

# SEAL SALE RETURNS IN

## One-third Of County Quota In Annual Drive Reached

**By Association**  
(Special to The News)  
Pontiac, Dec. 12.—The annual Christmas seal sale of the Oakland County Tuberculosis association has passed the one-third mark, \$5,000. With \$10,000 of the \$15,000 goal still to come in, Mrs. Zelpha B. Hale, executive secretary of the association, today issued an appeal to make their remittances for the seals before Christmas Day.

"The seal sale this year is receiving a hearty response from every section of the county," Mrs. Hale says.

"Towns from which we received only scattering gifts in former years are responding generously this year. We believe we have convinced the populace all over the county that our work is essential to one community as another."

"Tuberculosis disregards community boundaries. It is prevalent everywhere. Because of the increase in the disease and the fact that our work is made harder by the ever increasing population, we set \$15,000 as our goal this year, \$5,000 higher than last year's sale. If those having the seals will make their remittances so that the goal will be reached by Christmas day, Oakland County will have set a state record in obtaining its anti-tuberculosis fund."

Members of this year's Christmas seal sale committee are Otto

# MYSTERY OF FLOATING ISLAND IN OAKLAND COUNTY LAKE BAFFLING

(Special to The Eccentric)  
Lake Orion, Dec. 12.—Lake Orion was not settled as most Michigan towns by a group of hardworking farmers and pioneers, but by a wandering auctioneer who took a fancy to the spot and built a home there. Maybe that is the reason for Lake Orion's mystery—its wandering island.

This bit of land, which is scarcely larger than a city lot, wanders about the lake sometimes above the surface, sometimes below, but regularly every summer just as regularly late every winter it disappears. There is no explanation for this wayward plot of land. It comes and goes, a mystery wandering about the lake since the day the auctioneer first settled on its shores. It is not pretty, this floating island, as it is called. There is no vegetation, merely slim and spongy land. Several attempts have been made during the winters to load the surface with such a weight of stones that it would stay below the surface forever.

But the island will not be drowned and each year it returns to add itself to the group of 23 islands that dot the surface of the lake.

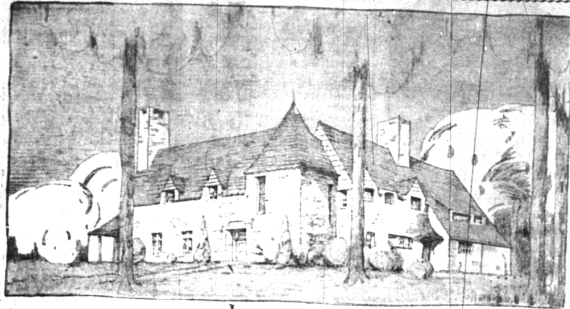
Actions of this island are a complete mystery. It is not a Sachse, president of the Peoples State Bank, Pontiac, chairman; Mrs. Albert W. Wilson of Pleasant ridge, wife of the county treasurer-elect; Burton P. Daugherty, county clerk; and H. Morris Thatcher, of Pontiac.

reef or it would emerge as the waters of the lake lowered. On the contrary the island is high up in high water and low in low water, certain evidence that it is merely floating land. And it has no definite location, natives report, bobbing up at any point in its original vicinity.

**Explanation Given**  
The only explanation offered is that some earth was brought to the surface every year. Although Lake Orion has many islands of interest from Squaw Island that carries the legend of an Indian maiden who sheltered and fed her white lover there, to Park Island that abounds with roller coasters and fun making devices. Then there is Bellevue where the Bible conferences are held and the isle of Babette which takes its name from Mrs. Clara Evans who summers there with Mr. Evans. Romantic Island with its turreted home known as "the Castle," The Island of Rest, Sugar Loaf and others small and large but none of them wanderers who make up the group. Only one tiny plot of land comes each year to the surface to mar the beauty of the spot and that is Floating Island.

The wandering auctioneer named the village Canadaguga City, from the lake, which was then known by that name. Conversation shortened the word to "Dogway," and ultimately "Dagway." The townspeople rebelled and took a new name suggested by the stars mirrored in the waters. They called their village Orion. And so it remained until last year the voters changed the name of their village again calling it Lake Orion.

## PURCHASE ANNOUNCED



Announcement is made today of the purchase of this home by Joseph Hinshaw. It is of the French Norman type, located in the Lone Pine road estates, of Walsh, James & Wassy. There are six bedrooms and the home is on a two acre site, surrounded with Oak trees.

## MEAT FRAUD CASE HEARD AGAIN TODAY

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opened an account in his bank for \$300 and drew on it with

checks. A number of checks, he tried to cash when the account was overdrawn. Bratton revealed that many of the checks received by meat dealers were returned for lack of funds or were endorsed incorrectly. The latest offense laid on the three men took place in Pontiac. They were alleged to have tried on business in a meat market on east Pike street between Nov. 17 and 27. They were said to have sold meat furnished by the Parker, Webb, meat company. Russell said four loads of meat had been taken by truck from the Pontiac store to Dicken's shop on

## COMMISSION ACTS FOR ALLEY OPENING

Grand River when the store closed down. William C. Blehm, employed by a butcher supply house in Detroit, testified that his company had sold fixtures to Dicken. Although the petition for the opening of an alley between Woodward, Frank, and George streets was found by the commission to be "right lacking in the required number of signatures, the local declaration was signed and filed. Manager James W. Parry to prepare an estimate of the cost. The petition will be submitted at an early date.

"I'm all right in algebra and all right in geometry but what I can't seem to understand is mathematics."

Karl Randhelm of Colgate has a goose that laid an egg weighing three-quarters of a pound.

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Anyone living or owning property in Sections 1 to 12, inclusive, or in the Village of Bloomfield Hills, will also pay at the Township office in the new Municipal Building, Birmingham. Make checks payable to Harriet C. Mudge, Treasurer.

(Signed) **HARRIET C. MUDGE,**  
Bloomfield Township Treasurer.