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FIRST NATIONAL HAS MORE FLOOR SPACE

Growth Of Birmingham Given As Reason For Increase In Commercial Department

Growth of Birmingham and general prosperity is given as the reason for the addition to the First National Bank of a large room for the commercial deposit department.

Carpenters are at work today on the addition which will give the department about 15 square feet more floor space and is expected by bank officials to be ready for use within two weeks. Several adding machines now in an outer office will be moved to the new quarters.

Figures released indicate that the commercial deposit department has increased more than a half million dollars since the bank moved into the new quarters about five years ago.

GILBERT LAKE VILLAS OPENED TO PUBLIC

Gilbert Lake Villas, located at the intersection of Maple and Telegraph roads, has been opened to the public by Vernon C. Fry, real estate operator, according to an announcement by E. B. Meek, general sales manager of the organization.

"Gilbert Lake Villas will be the most complete development ever undertaken by Mr. Fry, who became prominent in Detroit real estate circles with the development of Sherwood Forest and several other exclusive properties," Mr. Meek declared. "His experience with such projects assures proper handling of the new enterprise.

"Every improvement essential to real home enjoyment and proper surroundings will be embodied in the property."

Prisoner Picks Jail Over Probation

Either probation works untold hardships on the Oakland County Jail is somewhat of a paradox.

This is the opinion formed by persons in Justice Court here Saturday when John Jenkins decided he would remain in jail to serve out eight more days of a 20 days sentence in preference to being put on probation for a year.

He was sentenced this month by Judge Floyd S. Buck on a drunk charge. The prisoner's parents had induced Judge Buck to put the man on probation for a year and release him from jail.

When the release was secured he said, "I'd rather remain in jail for eight more days than bother with probation for a year."

So his request was granted.

MOST QUIET WEEK-END WAS OBSERVED HERE

Heavy Traffic But No Accidents, Fires Nor Arrests Over Sunday

Birmingham observed the most quiet week-end in many a day over last Sunday.

In marked contrast to the activity of the Police Department on previous weeks, officers had little to do but man the traffic controls. There were no arrests; not even calls to quell a family dispute.

Despite the volume of traffic that jammed the streets here because of the break in the pavement of Woodward avenue at the village limits, everything was in order. Police records do not even chronicle a bent fender.

No one was injured and the fire department continued dormant.

The whole of Oakland County was characterized by the same peacefulness, according to reports from the office of Sheriff Frank Schram.

NEW 'BLOTTER' SYSTEM OF RECORDS ADOPTED BY VILLAGE POLICE

Details Of Each Phone Call And Direct Report Will Be Kept On File

OFFICERS KEEP DAILY RECORD

An entirely new system for keeping records is in effect today at the Birmingham Police Department.

Large police "blotters" have been supplied the office and every report made to police whether over the telephone or given directly at the office will be recorded. All are loose leaf-and will be filed in a large book and kept indefinitely. All details regarding the case will be noted on the sheets.

Each officer on the force has been ordered by Chief James Anderson to fill out a record blank including everything that he has done by way of police work for the day. These also will be filed and aside from their value as references will aid officials in keeping track of the work done by the officers, it is said.

The growth of Birmingham and the increased activity of the Police Department is given by the chief as the principal reason for the adoption of the new system.

Formerly records were kept in a large book and prisoners were registered in a card index. The index will not be rejected, the chief said, but will serve for added information regarding those taken into custody.

The new system was adopted by Chief Anderson and went into effect yesterday.

The total number of men mobilized by all nations during the World War is estimated at 59,176,864.

In Denmark all milk must be pasteurized, even though it is to be used only as feed for pigs.

Glimpses of Birmingham

A woman on a motorbus held an infant in each arm. A child of four standing on the seat clinging to her neck. His sister about a year older was busying herself with the mother's shoe lace. This lasted for several minutes and the mother hummed softly a scherzo to which she used to dance in that land far away—and she seemed to dream of these dances and the gay dresses she wore—long ago.

Postcards and the use to which they are put are, no, exactly 397 times more useless in this country than the collapsible drinking cup in use on railroad trains by persons who carry straw hats. The morning's mail assures me that there are at least two others who agree. Two postcards came. The pictures are identical. On one was written, "We are having a wonderful time. This is a fine place. Wish you were here. Love to all." In the other was, "We are having a wonderful time. This is a fine place. Wish you were here. Love to all." The woman learned that the two voyagers sent the same thing to their friends.

In a staff where there are more than a million auto license tags, it is unusual to find two numbers near alike. A. W. Brant, foreman of the composing room of this newspaper, reports to Glimpses, however, that from the window of a street car on Woodward Saturday afternoon he saw 254,614 and 254,615. They followed closely, neither driver aware of the coincidence.

Despite the odor of gasoline and motor exhausts, there is something almost nautical about the long, ponderous body trucks that lumber through Birmingham all hours of the day and night. In heavy traffic at night they creep along Woodward avenue like bewildered lake freighters, strangely misplaced. Their green lights glow dimly through the blackness and one may easily expect the sad droning of a steam whistle. Their drivers are a sturdy lot, used to the weather and to themselves, for they always ride alone. Their courtesy has often been remarked upon, these boys with the tanned skin and the smile, who toil that there may be more machines on the road—more traffic to blow out the cruises they make with their heavy cargos of bodies.

Three youths in gray and knickerbockers discuss Waldo Frank as they drink coffee in a downtown candy store—"John the Baptist," they agree is the greatest of American short stories—Across the aisle three more, slightly older, talk about the Buttery, a new dance—"A traffic policeman at Maple and Woodward tells a motorist what traffic rules are all about. Have you ever heard the shouts of a newboy in Birmingham?"

On one of the week's warmest days, a man pitches pennies in solitude at Maple and Woodward. Imaginative flights probably are winning the world championship; there are champions in other things like that. Read the papers.

Face flushed, he rushed into the Baldwin library but halted immediately at the threshold as though the depths of the Grand Canyon greeted him. Several persons reading: a cow not in association work.

County Agent Reports Potato Crop Good

Inspection of Oakland County's potato fields, Thursday and Friday, by a group of northern state men, Oakland County Farm Agent, Fred Old M. Vaughn and county growers, revealed that there will be a "fair" crop for this county.

Where spraying and fertilization was followed, Mr. Vaughn says, the returns will be larger, but where these treatments have been ignored, considerable losses have been experienced from leaf hopper attacks and early blight. There has been little or no late blight.

Heavy damages assessed against him on account of two automobile accidents forced H. R. Plummer of Chicago into bankruptcy.

FARMER WOULD SERVE AGAIN AS CORONER

Says Years in Position Make Him Capable Of Fulfilling Duties; Is Pontiac Undertaker

Announcement was made of the candidacy of O. C. Farmer for reelection to the office of coroner for the Pontiac ticket in the Primary in September.

Mr. Farmer was born in West Bloomfield township and has been a resident of Pontiac since he was 10 years old. He has been in business there as a funeral director for 29 years. He was educated at the rural school of Oakland County in the Pontiac City school.

Mr. Farmer has long been a coroner in Oakland County. "The office," he says "is one which is best handled by a long experience. It is a work of the utmost importance. It requires patience, intelligence, justness and tact on the part of the coroner toward those whom he ministers to."

"The tendency is always to blame the dead for their misfortune. It is the coroner's duty to see that justice is done. He represents those who are no longer able to speak for themselves."

"In appreciation of the confidence that the voters of Oakland County have heretofore placed in him and believing that my past experience has prepared me to render a service not unlike that of a coroner, I desire to present myself as a nominee for reelection."

A barber once told me he lost one of his first jobs because he did not ask for any of his week's salary in advance and his employer became suspicious.

Observation, prompted, perhaps, by feminine intuition, and overheard conversation, led me to believe that Mr. Averell is in favor of Green for Governor, isn't he?"

Negotiations are under way, it has been discovered, for subscriptions to a prize fund for the one who comes closest to estimating the number of hammer strokes made in a day in Birmingham. With more than 350 houses under construction at the present time the air is filled with knocks—literally. Data of this kind would be interesting like data always are.

A new restaurant is about to open on the first job because he did not ask for any of his week's salary in advance and his employer became suspicious.

Why more persons do not take advantage of the Baldwin Park is the question of the moment. There is as much natural beauty packed into a little space at the park as there is anywhere. Yet on ideal days there are at most one or two persons, and they usually appear to be transients who had just as lief rest on a curbstone.

COWTESTING ASSOCIATION WORK IS HELP, CLAIM

Oakland County dairymen can practically double their profits from the cows by adopting cow test association methods, say the Larrows, Institute of Animal Economics. The average test association cow in Michigan produces 4,759 lbs. of milk and 132 lbs. more butter fat than the cow not in association work.

DETROIT ATTORNEY ENTERS RACE FOR LOWER HOUSE SEAT

R. H. Cook Opposes Hudson; Favors Law Enforcement, But Calls Volstead Act Failure

CLAIMS ISSUES MAGNIFIED

Announcement was made today of the candidacy of Robert H. Cook, 40 years old, a Detroit lawyer, for the Republican nomination for Michigan district from the sixth Michigan district.

Mr. Cook's entry makes the race for the nomination a three-cornered one; the other two entries being Rep. Clinton M. Hudson, the present incumbent, and Bradford P. Pennington, former Flint politician, whose candidacy recently was launched at a luncheon given by the Michigan committee of the National Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

In Detroit 13 Years.

Mr. Cook has been a resident of Detroit since 1913, having previously lived in Durand, Grand Rapids and after graduation from the Owasco High school, he was connected in turn with the Durant-Dort Carriage company and the Stewart Body company, both of Flint.

Mr. Cook's entry into politics, after being connected with it 10 years, having started as cost clerk and attained the position of chief bookkeeper. Since that time he has been variously connected in industrial and commercial life in the latter connection having graduated from Detroit College of Law.

Although Mr. Cook deplored the tendency of his opponents to magnify the prohibition issue by making it the keynote of their platform, he said in reference to the problem: "I believe that the whole structure of our government is based on the party plan that little can be accomplished by individual, radical action. When the Republican party coordinates a plan for correcting the existing problem which is within the bounds of reason, I will follow the lead and thought of the party on that problem."

"I feel that it is important for a representative of the party to give attention to the needs of the industrial, commercial and agricultural life of his constituents," he declared, "rather than to confine one's efforts exclusively to the Eighteenth Amendment or the Volstead Act."

Referring to the claim of Mr. Pennington that "the young people of the country must be saved," Mr. Cook said: "I have confidence in the young people of this country, and I have confidence in the morals of the best young people. I think their calibre is such that we don't need to hold them in bonds of oppressive legislation whose aim is to force them to accept the rules of society."

Calls Volsteadism Failure.

Asserting that although he stood squarely for law enforcement, he believed prohibition has been unsuccessful, Mr. Cook said: "Prohibition will continue to be unsuccessful until some change in the law or its enforcement is made which will be acceptable to a majority of the people. Regardless of the decision of the supreme court as to the validity of a law, it will never be enforced so long as a popular opinion is adverse to it."

"Another thing I believe is that when the people of the sixth district want a man who can impress them with the sincerity of his thought on a matter, and whose ability to carry out his expressed thought was placed in congress by them. He must possess a man who will realize that he has 434 other members of the house to convince as to the practicability of his plan to do what he has promised his constituents he will do."

Objects To Park On His Parcel Of Land

Because real estate salesman said to have told buyers that lots about a certain parcel of land in Ego City were facing a park, the village commission is attempting to gain this parcel for a park against the will of the owner of the subdivision, who claims the land was never meant for a park.

A total of 30 lots, 40x120 feet are under question, the village believes it can secure numerous witnesses who could locate facing this parcel who state the salesman told them the land was to be a park. Real estate men here say that the land had never been staked out for lots.

The subdivision is owned by the Leinbach-Humphrey Co., and Rex Humphrey, representing this firm, declared the land under question was never dedicated for a park.

Village attorney Frank Doty, cited a similar case in Oakland County within the last year, where a salesman had represented certain land as a park and the real estate firm had refused to dedicate it. The courts ruled that the land should go to the community as a park.

West Bloomfield—Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert White "The Pine" were host and hostess Saturday evening in their home to 40 guests. The affair was in honor of Mrs. Max Salana of Lake Shore drive, Chicago, their daughter.

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Notice

of Proposition to Levy One-Half Mill Tax on Township of Bloomfield

Notice is hereby given that at the General Primary Election to be held Tuesday, September 14th, there will be submitted to the electors of the Township of Bloomfield the question of approving a resolution of the Bloomfield Township Board to raise one-half mill by taxation for the purpose of Building a Garage for the Township of Bloomfield

JAMES V. BAYLEY, Bloomfield Township Clerk. August 5, 1926.

LABOR DAY

Labor Day is the one holiday that honors... We are not Lincolns or Washingtons; none of us signed the Declaration of Independence; and not many of us have been soldiers. But with mighty few exceptions, we are all workers of one kind or another. We repeat: Labor Day is OUR day. Let us insist on it with that in mind, and with a renewed sense of the dignity of labor.

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Breakfast Table Content

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