The chap who can dub several golf strokes and not use a quantity of profanity is really learning something from a golf course. Golf is a game in which the patience is cultivated for other pursuits in life.

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CANDIDATES FILE PETITIONS FOR OFFICES

S. O. Wiley Bell Seeks County Coroner's Post

CLOSE RACES ARE SEEN

With all petitions filed in the county clerk's office in Pontiac, a considerable amount of political activity is seen for Oakland County between now and the primaries Sept. 4.

S. O. Wiley Bell is the only Birmingham man named in the petitions. He is a candidate for the office of county coroner. His petitions were filed at the last minute.

49 Seek 14 Offices

There are 49 candidates for 14 offices. All contests are within the Republican party, the Democratic, Socialist and Socialist-Labor parties having confined themselves to only one candidate for each office sought.

The last minute surprise was the filing of Republican nominating petitions for county road commissioner by John A. Adams of Addison Township, a former road commissioner. His entrance makes it a three cornered race between G. Ross Thompson of Highland, a candidate to succeed himself; Bert Porritt, supervisor of Pontiac Township, and Mr. Adams.

There are three candidates for state Representative in the first district of the county. James E. Lawson of Royal Oak, incumbent, will be opposed by Russell Jones of Hazel Park, and William A. Gabel of Huntington Woods. Philemon J. Miller of Walled Lake, who is the present Representative in the second district is unopposed for renomination.

Sheriff Frank Schram, who is a candidate to succeed himself, is opposed by William Wheeler of Royal Oak, a former deputy sheriff, and James W. Simmons of Pontiac.

For treasurer, Floyd H. Losee, incumbent, is opposed by Albert W. Willson of Royal Oak, former supervisor of Royal Oak Township, and Will B. Narrin of Pontiac, who has served formerly as treasurer and is now employed as a clerk by the Oakland County road commission.

Orr Is Opposed

Norman C. Orr of Big Beaver, now first assistant prosecutor, and Clarence J. Smith of Pontiac, who resigned the position last winter, are candidates for prosecuting attorney and this should prove an interesting race.

There are three candidates for the two places of circuit court commissioner in the county. Ralph T. Keeling of Pontiac, who has been commissioner for two terms, is again a candidate and the new candidates are Earl L. Phillips of Pontiac, and Harry J. Merritt of Royal Oak. George B. Hartrick, of Royal Oak, who has held the second position, is not a candidate this year.

With six candidates for the two places of coroner to be filled, the results of the primary on this office should attract attention. This is probably the largest field of candidates for this office ever to appear on a Republican ballot. The candidates are Ora C. Farmer and Earl Gordon of Pontiac, who are candidates for reelection; J. Lee Voorhees of Pontiac, J. F. Relaford of Royal Oak, S. O. Wiley Bell of Birmingham, and William C. Sperlich of Ferndale.

Burton P. Daugherty, county clerk; Miss Mabel L. Brundige, register-of-deeds; Arthur W. Spencer, drain commissioner; Maurice E. Baldwin, surveyor, and Judge Dan A. McGaffey, probate judge, are unopposed on the Republican ticket.

There are no contests among the Democrats, Socialists, or Socialist-Labor candidates. The Democrats had expected to put a candidate for prosecuting attorney in the running but John P. Kelly of Pontiac, declined to be a candidate. W. C. Hudson of Royal Oak, also declined the nomination for Circuit Court commissioner.

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSE FOR PICNIC

First Annual Affair For Officials And Employes Planned

Village offices are to be closed next Wednesday from noon on because of the first annual picnic to be given for officials and employes of the village, according to announcement today by Manager W. Parry, who is in charge of the affair.

More than 100 persons are expected at the picnic which will be held at the Elizabeth Case Heights club at Elizabeth Lake. It is intended to make the event an annual affair.

Games and swimming will occupy the time of the picnickers during the afternoon and dancing in the evening.

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Our Society Editor—

Is Amazed At Simplicity Of Canadian Rum Business

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

The liquor transportation business on the Canadian side of the American river is startlingly simple.

Following the seizure last week of millions of dollars worth of liquor by the Canadian government, I took the big boat ride to Windsor to see what it was all about. I talked with an official of one of the large distilleries and the figures that man gave out amazed me.

He estimated that between 3000 and 4000 cases of liquor are carried across the river daily. This, he said, represents between $150,000 and $200,000 a day.

You must remember that their work is not illegal. It is up to the "puller" (he who carries it into American water) to break the law.

Officials of these exporting companies are not in the least disturbed by the seizure. In speaking of it, one of the operators, said, "It is merely the interpretation of a law and will probably mean the abolition of the independent exporters."

Wood Files Petitions

"My first and continuing thought of approaching every public question has been the welfare of Michigan and its citizens. (Concluded on Page 2)

GOV. F. W. GREEN QUALIFIES IN REELECTION

Chief Executive To Be Approved By George Walsh

COMSTOCK DEM CHOICE

Gov. Fred W. Green qualified this week for reelection in the September primaries. He will be pitted against George Welsh of Grand Rapids who backed the former Gov. Alex Groesbeck in his losing fight of two years ago.

A third man in the field is Robert R. Pointer who at one time tried to make a president of Henry Ford and, failing tried for himself.

Governor Green filed petitions bearing 16,780 names, the maximum allowed him under the law. He said he has close to 150,000 more on hand. Sufficient names to qualify him were supplied by Ionia citizens and also by employes of the Ford Motor company whose names were headed by Henry Ford. The chief executive issued the following brief statement:

GOV. FRED W. GREEN

STANLEY OUT OF STATE RACE

Birmingham Man Withdraws Name From Candidate List

Withdrawal of his name from the list of candidates for representative from this state legislative district, for which he was one of two filed by three candidates this week, was announced today by Walter Y. Stanley, of Birmingham. Mr. Stanley announced himself as a candidate for the office of state representative several months ago, at a time when James E. Lawson, of Royal Oak, present incumbent, had expressed himself as not in the race this year.

"My original announcement was made at a time when Mr. Lawson seemed about to become a candidate for state senator," stated Mr. Stanley today. "However, since Mr. Lawson has not entered as a candidate for that office, and has announced himself as desirous of being re-elected to the place he has splendidly filled for two terms, I am withdrawing my name, and will not be a candidate for that office at the Sept. 4 primary."

Opposing Mr. Lawson for reelection on the Republican ticket are William Gabel, of Royal Oak, and Russell Jones, of Hazel Park.

NEW LAW SEEN FOR PLUMBERS

License 'Bootlegging' Can Be Controlled, Ellerby Says

A plumbing ordinance will be introduced to the village commission within three weeks in an effort to stop the bootlegging of plumbing licenses, it is announced by President H. T. Ellerby, who with Clare H. Ogden, village attorney, has been investigating conditions.

"We believe this practice can be stopped by the ordinance," Mr. Ellerby said. "I think it will be advisable for examinations to be given to the journeymen plumbers as well as the master plumbers."

The investigation was prompted by the appearance of a Birmingham plumber at the commission meeting a week ago who charged that Birmingham firms were sub-letting contracts.

DATES SET IN ROAD HEARINGS

Date for the hearing of objections and suggestions to the assessment for the grading and gravelling of Fairway, Pleasant avenues and Northlawn drive is set for July 30 at 8 p.m., it was announced at the village commission meeting Monday night when the resolution to that effect was passed.

HALFDAY CLOSING STARTED IN BANKS

Yesterday was the first day this season that the banks of Birmingham closed for Wednesday afternoons. They will continue to be closed each Wednesday afternoon until the end of August. The banks remain open during the regular daily banking hours on Saturday, however.

CANDIDATE

GOV. FRED W. GREEN

WOODWARD TO HAVE NEW BRIGHT LIGHTS

Commission To Consider Plans For Making White Way Here

ACTION IS EXPECTED

Definite action is expected to be taken by the village commission Monday night on the proposed installation of new lights on Woodward avenue.

A conference is planned for this week between village officials and officials of the Detroit Edison company and the D. U. R., relative to plans for the lighting.

The commission discussed the matter briefly Monday night but did not come to a conclusion relative to the type or location of the lights.

It is possible that extremely bright lights will be used on Woodward avenue between Lincoln and Oakland avenues with less bright lights along the remainder of the avenue, commissioners indicated.

POST OFFICE SILENT ON BIDS

Announcement Of Tabulation For New Building Awaited

Birmingham was uninformed late yesterday as to the number of bids received by the post office department at Detroit for the construction or renting of a new post office building here. The bids were to have been received by Postal Inspector C. W. Hutson at Detroit Tuesday.

The Eccentric was told that Mr. Hutson had been out of the city and would not be back until Saturday. The receiving of the bids is in his hands alone, postal attaches in the Detroit office declared.

Postmaster James W. Cobb of Birmingham said he expected a report from Mr. Hutson late this week but that he had received no word up till late yesterday.

The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy before next Christmas. No site for it has yet been obtained.

REGISTER NOW!

If you would vote for the president of the United States, and in the September primaries for officials of the state and county, REGISTER NOW.

The township offices in Birmingham in the First State Bank building are open for registration daily. Attaches report that only 2000 of a possible 6000 voters have registered to date. This means that 4000 more persons must register before August 25 when the books close.

The situation in the village of Birmingham is no better. Only 850 out of 2800 have registered.

During August, long lines of potential voters will stand in the heat waiting the chance to register. Voters are not allowed to cast their ballot unless they register before August 25.

Residents of Bloomfield Hills Village may register at the village offices at Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road any Saturday.

If you care to save yourself inconvenience, REGISTER NOW.

MATCH IGNITES GAS ON GROUND

A thoughtless smoker's carelessly-thrown match, still lighted, ignited gasoline which had overflowed onto the ground from a tank truck at the McKee Bros. gasoline station, Woodward at Harmon avenues, Tuesday evening. The Birmingham fire department answered the alarm, but the fire was confined to the ground and did no damage.

GAME PLANNED AT NEW PARK

Township Grounds To Be Used Sunday For First Time

The first use of the new Bloomfield Township park, Springdale Park, on the Kensington road, will be made Sunday.

A baseball game between the Birmingham Merchants and the Armada nine, one of the strongest teams in the state, will usher in the first of the 55 beautiful acres of the Kensington road the township has appropriated for park use.

The River Rouge flows through the park, between two steep banks. Wide meadows afford large and ample space for recreation. A ball diamond will be used for the Merchants, and this has been laid out and will be ready for use Sunday.

Township employes held their annual picnic at the park last Friday.

The quickest route to the park is out Adams (Dodge) road to the Big Beaver road, east about two city blocks, and north on Kensington road about a quarter of a mile.

The park is a 55 acre track. It was purchased following the last elections.

WAR IS CONTINUED ON DOUBLE PARKING

Cars double parked on Maple avenue are being tagged daily and this method will be continued so long as persons double park, according to Police Chief James Anderson. Upon orders from the village commission, the police department has launched a war against double parking to see whether the traffic jam on both east and west Maple may be lessened.

SANE FOURTH LOOMING FOR BIRMINGHAM

Ban On Fireworks Asked In Resolution By Commissioner Halgren

REASONS ARE CITED

An ordinance prohibiting the sale of fireworks in Birmingham is to be presented to the village commission by Clare H. Odgen, village attorney, it was agreed last Monday night following a resolution proposed by Commissioner Hope Halgren.

While the proposal comes closely upon the heels of the Fourth of July, Commissioner Halgren said the resolution was not prompted by any accidents from fireworks in Birmingham this year.

"I believe it is time we were becoming as intelligent as Detroit and other cities which have a sane Fourth," she said.

"Such an ordinance would tend to decrease the danger to children

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NEW PLANNING BOARD MEETS

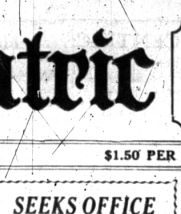
Two Problems Occupy Time Of Members In First Session

Members of the newly appointed planning commission of Birmingham held their first meeting with three members of the village commission last night in the village offices. A discussion of the advisability of employing a village planner and a talk on the proper width of both east and west Maple avenues, occupied the time of the members after their duties were outlined to them.

Those appointed on the new planning board are: H. N. Davock, Charles Lewis, John A. Wendorph, Mrs. S. E. Wilson, and J. H. Critchlow.

Members of the village commission at the meeting were: President H. T. Ellerby, and Commissioners H. J. McBride and Lee A. White.

SEEKS OFFICE



S. O. WILEY BELL

Announcement is made today by Mr. Bell of his candidacy for the office of Oakland County coroner in the primary elections Sept. 4.

Mr. Bell is a former member of the village commission here and has been in the undertaking business in Birmingham for 2e years.

Mr. Bell said he believes the southern part of Oakland County should be represented in the coroner's office. Both the coroners now are from Pontiac and men from that city have held the post for many years.

POLICE SEEK ARMED THUGS

Restaurant Owner Robbed Of $150 On Hamilton, Near Woodward

Police today are seeking the two armed bandits who robbed Nick Korbakis, proprietor of the Birmingham restaurant of $150 in cash Saturday night while he was on his way to his home at 158 Hamilton avenue. The money was the day's receipts from the restaurant.

Two men stepped from a garage on Hamilton avenue in the rear of the First National Bank at 9:45 p. m. and at the point of revolvers, forced him into the garage. Keeping him covered, they rifled his pockets of the money.

They then told him to "walk straight down the street." After he had walked about 50 feet he turned to see the men running across the street dart between the houses.

Police searched the neighborhood but found no trace of the men, Chief James Anderson believes to be in automobile.

Korbakis was able to describe one of the men to police. He said he was heavily built, unshaven and wore a dark suit and straw hat.

Police believe the robbers had waited for Korbakis to close the restaurant at 130 south Woodward avenue and were familiar with the course he took on his way home.

Woodward avenue was crowded with Saturday night shoppers at the time, although the scene of the hold-up, a quarter block from Woodward, was deserted. No one reported to police that they saw the robbery.

George R. Averill, publisher of The Eccentric had left the garage a few minutes before the hold-up. He was in the building several minutes but did not see anyone else there.

This is he first street hold-up in the history of Birmingham, Chief Anderson said.

TREASURER ASKED TO COLLECT TAX

Assessments For Work On Several Village Streets To Be Made

Village Treasurer Charles Plumstead today is authorized to make collection for the installation of curb, gutter and gravel on Dorchester and Yorkshire roads from Eaton to Monnier roads, following ratification of the rolls by the commission Monday night.

He is also authorized to make collections for improvements to the following streets: Latham road; Sheffield drive, Southlawn drive, Wakefield drive, Aberdeen road, Southfield avenue, Saxon drive and the special storm sewer assessment for the Dorchester-Pierce project.

HORSE-SHOE LEAGUE TO BE ORGANIZED

Equipment has been provided at the Barnum field by the village for horse shoe pitching and George F. Johnson director of recreation, is planning today a tournament for adults.

The games probably will be held in the evening, he said, and all persons in the village will be eligible. Arrangements for entry may be made by calling Mr. Johnson at 370 M.

INJUNCTIONS AGAIN HIT STATE-G. T.

Hearings Today In Circuit Court On Restraint Clause

TAXATION IS FLAYED

Today has been set for the hearings in circuit court, before Judge Glenn C. Gillespie of two new complaints filed recently in suits against the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee division of the Grand Trunk Western railroad; the complainant designing to halt purchase of land for a right-of-way for the railroad, placing of a state highway, and relocation of the Grand Trunk tracks between Royal Oak and Bloomfield Hills.

The Catalpa-Oakwood Land company, of Royal Oak, owner of $200,000 worth of platted subdivision land in and near Royal Oak which the company complains is affected by relocation of the D. G. H. & M. tracks; George E. Wetzel and Anna E. Wetzel, who, according to their complaint are owners of $34,000 worth of property in the city of Royal Oak through which the railroad tracks will pass and which will be affected by relocation; and the F. W. Clawson Land company, owner of $179,000 worth of lands also in Royal Oak, appear against Gov. Fred W. Green and members of the state administrative board, the D. G. H. & M. division of the Grand Trunk, and Frank F. Rodgers, state highway commissioner.

Injunction Asked

An injunction asking that the state administrative board be prvented from using any of the funds provided for the retirement of state highway bonds to use the money for purchase of right-of-way for the Grand Trunk tracks in order that the present tracks may be moved from Woodward avenue to prepare for the widening of the superhighway; that the state treasurer be prevented from paying the funds amounting to $377,040 which were placed in his care to pay damages for compensation to property owners whose property was damaged or affected or taken for railroad right-of-way, under the provisions of Act 352 of the Public Acts of 1925 and that the defendants be restrained from using any of the lands in the line of the proposed right-of-way until the lands have been legally condemned and turned over to the state for use of the railroad.

Legal questions questioning the constitutionality of the act which is known as Act 340 of the Public Acts of 1927 were brought up. This act holds an agreement between the Grand Trunk railroad and the state of Michigan under which the state is trying to obtain land for the Grand Trunk Western's new right-of-way.

Object to Taxation

According to the bill of complaint filed by the plaintiffs, they hold themselves to be heavy taxpayers at present and strongly object to further taxation, part of the $5,000,000 which they allege the state is planning to charge illegally. The figure stated is the state's estimate of the cost of removing the Grand Trunk tracks preparatory to the paving and widening. The plaintiffs charge that the state's estimate of the cost is considerably under the figure which they state will be required to complete the work. Their estimate of the cost is $10,000,000. The procedure under which the state highway commissioner held a meeting of property owners and announced his intentions of taking private lands for the right-of-way, fixing the approximate cost at $377,040, and transferring that amount to the state treasurer for that purpose, was attacked.

Fifty million dollars was made available by the sale of bonds by an act of the legislature in 1919. The money was placed in a fund for highway use. A sinking fund to provide for the retirement of these bonds was created and $1,500,000 is said to be added to it each year from general taxation. The plaintiffs charge that it was that money which was used for the work on Woodward avenue and that by agreement between the state and the Grand Trunk it was to be returned but without interest.

That this special agreement is in violation to the state constitution and that an attempt is being made to take property for the right-of-way without the consent and vote of the electoral body and without the holding of any regular condemnation proceedings which would give property owners a chance to present their claims before a jury, is the charge of the plaintiffs.

Charge Violation

It is charged that the state's agreement with the railroad is a violation of the United States constitution as well as of that of the state. It is charged that the right-of-way passes close enough to affect some territories although not passing directly through them, and that the state has made no move to pay property owners damages in this case.

A second suit was filed Friday

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Villagers AND THE Village

By THE WANDERER

Birmingham had its first taste of "sky-talking" Saturday afternoon when a plane, soaring at 3000 feet, broadcast a concert to freely villagers. The identity of the pilot and the mission of the plane are somewhat doubtful. Hundreds of persons in Woodward avenue and other streets of Birmingham heard the pilot make the announcements concerning the musical program. They also heard him send his regards, through the "mike" to a "Mr. Robinson of Birmingham." After soaring above the village for several minutes the plane winged its way back to Detroit. The music, being broadcast and the voice of the announcer in the plane, came into the streets clearly. The only trouble was that the speed of the plane prevented those in the streets from hearing a complete sentence. The start of the sentence would be understandable enough, but before it was completed, the plane would be miles away.

And speaking about radio and airplanes, reminds the Wanderer that many Birmingham radio addicts are still talking about the program they heard recently from England. It was sent first to New York, then station WJR of Detroit relayed it from New York. It was easy to sit near the radio in Birmingham, Mich., and hear the chimes strike in a church at Daventry, a nightingale sing and a band play in Wenley and the Daily Mail go to press in London. If in 25 and 43 years ago, briefs from the files of The Eccentric are still carried, as they are today, Mr. Wanderer wonders what the people will think about 1928 when they read all this.

Many comments of a favorable nature are heard about the landscaping of the grounds of the new library building, the arrangements of the shrubs and trees and the beautiful lawn. This work was largely in charge of John H. Wen

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TURN THE PAGES

By turning back the pages of this issue of The Eccentric you will find feature stories generally conceded to be of a higher calibre than carried in any other weekly newspaper in the state. Through the Central Press association, The Birmingham Eccentric keeps its readers informed on world events, in addition to all local news. Some of the features of special interest this week are:

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