

FIRST NATIONAL BANK SHOWS LARGE GROWTH

NEW YORK: The First National Bank of New York has reported a record growth in deposits for the year ending December 31, 1925.

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HOME TOWN EDITORS HELD STATE MEETING

Weekly Paper Men Discussed Craft Questions At Annual Convention

East Lansing, Feb. 6.—The building of given better "home town" papers in Michigan occupied the attention of more than 100 members of the state Press Association during a conference held here last week during the Annual Farmers Week at M. S. C.

The publishers of Michigan's weekly newspapers gathered in force to discuss the craft problems of the state in various sessions. Several planned social occasions. Several leading newspaper authorities from different times during the press conference. The attendance was said to be the largest in more than 50 years of the Michigan Press Association.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Schuyler Marshall, Clinton County Republican News, St. Johns, President; Hiram Johnson, Saranac Advertiser, Vice-President; and Herbert Wood, Bangor Advance, Secretary-Treasurer.

B'HAM SKATING CLUB ICE RACES SATURDAY

About Sixty Youngsters Participated In The Carnival On Quanton Lake

About 60 youngsters thronged Quanton Lake last Saturday afternoon for the skating carnival. The races were held under the auspices of the Birmingham Skating Club.

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Supervisors Take Gov. Groesbeck To Task On Township Highway Stand

By Mortimer Neff

Charging Governor Alex Groesbeck with undue interference in his proposal for the abolition of highway improvement control by township in this state, the Michigan Association of Supervisors went on record in a statement in a speech made at a conference of county road supervisors in which he proposed uniform control of road systems and consequent elimination of any township activity in highway construction.

In his talk at the annual supervisors' conference, the governor asserted that the township highway improvement control in the hands of the county rather than the separate townships, greater efficiency would result.

EXCHANGITES FROLIC ON "STUNT" PROGRAM

"Ken" Bingham Put On Hilarious Performance At Meeting Of Local Club

Members of the Birmingham Exchange Club were given a frolic Tuesday night when "Ken" Bingham, in charge of the program for the day, put on a "stunt" performance. Inasmuch as those who eventually took part in the affair had no previous training of their being called upon, a good deal of amusement followed.

F. D. Lynch, after making profuse apologies for his unpreparedness on the occasion, rose to his feet with a two-minute talk on "beauty hints." "Tom" Lacey, in charge of the subject was accepted by the club.

John Lawson, when called upon to discuss ways and means to improve "hot dogs," lamented the fact that the lumber business is a rather cold "hot dog," and he denounced "Ken's" folly for not picking out a butcher to espouse the cause of "hot dogs."

Arthur Hartwell was given the chance to name ten good books for the improvement of society. He mentioned Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn," Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables," and "Frank Book," and then, hesitating for a moment, agreed that the balance of them could be found in "The Bible."

E. W. Osborne did his bit by telling a story on "Tom" Lynch, and L. D. Allen, member of the Oakland County Road Commission, when called upon to discuss on "why we should not have good roads in the county," told a humorous story.

It concerned a chap who, after a visit to this country, returned to his native England; when asked about American roads, he replied: "Sure, they've some great roads in America. There's one built of Lincoln that stretches across the continent; there's also a dandy one built by a fellow named Dixie; but these are many roads—all of 'em very bad—that were built by a Frenchman named DeLour."

Mr. Hart stepped down from the dignity of a high school principal for a few moments during the program when he stepped up to an untold time alone; it was supposed to be an example of the popular Charles-ton of today—but "Mel" finally acknowledged that it might better be termed a combination of Pharaoh and Cleopatra climbing the Pyramids.

The "stunt" program came to a conclusion with an old-fashioned spell down, in which Frank Packard acted as the time for the only one standing as the time for closing arriving.

ANNUAL SENIOR PLAY TO BE GIVEN FEBRUARY 26

The annual senior play given by the graduating class of the Baldwin high school, Birmingham, will be presented in the high school auditorium February 26, at 8 o'clock, it was recently announced.

This year's production, "Intimate Strangers," is of the light comedy type throughout, replete with humorous situations, and is a popular play in amateur circles. Rehearsals are being held daily by the cast.

The cast consists of: Kathryn Butler, Paul Kurth, Jack Ah, Kathleen Miller, Winona Singers, George Abbott, Margaret Austin, and Clifford Currin. Miss Gladys Barker and Miss Ruth Van Winkle are directing the production of the comedy.

Tickets will be placed on sale at Shain's Drug Store.

CLASS FOR DEAF PUPILS STARTED IN SCHOOLS

In lieu of bringing a special teacher from Detroit to furnish public school instruction to a 16-year-old girl in a Birmingham school, Mrs. A. L. Strinbeck, kindergarten teacher at the Hill school, has innovated a class for deaf pupils for the first time in Birmingham schools.

per commentary made by Judge Covert. But this self same Joe Brooks attained the heights of fame and became one of the most popular men in Lansing at the time when he trotted out his hide and fiddled his way into the hearts of all present. Old time waltzes seemed to flow from Joe's old violin in a captivating way. After the banquet, the state as an authority on cattle raising and its finer points. His fine herds of shorthorns have netted many blue ribbons at the national exhibits where they have been shown.

Thanks, Willis

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Orion Township, believes that the new proposed Civic Center affecting the county and City of Pontiac would be a good thing for both, though he is not sure of the best way in which to handle it. Asked if he felt that there would be a joint title binding both county and city he stated that it might possibly be better with separate titles. Mr. Lester is a celebrity through the state as an authority on cattle raising and its finer points. His fine herds of shorthorns have netted many blue ribbons at the national exhibits where they have been shown.

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The state of resolution requesting that Professor Thomas H. Reed of the University of Michigan give more specific reasons for his repeated assertions that the state government by boards of supervisors is antiquated, inefficient and obsolete, was also included in the minutes of the meeting. The supervisors set the meeting. The university professor had made a serious misstatement of facts.

Observations From Lansing

By W. Y. S.

Two Years For Supervisors

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Andrew Sedley, Supervisor of Rose township, became serious at the meeting long enough to say that he was opposed to electing the supervisors at a general election in the fall. To quote Mr. Sedley, "In my opinion changing the election from spring to fall would put the township office too heavily in politics. Supervisors wouldn't get much consideration at a fall election because people are thinking more about National, State and county officials at that time of year. Yes, sir, I oppose it."

Peculiar Ways About 'Em

Some people have peculiar ways about them. A committee was appointed to escort the governor from his office to the Assembly building where he was to deliver an address. The boys were ready to do the job but when they reached the high executive's office he had disappeared. They hurriedly returned to their surprise found the governor accompanied by John Fitzgibbon who gets his news from the Detroit News-Cash Register. It was announced that the governor was an exceedingly busy man and would have to have his name first on the speaker's program or simply couldn't make the speech. Immediately after completing his address he strolled over to the benches on the side lines where he remained until a few minutes prior to adjournment.

Non-Handshakers

Holmboeing with Royalty does not seem to be one of the favorite indoor sports of State supervisors. At the Lansing Conference, shortly after Groesbeck's talks, the supervisors were given a chance to shake hands with the once popular governor of Michigan. But what happened? Over one half of the boys just didn't get up out of their comfortable chairs.

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Although there was considerable speculation among the members after this meeting, the supervisors almost unanimously agreed that the governor was given a rather cool reception.

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