

WOOD DEFEAT IS SURPRISE OF ELECTIONS

(Concluded from Page 1) "boosting the Northwestern highway is positively untrue. I am boasting for Northwestern as a State proposition, absolutely; it should be built by the State, and I believe, will be, at least a portion, as there is much interest in the central part of the State for this road, but go north of Twelve Mile road and see how enthusiastic the people are over the Sunset boulevard."

It has been my policy to treat all people alike and play no favorites and I am proud to have lost on those grounds and hereby wish my success well in his office and his efforts for the interests of Southfield."

Besides Mr. Bilkovsky, the new members of the board of supervisors are: Harry Curtis, Addison Township, who defeated Peter Brewer, veteran member; and W. H. Pad-dison, elected in Oxford.

Returned Supervisors: Other members returned are Oliver P. Gibbs, Avon; William Lewis, Brandon; Joseph A. Long, Commerce; Harry N. McCracken, Farmington; Phillip J. Coventry, Groveland; B. J. Wardlaw, High-land; John Bradley, Holly; Charles Gamble, Milford; C. W. Hamilton, Novi; Spencer Tow-ers, Orion; Bert Porritt, Pontiac; Andrew Seeley, Rose; Roy Roat, Royal Oak; Edward Hillman, Springfield; Alfred Gale, Waterford; James Leggett, West Bloom-field; James Cuthbert, White Lake.

Interest in the April session of the supervisors causes action that is expected to be taken look

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Hoover, Holton, Woodward... The details of the 1929 Birmingham and Bloom-field Hills directory and blue book are splendid. The Eccen-tric is to be complimented very highly on the publica-tion.

ing to construction of a new court house and election of the chair-man of the board.

Alfred Gale, present chairman, has made no definite announce-ment regarding his retirement from the race, but the opinion held by most of the members is that he will not be a candidate for re-election. George Scott, of Royal Oak, and Robert Y. Moore, Bloomfield, are most prominently mentioned as candidates, although there is a belief held that Duncan McKee, Royal Oak, may make the race in place of Scott.

HEARING IS CALLED ON STREET WORK

Property-owners on Edgewood, Cedar Drive, Floyd street, from Lincoln to Bensenville, and Benna-ville avenue, are invited to at-tend a public hearing before the village commission Monday eve-ning, April 15, when they may enter suggestions and objections to costs of a storm sewer, the total of which is estimated at \$27,579.32. Per front foot costs vary from 59 cents to \$2.59. Benefitted property will pay \$16,655.15 of the total cost, the vil-lage at large to bear the remain-ing amount of \$10,924.17.

This storm sewer, it is said, will relieve some serious drain-age situations in that territory, part of which are reported to be the fault of original inadequate outlets.

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COMMISSIONACTS TO OPEN ALLEYS

(Concluded from Page 1) Charles G. Parks, and Otto F. Peter, Mr. Pratt, who has been planning on building on his lot, which would be affected by the alley opening, served notice on the commission that he has a permit for the building, and will bring ac-tion for damage recovery should the alley project go through with-out being duly advertised.

Property owners present object-ed on the belief that the imme-diate development of the block will require an alley; the commis-sion, seeking to avoid future ex-pensive condemnation proceed-ings, feels that the alley should be acquired now, even though not opened, before it is built upon.

Action of the commission Mon-day night directed the assessor to prepare an assessment district covering the expense of the pro-ject, to be started at a public meeting in the near future. The cost of the alley opening is es-timated at \$13,377.90 for the benefited property, and \$8,270.00 against the village at large.

The decision of the commis-sion, in spite of disapproval on the part of a majority of the property own-ers, is one of the few times in the history of recent years when the commission has exercised its right to order in an improvement. The only means of stopping the project now is an injunction from the circuit court.

VILLAGERS AND THE VILLAGE

(Concluded from Page 1) peak with 46 cases recorded and fines totaling \$974, reports from Justice Floyd S. Buck show. Twen-ty-six disorderly cases were heard and 13 reckless drivers, \$635 of the fines being paid by the former. In the village, there totaled \$340 with eight cases list-ed. Fifteen state cases were heard in Buck's court with fees of \$210 collected.

HEARING CALLED ON TREE REMOVAL

Monday, April 15, at 8 p. m. in the commission chambers, is the time for a public hearing to be held to hear objections to the re-moval of trees at Forest and Elm streets and on Southfield avenue.

During its first year of opera-tion the Holland tunnel between Detroit and Lincoln City was used by 42,000,000 persons.

William Hunt, of Philadelphia attacked at man testifying against him and knocked him unconscious in court.

Mrs. Evelyn Adams of Chicago was fined \$85 for reckless driving while hurrying to her dentist with the toothache.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS OAKLAND TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Regular meeting of Village Commis-sion called to order by President, Allen, presiding in absence of Commissioner Taliaferro. Present at roll call: President Allen, Commissioner Taliaferro, Commissioner Taliaferro, Commissioner Walker.

Moved by Commissioner Roehm, supported by Commissioner Walker, that the following bills be ordered read: Wilson's, Michigan, Motor Sup., No. 218; Huns-Dobler, \$19.15; E. W. Obermyer, \$19.15; Michigan, Motor Sup., No. 218; Walker's Radiator, \$79.50; Sup., No. 223; Shaw Bros., Inc., \$20.00; Bureau Stool, 11500; Bloomfield Twp., \$617.15; L. Earl Bannor, \$250.00.

Moved by Commissioner Roehm that the report of Chief of Police Putnam be accepted. Yes, 4; Nays, 0.

President Allen appoints Perry A. Walker, Village Assessor, supported by Commissioner Taliaferro. Yes, 4; Nays, 0.

The names John Edgott and Har-ward S. Thompson were presented by Commissioner Walker as members of Board of Review of the Village of Bloomfield Hills, appointment, seconded by Commissioner Roehm. Yes, 4; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner Allen, supported by Commissioner Roehm, that Electrical License, Detroit, be granted an Electrical License. Yes, 4; Nays, 0.

Moved by Commissioner Taliaferro meeting adjourn. W. M. STORY, Clerk.

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Correspondent Peeps into Private Life Of President Hoover-- With Reluctance



By CHARLES P. STEWART Washington Correspondent for Central Press and The Eccentric

Washington, April 3.—The correspondent spends eight hours in bed out of each 24. At least, just now. Mr. Hoover will get his rest when it meets. So may parties, when the social season is on.

Even now, however, he gets fewer than eight hours sleep. He invariably takes a book to bed with him. Not always a detective story, either. The president is a biography fan, too.

Eleven is his bedtime, and he rises at seven, but how long he lies awake reading I can't find out. I doubt whether anyone knows. Probably he does it gradually and couldn't tell the precise minute himself. Certain chroniclers claim to have timed him all day, but I am aware of none who has sat up with him, to check his first snore.

This small uncertainty's significance lies in the fact that falling asleep is virtually the only thing in the day's work that the president is permitted to do independ-ently—minus some functionary, stop watch in hand, to keep him from knocking the whole White House program cockeyed by the mere instant's delay or over-sight.

It must be terrible! The system grips the chief mag-istrate from the second he in-vests in. Mr. Hoover has been in power a scant month, already any-one can recite his day-to-day rou-tine like a train dispatch.

...I admit I was prying into such intimate details of "notability" life as—what time does he go to bed and get up—eat his meals?—brush his teeth—all that minutiae.

There have been presidents whom it irritated too. What wonder? The veriest wage slave would rebel, called on by his boss for a split-second account of his every waking moment, on duty or off.

Nevertheless, the public de-mands it of presidents. Blessings!—say I, speaking as a newspaper man—on Mr. Hoover. He accepts the snags equanimously, not only good-naturedly, but understandingly—and answers them.

To illustrate— I needed the new president's time-table in my business-guessing that it might differ a little from Mr. Coolidge's. No course seemed open but to query Private Secretary George Akerson.

"It will make him sore," I thought.—"It's so idiotic."

Still, if I can't be helped—well, here we are on the White House steps.

"Come right in," invites Sergeant-in-Chief Pat McKenna, cus-todian of the inner portals, admit-ting to Secretary Akerson's signetum, and the president's own "Mr. Akerson's Sure," says Pat.

"He's always glad to see the news-paper boys."

Without a knock, in we go. He accepts the snags equanimously, not only good-naturedly, but understandingly—and answers them.

That's the secret of it. Every-one in Mr. Hoover's organization is a specialist in his particular job. If the Washington correspondents had been urged to submit blueprints as to how to run the kind of administration which

would best suit their special re-quirements, they could not have improved on Mr. Hoover's. Natu-rally, Mr. Hoover will get his re-ward. He is certain if all the "breaks" in the news, Correspondents are human. They do their damndest to Le nice to folk who are nice to them.

Aside from his easy accessibil-ity through an ideal private secre-tary, the president is a first-class news source on his own account.

Magnanimity may lack, but not forcefulness. Like his policies or not, there is no question that he has them. In a month he has told more of what he means to do—and begun doing a good deal of it—than Calvin Coolidge in seven years.

I believe his press visitors will agree that Mr. Hoover, as pres-ident, gives an impression of far greater liberality in his political views than some of them had expected.

Many forecasters predicted that he would betray jealousy of con-gress. Instead, he speaks more respectfully of its prerogatives than any of his recent predecessors.

Not a trace of the dictatorial shows in him—beyond what the strictest constitutionalist must ad-mit him entitled to.

His law enforcement attitude is criticized by those who blame the laws, themselves, if they break down. Yet even these critics won-der if his aim may not be to force a climax, to hasten real reform.



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In brief, Mr. Hoover's initial month in the White House suc-cessfully has gained him friends who were doubtful at first. Or, at any rate, they are not so doubt-ful as they were.

But the presidential schedule? Well, up at breakfast at 8, at his desk at 9, luncheon at 1, back at work at 2:30, finished at 6 to 6:15. Then comes a short walk or an auto ride. Dinner at 7:30. A couple of hours of such privacy as is permitted to presidents.

As is afforded, at 11—with a couple of hours of such privacy as is permitted to presidents.

Of course, on cabinet days, which are Tuesdays and Fridays, at least two of the executive's forenoon hours are spent in con-ference with his department heads.

Twice weekly, likewise, he receives the public between noon and 1, and shakes hands with all comers, but one of these reception days is to be canceled soon, it is under-stood.

Except for his otherwise regu-larly arranged program, the president's working hours are devoted to an almost uninterrupted series of engagements—some as much as 20 minutes; many fewer than five.

Anyone who knows Mr. Hoover is aware that he dispatches busi-ness rapidly. He never appears to hurry, but he wastes no mo-tions—or words.

He never sits down at table without guests—mixed business and sociability. Not only are they invited formally, in advance, but frequently a few are announced on short notice; by telephone, or the president brings them in from his office, with no notice at all.

As for the White House even-ings, it is something of a puzzle how the master of the household manages so regularly to get away at 11—with all the company he has.

Robert Cardell of Chicago was sentenced to jail until spring be-cause "that is the best time to start life afresh."

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