

OFFICIALS IN SECOND TERM

Re-elected Commission Members Sworn In For Two-Year Term

The village president, three commissioners and the village clerk took their oath of office at the commission meeting last Thursday night following the confirmation of the election results. H. T. Ellerby was re-elected village president and Commissioners Scott Hersey, Lee A. White and Hope F. Halgren were re-elected to their offices. The other three members of the board will remain in office on their present term until next year. The re-elected officers serve two years.

Myrtle E. Capson took oath of office and has begun her duties as village clerk. She succeeds Hazel E. Lawler.

A CORRECTION

In a story in last week's Eccentric it was stated that Norval Hawkins in speaking before Birmingham Rotarians, "made his first sale when he sold himself" to the daughter of Jake Bauman of Dahlia fame just north of Birrington. What Mr. Hawkins actually said was that he "made his first sale when he sold himself" to Miss Madel Roberts, the daughter of Col Roberts, who used to live on what is now called the Jake Bauman farm.

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IN WORLD'S ENDURANCE TEST



Enough fuel to keep their plane in the air for 60 hours, 575 gallons of gasoline and 20 gallons of oil, were put into the Stinson monoplane, below, on which George Hildebrand, left, to-pilot with Ruth Elder on a transatlantic hop, and Eddie Stinson, right, veteran Detroit pilot, planned their hopes of shattering the world's endurance record. The plane is shown above, staked to the ice on Lake St. Clair, near Mt. Clemens, Mich., prior to the take-off.

HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS TO ENTER MASTER HIGHWAY ESSAY CONTEST

Hundreds of students in high schools within a 20-mile radius of Detroit will compete in an essay contest on the master plan of highways, starting Monday. The effort to interest the thousands of students in the problem of traffic and road building, the Detroit Automobile club announced today that prizes totaling 250 in gold will be given for the best essays.

This contest is being sponsored by the road commissioners of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, together with county school commissioners, high school principals and English teachers. The board of judges for the contest is composed of Major John P. Hallahan, engineer of the Rapid Transit commission; Edward N. Hives, Wayne County road commission; Richard Harfst, manager of the Detroit Automobile club; Paul Rhemus, principal of the Mt. Clemens high school and George Averill, editor of The Birmingham Eccentric.

The prizes to be given will consist of first, \$50 in gold donated by Col. Sidney D. Waldon, president of the Detroit Rapid Transit commission for the best essay submitted from any boy in the entire district; next, \$50 in gold contributed by the Detroit Automobile club for the best essay submitted by any girl in the entire district. John S. Haggerty, secretary of state and a member of the Wayne County road commission, has donated a prize of \$50 in gold to be divided \$25 by the second best essay from either a boy or girl in the entire district and \$25 to the best essay from either a boy or girl from Wayne County, to be awarded after the first three prizes have been judged. The Macomb County road commission is also giving a \$25 prize for the best essay produced in Macomb County and the Oakland County road commission is giving another \$25 prize for the best essay from Oakland County. These last two are to be awarded after prize winners from the entire district have been picked.

School libraries have been supplied with copies of all reports bearing on this subject and such other printed matter as is available and of interest in the contest. The contest will continue until May 1 and within the next few weeks various tours will be arranged for the participants who are now registering for the contest in order that they may visit W. H. Woodward, Fort road Stephenson and other highways.

According to Major Hallahan, chairman of the board of judges, the purpose of this contest is to educate high school children who will all be taxpayers in the near future on the value of good roads and what they mean to a community, as well as to afford an incentive whereby they will study the master plan of super-highways.

ROCHESTER ROAD AWARDS ARE DUE

Bidding Ends With Pontiac Contractors Low, Seven Others Compete

Awarding of contracts for paving the Pontiac-Rochester road is expected to take place this week following the receiving of bids by the Oakland County road commission. The firm of Hartling & Dull of Pontiac offered the lowest bid. It was for \$218,227.50.

Other bids were as follows: E. H. McCarrie, \$224,516.90; Mark L. Hanna, 233,652.00; R. O. Baker, Royal, 233,782.50; S. A. Healey, Detroit, 237,926.50; White Construction Co., Chicago, 241,883.50; C. A. Handysign, Detroit, 256,627.00; W. O. Brown, Detroit, 272,407.30.

Specifications call for a 20-foot pavement to be constructed from the Rochester village limits to the junction of the Pontiac-Rochester road with M-24, just beyond the Pontiac city limits. As this road, the Pontiac-Oxford-Lapeer road, will also be paved during the coming season, concrete will be provided the entire distance between Pontiac and Rochester.



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SETTLEMENT MADE ON ROAD

Telegraph Highway Land Owners To Receive Money Settlement

Awards to be paid to the owners of 14 parcels of land in Southfield, Bloomfield, Pontiac and Waterford Townships on right of way for the proposed extension of Telegraph road were decided upon last week by the commissioners sitting on the case in circuit court, Pontiac.

Frank F. Rogers, state highway commissioner, brought suit against the property owners with whom settlements had not been made for the extension of the Telegraph road, part of which is to be built by the state this year. A portion of it was widened on the west boundary of Pontiac City last fall and a bridge was built over the Clinton River. The rest of the improvement which will connect the Franklin road on the south end with the Dixie highway on the north end is to proceed this year.

Commissioners C. E. Miner, A. H. Kinsel, and Mrs. M. E. Gamble, Bird, Glaspie and Harry N. Me-Bulkin, County Road Engineer Leon V. Craddock spent several weeks taking testimony in the case and have since had it under advisement.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Miss Byrdie Kraft, 321 Purdy street: "While in Minneapolis I went through the new Business and Professional Woman's club house. All the conveniences such as lounging rooms, kitchens and even a smoking room for the girls is included in this club room. I would like to see Birmingham with such a club house as that."

They filed their report late yesterday afternoon.

In fixing the damages the commissioners took into consideration the benefit the road will be to many of the parcels of land and in such instances nominal damages of but \$1 were awarded. In others more substantial amounts were given. The largest sum was awarded to the George E. Way estate in which the sum to be paid is \$13,215.

Other awards were as follows: Pere Marquette railroad \$634.80; Grevin Bros., \$5,156.25; J. J. Gizen and others \$7,725; James Vernon Jr. \$2,365.50; \$1 each to Sam Minchoff, Allen Weirich, Russell E. Baldwin, L. C. Freud, Victoria A. Whitely, William J. Weakley, James F. McDonald, H. H. Kinsel, and Mrs. M. E. Gamble. County Road Engineer Leon V. Craddock stated today that the state plans to pave the connecting line between the Franklin road

and the Dixie highway this year and will grade from the Franklin road to the Grand River road this summer but probably will not pave this stretch until another year. In most instances settlements were made with property owners because of the vast improvement in the land values that will result from an extension of such an important main super-highway through it. Condemnation suit was started against owners of 17 parcels but three of these were settled before the case was concluded.

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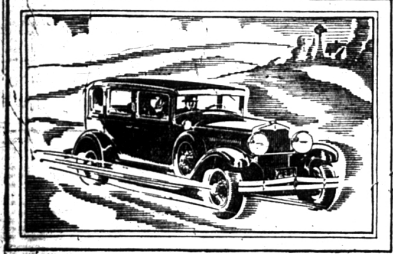
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