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BRANDT QUITS AS HEAD OF OAKLAND CO.

Gordon Lefebvre Named By Glancy As Successor To Village Man

SILENT ON HIS FUTURE

Announcement is made today by A. L. Glancy, president and general manager of the Oakland Motor Car company, of the election of Gordon Lefebvre as vice president in charge of operation. Mr. Lefebvre succeeds A. J. Brandt, 700 Kennesaw avenue, Birmingham, who resigned Monday.

Mr. Lefebvre comes to Pontiac from the General Motors Ltd. of Canada where since March, 1926, he has been vice president and general manager.

He is a graduate of the Virginia Polytechnical Institute and studied for two years at the West Point. During the war he was in charge of the maintenance department of the DuPont Powder plant at Hopewell, Va.

He has been general efficiency engineer of the Chevrolet Motor company and later was in charge of the plant standards department, the production and inspection of raw and finished material.

Mr. Glancy points to the steady increase and expansion of the General Motors under the vice presidency of Mr. LeFebvre and to his other accomplishments as an indication of future increase of production of the Oakland Motor Car company.

Mr. Brandt said he did not care to make a statement regarding his future plans or the reasons for the resignation.

He was made works manager of the organization shortly after he joined the company in 1925. A few months later he was appointed vice-president and was actively in charge of all work in both the Oakland and Pontiac plants.

Before joining the staff of the Oakland Motor Car company he was connected with the president, A. R. Glancy, for 20 years. He was division engineer in charge of construction during the war of the Hickory Powder plant at Louisville, Ky., a DuPont enterprise, of which Mr. Glancy was in charge. He supervised the construction of the Chevrolet plant for the General Motors corporation in St. Louis and in 1923 received his appointment as manager of the Fisher Body corporation plants at Janesville and Lansing. He has held several other highly responsible positions in other cities.

"Father—"If a boy of mine goes off to college and makes good, it's because of heredity. If he runs wild, it's because of environment. I believe in looking at every question from both sides."—Exchange.

NEW OFFICER

GORDON LEFEBVRE

Mr. Lefebvre succeeds A. J. Brandt of Kennisaw avenue, Birmingham, as vice president in charge of production of the Oakland Motor Car company. Mr. Brandt has made no announcement of his future plans.

GROUP TO TALK DRAIN PROJECT

Propose New System In Troy Township; Committee meets Saturday

The construction of the Birmingham Gardens drain, in Section 33 of Troy Township will be discussed at a meeting at 10 a. m. Saturday, of the committee appointed last week to look into the question. The proposed drain would extend from the Clawson drain northwesterly to a point at Eaton and Big Beaver roads, with a branch extending from Monnier road to the Buckingham road in Pembrook Manor subdivision, Section 30.

The committee, consisting of Supervisors Peter L. Brewer, Oliver Gibbs, Isaac Bond, B. J. Wardlow, S. P. Ormiston, George B. Dewey and Fred W. Durfee, was appointed last week at the request of County Drain Commissioner Arthur W. Spencer. At the same time he obtained the appointment of a commission of supervisors to determine the necessity for cleaning out, deepening, widening, straightening and extending the New Hudson Drain No. 1, in Lyon Township. This committee will meet at 10 a. m. Nov. 4, at the New Hudson hotel.

Omaha lawyers objected to a wise crack on a slate in front of a filling station, which read: "Tell the truth to your lawyer and he will lie for you." The bar association sued the oil company for libel, asking $475,000 damages, but finally considered its honor vindicated when the oil people did a Henry Ford; that is, apologized.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS —of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

43 YEARS AGO

Election in Bloomfield passed off very quietly as usual. The Republican electoral college had a majority of 64. Wilson for Congress, 67, J. Allen Bigelow, 72. In Oakland County the entire Democratic ticket was elected.

We were pleased to receive a short call from Dr. J. H. Wattles of Battle Creek, who, about 16 years ago, lived in this place. The doctor visited S. B. Wattles in Troy and called on many old acquaintances and renewed friendship. He says the Battle Creek people have always used him well and he intends to stay with them for some time to come.

Well, to hear the news about home, you must go abroad, for in the South Avon letter to the Utica Sentinel we learn that Mr. Runyan, having again tired of village life, will remove from Birmingham to his farm as soon as it is vacated by Emmet Brown, who will move onto his father's farm in Troy.

Hallowe'en was duly celebrated last week Friday eve and many parties of masked mischief makers were abroad. The remnants of the once celebrated "Tony" band were out in full force and made a few visits, but were finally treed, locked up, and in a few moments were safe in the arms of "Morphia."

Ed Beardsley has a new barn.

Rob Herbison of Holly was in town last week.

Miss Della Hunt, of Detroit, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Willetts.

Mrs. R. J. Mitchell was seriously ill a part of last week, but is now convalescent.

George H. Toms exhibited last Monday a nine pound wild goose shot by him at Wm. H. Smith's mill pond. 'Twas a beauty.

A Yankee started in business in Paris, France, painted his advertisements on fences, etc., and he was arrested and fined $50 for "annoying the vision of the public."

Miss Della McWhinney of Pontiac returned to her home after a visit in this place last week.

The Orion Review office was rotten-egged one night last week. John wasn't in, however, or the egg-throwers would have had business to attend to.

Mrs. Joseph Dyer of Advance, Charlevoix county, is visiting her father, Mr. John Allen, of Troy.

25 YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Erity were married in the same place where they celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday last. There were three present at the celebration who were at the wedding half a century ago. All the brothers and sisters living were present, namely, her twin brothers, 67 years old, E. W. Reynolds and Nelson B., Robert G. Reynolds, aged 60 years, also Mrs. Eugene Erity of Ypsilanti and Mrs. Jos. S. Stockwell, of Pontiac.

Our mighty Nimrods started Monday night to hunt for big game in the vicinity of Newberry, Mich. They are Messrs. Will Adams, Bert Leonard, E. E. Daniels and Chas. H. Toms. No doubt all relatives and friends of the above will live on venison the rest of the winter.

Senator Thos. W. Palmer and his chum, Geo. N. Brady, were in town one day last week and enjoyed a good day's visit in the good old summer time—no fall time.

Mrs. M. Palmer, of Southfield has returned home after spending a few days with Mrs. S. Fuller.

Miss Roda Starr of Clawson visited her young friends in town one day last week.

The cannon which was donated to the city of Pontiac by the government has carrived and will be mounted on the northeast corner of the court house lawn. It was captured from the Spaniards in the late war. It is of great size and weighs several tons.

Married at the home of the bride's parents Oct. 25 by Rev. M. H. Bartram, Edward Colby and Miss Mary Fisher. A few intimate friends of the bride, and groom and their respective families made up a very pleasant gathering. We wish this young couple the best luck in the world.

One of the prettiest social events of the season was the birthday party given by Miss Beryl McClellen of Woodward Ave. She entertained last Saturday afternoon a party of 20 kindred spirits and they all helped her enjoy her sixth birthday. A fine banquet was served to the little ones and each of the 20 had a wax taper to blow out on the birthday cake.

Mrs. E. Montgomery is visiting friends and relatives in the state of New York, accompanying home her mother, who has been spending some time here.

Dan M. Johnston was the only Birminghammer that received an invitation to dine with "Teddy" at the banquet Monday evening of this week. That shows what a good Democrat can accomplish.

Miss Clara Starr of Clawson called on Birmingham friends one day last week.

Mrs. G. L. Thurber, of Wing Lake, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. F Hagerman, one day last week.

Miss Florence Bloomberg of Southfield called on friends in town one evening last week.

Don't forget the Ladies' Aid tea meeting at the home of Mrs. James Todd this afternoon. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Hanna and family of Caro have been making their friends and relatives happy by a few days' visit.

Mrs. H. S. Justema of Marine City is the guest of Mrs. M. Popleton.

Miss Mattie Baldwin reads a paper today at the State Equal Suffrage Association, held at Charlotte, and we feel that our little city will be honored as well as the lady herself.

CHANGE HUNT SEASON DATE

Deer And Bear Season To Last From Nov. 15 To 30

With 100 deer hunting licenses and 16 camp licenses on sale by L. J. Sluser, of the Birmingham Hardware company, announcement is made today of the change in the hunting dates for this season. The deer and bear season will open Nov. 15 and last until Nov. 30.

Dates for the hunting of smaller game have been changed this fall, Mr. Sluser said. The season for pheasants, pairie chickens, woodcocks and fox squirrels opened Tuesday and will last until next Thursday. It will be legal for to shoot these birds and animals.

The season for duck, Wilson and jack snipe, geese and brant, rails, and coots and gallinules is also open today and will remain so until Dec. 31. The rabbit season opened Tuesday and the time limit is Jan. 31, 1928. In the upper peninsula, the season opened Oct. 1 and lasts until Feb. 1. Skunks are in season from Nov. 15 until Jan. 31.

Coyotes, wolves, lynxes, wildcats, fox, weasels, owls, woodchucks and crows may be killed at any time, according to this year's regulations. The season is closed on moose, elk, caribou, reindeer, black squirrel, gray squirrel, otter, fisher, raccoon, marten, muskrat, mink, spruce-hen, quail, homing-pigeon, mourning-dove, partridge, wood-duck, black bellied and golden plover and yellowlegs, George R. Hograth, secretary of the state Department of Conservation, announced.

BIG BEAVER MAN, 77, DIES

William Burke, Succumbs To Complications Incident To Age

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Monday for William Burke, 77 years old, of Big Beaver. Mr. Burke, was living with his daughter, Mrs. Catherine Bodock at the time of his death, which resulted from complications attendant upon old age. He died Sunday.

He was born in Wardsville, Ont., but for the past seven years he has been living in Big Beaver. Burial was in Oak View cemetery.

RAINBOW GIRLS GO TO GRAND CHAPTER

The Birmingham Rainbow assembly was represented at the grand chapter of the Eastern Star, held at Grand Rapids, by Loretta Porritt, present worthy advisor and Catherine Lipka, one of the officers, of the Birmingham assembly.

This was the first time the Rainbow work had been represented at grand chapter. Girls from all the assemblies in Michigan were chosen to fill the stations for the work at Grand Rapids. The assemblies of Detroit, Dearborn, Tyrian, Highland Park, Royal Oak, and Birmingham were represented. The work impressed those members of the Eastern Star present to such an extent that several new assemblies are to be formed in Michigan.

The Birmingham girls were accompied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porritt and Mrs. Roy Montgomery, mother advisor of their assembly.

DRIVER IS FINED

A charge of reckless driving brought John Carlson, of Chicago, Ill., a fine of $20 in Judge Floyd S. Buck's court Monday, when he was arraigned and pleaded guilty. Carlson was arrested Saturday by Patrolman Edward Myers.

Glimpses at and about BIRMINGHAM

By RAYMOND GIRARDIN

Eight o'clock on a Monday evening. The village commission rooms are warm light and crowded. Two unidentified young men impatiently twrill their hats. Conversation is low. The same people are there to see how the village is run. The crowd varies little from one Monday to the next. Greyed men whom one sees daily, but never knows, have the favored seats. They take no part in the discussions that come times wax so warm.

The commissioners file in smiling. They respond to the roll call. The minutes of the previous meeting are approved. The next issue, hearings on assessments rolls, evokes no action.

"The meeting," announces President Ellerby, "following our usual custom, is now open to the public for discussion."

And the public discusses. Why is there water in the basement? Why did they have to pay more for an alley in the rear of their home than the people on a neighboring street? When will the sidewalks be laid? And so forth. And so forth. Remarkable as it seems, there are favorable decisions rendered.

Mr. Plumstead, "I should like to transfer $2,000 from the contingent fund to the general fund. We need that much to meet the bills."

Mr. White, "Sounds like a domestic discussion."

There follows talk for an hour on taxes, assessments, budgets, sinking funds, general funds, profit, loss, bonds, mortages, . . .

Occasional members of the audience file out . . . thoughts wander, after them . . . . why can't some kind of adding machine solve these problems . . . . human equations . . . . time in its flight . . . . how many other places one could be.

Bills and payroll are high now but with the late fall they will again be low and many will no longer be working for the village.

Communications. Cabal Corners invites the commission to attend en masse its public observance of Columbus Day. Badges are to be worn by official delegates. Will the clerk kindly acknowledge the kind invitation. Somebody thinks it is time his rebate on a paving assessment was returned and he darn well wants to know what the matter is. So do the commissioners. So do the citizens in attendance who are growing warmer and more restless as the hours are passing. Some indefinable thing keeps them. Call it what you will.

There are no petitions so Mr. Ellerby asks for reports and recommendations from the village manager.

Mr. Parry, "We find that an insidious scale has manifested itself on many of the smaller and younger trees of Birmingham, threatening them, while they are helpless in its throes, with devastation. Botanists, silviculturists, arboriculturists and others who specialize in the counter-attack against this enemy of trees submit dissertations to this office, the just of which is that the menace may be wiped out with a certain spray which sweeps the parasitic cleavage from the trees and allows them a chance at the life which is theirs by right of heritage. I therefore submit to you ladies and gentlemen of the commission a recommendation for an appropriation for $300 that this endeavor may be carried on with the utmost expediency."

The recommendation is acted upon. Other matters of business are acted upon.

Reports are in order from the various committees of the commission.

Mr. McBride, chairman of the finance committee, reports on a clause regarding the sinking fund and a return to the previous hour discussion threatens. But fate is just and the return is thwarted.

Mr. Henry, chairman of the committee on streets etc.:

"I have been riding about the streets of Birmingham for the two hours prior to the meeting and want to ask the manager whether anything is being done to safeguard the lives of children playing on the site of the old pumping station. There is a bad hole there."

Mr. Parry replies that the matter will be attended to.

Then silence, troubled only by the ticking of a large clock which is 15 minutes slow. The heat sends a drowsy feeling through one with each breath. It ascends to the eyes and tries to close them.

Mr. Hersey, "I move we adjourn."

A cannon shot would not have been more sudden.

Midnight Monday. Commissioners file out of the room. Two unidentified young men don their thoroughly twirled hats. People enter the night air and breathe deeply. The streets are quiet save for the rustle of an occasional motor car. The lights in the village offices quietly disappear and darkness and desertion rule.

TWO SPEEDERS FINED IN JUSTICE COURT

Two speeders, arrested Friday by Patrolman William Green, were fined $15 and $10 each Monday in Judge Floyd S. Buck's court when they pleaded guilty. Olaf J. Whittenberger 710 east University avenue, Royal Oak, was fined $15 and Ernesto Volante, 57 Crawford street, Pontiac, was fined $10.

Try a want ad in the Eccentric.

COUNTY DRIVE STARTS NOV. 1 FOR CHILDREN

Birmingham Quota In Society For Crippled Child Relief Is $2,000

COMMITTEES NAMED

The opening guns of the second annual drive for funds of the Michigan Society for Crippled Children will be sounded throughout Oakland County Nov. 6, according to announcement made today by David H. Ladd, chairman of the central district which composes nine townships. The drive will end Thanksgiving Day and the goal for central district of the county is set at $10,000.

The drive for Birmingham's quota of $2,000 starts Nov. 6 and will close on Thanksgiving Day.

The money raised will be used to bring relief to the crippled children in Michigan whose number is estimated at 13,000 with an annual increase.

This is the second year of the Oakland County chapter and so far considerable strides have been taken by the organization, according to reports of the workers which show that treatment has been given to a large number of children who otherwise would not have it.

To Seek Memberships

Those working in the drive will seek memberships in the organization at the annual rate of $1, the subscribing membership rate of $3 or the contributing membership rate of $5.

Birmingham is to be divided into five sections and each will be under the direct supervision of captains of several teams. They are announced as follows:

South section: Mrs. Victor R. Ogden, assisted by members of the Present Day club; the Northeast section, Rev. Floyd E. Logee, captain; John R. Taylor, first lieutenant; assisted by members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Northwest section: Walter Y. Stanley, captain; Frank Mulholland, first-lieutenant; assisted by members of the First Baptist Church.

Southeast section: Ray A. Palmer, captain; James W. Parry, first lieutenant; assisted by the United Presbyterian Church.

Southwest section: Charles J. Shain; captain; Rev. Robert M. Atkins, first lieutenant; assisted by members of the First Methodist Church.

President Explains

"The work," Hugh E. Van de Walker, president of the society enthusiastically declares, "is of particular interest this year because the Society was largely responsible for the passage by the last Legislature of Senate Bill No. 148. This new law establishes a

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