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## SMITH TELLS OF RESIGNATION

#### Assistant Prosecutor Hints Possible Candidacy in Next Elections

Clarence Smith, former assistant Oakland County prosecutor who resigned last week offered the following explanation for his resignation. "My resignation was brief and any statement that I would care to make concerning it at this time will also be brief. I can assure the public that I am not leaving this office on account of ill health or pressure of private business. I don't know much about politics but I have learned several things during the last few months and expect to finish my course of instruction."

**Underwood Silent**  
Prosecutor Underwood stated today he had no comment to make on the resignation of his first assistant other than that he had received the resignation and that he would announce a new appointment for the vacancy before the first of the new year.

On leaving the prosecutor's office Mr. Smith will resume the private practice of law in Pontiac. Mr. Smith has been first assistant to the prosecutor's office since Jan. 1, 1925, when he was appointed by Mr. Underwood when the latter took the office of prosecutor.

The retiring first assistant is a native of South Lyon and a son of former Supervisor Delbert J. Smith. He received his education in the University of Michigan where he graduated from the literary college in 1920 and the law college two years later. He was admitted to the Oakland County Bar association in 1922 and began the practice of law in the office of James H. Lynch, where he was located until he took the place of first assistant in the prosecutor's office.

#### FACES SPEEDING CHARGE

William Blake, 19 years old, 410 Harmon avenue, faces a charge of speeding 68 miles an hour through Ferndale following his arrest there Friday night.

### Turns Inventor



W. B. Libscomb, former star catcher of the New York, St. Louis and Chicago teams of the National league, was in Washington, D. C., where he is reeking \$1,000,000 for patent rights to an invention which he claims will revolutionize locomotive transportation. It is an scilling steam valve, designed to cut down coal consumption.

## AMALGAMATION IS EXPLAINED

#### County Auto Club and Detroit Association Form One Body

The Oakland County Automobile club, the Detroit Automobile club, consolidated, is the name of the new organization in the wake of following the amalgamation of the two groups this week. Details of the amalgamation were explained by Wells G. Brown, secretary manager.

According to Mr. Brown the amalgamation plan has been under discussion by the directors for some time and resulted from the mutual desire of both organizations to combine and unify their services. Under the separate charter plan the two groups, both members of the A. A. A., had at organizing both of membership and of activities. Residents of Oakland County who had business places in Detroit and Detroit residents who worked in Oakland County were solicited with both clubs under the old system and the result was confusion.

**Brown in Charge**  
Mr. Brown will have direct charge of the Oakland County district and the former directors of the Oakland County club, composed of T. D. Swaley, C. J. Marx, Charles L. Groesbeck, Sr. James H. Lynch, Bryon Judd and Roy Annett, will serve in an advisory capacity on all matters pertaining to this district.

With the addition of the 2,000 members of the Oakland County club to the 68,000 members of the Detroit club, the consolidation becomes the largest metropolitan automobile club in the world, according to Mr. Brown.

Some of the facilities now available to local members are: A legal department, made up of 12 attorneys, which tries all lawsuits and protects club members; an insurance company owned and operated by the consolidation which provides insurance at cost; a touring service; a road service which will completely cover Oakland County; increased road marking and map making. Under the new organization plan it is now possible for the Oakland County district to institute a school and public safety department also.

**Move Offices**  
Removal of the organization from the present offices to ground-floor headquarters is necessary under the new arrangement and prospective sites are now under consideration. The move, Mr. Brown states, will be made as soon as a new location is secured.

The Oakland County Automobile club was organized seven years ago and when Mr. Brown took over its management a year later had 300 members. Today it has a membership of 2,000.

"Unquestionably there will be a huge increase in membership," said Mr. Brown today. "We are now able to offer prospective members real service, something that has been impossible under the limited resources of the old organization. While it is difficult to predict how large the new membership will be I am certain that it will be at least doubled in a year."

Attorneys from the two groups are to meet Monday to complete the organization which involves the surrendering of both club charters to the A. A. A. and the issuance of a new certificate.

### HUNTER USES FERRET, PAYS \$20 COURT FINE

A. R. Cleveland of Pontiac paid a fine of \$20 when he pleaded guilty to hitting with a ferret, when arraigned before Judge Malcolm Hunt. He was arrested in Waterford Township by Deputy Game Warden Robert McClure.

A banquet for 50 persons was recently served in the case of a 350-foot chimney in Atison.

## FINAL DATE AGAIN IN REGISTRATION

#### State Headquarters Place Pistol Deadline For First of February

Another "final date" for the registration of pistols in Michigan has been set at Feb. 1, according to an announcement from Lansing. This applies to Birmingham and all parts of the county, according to Chief of Police James Anderson.

Many law enforcing offices ran short of registration blanks and were forced to delay registrations. Because of this condition Commissioner Olander conferred in Detroit with Police Commissioner Rutledge and Superintendent James Sprott. It was agreed, he stated, that persons should register as soon as blanks are available and that all must register by Feb. 1 or be liable under the act.

The law provides for the registration of guns under 20 inches in length. Incidentally, it does not except, as relics, serviceable pistols. The act provides that "relics" need not be registered. This does not apply, Olander said, to the serviceable pistols carried in the recent World war, nor to other usable weapons.

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## RUSH STARTED FOR AUTO TAGS

#### Only A Few Days Remain To Obtain 1928 Motor Licenses

With only a few days remaining until the time limit for the sale of 1928 auto license tags is set, a last minute rush to the secretary of state's branch office at Pontiac is under way today. The final date to do the tags is Jan. 1. Birmingham and other Oakland County residents may obtain their auto tags at the Pontiac office there or by writing to the secretary of state's office in Lansing after making out an application blank to be had at the Birmingham police station.

"It is a foregone conclusion that there is going to be a rush for licenses here during the last few days of the year, Stanley Rogers, deputy secretary of state in charge of the bureau, said today. "Most motorists can only lessen the rush now by getting their licenses next week. Secretary of State John S. Hagertry has announced there will be no time extension after Dec. 31."

Leroy Kellogg, assistant to Mr. Rogers, added his plea that car owners act quickly.

With 30,000 passenger car licenses yet to be obtained by motorists in Pontiac and Oakland County, sales at this office must average 2,300 a day," he said. "In addition to this figure, there are approximately 4,600 commercial car plates to be issued. Every day now that the sales fall below the average increases the jam and resultant waiting lines during the final days of December."

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