

**FINED FOR FISHING** Robert McClure, game warden, Lewis Erard, of Sylvan Lake, made the arrest. The open season for black bass is from June 1 to January 1, McClure said.

**Arrested Sunday for catch** The black bass out of season. 52 Issues of The Eccentric, \$1.50

**COUNTY FIRE DAMAGE IS HIGH**

**Marshal's Report Shows Loss Nears \$1,000,000; State Decreases**

Oakland County's 666 fires during 1926 destroyed property valued at \$896,992.66, according to the annual report of the fire marshal division of the department of public safety of Michigan. The total number of fires in Michigan was 18,399 as compared with 20,094 during 1925. The total damage done by fire in the state during 1926 was \$17,538,508.26, which is \$2,125,821.61 less than the damage during the previous year.

The report says that sparks, from all sources, were the commonest cause of fires last year. 4,475 conflagrations having been started in this manner. Defective stoves, chimneys, and pipes were next, with 2,793 fires due to such causes. Careless use of matches and careless smoking caused 2,718 fires, it says. According to the Michigan department of health, 239 persons were burned to death last year in Michigan.

**Bloomfield Hills Plans Drainage**

(Continued from Page 1, Part 1) the disposal system and is a possible candidate for the position of consulting engineer to the village.

**Ad Decision**  
E. J. Butler, owner of the Bloomfield Downs subdivision and resident of the village, presents to obtain the approval of the commission before beginning the work on the drainage system in his property. Mr. Butler said he had held up procedure awaiting definite action by the commission which could work in collaboration with the village and could have the approval of the commission on the Bloomfield Downs work should not be held in check by them and they agreed with Mr. Roehm that Mr. Butler would receive their cooperation in any sound scheme which conformed with the state laws governing the disposal of sewerage. A special meeting will be called within a few days at which Mr. Butler will present his draining construction procedure.

Among other matters of importance discussed at the meeting was the safety problem in connection with Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road. Mr. Roehm was active in the discussion and advocated strict enforcement of driving laws. Decisions were reached that safety signs be provided for at all dangerous points. A motion was made by Mr. Taliaferro and carried unanimously that Police Chief Will be purchased a new automobile and a motorcycle for better enforcement facilities. The committee deem it necessary that the police force be increased to about four patrolmen in the near future.

**Vaughn Appointed**  
Parry A. Vaughn of Bloomfield Hills was appointed tax assessor, with his duties beginning May 1. Although definite actions have not been taken as yet, a village attorney was declared a necessary factor to the passing of ordinances which will probably occupy the meetings in forthcoming months, and President Allen said that an appointment will soon be made.

**ANNUAL DRIVE MEETS SUCCESS**

More than \$3,000 has already been collected in the annual Y. M. C. A. drive in Birmingham, according to report of the canvasser. A ready spirit and an increase in interest in the work is obvious throughout the town, the workers say. A number of new boys have become interested in the Junior Y. M. C. A. groups through the campaign. It is expected that the fund of \$5,000, which has been set as the goal for this year, will be completed within a few weeks, closing time having been extended.

**MOVES OFFICES**  
Dr. Ralph Ferriss, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, is carrying on his practice today in his new offices in the Woodward block. He recently moved from the Field building, where he has been active for several years.

**Troy Township Candidates**



**MORRIS WATTLEZ**  
Mr. Wattlez, the present supervisor of Troy Township will be a candidate for reelection at the general caucus to be held in the town hall at 2 p. m. Saturday. He is opposed by Mr. Truesdell who has been a resident of Troy for many years and has held other official positions there.

**JOHN TRUESDELL**  
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**MOVIE BAN OPPOSED IN LUNCHEON TALK**

**Stanley Declares Ordinance Would Discriminate Against Worker**

Pleading for freedom from discrimination between the rich and poor as it would be applied in the proposed motion picture Sunday law to be voted on next Monday, Walter Y. Stanley, of Greater street, yesterday urged members of the Young Men's Service club at their luncheon at the Chateau Lea Room to consider the matter thoroughly before they cast their votes.

Louis Haswell, realtor, also addressed the men on the merits of H. T. Eberly, candidate for village president. Mr. Haswell appealed to the men's sense of duty, urging them to sum up carefully the qualifications of the candidates before they make their decision.

"Those who are opposed to attending movies on Sunday certainly do not have to attend," Mr. Stanley said. "If there is a doubt in their mind as to the Christianity of the attendance, it is a matter for them to talk over with the pastor of their church. Certainly if movies are shown it does not mean that everyone has to attend. That is quite another problem."

**PEOPLE'S COLUMN**

The Eccentric is pleased to receive communications for this column. If a communication must be signed but signatures will be kept confidential upon request.

**SAYS MOVIES INTERFERE**

In Mr. Richey's address to the Birmingham Civic club, he said that the Sunday movie in Birmingham would not interfere with church attendance. But, on Sabbath evening, Feb. 20, a young woman who was standing in line at a Pontiac theatre, was heard, by one passing, to say, "There, it is even sabbath, we should be going to church instead of to a movie."

This is conclusive proof that the theaters of Pontiac are interfering with the church attendance there. The church cannot compete with the theaters. Those who think of the church's attitude toward "Sunday Shows" as one of friendly competition should go to church a few times to find out what the church is for.

The churches of Birmingham are invaluable assets of the community. They have been here for many decades. They have always been found on the side of good clean, progressive citizenship. They need today the same loyal support of the citizens of Birmingham which they have always had—and will get it!

**CALLS BAN HARMLESS**

The effort is being made by the movie interests to intimidate the business men of Birmingham and make them believe that the Sunday movie is absolutely necessary for the business interests of Birmingham. I am enclosing herewith a letter from N. P. Yowell, President of Yowell-Drew company of Orlando, Fla., showing the influence of a "closed Sunday" on the business of that city. Orlando is a city of about 30,000 population and Yowell-Drew company is the largest department store in the city, doing a business that will exceed that of any store in Pontiac.

"Replying to your letter of the 27th inst., I wish to say that Orlando is not open to Sunday amusements for pay. I do not

think the citizens of Orlando will ever throw down the barriers, and permit the desecration of the Lord's day."

Every once in a while, some over-zealous people make an effort which is not in the interest of the community, but for their own selfish well-being.

We have found that it has not let us any tourist business. By that, I do not mean that some people here not left Orlando and gone to places where they could indulge themselves but "for everyone we have lost, we have gained more and probably better ones."

St. Petersburg, one of the best towns in Florida, was more tourists and visitors pay capita than any other town in Florida—yet observes the Sabbath strictly in public amusements.

(Signed) N. P. Yowell.  
I am sure the business men of Birmingham will lose nothing by keeping the Moving Picture theatre closed on the Sabbath Day.

N. E. McKinney,  
124 Baldwin Avenue.

**DISAPPROVES LAW**

It is inconceivable that a minister can expect to accomplish anything that will be beneficial either to himself or to the citizens of Birmingham through an effort to compel them to stay away from "movies" on Sunday evening and (by implication) attend church instead.

Surely he must realize that he is making enemies among the young people who will resent his attitude, whether successful or otherwise.

If he approved of their reading certain books during the week, would he disapprove of their reading these same books on Sunday evening?

And again, is there any difference between a "printed" story and a "pictured" story?

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