave Flint at 8:20 A. M., 12:20 P. M. and 4:20 P. M., and will leave Detroit at 8:10 A. M., 12:10 P. M. and 4:20 P. M."

OIL CO. WILL BUILD COMFORT STATION

A solution of the municipal public comfort station project was offered and accepted by the village two weeks ago when officers of the Federal Petroleum Company agreed to include such a place in remodeling their filling station on South Woodward avenue.

According to president Ragle, of the oil company, the new comfort station will be ready about July 15. It will be finished completely in the most modern fashion, he said. The agreement was made possible when the village consented to allow the oil company to place a pump between the sidewalk and the curb. The remodelled filling station will be artistically finished, according to Ragle.

RALPH BUNYAN WINS 2 MEDALS IN THIRD ANNUAL Y.M.C.A. TILT

Local Boy Makes Third Highest Score At Royal Oak Thursday

235 BOYS ENTER EVENTS

Physical Prowess Of County's Youth Manifested In 25 Contests

Ralph Bunyan, 13 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bunyan of Brown street, distinguished himself last Thursday, May 22, when he captured two medals at the Third Annual Athletic Meet held under the auspices of the Oakland County Y. M. C. A. at Royal Oak. The lucky youth returned to Birmingham with a gold medal, awarded because his average score, 75.7, was the highest in the 81-95 pound class of entrants. Young Bunyan also won a bronze medal for having the third highest individual average in the meet, in which 235 boys from all over the county participated. W. Cooper of Royal Oak took first with an average of 82, and E. Zeuner of Walled Lake was second high man with an average of 76.

The other local boys competing were, first class, Dixon, Stone, Uptegraff; second class, Bunyan, Dean, Porteous, Spreen; third class, Clark, Hanley, Johnson, Mix; fourth class, Brown, Ladd, Peterson, Ryder; fifth class, Brown, Code, Shattuck and Westerby.

Seventeen schools composed Berkley, Birmingham, Clarenceville, Clawson, Farmington, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Holly, Log Cabin, Milford, Oak Ridge, Orion, Oxford, Rochester, Royal Oak, South Lyon, and Walled Lake each had a fine quota of boys participating.

Twenty-five events, an average of five in each class, were run off and the score tabulated and results announced in less than three and one-half hours. This splendid showing was possible only by having the whole meet carefully organized and by the excellent service of the officials and particularly of the score keepers.

Oak Ridge was the highest school with an average score of 1147. The other schools finished in the following order: Clawson, 1069; Royal Oak, 1012; Walled Lake, 984; Rochester, 849; Berkley, 842; Hazel Park, 860; Log Cabin, 840; Birmingham, 824; Milford, 798; Clarenceville, 729 1-2; Oxford, 77 2-3; Farmington, 694 1-2; Berkley, 611; Holly, 450 2-3; South Lyon, 384, and Orion, 35 1-3. Oak Ridge received the silver loving cup to hold until the next meet.

At the close of the meet, the athletes and officials were given a lunch by the Royal Oak High School. After this the medals and awards were announced by Prof. H. L. Lynd, County Y. M. C. A. secretary and chairman of the meet. The medals were given for first, silver for second, and bronze for third places. The following boys received medals: W. Cooper, Royal Oak, two gold, one as winner in class one and the other as high average boy in meet; Nash, Oak Ridge, first in class three; West, Oak Ridge, second in class 5; Clark, Clawson, third in class two; Sears of Clawson, first in class 1; C. Dixon, Royal Oak, second in class 2; Bildson, second in class 3, and Tompkins, first in class 5, both of these boys were from Royal Oak; E. Zeuner of Walled Lake, two medals, second in class 1, and second high average man in meet; Bentley, Walled Lake, third in class 5; Ferndale boys, Fredericks, third in class 1; Long, second in class 4; Simpson, third in class 4, and Wright, fourth in class 2; and Otis of Farmington, third in class 3.

Much credit is due L. J. Edmunds of Royal Oak for the admirable manner in which he had made all local arrangements. Some of the local men who held official were, Rev. W. C. McKnight, Rev. Paul McBride, Coach A. L. VanWinkle, Supt. Clarence Vliet, Stanley Hunt, Loyal Campbell, and Edw. Ryder, of Birmingham.

J. S. Hassberger Is Praised By B'ham Exchange Members

Local Club Holds Eulogistic Service At Tuesday Meeting

The members of the Exchange Club of Birmingham dedicated this week's meeting, which was held Tuesday noon at the Masonic Temple, to the memory of their late member and treasurer, James Hassberger.

In his memory, Robert McClellan, who was the chief speaker of the day, expressed the opinion of the group, thus: "The daily life of our loyal member, James Hassberger, was always a perfect exemplification of the motto of this club, 'Unity for Service.'" During the hour, Wilbur McAlpine sang, "No Night There." By the will of the entire club it was ordered that the charter be draped in black for thirty days.

In the course of a short business meeting of the club, the Rev. Charles McCurdy of the St. James Episcopal Church, accepted an invitation to become an honorary member; the officers of the Birmingham branch decided to accept the opportunity of meeting with the members of the Pontiac Exchange Club on the evening of June 6 at Deer Lake Inn, when a charter presentation will be effected; and Robert Moore was appointed to fill the vacancy in office created by the passing of James Hassberger.

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Eight Replies To Request For Cab

Who will say that there is not still among us a desire to help our least worthy brother? The answer came last week in the form of eight baby cabs, when the philanthropic division of the Woman's Club of Birmingham expressed a need for a baby cab through an article in the Eccentric. The little paragraph was headed, "Who will donate a baby cab to a worthy family?" The Civic League reports that within a few hours after the paper was out the first generous offer came in and has been followed, during the week, by seven other offers.

BAILEY SELLS D. U. R. STAND TO PEARSALL.

Gordon L. Bailey of George street sold his interest in the Detroit United Railway station, here, to Wylie Pearsall of Brown street last week. Mr. Pearsall took formal possession May 25. In appreciation of the splendid co-operation rendered by the people of Birmingham Mr. Bailey extends his sincere thanks.

EXPLAINS MISSION OF WOODWARD ASSOC'N

President Walsh Of Greater Woodward Organization Writes Letter

SEEK CO-OPERATION

In response to an article published in last week's Eccentric relative to the work of the Greater Woodward Avenue Association, J. A. Walsh, of the Walsh, James & Wasey Co., realtors, who is president of the association made the following statement yesterday:

"We note your article in last week's issue in behalf of the Greater Woodward Avenue Association, for which please accept our thanks; however, we would like to take the liberty to state that we do not believe that your paper, or the Birmingham business men and commercial interests in general, quite understand the advertising and publicity policy of our association.

"We note in your article that you mention 'contributions towards advertising the North Woodward properties to Detroiters.' If you have noted our advertising and publicity I believe you will agree that we are not mentioning or referring to anything pertaining to real estate any more than any other line of business. Our educational and publicity campaign, which we expect to continue for years to come, is an educational campaign wherein we are trying to convince Detroiters that the North Woodward district is a better place to live, and directed to Detroiters who are there dissatisfied with living in Detroit, or who are considering moving to the suburbs, and, because of the fact that none of the cities, villages or communities in the North Woodward district have ever had a publicity campaign, this Association had organized and taken over the matter so as to compete with Detroit's other suburban districts, which are continually being advertised on a large scale and who have been obtaining more than their share of Detroiters who are building and moving to the suburban districts.

"Conditions along these lines were such that something had to be done. Our office spends thousands over a period of years advertising the Birmingham - Bloomfield District in general. Our efforts have been almost single-handed, outside that done by another realtor, (Judson Bradway Co.). The merchants and commercial interests along North Woodward have not been active in this situation and have done nothing—therefore the great growth of Detroit's other less desirable suburban districts, owing to their advertising and publicity, and general aggressiveness.

"I believe that the Birmingham business interests, who will always receive the largest return from the growth of this district, will soon see and take advantage of the situation and I hope become active members of our association, as we need the co-operation of everyone throughout the district."

PEACE DELEGATES TO PREACH IN DETROIT

Mrs. George T. Hendrie, of Bloomfield Hills, is chairman of the hospitality committee which will welcome to Detroit next Sunday, June 1, the "Pax Special," a train carrying 25 women from other countries who are delegates to the Congress of the Women's International Peace and Freedom. These women will occupy the pulpits of Detroit churches both Sunday morning and evening.

Members of the "Pax Special" are representatives from the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United States.

REMINISCENCES

(Bits of Information Gathered from Local Citizens and Available Historical Records. Send Us Anything You May Have Of a Similar Nature.)

They are few and scattered who will remember the old National Hotel in its early days, standing on the site of the present First National Bank building. There was the social center of the town. In the ballroom on the second floor the fiddlers could be heard many nights in the wee hours striking up for another square dance, with Ed Lamb, official caller, advertising "Meet the lady half way." Across the front of the hotel which fronted on Woodward avenue, for many years known as Saginaw street, a wide veranda stretched the full length of its 70 feet. It was backed by a row of chairs, where gathered the men of the town for an after every meal smoke." Here the difficulties of the world were easily settled and disposed of.

Between the hotel and the street, a flowing well furnished water for a huge hollowed stone watering trough, where provision was made for quenching the thirst of man and his horse. This was the means also for an occasional "tub" for the village dog.

Beneath the great old maple trees that lined the wooden walks before the hotel veranda were displayed the latest whoop skirts and polinais. The board walk served as a promenade for village belles. Beyond the walk and a row of giant trees, was a cobblestone gutter that provided, but very poorly, for the drainage from the old mud road. And hitching posts? Why a man who owned a store without a hitching post owned only half a store!

The old hotel was first started in the year 1827 by the building of a north wing by John Hamilton as a successor to his log tavern which stood farther to the north and east. After passing from one proprietor to another, George E. Daines became the popular proprietor. Previous to his time there was a dry store was built on the corner where Schlaack's Market stands now at Woodward and Maple, this was a vacant lot. In the middle of Woodward avenue, on Maple avenue, about half way between the two new safety lights, was one of the most striking objects in Birmingham. Standing about twenty feet high was a veined, marble monument erected to the soldiers of the revolution by the citizens of Troy, Royal Oak, Southfield and Bloomfield Townships. Around the monument was a handsome iron fence. The entire cost of the monument was sixteen hundred dollars.

TIME EXTENDED FOR LOCAL TAX HEARING

Friday And Saturday Of Next Week Last Days For 1924 Tax Review

DOING THOROUGH JOB

What is said to be the best village tax assessment roll ever prepared for Birmingham will be completed next Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, when the board of review meets in the office of the village clerk to hear final objections and suggestions from local residents. The board will be open to the public on both days from 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 o'clock.

Because of the thoroughness with which assessor Robert K. McClellan, Louis Hascall and Louis Randall are going over the 1924 assessment roll, the three days allowed last week for

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$270,000.00 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE CARRIES BY NARROW MARGIN

800 Voters Out Monday In Biggest School Election Ever Held Here

ECO CITY OUT STRONG

Site Wins By Less Than Two Votes; Building Gets 13 Majority

The greatest number of qualified electors that ever attended an election on school matters in this district went to the polls in the Baldwin high school Monday and voted the issuance of bonds amounting to $270,000.00 to build a new grade school on Pierce street in Eco City.

800 Votes Cast.

When the votes were counted, an hour after the polls closed at 10 o'clock Monday night, it was found that 800 electors had attended the election. The results showed as follows:

On the $15,000.00 issue, to buy 7½ acres of land for the school site, 800 votes were cast; 533 "yes," 264 "no," and three spoiled ballots. This proposition required a two-third majority of favorable votes, or 531 1-3; it won by one and two-thirds votes.

Eight hundred votes were cast on the $255,000.00 bond issue, to pay for the cost of the building; there were 403 "yes" votes, 390 "no" votes, and seven spoiled ballots. This issue required but a majority of favorable votes, winning out by the close margin of 13 votes.

Eco City Vote Strong.

According to an estimate made by W. E. Barton of the Eco Civic Association, between 350 and 400 of these votes cast were made by Eco City residents. Several automobiles were used in transporting voters to the polls, and it is believed that Eco City turned out nearly 100 per cent strong.

The vote in Birmingham and the balance of the school district was light. For two hours before the polls closed the high school lobby was filled with a long line of anxious voters, and it kept the election board working at top speed to pass out the ballots.

Count Ballots Three Times.

Due to the close margin of the votes, the election board made three counts of the ballots in order to make sure, the results were correct. According to Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, the vote Monday was the larger ever cast, the Adams grade school issue being the next highest.

Will Sell Bonds.

Steps will now be taken by the board of education, who were pleased with the results of the election, to advertise for the sale of the bonds. Plans will also be drawn up by the architect for final acceptance by the school board. The new building will be completed and ready for occupancy in September, 1925.

TRAVELING VAN IS CHURCH

The "Episcopal Van," a little traveling chapel, doing missionary work in the small communities, arrived in Birmingham the middle of this week to remain over Sunday, Rev. Mr. W. F. Jerome is in charge of the van and conducts the services along the route of their travels. The van, which now travels by motor, has developed from the time when a similar group traveled about the country in a van drawn by horses. The purpose of the van is to visit small country communities where there is no church and hold outdoor services.

The "Outcast" Gazes Fondly On At Annual Junior-Senior Reception

By Baldwin Beacon Staff.

It was a cool, drizzly night in May, the twenty-third, I believe. He stood in the hall of the Baldwin high school and gazed longingly into the auditorium where gay young girls and charming young men danced. The auditorium had changed during the day, it might have been a mirage, it might have disappeared any minute, but it didn't, not just then. Like Cinderella, it was beautiful until twelve and then returned to its former state of commonplaceness. On either side were black and white booths containing the most comfortable chairs and the softest lights.

He thought, "are for the chaperons—I heard they were having forty-four!"—but they were not, for the chaperons were as gay as any of the party and danced with as much speed and skill as any one present. "Ah," he said to himself, "somewhere there must be some clue which will lead them away." There must be something that will be proof that this is a gymnasium." He looked at the ceiling, but it had disappeared and taken the running track with it. In their places was a black and white ceiling, and from the false roof hung lights in the shape of black and white dice.

He looked for the stage. It, too, had gone. In front of it was a black and white platform and on it sat Jimmy Jenkins' orchestra, playing music that propelled the crowd. And then the favor dance. Little Helen Brown sang a song and presented each person with a small, but musical, mouth organ. He, the one in the hall, wanted one. He wanted to prove to these people that he had talent which he had hitherto kept concealed, just as everyone else was doing. He wanted to aid the crowd in competing with Jimmy Jenkins. There were cute little black programmes decorated with a white Pierrette, which the girls carried and the same thing except that they were decorated with a white Pierrot for the boys. Messrs. Murry and Buss of Highland Park high school sang a duet. He, the outcast, felt that he was out of place and intruded among with them. The orchestra played on again and suddenly he noticed a little booth made of oriental rugs. A girl came out of it, laughing and talking about a little man and a dark man. She had had her fortune told and the outcast wanted to know something about his future, but he couldn't learn of it. On either side were black and white booths containing the most comfortable chairs and the softest lights.

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The lights went out and to the "March of the Wooden Soldiers," the dancers marched around, filling the auditorium with laughing and the light form their sparklers. A prettier Grand March had never been seen. Later Pierette and Pierot appeared in the spotlight. Pierrot, representing the Junior class, bade the Seniors farewell, and Peirrette, as the Senior Class, wished him a happy Senior year. Immediately after these refreshments were served by Sophomore boys. Never had the outcast seen such luscious cakes, never had he seen such cool cups. And the punch! Red and enticing! His mouth watered, but it did him no good.

Once again the lights were out and the spot light turned on. But this time the dancers danced on. It was a lovely picture and at the same time grotesque, for who likes a girl's pretty skin changed to green and purple? It was the prettiest dance he had ever seen, through the whole affair. Never before had the auditorium been so beautiful and so interesting, never before had a class worked so hard to give another class a good time and succeeded in doing that and more. It will always be remembered as the affair of the year—and of all other years. And the outcast wanted to be one of that happy crowd, but he couldn't be, he was miserable because this was the Junior-Senior reception and he, the outcast, was the Alumni.

Sophie Lyons Bequeathed $100 Each To Jack and David Gafill

A desire to do good for others and a deep appreciation for all that was done for her, led Sophie Lyons, a noted reformed woman of the Detroit underworld, who died recently, to bequeath to the two sons of John Gafill, attorney, a part of her estate, over ten years ago.

At the time when Mrs. Lyons was ready to make her will she called upon John J. Gafill, of Southfield avenue, to draw it up. After all of the heirs had been named, Mrs. Lyons inquired as to the number of his children. Jack and David, his two sons, were each left $100 of the estate. Although there have been almost as many changes in the will as there have been years since that first will, the two boys remained beneficiaries under each new will.