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## BAN ON WOOD SHINGLES SAID TO BE COMING

### Firemen Hope To Put Stop To Their Use On Buildings

The banning of wood shingles which has been discussed in Birmingham, is something the Birmingham Firemen's association which met at Lansing last week plan to establish throughout the state. Jack Moore, delegate from the Birmingham fire department, who attended the three day convention at Lansing announced the day.

That the passing of a firework prevention bill at the next session of the legislature was inevitable, was predicted by Governor Fred Green who spoke before an approximately 500 delegates at the morning session in Lansing Thursday. The governor acknowledged the firemen's pension bill which has been defeated by the legislature, according to Mr. Moore.

Governor Green outlined his bill to limit sale and use of fireworks and told the firemen's association that, "It will never be possible in Michigan for wholesalers and manufacturers of fireworks to block legislation for a 'Free Independence Day'." It was decided that fireworks should be allowed for public displays, but they should be handled by authorities in each community.

The association named Port Huron for their 1928 convention during the last day of the fifty-third annual meeting last week at Lansing.

As successor to W. G. Heasley, of Zeeland, the president of the association, J. L. Kreusberger, Saginaw, former first vice-president was named. Fred Higgins, Grand Rapids, was made 1928 vice-president, and H. O. Manzo, Allegan, was named president. Both H. L. Williams, Ludington, secretary-treasurer and C. V. (Continued On Next Page.)

## May Quit Post



Unconfirmed rumors in Washington, D. C., have it that Everett Sanders, above, secretary to President Coolidge, is about to relinquish his position. He is said to have a desire to practice law in his home state, Indiana, and later to try for a seat in the Senate.

## HOVEE FINED \$10 BY JUDGE BUCK

Bennie Hovee, 4223 Montclair avenue, Detroit, charged with taking undersized perch and blue gills in violation of fish and game laws, was fined \$10 and costs Monday by Judge Buck, justice of the peace.

Hovee was arrested at Orchard Lake Sunday by Deputy Robert McCure who said that Hovee had 50 or 60 undersized fish in his boat. Hovee, first pleaded not guilty, claiming someone else had left the fish in the boat. He later pleaded guilty and paid the fine.

## 2 SISTERS DROWN IN PETTIBONE LAKE

### Edna and Doris Irish Fall In Deep Hole and Arc Lost

Edna and Doris Irish, of Wattle's Corner 14 and 15 years old respectively, are dead today. The two girls were drowned July 17 while bathing in Pettibone lake, at Ford's club camp, eight miles south of Holly.

Both girls were wading around in the shallow part of the lake, neither knowing how to swim. Suddenly they stepped into a deep hole and disappeared from sight almost immediately and before any of the dozen or more parents nearby could come to their aid.

The accident occurred about 4 p. m. and the bodies were recovered by Oakland County deputies until late at night. Surviving are the mother and a seven year old sister.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Olivet chapel in Royal Oak and in St. Johns Episcopal church. Burial was in Coles Cemetery.

## LANSING MAN HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE

George A. McCree, 1124 South Holmes street, Lansing, is today awaiting trial in the Superior court on a charge of carrying liquor in his car. He was arrested Friday by a state trooper.

Taken before Judge Buck McCree underwent examination and a sound-byer under bail of \$1,500.

The pre-trial at Corcoran, Tex. declared that "the social damage has become a menace to society."

## What's What In Washington

### JOHN HAYS HAMMOND TERMED CAPITAL'S MOST COLORFUL MAN

By CHARLES P. STEWART

WASHINGTON, July 14.—John Hays Hammond, veteran mining engineer and multimillionaire, is as picturesque an old character as makes it up in Washington—part of the time, for he lives also in New York, and New England, and occasionally in Europe for while, and there are spells when his mail is forwarded to him in South Africa, or Siberia, or some other out-of-the-way locality.

Here, however, is where he likes to be when anything important is going on, for he takes a red hot interest in public affairs, national and international, and is a power backboard about dropping in at the White House itself, to spill a few words of advice, known as "Hammond's" by the staff.

Empire builders have listened to John Hays Hammond—and kings and other presidents, besides the president of the United States. Generally they've listened respectfully. One or two of those who haven't have had cause later to wish they had.

Engineer Hammond certainly likes to have his suggestions favorably acted on.

When President Kruger of the now defunct Transvaal Republic refused, back in the '90's, to accord to some of them the deference which Hammond believed they were entitled to, the latter urged them on him strongly at the point of a good many machine guns.

Perhaps the enterprising young engineer—he was in his early prime then—was a little too impatient for his own safety. At any rate, he was hit by a stretching hemp. Nevertheless, the rope ended up in a regular war, which cost Kruger his job and his republic its independence, so that Hammond evidently knew what he was talking about all along.

John Hays Hammond has been rather indefinitely mentioned several times as a Republican presidential possibility.

These hints never really meant more than that he's of presidential calibre—not that he's making a good candidate. Any fairly good judge can tell, simply by looking at him, that he's altogether unsuited to politics.

A politician must know how to compromise and straddle, to play both ends against the middle, to conciliate and to pretend.

What is gained from the Kruger incident, this kind of maneuvering isn't in Engineer Hammond's line. What he wants is done after direct, and let the chips fall where they may.

True, he's a 71 or 72, but he has a hard, hard, cold blue eye. Mildness of manner and that kind of a lamp are well recognized as frequent accompaniments of a mighty quick triggerfinger.

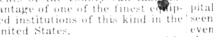
Party managers are afraid of John Hays Hammond, and always have been, for any position with efficiency and political expediency might conflict.

Consequently, although he probably would not have the nomination for public office and the managers often refer to him as a first class choice for one place or another,

## NEW OAKLAND COUNTY SANITORIUM OPENS AUGUST 1ST



DR. JOHN D. MONROE Health Commissioner



ETHEL ERICKSON Superintendent of Nurses



F. B. HARCOCK Business Manager

The opening of the new Oakland County Hospital on August 1st will mean that 200 tubercular patients of the county can take advantage of one of the finest equipped institutions of this kind in the United States.

The new sanatorium is located in Waterford Township on Cudley Lake road and was opened for inspection last Friday when more than 1,200 persons visited the institution.

Pending the appointment of a superintendent Dr. John D. Monroe, health commissioner, will have charge of the medical end of the work. F. B. Harcock is business manager and Miss Ethel Erickson is superintendent of nurses and will be in charge of the 10 or 12 institutional nurses expected to go on duty in the near future.

An airplane view of the hospital would present an interesting panorama, as the building is situated before a grove of beautiful trees which extends back to the edge of the 80 acre tract owned by the county. From the roof of the hospital at least seven lakes can be seen lying in all directions, and even more have been counted on a clear day.

At first the site of the hospital was placed on a hill some distance in front of the grove, but since it is a valuable and to tubercular patients to be near trees the building site was moved back, and the hill in front of it was removed, so the land now makes a gradual slope down to the road. The cost of removing this hill amounted to nearly \$7,000, although some of the other grading is included in this figure.

Willis M. Brewer, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors, presided at the opening last Friday and made a brief address in which he pointed out that the building was built for the future as well as for the present, and that that reason nothing had been left undone that would make the place more valuable to those who would use it.

Mr. Brewer introduced Alfred Gade, supervisor of Waterford Township, in which the hospital is located, and James E. Lawson, state representative from the first district of Oakland County, who made brief remarks. Frederick D. Madison, of Royal Oak, the architect who designed the hospital, also gave a short talk.

Replaces Old Hospital

The new institution will replace the two story remodeled building on Oakland avenue, Pontiac, which has been used for several years as a tuberculosis sanatorium. The completion of the new building, it is believed, will allow Oakland County to care for all its present tubercular population who need institutional care, and under the plan followed in the construction of the building, additions can be made easily.

Members of the building committee who are largely responsible for the plans and construction of the hospital are: Alfred Gade, chairman; Willis M. Brewer, secretary; and James E. Lawson, Isaac B. Band, S. D. Adams, George J. Calkins, C. G. Calkins, John C. Salmer, F. G. Ely and L. D. Allen.

The entire Board of Supervisors met at the plans prepared by the Frederick D. Madison of Royal Oak who designed the Oakland County Jail. Members of the Board of County Auditors—Willis M. Brewer, Fred Demberger, and Edward Soveren, attended the construction of the building, and the responsibility of purchasing the equipment and will have general supervision of the operation of the hospital.

Visitors Have Entrance

The visitor must enter at a separate door, which leads into the administration wing, as the front entrance is for patients only. Wide doors that will admit a stretcher lead to the wing of the building which contains the offices of the business manager, the superintendent of nurses, the doctors, an information and telephone office, and the beautifully furnished waiting room. This wing is only two

## COMMISSION GRANTS SIX LICENSES HERE

Six licenses of various natures were granted last week by commissioners at their regular meeting. Persons and firms to obtain the licenses are the businesses they will conduct follow:

Horace C. Cooley, sewer builder; Mark N. Clark, plumber; National Electric Fixture and Supply; electric; S. M. Pearson, milk and Gordon Jeffrey, restaurant and beverage.

## DRUNKEN DRIVER GIVEN JAIL TERM

### Fred Moldenhauer Pleads Guilty To Charge Before Judge Buck

Fred Moldenhauer, living at a rural address near Birmingham, is in jail to-day after pleading guilty to a charge of driving while drunk made by Sargent Richard Lawler, before Justice Floyd Buck.

Moldenhauer was sentenced to 60 days in jail or 30 days and a \$50 fine. He was arrested by Sargent Lawler colliding with another car on South Woodward avenue Sunday. The police say the damage was slight. Witnesses who confirmed the charges against him are Lyle L. Slag, Addison E. Terhune, and Wallace Jacobson, all of Detroit.

Moldenhauer failed to produce an operator's license when arrested.

## TWO ARE SEIZED FOR AUTO LAWS

Two men paid fines in justice's court Monday for violating traffic laws. Sidney Wilfong, 165 Cadillac street, Pontiac, was arrested by patrolman William Gade who testified Wilfong was driving 45 miles an hour on South Woodward. A fine of \$15 was paid.

William L. Hake, Midland, Michigan, paid a fine of \$5 and costs for violating a traffic signal.

## BIG INCREASE IS REPORTED FOR SCHOOLS

### Jump Of \$108,000 Shown In Valuation Of Property Of Education Board

93.7 PER CENT ATTEND

A decided increase in the school population of Birmingham is shown in the annual statistical report of Bloomfield township which will be submitted to the state educational department in August.

An increase from \$1,362,600 the valuation of school property in 1926, to \$1,470,600 in 1927 is shown in the report.

The census of this year of those between five and 20 years of age is 2,333, according to Mrs. Nellie B. Williams, head of the attendance department in Birmingham. This shows an increase of 319 over the 1926 school census which totaled 2,014.

One Child Per Home

With the village population put at approximately 12,000, the fact that the number of children in Birmingham in comparison with the number of homes is small, is brought out by Mrs. Williams. It is found that there is less than one child per home here.

The enrollment in Birmingham schools shows an increase in accordance with the advance in school population. The enrollment of 1926-27 was 1760, while that of 1926-27 is 2157. In the past year 140 tuition paying students attended school in Birmingham.

275 Out Of School

Of the census taken, 275 children are shown on the report as not being in school. They are explained as being either those of five who have not entered school, those who have left school, or those under 20 going to college.

The statistics show that 93.7 (Continued On Next Page.)

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