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A. L. Drum Cites Cooperation Of Utility With State Authorities

FOR PONTIAC - DETROIT

New Busses And Stations To Be Put On Woodward Avenue Route

"In the developement of the superhighway between Detroit and Pontiac the Detroit United Railway has co-operated to the utmost with the state authorities during the past construction season and it is the earnest desire of the receivers to continue that co-operation", says A. L. Drum, executive manager for the receivers of this property in a statement issued by him.

"We have not been found wanting nor will we be even in this time of stress but I am sure the people must realize the vital necessity of the property being properly supported particularly as all of our operations are being conducted under the direct control and supervision of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission which supervises our service and determines the rates of fare we charge to the end that the interest return upon our investment is definitely limited.

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"As is generally known, the state's plan for this wider Woodward Avenue involved our relocating our tracks in the center of the highway. Although the company was the owner of certain tracts of land and of private right-of-ways it readily joined in the govenor's program. The work done by us so far, together with that to be accomplished this year, involves the company in an expenditure of exceeding $300,000 for track and overhead. By reason of the state desiring to minimize as little as possible the interruption of the highway for vehicular traffic and in the future fact that it was necessary for us to keep our lines open work has had to be done in stretches instead of beginning at one point and carrying it through in continuity. When our work is complete and we have had sufficient time for the proper ballasting the tracks will be fully

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CATCHING PHEASANTS WITH AN AUTOMOBILE

George Wells Of Detroit, Got Dandy Bird Here Last Friday

Although the open season on pheasants in Michigan is closed, George Wells, of Detroit, last Friday obtained one on Woodward avenue, a mile north of Birmingham, and he has little fear of being taken in by the State Conservation Commission or any of its deputy game wardens, either.

For Mr. Wells, who was driving his sedan southward last Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, was startled when something crashed against the glass in the left front door of his machine, causing the broken window to cut him badly about the face.

"Mr. Wells was astounded for a moment, unable to determine just what hit him," George B. Boutwell, of Lakeview avenue, a friend of Mr. Wells, told the Eccentric. "Not until a driver for the Birmingham Transfer Co. drove up was Mr. Wells apprised of the fact that a large pheasant had gone through his window glass. An investigation of the rear of Mr. Wells' car located the pheasant; it was lying on the floor, dead."

Mr. Well's injuries were taken care of by a Birmingham physician.

COLGROVE NEW HEAD OF LOCAL REALTORS

Annual Meeting Held Last Week; David Ladd is New Vice-President

Lawrence E. Colgrove, of Saunders-Colgrove, local realtors, was elected president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board at its annual meeting last week. David H. Ladd is vice-president, W. Whiting Raymond, secretary, and J. B. Howarth, treasurer.

L. J. Bunyan of Oak street was transferred from associate activity to active membership, having taken out a license as a broker. This gives the local Board 21 active and four associate-active members. At the meeting it was pointed out that only those who belong to some real estate board may lawfully use the term "Realtor."

VICTOR PECK GIVEN VARSITY SWEATER AT ALBION COLLEGE

Albion, Jan. 21.—Victor Peck of Birmingham, a junior at Albion college, is one of fourteen varsity football men at that school, who were recently presented with sweaters as a reward for work on the gridiron last fall. The sweaters are purple with a large gold "A" on the front, and gold stripes on the right arm, denoting the number of years the wearer has won his letter in football. This is Peck's first year and he is now under initiation for membership in the "A" club, the organization on the Albion campus for those who have won the varsity letter. Peck was a guard on last fall's Albion eleven.

Masquerade Ball at Patchett Hall, Jan. 22, Corner Perry and Dodge Road. Prizes. adv.40

DETROIT TIMES EDITOR TO SPEAK HERE JAN. 26

Henry Montgomery, city editor of the Detroit Times, will speak before the Woman's Civic League at the Community House here next Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, taking as his theme the negative side of the World Court plan. His talk will be informal.

"We have had several speakers who are favorable to the World Court plan, so we thought we'd like to hear the other side," said Mrs. Virginia Hewitt, president of the League. This meeting is open to the general public.

LITTLE LOUIS KING DEAD

Louis Clinton King, aged six years, the son of Jesse F. King of Troy Township, died at his home January 19. Funeral services were held at the house Thursday afternoon with burial taking place at Union Corner.

ROYAL PURPLE DEGREE

Oakland Encampment No. 138, I. O. O. F., will confer the Royal Purple Degree here on Thursday night, January 28. A large attendance is expected to see this work put on.

C. LINGEMAN PLEADS FOR RAPID TRANSIT

Well Known Realtor Talked To Exchangites On Wider Woodward Assoc.

SEEKS SUPPORT TO PLAN

Members of the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday noon listened to reasons why they should lend their moral and financial support to The Greater Woodward Avenue Association when Casper J. Lingeman, well known Detroit realtor, addressed them. At the conclusion of the meeting president Ralph Wilson pledged the club's support to the movement.

Grand Trunk Service

Mr. Lingeman, who spoke before the local Rotary club three weeks ago on the same subject, emphasized the part that rapid transit would play in the growth of Birmingham and vicinity; he dealt chiefly with the possibility of suburban service over the Grand Trunk railroad, for he pointed out, the dream of electric rapid transit from Pontiac to Detroit over Woodward avenue was too far ahead to be capitalized upon in the immediate future.

Increased Land Values

The speaker said that one of the things which the Greater Woodward Avenue Association now sought was to induce the Grand Trunk railroad to make an announcement that it is pledged to early suburban service between Detroit and Pontiac. "This announcement will do a great deal to assist in acquiring the new right of way for the railroad," said Mr. Lingeman. "It will assure people who are asked to sell their property that suburban passenger service will be inaugurated, thus increasing land values."

In the near future a local drive will be put on to obtain funds to provide for a huge advertising campaign in Detroit, with the view to attracting new residents. The same kind of drive will be staged in all the communities between Detroit and Pontiac.

SMITH PLANS TO BUILD 80 HOMES IN VILLAGE

To Be Erected In Royal Park Subdivision; Ten Already Started

William H. Smith, builder, a resident of Indian Village, located south of Birmingham, this week announced that he has started the first ten of 80 homes which he intends to construct in the southern section of this village. These homes, to cost about $11,000.00 each, will be built on Henrietta, North Lawn, and Bates streets, just south of Lincoln avenue and west of Pierce street, in what is known as the Royal Park subdivision.

"I expect to complete the entire 80 homes this year," said Mr. Smith. "Added to this program, I have also contracted to build 30 homes on the Rex Humphrey subdivision, south of the Pierce street school and west of Pierce street."

Mr. Smith's building program is the first large one to be announced this year for Birmingham, and augurs well for a phenomenal growth in this vicinity in the future.

BISHOP ROGERS GUEST OF HONOR AT BREAKFAST

Following the Holy Communion service at eight o'clock in St. James' Episcopal Church at which Bishop Coadjutor Warren L. Rogers of Ohio, was the celebrant, a breakfast was served in the parlors of the church Thursday morning. Among the guests were several of the Bishop's old friends who knew him when he lived in Birmingham many years ago, and was minister of the local Baptist church.

He gave a short, informal talk and told principally of the great international religious conference held in Stockholm, Sweden, recently, which he had attended. Among those present invited by Reverend McGrady to meet the Bishop were Mr. Shain, Mr. Vliet, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Jackson, Reverend and Mrs. Edwards, Reverend Thompson, Reverend Logee, Reverend Curry, and Reverend Atkins. The breakfast was served by the ladies of St. James' Parish under the leadership of Mrs. Richard Kearns.

"DREAM PICTURES" HERE NEXT TUESDAY

Branson De Cou, Noted Travel Lecturer, At High School Jan. 26

AUSPICES PRESB. GUILD

"I feel certain that Birmingham and nearby citizens will enjoy the 'Dream Pictures' to be shown at the Baldwin high school auditorium next Tuesday evening, January 26, when Branson DeCou, noted traveller, will appear here," said Mrs. W. Whiting Raymond, of Harmon avenue who, together with members of the Young

BRANSON DeCOU

Women's Guild of the First Presbyterian church, is sponsoring the affair.

Mediterranean Pictures

"Mr. DeCou's lecture here will deal with the Mediterranean countries. 'Dream Pictures,' which he shows are so called because the persons who views them experiences all the sensations of a dream," continued Mrs. Raymond. "His thoughts wander to the scenes which are shown, pleasant memories are awakened, all of which is accentuated by music synchronized with the picture. For example, the colorful grandeur of the Grand Canyon of Arizona is interpreted by the noble majesty of Rachmaninoff's C Sharp Minor Prelude. The turbulent climax of the music is portrayed by

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GRAND HIGH PRIEST TO VISIT LOCAL CHAPTER

Harry Izor, Of Durand, Will Be Honor Guest Here Next Monday

Harry L. Izor, of Durand, Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan, and Orrin G. Bickford, Grand Master of the First Veil, will be guests of honor at a banquet Monday evening, January 25, at 6:30 o'clock, when Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., will afterwards confer the Royal Arch Degree upon David Thompson, William Running, and David Blessath.

"In November of last year the Birmingham Chapter was visited by Mr. Bickford, of Detroit, who was so favorably impressed with the lodge room and equipment that he made arrangements for us to confer the Royal Arch Degree for the Grand High Priest's Observation," said George Forrester, former High Priest of the Birmingham Chapter. "Never in the history of the local Chapter has it been visited by the current Grand High Priest and, as this is considered a great honor, all Royal Arch Masons of Birmingham and vicinity are cordially invited to both the banquet and the degree work.

"At next Monday's meeting a certificate of Honorary Membership will be presented to Grand High Priest Izor's care to be conveyed to Grand High Priest John F. Birmingham of the State of New York, who was made an Honorary Member of Birmingham Chapter at the last regular meeting held January 4. It is expected that the coming year will be one of the most prosperous in extending the sublime lesson of Capitular Masonry to a large number of local Masons who as yet have not obeyed the command, 'Seek and ye shall find,' and by so doing witness the revelation of man's unity with God, which is so admirably illustrated in the Royal Arch Degree," concluded Mr. Forrester.

W. N. BERGER MOVES TO NEW AUTO SALESROOM

Forced out of his former salesrooms in the Shain block, at the corner of North Woodward and Harmon avenues, Washington N. Berger, local Chevrolet dealer, has taken temporary quarters in the store recently vacated by Craig's Bakery, 102 North Woodward avenue.

The reason for Mr. Berger's removal is that the State, preparatory to widening the west side of North Woodward avenue next Spring, is moving the Shain block back about 30 feet.

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

St. Margaret's Guild held its monthly meeting on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. L. N. Pyle on Euclid avenue. The luncheon was followed by a business meeting and the annual election of officers. The new officers are: Mrs. E. A. Palmer, president; Mrs. F. F. McKinney, vice-president; Mrs. Ward Cruickshank, treasurer; Mrs. L. N. Pyle, secretary; and Mrs. H. E. Moore, corresponding secretary.

WESTERN UNION SEEKS UP-TOWN OFFICE HERE

Perhaps one of the most hopeful signs that point to the great future of Birmingham is the news that the Western Union Telegraph Co. is seeking an office in Birmingham's business section. The office is now located in the Grand Trunk railroad station, where it has been for many years.

The expected removal of the Grand Trunk tracks eastward is one of the factors responsible for the new office.

CORINNE GRIFFITH IN MOVIE HERE MONDAY

"Classified," with Corinne Griffith playing the heroine, is to be presented next Monday night at the Baldwin auditorium under the auspices of the Order of Eastern Star. This picture was made from Erna Ferber's novel of the same name. Miss Griffith takes the part of Babs Comet, a "want ad" girl working for a large newspaper, whose one ambition is to marry money. The actress is given a new opportunity at characterization never before attempted and her success in portraying the flapper type is reported to have been a complete success.

PLAYER DESCRIBES EUROPEAN JOURNEY

Detroit News Writer Spoke To Rotarians Monday Noon At Meeting

ANOTHER WAR IS COMING

Cyril Arthur Player, recognized in newspaper circles as perhaps the best editorial writer-journalist in America, was the speaker at the Monday meeting of the Birmingham Rotary club. He was the guest of George A. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric.

Mr. Player recounted his experiences in Europe and Asia-Minor of last year when he was there as a representative of the Detroit News. He spent seven months touring through 16 countries, his object being to obtain first-hand information of native conditions.

MR. PLAYER

Motored 4,000 Miles

His recital brought out many humorous situations which he encountered, in company with Mrs. Player, during his trip. To motor four thousand miles and try to conform to 16 various kinds of traffic regulations was the test of perfection for any driver—especially if he kept out of jail, as Mr. Player did.

Behind The Times

"The trouble with European countries is that they are so close together geographically, yet far apart in national customs and traditions, that misunderstandings arise, often precipitating warfare," Mr. Player told the Rotarians. "The people of the Balkans, notably part of Austria, Roumania, and several other smaller nations, are about a hundred years behind the times. They are simple people, kindly in many ways, yet capable of being worked up to frenzied passions over trifling situations, with the result that the sword is brought into use as a means of settlement."

More Wars Coming

Asked if he thought another war would be staged in Europe, Mr. Player said, "Of course, from time to time these countries will be engaged in small differences, but I do not look for a war of world dimension for at least another generation—just about the time that my little son attains mature manhood."

TO USE OLD TOWN HALL LAST TIME IN SPRING

Old Buildings May Be Removed During Year For New Library

A year ago the village commission created two voting precincts in Birmingham. This was to facilitate speed and comfort at annual village elections, because the old Town Hall, at Bates and Merrill streets, was proving inadequate to cope with the increased number of electors.

At the March village election the old Town Hall will be used for the last time as a voting booth for that district south of East and West Maple avenues, while another booth will be erected some place on North Woodward avenue to take care of the rest of the village's voters. Another booth will be erected for the next annual election, and the Town Hall may be removed to make way for plans for the new Baldwin Public Library.

DR. HOUGH HERE NEXT WEEK

Next Thursday evening, January 28, Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, of the Central Methodist church of Detroit, will be the principal speaker at a banquet to be given by the Men's Club of the Birmingham Methodist Church. His topic will be "The Honest Optimist." The affair is scheduled to start promptly at seven o'clock.

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LADD IS SEATED AS A VILLAGE OFFICIAL

Successor To Bingham Takes Place On Commission Monday Night

IS VERY PROGRESSIVE

David H. Ladd, of Madison avenue, was Monday night of this week occupied the vacancy on the village commission caused by the resignation of Charles A. Bingham, promises to be a leading figure in the immediate future development of Birmingham. Figuratively speaking, Monday night he rolled up his shirt sleeves at eight

DAVID H. LADD

o'clock and engaged himself in solving municipal affairs until nearly midnight—at which time the rest of the commission, Charles J. Shain and Wiley Bell, decided to "call it a day."

Is 44 Years Old

Mr. Ladd was born 44 years ago in the village of Milford, Oakland County. He graduated from the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, Michigan, and traveled around the world as a mining engineer. He has a son, Hartwell, 14 years old.

Ever since his arrival here, three years ago, Mr. Ladd has identified himself with the progressive element of Birmingham, having assisted in several school bond issues at election time. He has done a great deal to

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LOCAL BASKET BALL TEAM IS DISQUALIFIED

Royal Oak Coach Complains Because Of Baldwin Sweater Awards

When Birmingham plays Royal Oak tonight in the Baldwin gymnasium the local squad will consist largely of members of the ninth grade basket ball team for 22 of the foot ball men have been declared ineligible to take part in inter-cholastic athletics by the state director of athletics, Mr. Thompson.

For several years the Varsity Club of Birmingham, which is composed of boys who have won letters in various sports, has purchased sweaters, with the proceeds from movies it has given, for the foot ball team at the close of the season, and these sweaters have been presented on the evening of the foot ball dance. Under the old rules, this was entirely proper and such a presentation was made this year on December 4.

Violated Rule Ten

On January 8, Superintendent Vliet was informed by the state director that a complaint had been made by the coach of the Royal Oak foot ball team that Rule Ten of the inter-scholastic rules concerning awards had been violated, and attention was called to the fact that the rule had been changed in May to prevent awards from *any source* greater than $1.00 in value.

Mr. Thompson visited Birmingham, January 15, and conferred with Mr. Hart who made the awards, and with Mr. Vliet who denied any intention to violate wilfully the present rule. Although Mr. Hart attended the principals' meeting at Lansing, December 3-4, and heard the new ruling discussed, neither did he mention it to Mr. Vliet nor did he call a halt to the presentation, because, according to him, he was not aware that the rule had been violated as long as the boys had bought the sweaters with money that they had raised entirely through their own efforts.

To Appeals Committee

Mr. Thompson took up the matter with the Appeals Committee of the State Association at Mount Clemens, January 16, and it declared that all boys receiving awards were ineligible for further inter-scholastic athletic contests until such ineligibility should be removed. An attempt will be made to have the boys reinstated when the Appeals Committee meets at Ann Arbor the last week in March, but it is not known at present whether they will be declared again eligible before the close of the second semester or whether they will have to wait until next fall.

MASONIC ANNIVERSARY

The Eccentric presents, in this issue, several pages of interesting data in connection with the exercises commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. It is trusted that our readers will find the various articles, some of them locally historical, interesting.

Quarton Lake Estates, two 79-ft. lots on Pilkrim Road, near Maple, $2,875.00 each. Pontiac 474. adv.39tf

LOST—Young male Collie; tan, with white markings, 4 white feet. Not a thoroughbred. Has on no collar or license tag. Very gentle and especially fond of children. Reward for his return or any information regarding him. H. J. Stringham, 260 Oakland Ave. Phone 1193. adv.40

Cerrine Griffith in "Classified." Broadus Earle, six-year-old professional violinist as added attraction. High School Auditorium, Monday, January 25. adv.39-40

To Appraise Cost Of East Maple Frontage

To ascertain the cost of acquiring sufficient land on East Maple avenue, from Woodward to Adams avenues, the village commission Monday night directed manager Starr to have the affected property surveyed and appraised. As soon as this is done an ordinance will be passed fixing the new building line that will met the requirements for a 100-ft. road, with at least 66 feet of pavement to begin with, instead of the present 36 feet.

Whatever happens to East Maple avenue will probably be done to West Maple avenue in the opinion of village officials. Removal of all the trees is one thing that is to be done, they believe. The money to pay for the land after the appraisal is made could be in the shape of a bond issue submitted to the voters.

The commission first considered adding five feet of pavement to each side of the present 36-ft. street, but reconsidered its plan when consideration was given to the phenomenal growth that is expected in Birmingham.

The second public hearing on the widening of West Maple avenue will take place before the commission on next Monday evening.

PLAN COMMISSION APPOINTED MONDAY

Dr. Ives, Wendorph, Davock, Coryell, and Bingham To Comprise Board

MEET ONCE EACH MONTH

What is heralded locally as one of the most progressive moves made by a village commission in recent years took place Monday night when president Shain and Commissioners Bell and Ladd adopted a resolution giving them the power to appoint a five-man Planning Commission for Birmingham. Although commissioner Bell's official vote on the appointment only was negative, it was because he opposed the terms alloted to several of the men, and not to the idea of a Planning Commission.

Terms Specified

Dr. A. W. Ives, of Southfield avenue, Charles A. Bingham, recently resigned village commissioner, Ralph Coryell, of Shirley Drive, Harlow N. Davock, of 112 Depew street, and John A. Wendorph, of Brown street, comprise the Planning Commission. Dr. Ives and Mr. Davock were appointed for three-year terms; Ralph Coryell and Mr. Wendorph for two years; and Mr. Bingham for one year.

Meet Every Month

These men will meet once a month, with the view to planning the manifold utilities, comforts, conveniences and educational and recreational sides of Birmingham; their powers are merely for suggestions, the village commission having final disposition of all recommendations. They will appoint their own chairman when they meet about February 1.

The new Planning Commission will be given two years before it is expected to bring in as complete a plan as possible looking to the future development of Birmingham.

PUBLIC LIBRARY GETS ADDITION TO BUDGET

Village Officials Agree To Turn Over Rentals From Block Of Land

In keeping with their promise to allow the Baldwin Public Library board the use of the municipal block of land bounded by Bates, Merrill, Martin and Chester streets, members of the village commission Monday night agreed to have the Library board collect and use rentals from houses still on the land. This money, which amounts to $1,860.00 per year, will be used by the Library for additions to its book shelves and general maintenance.

This rental fee is separate from the annually assessed one-half mill tax collected by the village treasurer for the Library, which amounted to approximately $4,300.00 last year.

Health And Wealth Seen In Growth Of Community In 1925

(Continued from Last Week)

By Rosalind Knox March

On Monday night, March 2, at the meeting of the village commission the much discussed question of furnishing water to non-residents of the town was again taken up, and the commission by a formal resolution went on record as being opposed to it and also decided to discontinue such water service to all subdivisions when their contracts expired, while the owners whose contracts had already expired would be supplied with water by the village only till August at which time it would be cut off.

Frank Doty, village attorney, on the same night announced that six municipalities, including Royal Oak, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac, Berkley, and Bloomfield Township, had joined with Birmingham in filing a bill of complaint against the Michigan

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MRS. FREDERICK RAY OPPOSED TO WOMEN SMOKING, DRINKING

Tells Baldwin Girls It Has No Place In Close Home Life Today

WERE A. A. U. W. GUESTS

Annual Luncheon Held At Lone Pine Tea House Last Saturday

Mrs. Frederick Ray, who is the advisor to 1800 girls, and occasionally to some of the boys, in the Highland Park High School, gave the address at the annual luncheon for the senior girls of the Baldwin High School given by the local branch of the American Association of University Women last Saturday afternoon at the Lone Pine Tea House.

Mrs. Ray opened her talk by saying that it had been her dream, even while she was in college, sometime to work with girls in an advisory capacity and that at last it had come true. She advised the Baldwin senior girls to have their dreams, to hold fast to them, and to know that they would eventually be realized. She said that she welcomed the opportunity to talk to an assembly made up of two such distinct, yet related groups: one of girls about to be graduated and the other representing young motherhood, because the point which she wished most to emphasize was the satisfying pleasure of close home life, as opposed to the hilarious sporty excitement of drinking and smoking.

Parents At Fault

She affirmed that in this day of rapid transportation by automobile, when it is so easy to be somewhere where one should not be, if the home has broken down it is the fault of the parents, rather than of the children. As the three great influences in the life of a child are home, church, and school, if the home influence is ineffective, that of the church probably will be also, and that leaves a greater burden on the school and makes necessary the kind of work which Mrs. Ray now is doing.

Gites Specific Cases

She gave some illustrations from her own experiences with high school pupils. One was the case of a young boy who was said to be in contact

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EXCHANGE CLUB VOTES TO INCREASE MEMBERS

Roster Raised From 40 To 50 At Tuesday Meeting Of Local Club

By an unanimous vote the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday noon voted to increase its membership from 40 to 50. This will allow several persons on the waiting list to be taken into active membership. However, as in the Rotary club, new members never seek admission to the Exchange club. The method used is to have some member propose a business or professional man in the community whose classification is open; if the proposal is accepted and the proposed person elected, he is then notified of his election and asked to fill out a formal petition for membership, after which he is officially taken into the club.

At the suggestion of president Ralph Wilson, the Exchangites voted to spend $15.00 from its treasury with which to buy pictures for one or more rooms in the new Pierce street grade school.

Next week president Wilson and secretary Harry S. Starr will represent the club at the district convention in Flint.

96 BIRTHS, 51 DEATHS IN TOWNSHIP IN 1925

Statistics Reveal 52 Girls And 43 Boys Are Born In Village And Township

Comparative figures of the birth and death rate in Birmingham and Bloomfield township during the year 1925 shows that a total of 96 babies were born, while 51 people died.

In Birmingham, according to the village clerk's record, 21 boys and 20 girls were born; deaths are itemized as 15 males, 17 females.

Township clerk James Bayley's records show that 23 boys were born in Bloomfield, outside of Birmingham, while 32 girls made their entrance into the world; eight males passed away, and eleven females.

SELLS OUT INTEREST

Thos. W. Hockett has recently sold his partnership in the Variety Shop to Leo Sheeran who has been associated with him in the business for the past nine months. Mr. Hockett is now connected in the capacity of salesman with the Nephler Oakland Company in Pontiac.

A CORRECTION

The Eccentric wishes to correct a statement in last week's paper relative to the ministers who officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Albert Rosso, of Park street. Rev. Floyd Logee and Rev. W. C. McKnight were the ministers, both Presbyterians.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chesus are giving a dancing and bridge party this evening at their home on Elwood avenue for 30 guests from Birmingham and Detroit.