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### 29 MILES MORE OF PAVEMENT ARE APPROVED

### Supervisors Add To Extensive Program For Next Summer

### TOTAL IS 157 1/2 MILES

An additional 29 miles of roads for Oakland County to be built next spring is planned today by Oakland County road commissioners following approval by the board of supervisors before adjourning today.

The additional roads to be built follow: Nine miles of concrete starting at the intersection of the Orchard Lake and Walled Lake roads on the east line of section 15 in West Bloomfield Township and extending southwesterly through sections 15, 16, 21, 20 and 19 of West Bloomfield and sections 24, 23, 26, 24 and 34 to the south line of section 24 of Commerce Township; three miles westerly between sections 34 and 35 of Commerce Township and 3 and 4 of Novi Township to the northeast corner of section 4 of Novi Township.

Five miles of concrete on the Stevenson super-highway, 204 feet wide, extending from the southern line of section 14 of Royal Oak Township northerly through and across sections 14, 11 and 2 of Royal Oak then northerly and northwesterly through and across sections 25, 28 and 27 of Troy to the center line of the Rochester road; thence northerly along the Rochester road to the intersection with the north line of section 27 on the Big Beaver road.

Three miles of concrete on the Elven Mile road commencing at the easterly line of Southfield Township and running westerly between sections 13, 24, 14, and 13 of the Leaburg road. This road is to be laid out as a super-highway only to Wayne. (Continued on Page 3, Part 2)

### DIVORCE GRANTED BIRMINGHAM WOMAN

A divorce was granted to Mrs. Florence E. Long of Birmingham last week in circuit court, Pontiac, where she sued her husband, George W. Long. The ground was cruelty. They lived together from Oct. 30, 1901 until September 1925 and have had four children, only two of whom are living and are 18 and 14 years old.

### DRUNK DRIVER PAYS \$100 FINE

### Police Nab Pontiac Man Taking Zig-Zag Course On Maple

Fleeting guilty to driving drunk on west Maple avenue early Sunday, Emory Lyons, 400 Ferry street, Pontiac, was fined \$100 with the option of 30 days in jail when he appeared before Justice Malcolm Hunt Monday. Lyons paid the fine.

### OAKLAND HIGH IN AUTO TAXES

### County Pays State \$732,772 For Automobile Licenses In 1927

Oakland County paid \$732,772 on automobile licenses in 1927, according to records this week from Lansing. The figures were compiled by John S. Hag, deputy secretary of state, and show that the state raised \$1,121,143 more from this source of revenue during 1927 than during 1926. The total for 1927 was \$16,866,396.

## Donor of Cranbrook Foundation Plans Gift of Millions

Establishment of the \$5,500,000 Cranbrook Foundation by George G. Booth, bringing the donations of Mr. and Mrs. Booth for the development of a cultural and religious center in Bloomfield Hills to a total of \$12,000,000, has been characterized as evidence of Mr. Booth's determination to die poor. This interpretation has met with a philosophic epigram. "It is my intention," he said, "to do myself accumulations in order that I may die rich." The end, so far as the public is concerned, is the same. In his purpose, however stated, he is encouraged in his undertaking by Mrs. Booth and their children.

A girl's school, following closely the general idea of the Cranbrook school for boys, which was opened last fall, looms as another unit in the Cranbrook Foundation. This is to be located on the corner of Cranbrook Lake at the opposite end of Cranbrook estate from the school for boys. The entire project is expected to take virtually all of the Booth fortune.

George Booth ought to have been an artist or at least a craftsman. Accident made him a publisher of newspapers and native commercial ability a successful business man. At his own instance a book-loving, deeply religious father converted to his entering an architect's office and thus satisfying a love of form and design. Later George Booth became a foundryman and eventually the proprietor of a small shop in which ornamental ironwork was fashioned. He was on the road to success when he married the daughter of James E. Scripps, founder of the Detroit News, who was at that time far from wealthy. At the insistence of ancient friends of the Scripps family, Booth sold his prospering foundry and entered the untried field of journalism as business manager of the Detroit News at a salary of \$24 a week.

The News was successful, but competition was sharp. Soon opportunity gave a few slight tugs. Booth bought and sold profitably two or three small newspapers in various places. Eventually he and his brother acquired a number of newspapers in Michigan. To consolidate their holdings the brothers formed the Booth Publishing company, which owns eight newspapers. It is George Booth's majority



GEORGE G. BOOTH

interest in this company—practically his entire fortune, inasmuch as his holding in the Detroit News, chiefly owned by the James E. Scripps estate, is small—that has now been made the basis of the trust that is to maintain Cranbrook and carry out his plans.

Reflects Taste  
George Booth's office suggests that of an architect rather than that of a business man. The usual fat-top desk gives place to an Italian table. On the walls are pictures that an artist would select for his living room. In the Booth home the same artistic taste is expressed. Old masters on the walls, modern statuary, medieval and modern statuary, furniture made by master craftsmen, a library of thousands of books, most of them devoted to the fine arts, the half-timbered house itself—everything testifies to a pronounced artistic bent. Mr. George Booth had

tought to dispose of his fortune 25 years ago when he bought an estate in Bloomfield Hills, and called it Cranbrook. After he had built a house to his taste, carried out his own landscape-gardening plans and had out roads himself, other wealthy men bought land around him. Bloomfield Hills, once sparsely settled, soon needed a school for children. There was none. So George Booth and his wife built a neighborhood school at one corner of Cranbrook, a beautiful, rambling building resembling an English farmhouse, half timbered, with casement windows.

With the establishment of this school the Cranbrook Foundation began to take form. In 1925 George Booth and his wife, who contributed from her personal income, gave the property and the money to support it to the trustees, with full power to conduct the school as they thought best.

Then Came School  
The Children's School took care of the early years of instruction. After that—what? The answer in part, took the form of Cranbrook School for boys, which was started in 1926 and has since then, and which when completed will have room for 200. The school has its own land, its own endowment, which is administered by a board of trustees, and its own non-sectarian board of directors.

Here we have a collection of buildings that bear the stamp of a strong individuality. They were designed by Eliel Saarinen, a celebrated Finnish architect, who came from Helsinki by invitation to teach in the College of Architecture of the University of Michigan. Saarinen won an international reputation and second prizes in the competitions conducted to obtain suitable plans for Goshen, the new capital of Australia, and for the tower of the Chicago Tribune. With his wife and son he is now installed in a studio at Cranbrook. He does what he pleases in designing beautiful buildings. Another studio is that of Professor Geza Maroti of Budapest, who would certainly have won distinction as a builder of good houses or of gates and fences that bore the stamp of a craftsman who was carrying on the best traditions of an old craft.

Christ Church  
The community needed a church, Booth and his wife decided to provide it. Bertram G. Goodhue, in his lifetime the foremost American exponent of Gothic architecture, was engaged to design it, but he died. The Goodhue Associates taking over and completing the task. It is nearing completion, but at a cost about twice that originally contemplated, because the project has been expanded. This modern church, the architectural students of the University of Michigan, and his dynasties of architects and architectural models to the university's College of Architecture.

Booth began to wonder how he

### POLICE SEEK OWNER OF DAMAGED AUTO

Officers at Troy today are seeking the owner of a large automobile which was damaged by fire Friday night on the Big Beaver road east of the Coolidge highway. Two men, occupants of the car, fled after it burst into flames, the police say. The Birmingham fire department was called to the fire scene.

### URGE PAYMENT ON TAX ROLL

### Township Treasurer Points Out Disadvantages Of Delay

Although five time for paying the annual Bloomfield Township tax has been extended until Feb. 10, tax payers are urged today by L. Virginia Hewitt, township treasurer, to make their payments immediately.

"Delay until the last minute will cause confusion in the office and many of the tax payers will be inconvenienced," Mrs. Hewitt said. "Taxpayers will find the service will be quicker and far more satisfactory if they pay the taxes now, while there is no office attendant so rushed as they will be in early February."

The township board extended the time until Feb. 10 before the four percent penalty is attached because of the large tax roll, it is announced.

### MAN BOUND OVER ON ASSAULT COUNT

### Wife's Charge of Attack Lands Man In Jail After Party In Hills

Trial in circuit court on a charge of felonious assault faces Horace Green, Negro, Metamora, today following his appearance in Justice court, Pontiac, last week after an alleged fight in Bloomfield Hills. Green is under bond of \$400.

The charges were preferred by his wife who said Green attacked her with a razor when he became enraged with alleged attentions shown her by another man at a New Year party in the hills.

Justice Henry W. Harpster, before whom the man was arraigned, scored the frequent use of razors before he under similar circumstances," he said. "The practice is becoming too common."

Because Henry Parham of Litchfield, Eng., played skillfully in an army band, his grandmother will him \$150,000.

## D. A. MCGAFFEY GETS PROBATE COURT BENCH

### Former Birmingham Man To Succeed The Late Judge Stockwell

### HAS LONG EXPERIENCE

Announcement is made of the appointment of Dan A. McGaffey to the position of Oakland County probate judge by Gov. Fred W. Green. Judge McGaffey succeeds Judge Stockwell, who died 10 days ago.

Judge McGaffey has been registered as an attorney under Judge Stockwell since 1921. He is considered thoroughly familiar with affairs of the court.

Judge McGaffey has been a lifelong resident of Oakland County, having been born in Holly Jan. 23, 1875. He lived in Birmingham three years and in Oxford for several years, having been engaged in business there.

He was selected in 1910 as a deputy in the office of the register-attorneys and was later registered for four years. It was while he was in Oxford that Judge McGaffey took up the study of law under the guidance of George O. Kinman. He continued the study in Pontiac and was admitted to the bar in 1915 before his term of office as register-of deeds expired.

Later he practiced law for two years in the office of Judge Glenn U. Gillespie, before accepting the place as register in the probate court. During the past year Judge McGaffey has had sole charge of the juvenile division of the court.

The new judge has long been active in Republican politics and was for two years chairman of the county committee. He is also a past president of the Oakland Chapter of the Isaac Walton League and was active in the former Oakland County Sportsmen's association. He is a member of the Pontiac Kiwanis club, Knights of Pythias and Masons. He holds a membership in the First Presbyterian Church.

Judge McGaffey was married in 1902 to Miss Anshell Bell of Waterford Township.

Miss Ruth Imnick has been appointed to the office of registrar to succeed Judge McGaffey, according to announcement made at that office. Miss Imnick has been an assistant to the registrar for 12 years. She came to Pontiac 12 years ago from Orion and a year later was appointed to a position in the probate office.

Charles Wharton of Chicago testified in court that when Robert Patterson hit him between the eyes he "saw the Milky Way doing the Charleston."

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### FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS —of Long Ago

Bits of News Cleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Made Up The Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

**43 YEARS AGO**  
Miss Lena Pettigrew, a former pupil of our school, last week visited her old schoolmates in this place.

Miss Minnie Gill, the popular teacher here, returned to our leaves for home to-morrow for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor of Holly visited their cousin S. E. Taylor, who owns eight newspapers.

Mrs. Miller of Newburgh is the guest of her aunt Mrs. Thompson of Southfield, where she intends to spend the winter.

Last week we were paralyzed by the pleasant apparition of Baxter the puppy, who nosed about the office and extended his hand, which we found to be good solid body and blood. Baxter came back from the Sucker state in good health and, as he solemnly intones, "I am a good dog." His brother Charles' people in good health and spirits.

Mr. Harry Ten Eyck, only son of Jun Ten Eyck, and Miss Carrie Whitely, recently daughter-in-law of Southfield, were married at the residence of the bride last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. J. M. Geiston. The many friends of Miss Carrie in this vicinity will join us in wishing the new pair a long and happy life.

Miss Josie Hutchinson and Miss Dora Beattie have purchased the building purchased by William and they will carry on the business at the old stand where the parking place will still find a large and finely assorted stock of goods. The young ladies are well known in this vicinity and success is sure to crown their efforts.

Some of the Angora cats at the poultry and stock show in Pontiac last week had a selling price as high as \$200.

At Metamora the minister recited at a graphophone for his choir singing and recently when it came time to lead off with a beautiful solo by J. W. Myers of the "Holy City" the designated machine struck off, quick and devilish, a rag time moon cake walk and had to be carried off doors to cool off.

**Notes From Troy**  
Miss Winnie Blair, our new schoolteacher, is a steady up-to-date girl.

An episcopal social was held at Mrs. Robert Bailey's Friday evening. The 20th minute of the evening was the highest bidder took the lady to supper.

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