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FORTY-NINTH YEAR—NO. 3

### CHAMPION SPELLER

Frederick Ashbaugh Wins  
Over Alice Smith in District Contest  
HELD HERE LAST FRIDAY

Contrary to popular belief there are two ways of spelling "unsuccessful." One is to spell it with a "u" and the other with a "y". The latter is the correct way to spell it. This was demonstrated at the spelling contest held here last Friday afternoon when Frederick Ashbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ashbaugh, of the Tuscaraora district school, on the Franklin road just south of Pontiac, correctly spelled the word "unsuccessful" with a "y" while Alice Smith, of the Baldwin high school, spelled it with a "u".

Frederick, who presented himself at the contest by spelling "unsuccessful" with a "y", was the winner. He spelled it "unsuccessful" with a "y" while Alice spelled it with a "u". The contest was held here last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ashbaugh, on the Franklin road just south of Pontiac. The contest was held here last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ashbaugh, on the Franklin road just south of Pontiac. The contest was held here last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ashbaugh, on the Franklin road just south of Pontiac.

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Other Participants  
Fifteen minutes after the contest began, the contest began. The contest was held here last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ashbaugh, on the Franklin road just south of Pontiac.

Local Congregation Calls  
Divine Service Sunday  
For the first time since 1922 the Birmingham United Presbyterian church will have its own preacher next Sunday, May 9, when Henry S. Evans, P. T. will fill the pulpit.

NAME OF JOHN ADAMS  
MENTIONED IN SUIT  
Former Road Commissioner Brought  
Into Lapeer County Fraud  
Case

Charles D. Moore, road contractor, star witness at the prosecution in the trial of Edgar A. Gould, former Lapeer County engineer, who is charged with fraud in granting and executing contracts, testified last week that John A. Adams, former road commissioner, had approached him before he bid for the contracts.

Adams now lives on his 160 acre farm in Addison township in the northern corner of Oakland County. He was heavily supported two years ago throughout the county by the Ku Klux Klan, and was elected to his office by over 1500 votes.

WILL MOVE VILLAGE OFFICES  
ON NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 15  
Saturday, May 15, is the date set for the removal of the village offices from their present location at Woodward and East Main streets to the new building at the corner of Woodward and East Main streets.

LOCAL MAN ELECTED  
COMMANDERY WARDEN  
For the first time in the history of Pontiac Commandery No. 2, the warden of the commandery is a local man. The election was held here last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Ashbaugh, on the Franklin road just south of Pontiac.

ADDRESSING GIRLS' CLUB  
Rev. R. M. Atkins was the speaker at the meeting of the Business Girls' Club, Thursday night. He talked on the difference between the ideals of the business and professional worlds.

### IT SNOWED MONDAY

The usual routine of the weather starting the morning cold and finishing the day with a snow shower, was reversed Monday of this week. The morning brought without a trace of snow, but a cold shower of snow came at dusk.

### HIGH SCHOOL PLAY IS FINANCIAL SUCCESS

Over 500 Townspeople Present  
At Baldwin Auditorium  
Last Friday

"CAPTAIN CROSSBONES"  
Over 500 spectators were hushed to a funeral-like silence when the lights went out and the high school players rushed up to congratulate the audience. The play was a financial success.

A splendid success it was too. From raw material, unexperienced actors, a local amateur organization was formed a cast that surpassed the ordinary run of amateurs.

The opera was a surprise in many ways, and particularly from the standpoint of the attendance expected to be bored by the program quite a few.

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Discussion Held On  
Closing Oakland Ave.  
Members of the Northeast Birmingham Civic Association met with Birmingham Planning Commission last night at the village office to discuss the proposed closing of Oakland avenue.

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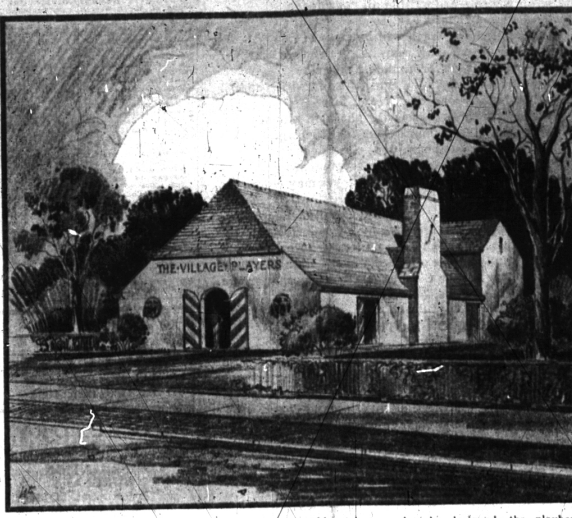
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"For a Bigger and Better Birmingham"  
BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1926

### Architect's Plan Of Theatre For Village Players



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### THE ECCENTRIC CHANGES DATE OF PUBLICATION

With this issue of The Eccentric the date of publication has been changed from Friday to Thursday. The change was made to enable the paper to be published on Thursday afternoon, which will benefit everybody concerned. In place of our office at 1201 East Main street, the office will be at 1201 East Main street, on Wednesday noon each week.

### TAXPAYERS APPROVE ALL ROAD PROJECTS

Seven Improvements For Village Streets Discussed Monday Night  
MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS  
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