

# THE BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD

## Court Fight Is Sequel To Annexation Of Bloomfield Land Orr, Thompson Schram, Wilson Are Nominated

### DOPE FIGHTS FIGHT TOWNSHIP IN LAND GRAB

General Motors Site May Be Settled In Circuit Court

TAX LOSS IS \$150,000.00

A sequel to the vote in favor of annexing a part of Bloomfield Township to the city of Pontiac will be staged in circuit court. Robert Y. Moore declared yesterday after conferring with attorneys in the manner in which the vote was counted.

The 200 acres where the new General Motors Truck plant is located were voted into Pontiac overwhelmingly by the voters of Bloomfield Township opposed the annexation. The affected territory contained four ballots favoring the proposal and three against it.

Mr. Moore contends it is necessary for the three units concerned to agree on a method of counting the territory still remains a part of Bloomfield Township because the township at large opposed the annexation.

A writ of certiorari is to be served bringing the matter to court for settlement. It will be appealed to the supreme court should the circuit court decision be adverse, he said.

During the litigation the land will remain in the hands of Bloomfield Township, despite the vote, as the county canvass committee will not count the ballots until a ruling is given by the court.

Six votes, challenged at the Bloomfield Hills voting booth, have not been counted. William Story, who served on the board, challenged the votes implying that the men were receiving board and room prior to the elections.

The land has an assessed valuation of \$257,000 and it would cost \$150,000 to the township in taxes, while the remainder of the township voted 7,510 to 1,714 for it.

### Our Society Editor—Visits A Puppet Show And Meets A Child With Brown Eyes...

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

Puppet shows, surviving hundreds of years, are to be seen in Detroit while the roar of traffic flows with the vocal gymnastics of the performer.

On the section on Monroe avenue where many Greeks, over but a few years from their land, gathered and brought their customs with them. Oblivious to the rush and roar of a city, often called dynamic, hundreds of those men gather lightly for their thick, black coffee and their performance, which are as if removed from the entertainment enjoyed by Americans as anything can be.

It Might Have Been Greece

In the rear of one of these coffee houses with smoke covered ceilings, the Greeks and Italians at small tables wear their hats and keep smoking, is an open court where the shows are given, instead of the usual rows of seats, there are tables and waiter service.

It was a large courtyard and the men seriously watched the play of figures on a tiny white screen in the wall and the fence, which "enclosed this court, were painted a vivid blue. Tall, shadowy, were of dark green against the softer darkness of a blue sky. It might have been Greece.

These puppet shows are of the shadow type which had their origin in China. Grotesque figures cut from celluloid and tinted in vivid colors move along behind a cloth shadow screen. The bright light thrown on the puppets from behind the screen shows up the colors vividly in the shadows. Although the Greeks and Italians are the only races now who indulge in puppet shows the custom probably originated in India. The word in Sanskrit which means stage manager is "thread holder" (pulling the strings).

As an entertainment even in "Ayran times. Although the puppets are in mechanical devices, the effect is much the same.

Behind scenes in the puppet show, most interesting to the children, is a row of lights that suggested more a dressing table than a stage. The show is put on by two men, one managing the actions and the stage, the other furnishing the speaking parts which are for the most part improvised with intonations and voices distinguishing the characters. There is a tendency to the melodramatic with the gruff growl of the villain and the hollow dandy of the hero.

Often Try Shakespeare

Shakespeare is often done by the puppet show, but with certain reservations. There is a certain leading character, a comedian, whom the public idolizes. If we do Shakespeare, the manager pointed out as he detached the celluloid figures from the long sticks and put them away in the tiny actor's chest, "we must make occasion for this character and he must be the favorite of the show."

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### MASKED THUG ROBS STATION

Attendant At East Maple Firm Forced To Walk

Police today are seeking the lone armed and masked bandit who robbed the Birmingham Ice company on east Maple avenue Saturday night of \$17 after forcing John Malary, an attendant to the wall at the point of a revolver.

Several hundred dollars, totaling the day's receipts, had been removed from the place by official a few hours previously.

Malary had stepped from the building for a few minutes, and the masked thug rifled the cash box.

The bandit turned on him suddenly, making a small calibre revolver, "Put up your hands," he commanded.

Malary complied. He was forced to the wall and the thug escaped on foot through a rear door.

He was described as being about 25 years old, neatly dressed and wearing a lumber jacket. He wore a white silk handkerchief over the lower part of his face and his cap, "pulled down, shielded his eyes."

Malary lives at 113 west Ruffner street.

### Brush Home Burns To Ground

Fire of unknown origin, but believed by fire chief William G. Olson to have been started by some itinerant lodger, broke out in the old three-story frame house owned, but unoccupied, by the William Brush estate a short distance south of Lone Pine road on the west side of Woodward avenue, at ten o'clock last night and, by one o'clock this morning, had completely consumed the dwelling. The house had been unoccupied for the past five or six years; it is believed that "I think I saw fire in a house just south of the Lone Pine road."

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### PILES UP LEAD



GOV. FRED W. GREEN

His lead over his opponent, Fred W. Welch, rapidly nearing, the 200,000 mark as returns from the state continue to come in, Gov. Green is being nominated on the Republican ticket with a record vote.

### HILLS CRASH JAILS DRIVER

Man Injured As He Attempts To Repair Light On Truck

One man is in serious condition at the Pontiac City Hospital today and another faces court on a reckless driving charge following a crash early yesterday in Bloomfield Hills.

J. A. Clark, 26 Orchard Lake avenue, Pontiac, was arrested by police when the car he was driving struck William Holland, 1217 Hart street, Detroit, who was repairing a rear light on his truck at 2:30 on yesterday at Woodward avenue and the Long Lake road.

Police said Clark swerved suddenly in time to avoid hitting the man directly. Holland was struck a glancing blow but was pinned between the fender and the truck.

Examination at the hospital revealed Holland sustained fractured bones and possible internal injuries.

### 2000 PUPILS REGISTERED

Prolonged Vacations Delay Signing Of Many Students

With approximately 2,000 school children registered and back at their desks in Birmingham schools today, Superintendent Clarence Vliet expects an additional 400 to be added by Friday afternoon.

The enrollment for the opening term of the new Quarten School has already reached the 200 mark, which places it proportionately ahead of the other schools.

"An even larger enrollment than the one recorded last year is being reported by our summer vacationers," Mr. Vliet said.

### MAN SUFFERS BROKEN LEGS

Trailer Crashes Popcorn Wagon Near Village

John Vicky, who for more than two years has been known to most of Birmingham as "Popcorn Man," died last night at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at Pontiac suffering from two broken legs and a broken knee.

John went about his business as usual last Saturday. He drove his trailer, loaded with popcorn, to the Maple and Lusher roads in the hopes of attracting the large holiday crowds. He was well stocked and busy in anticipation of a large business.

Usually he sang light Italian songs while at work. Some time from his native Italy was being hummed as he quietly halted the small pony that hauled the cart.

Then suddenly a large body truck carrying a double trailer came along. The rear trailer swerved aside. John saw it but thought he was safe. When the trailer came abreast of the cart, it struck him.

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### TREES TO FALL IN WIDENING

Pierce Work Ready For Early Start, Report States

Widening and paving of Pierce street between Martin and Brown to 40 feet is expected to start this week, according to announcement made by James W. Parry, village manager.

The work will necessitate the removal of seven large trees on the east side of Pierce street opposite the present village offices.

The street is at present 24 feet wide. Construction is to cost \$5,000.

Work also is to start on the preliminaries to the graveling of Ruffner street.

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### Nominated To Office In County Primaries

Sheriff Road Commissioner

The entire business section of the village is to be replaced and the work also will entail the removal of the bridge over the River Rouge at the north end of Birmingham.

Contracts have not yet been let for the construction of new sidewalks but it is expected also that this work will be completed this fall.

The curbing is to be placed after the pavement has had time to settle.

Work will complete the Woodward avenue project in Birmingham.

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### BIRMINGHAM MAN WINS SILVER CUP IN QUOT MATCH

Championship of Oakland County in horsehoe pitching is held today by Frank Schlaack of 324 Bates street.

Competing against approximately 25 contestants in three rounds and in the final, two out of three games of 50 points, Mr. Schlaack eliminated five and out in the fifth round, won the silver loving cup, the first trophy.

The best out of three games of 31 points each were played in the first two rounds and in the final, two out of three games of 50 points. Mr. Schlaack conquered his contender and the runnerup after two hard games in which he estimated that 50 percent were fingers. Twenty-five dirt courts were furnished for the tournament held in both singles and doubles, played under the auspices of the local club.

R. L. Peck, athletic director in Ferndale schools, supervised the meet.

### BIRMINGHAM'S "WHO'S WHO"

E. E. Keller, Nationally Known In Electrical World, Started On \$1.75 Daily Salary

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

Russell Ernest Keller, of Quarten road, formerly vice-president of the American Society Mechanical Engineers and for many years known as the "Who's Who" of America for his work in electrical and mechanical engineering started his engineering career as a wireman's helper at a salary of \$1.75 for ten hour day.

Within a year he was manager of the Chicago office of the Ferndale Electrical company. That was in 1888. Since that time Mr. Keller has followed the growth of electrical engineering and now he is a national authority on the subject.

He was born in New York City in 1863 and while he was still very young his family moved to Rochester, N. Y., where he was educated in the public schools. As a child Mr. Keller was interested in mechanical devices. He tells of an attachment he figured up to enable him to see the time without looking out of bed to hold a light to the clock.

First Invention

Realizing that an alarm clock would disturb the rest of the household, Mr. Keller placed one of the old fashioned wicks in a glass of water and placed it in front of the clock that he might light it to see the time. This method proved too primitive, so he conceived the idea of connecting a battery with a glass enclosed platinum wire which he placed in front of the clock. A piece of zinc lowered into the solution of the battery produced a current which lighted the wire in front of the clock.

This was merely an example of Mr. Keller's growing interest in the mechanics. All this while he was working for his father who was a horticulturist and after he left school at the age of 12.

When he was 15, he announced he wanted to become a mechanic. It was then that he left the work of a horticulturist to go into a machine shop.

For several years Mr. Keller worked as a mechanic. One time he was visiting an older friend of his who was a patent attorney and an amateur astronomer. Together they would study stars.

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### PROSECUTOR



G. ROSS THOMPSON

### Treasurer



ALBERT W. WILLSON

### Plan Completion Of Widening, Paving By Oct. 15

BEGIN AT SOUTH END

Work is under way today on the final lay of the widening and paving of Woodward avenue from Lincoln avenue to Oak street in Birmingham.

Contractors started excavation yesterday and are to finish the work before Oct. 15, according to the contract.

One side of the street is to be paved at a time and traffic will be allowed to go through the middle, according to H. T. Ellerby, village president, who conferred yesterday with officials of the George R. Cook Company of Detroit, the contractors.

Starting On West Side

Starting on the west side of the street at Lincoln avenue the contractors will proceed through on that side as far as Oak street. Then they will return on the east side.

Expected hitches, due to the failure of obtaining all the necessary right of way, had not appeared yesterday and it is expected the property owners will co-operate with the state.

Mr. Ellerby has had no objections resulting from the 48, 17 feet wide. The sidewalk on each side will be 15 feet wide. Nine inch concrete is to be used for the paving. As much as 17 feet will be taken from the side of the road in parts of the village where the widening business section between the Birmingham Theatre and Oakland avenue.

### Losses To Ask Reckon As He Loses By 55 Votes; Green Keeps Lead In Oakland; Bell Defeated

Bloomfield Township voted the same way as the remainder of Oakland County Tuesday in nominating a complete Republican ticket for state and county officials. Last minute interest in the counting of ballots was keen when Albert W. Willson of Royal Oak defeated Floyd H. Losse for nomination to the treasurer's office. His margin was 55 votes by the county. Losse plans to ask a recount.

### HILLS ANNEX TURNED DOWN

General Township Vote Defeats Issue By Margin

Annexation of a tract of land at the north east of Birmingham to the village of Bloomfield Hills was defeated Tuesday by the vote of the township.

In the affected territory was small and, while it favored the annexation, as did the village of Bloomfield Hills, a heavier township vote defeated the issue.

The unofficial results follow: In the township at large: yes, 192; no, 614.

Affected territory: yes, 7; no, 5. Hills village: yes, 69; no, 43.

The total is 551 for the annexation and 657 against it.

### SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSES BLAZE

Fire Damages Smith Home To Extent Of \$3,000

A short circuit in the electric wiring is given today as the cause of the fire which damaged the home of George Smith, on Pleasant avenue, Sunday, to the extent of \$3,000.

Mr. Smith, away from home at the time the fire started, returned to find the flames well under way. The blaze spread rapidly and when firemen arrived, they had gained too much headway to be extinguished.

The department made a second trip to the home Sunday evening and a mattress was found smoldering.

First reports that an old stove was the cause of the fire are said to be erroneous.

### Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

The wandering musicians paid a visit to Birmingham Tuesday afternoon, possibly to help with elections. They played the old downtown streets for the pennies and nickles passersby offered them. It was observed that the trio were called "wandering" because of the manner in which they attacked the notes. The wandering has been made up to press time today and they were called musicians.

Birmingham these days has more paving apparatus on its streets than anywhere else in the world, it seems. But they are welcome sights when one considers the number of downtown streets that are awaiting attention.

### PROSECUTOR

Larry Martindale, cashier of the Birmingham Savings Bank, lives for a while out in the wilderness of the state of Wyoming, which means that Mr. Martindale knows something about riding a horse. One of the Wanders was telling about his first horseback ride, venturing the opinion that the use of the gallop was easiest. Mr. Martindale agreed on this style for short distances but pointed out that trotting was easiest on both man and horse over long distances. He said that 40 or 50 miles a day on a horse was not too tedious—especially in the days before the automobile made the entrance to the land of Buffalo Bill.

Speaking again about horses, if you want to know how it feels

### Legion Auxiliary Announcement is Made Today of Meeting to be Held at 8 P. M.

Stated the Community House for all members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

### NATIONAL TICKET United States Senator

Representative in Congress from the Sixth District. James E. Lawson easily defeated William A. Gabel and Russell C. Jones for the nomination of the county legislature.

Bloomfield Votes Like State in every count except that for the coroner's office. Bloomfield Township voted strongly for the winning candidate.

Charles A. Whelan staged on the Democratic ticket.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP STATE TICKET

Governor	Fred W. Green	588
Lieutenant Governor	George W. Welch	559
Luren D. Dickinson	622	
George Elmer McArthur	125	
United States Senator	Arthur H. Vandenberg	576
Representative in Congress from the Sixth District	James E. Lawson	504
State Senator	Grant M. Hudson	859
Twelfth District	Charles A. Whelan	576

### LEGISLATIVE State Senator

Representative in State Legislature (First District)

William A. Gabel	214
Russell C. Jones	186
James E. Lawson	787

Circuit Judge, Sixth District (To Fill Vacancy)

Frank L. Doty	1209
Judge of Probate	1209
Dan A. McGaffey	1124
Circuit Judge, Sixth District	1124
Prosecutor	1007
Clarence L. Smith	371
Frank Schram	1026
James W. Simmons	76
William A. Whelan	379
County Clerk	1173
Burton P. Daugherty	1173
County Treasurer	709
Floyd H. Losse	131
W. B. Norris	482
Albert W. Willson	482

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