Most of us are so far from our Utopian goal that it is well for us to bend every waking hour to the end that our own scope of activity may be dedicated to the higher attributes of life. That's why we are individuals, isn't it?

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HILLS VILLAGE TAX RATE ONLY THREE MILLS

Bloomfield Enjoys Probably Lowest Taxation In State, Clerk Says

1930 BUDGET HIGHER

While the Bloomfield Hills Village budget for 1930 is increased to $35,100 as compared with the $50,480 budget of 1929, residents there will pay probably the lowest village taxes in the state, only three mills per $1,000, according to William Story, village clerk.

Last year the village taxes for Bloomfield Hills were $6.55 per thousand but in 1930 the villagers, because of the $6,000,000 assesed valuation of property and an ample reserve of contingencies will enjoy its lowest tax rate. Only $18,000 must be raised for the village by taxation.

Village officials in 1930 anticipate an additional revenue of $25,000 from other sources than taxation. A decrease of $2,750 is listed in the budget for general administrative appropriations. Appropriations for general work are the same as in 1929, or $13,000. A decrease in the fire department costs is also listed. In 1929 the appropriation for the department was $15,000 but in 1930 the appropriation is only $10,000 despite the addition of another fireman. In 1929 new equipment was purchased which will be in service again this year.

The police department appropriation in 1930 is $18,750 as compared with the $12,300 appropriation in 1929. The postoffice, which is rated by the Federal Government as a fourth class postoffice, has been giving regualr third class service for the past year but an appropriation of $1,600 will be made for it in 1930.

Available funds anticipated from land outside of taxes is $37,100, or an increase of $12,100, Mr. Story announced.

THIRD DANCE SEASON OPENS

Weekly Affair Has Successful Opening At Community House

The third "season" at the Community House opened Saturday night with the first of its weekly winter dances. Approximately 90 of Birmingham's young people, including many of the boys and girls home from school and college, attended the affair. Max Gail's orchestra furnished excellent music, according to Mrs. Roland N. Mann, who, with Mrs. Harvey Whalen, conducted the party.

Young people home on their Christmas vacations who were among those seen at the Community House that evening were Marjorie Porter, Monzelle and Lucille Hoffmaif, Frances Stephens, Doris Cox, Ruth Potter, Marjorie Faddis, Roderick Cox, George Williams, Robert Muzzy, Rudolph Zabel, Jr., Forest Fowler, Ralph Mix, and Russell Stephens.

Dances will be given at the Community House every Saturday evening throughout the winter and spring months, Mrs. Mann said, between the hours of 8:30 and 11:30. They are open to all boys and girls of high school and college age.

SNOW DELAYING CHRISTMAS MAIL

Postmaster Says Christmas Deliveries Are Larger Than Ever

Mail deliveries in Birmingham have been greatly retarded by the heavy snow, according to James W. Cobb, postmaster. The postmen can make only one trip a day, and this causes the incoming mail, although lighter than last year, to pile up.

Officials and assistants of the postoffice will be at work night and day until midnight Tuesday, when the postoffice will close. Mr. Cobb said that 21 bags of first class mail came into the postoffice Sunday, when, ordinarily, no mail comes in on that day.

The outgoing mail this year is heavier than ever before.

RECOVER STOLEN CAR

W. J. Gibbons, 1532 South Woodward avenue, who pursued thieves for several miles after they had stolen his automobile from in front of his store a week ago has had his machine returned, it was reported by Chief of Police Orra J. Tuttle. Gibbons' machine was recovered by Detroit Police on Thursday.

New shipment of hand-carved easel frames in metal leaf finish. Make your selections now. The Arnold Studio, Theater Building. Phone 995.
—Adv. 35tf

Joe Below Zero Visits Village With Weather

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"Snow And Sleet" Man Makes Life Miserable For Some Of Us.

Joe Below Zero of Medicine Hat, Alta., where most of our weather is made, is visiting in Birmingham.

Joe, to further identify him, hails from a line of distinguished practical jokers, his father being none other than C. A. C. (Cold As Charity) Centigrade and his mother, Frigid Fahrenheit of Siberia—Vladikavkaz, we think.

In the first place, Joe was not invited to Birmingham.

In the second place, and every other place for that matter, he amused himself at everybody's else expense. And Joe's jokes are not of the juvenile kind. No Jack Frost about him. He's downright mean! For instance:

Village Manager James W. Parry sat in his inner sanctum Friday afternoon waiting for the telephone buzzer to buzz again. He had just returned from the chill outside and had not yet had time to remove his overcoat or galoshes. In the reception room adjoining his office a young lady sat, also waiting for that call. Other branches of the village government were functioning with similar alertness that comfortably warm building. Outside, the invisible Joe Below whipped drifts of snow back onto streets that had just been plowed clear.

Buzz-buzz, went the buzzer. There is no jangling, nerve-wracking telephone bell in the modern village manager's office. Mr. Parry seized the one-piece "speak-and-listen" instrument with a deliberate speed.

"Parry," he said, distinctly, in the efficient American business style, politely, yet briefly. None of this English business of "Hello, Ah yew thesh?" nor the Italian, disarming and confusing, "Ready, with whom do I speak?" Just, "Parry"—and the person knew exactly with whom he was speaking. And what's more, he knew that Mr. Parry was there—at the other end of the line.

The conversation was brief and to the point. It involved more of Joe Below's treacherous pranks. Mr. Parry told the gentleman at the other end of the line to clear certain streets, send another regiment of snow shovellers here, another there. "If pot before six, the first thing in the morning," he instructed.

"The storm," he said, reaching for his pipe, as this reporter fumbled his hat, "hit some of the other communities worse than it did us. We expected to have the main thoroughfares cleaned off before noon and we've almost accomplished it."

In the meantime, Joe Below was busy.

"Ferndale," Mr. Parry continued, "has most of its snow cleared away. We've been hiring every man that applied for work. A funny thing—this morning we had more horses than we had plows. I've made arrangements for another plow to be at the warehouse at eight o'clock in the morning. Just something you can attach to a Ford or a Chevrolet. A plow designed merely to keep a path clear, not for heavy work.

"We've got 15 trucks working and about 30 men. I'm not sure about the number of men. Probably won't know until Monday how many men we had working.

"How much did the storm cost? Well, we have an appropriation of $3,300 to expend for snow removal and $1,685 of that's been spent already. And I think this snow storm will cost us about $800 more.

"We ran out of shovels," said Mr. Parry, laughing. And Joe Below laughed, too, as he lured another complaining resident to the telephone.

"All of the local hardware stores had sold out their stock of shovels and we had to go to Detroit for

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SNOW STORM SETS RECORD FOR VILLAGE

12-Inch Fall In 24-Hour Period Is Heaviest Since 1910-11

EXTRA PLOWS WORK

Winter weather, officially introduced to Oakland County at 2:53 a. m. yesterday, was unofficially four days early this year. With a 12-inch snowfall during a 24-hour period on Wednesday to Thursday, accompanied by a wind of almost gale force which drove the snow into drifts in some sections six feet deep, the county experienced its heaviest snow storm since the winter of 1910-11 when 12.03 inches of snow fell.

The Village of Birmingham's $3,300 appropriation in the 1929 budget for the removal of snow on the village streets and sidewalks has been largely spent since the beginning of the season, James W. Parry, village manager, has announced. On Friday, $1,685 of the fund had already been spent and Mr. Parry estimated that the latest snowfall would cost the village about $800 more for labor and materials.

Working throughout Thursday and Friday night, County, Township and village snowplows managed to clear most of the more frequently travelled highways for vehicular traffic. In the more remote sections, however, paths for pedestrians were still covered by big drifts.

Saturday morning found village snow-removing equipment again busy and Village Manager James W. Parry estimated that, barring additional snow falls, the streets and sidewalks in the village would be all cleared by tonight.

On Friday, Mr. Parry said, every man who applied for work shovelling snow was given a job and 30 workers, 15 trucks, four street plows and four sidewalk plows were engaged in removing the drifts. Then men were paid 75 cents an hour for their labor.

More Horses Than Plows

"One of the remarkable things about this storm," Mr. Parry said, "was that we had more horses at first than we had plows. When we first started to work we had six horses and four plows. Then we ran out of shovels and a hur-

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LEGION ADDS NEW MEMBERS

Executive Board Increased At Bloomfield Park Meeting

At the American Legion business meeting held Wednesday night at the Bloomfield Park clubhouse, the Executive Board was enlarged to include two members-at-large from the post, in addition to the officers and the Past Commander.

On the first Wednesday of every month will be held the joint session with the Auxiliary and a social meeting. The regular business meeting will take place on the third Wednesday of each month, and the Executive Board meeting will be held on the last Wednesday.

The membership drive is still being conducted. Lloyd Stanley, commander, reports that several new members have joined to swell the numbers of those who are redledging themselves.

FOR ARTISTS' MATERIALS
The Devoe Paint and Art Shop, Theater Building.
—Adv. 40tf

Photo mailers—all sizes at The Arnold Studios Theater Building. Phone 995.
—Adv. 34tf

Concerning Birmingham

By ARTHUR W. NEWITT
(Village Health Officer)

Birmingham during the next five years will, in a large measure, determine its position in relation to the Detroit metropolitan area. There has never been a time, in its past history, when there has been a greater need for Birmingham home owners to interest themselves in civic affairs, as there will be within this period of time immediately before us. No person can predict just what will come up for consideration, except by comparison with the experience of other communities that have passed through a similar transitional period.

The Village Commission, representing the community in the active administration of its affairs, constantly endeavors to express, in its actions, the will of the people. However, the voters will be called upon to determine the more general and the more vital questions that will need decision.

I feel that now is the time when all citizens should make a study of civic activities in all departments. Such a study will re-

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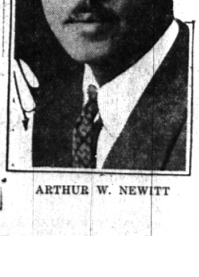

ARTHUR W. NEWITT

FAMILY GATHERINGS FEATURE CHRISTMAS WEEK IN HILLS

Bloomfield Hills' first "white" Christmas in several years will be a source of added attraction to the many family gatherings this season and winter sports programs are expected to be given by many families who are celebrating the Yule holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Booth will be hosts to Mr. and Mrs. James Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Booth, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Warren S. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Booth, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Walace.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Bromley will have with them at "Uplands," Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Micou, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sanderson, and Miss Lillian Bromley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Robinson, of "Overlook," will entertain Mr. and Mrs. W. Dean Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis B. Hyde, and their children, and Mr. and Mrs. Jac Olde Pfeiffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Bird, of "Monterossi" will have Mrs. S. L. Bird and Mr. Charles Waldo as their Christmas day guests.

The dinner guests of Dr. and Mrs. William O. Stevens will be Miss Suheyla Mouhidden, of Turkey, and Capt. and Mrs. Edwin T. Pollock.

Miss Mary Matheson, home from Dana Hall, Miss Jane Matheson, who has been staying at the Parkstone in Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lunsten, Mrs. T. E. Currie, and their daughters, Betty and Catherine, Miss Ione Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Worley, Etheridge Currie, and William and Charles Matheson will all visit Mr and Mrs. Charles W. Matheson, at their home, "Willowbrook."

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGraw and their daughter Patricia, of Bronxville, N. Y., arrived Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hendrie during the holidays. With the Hendries on Christmas day will be Mrs. William McGraw.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Vhay will have their daughters and families with them this Christmas at their Bloomfield Hills home. The group will include Mr. and Mrs. William Ward Duckett, and their three children; Mr. and Mrs Thorne Murphy, and their young son Miss Delphine Vhay, and Jimmie Vhay.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Huyette, of Lone Pine road will have as their holiday guests, Mrs. Henry W. Harding, and Mrs. Frederick M. Barrows, Sr. of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Beecher, of Greenwood avenue, will entertain Miss Jeannette Hall, of

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L. H. SAUNDERS FUNERAL HELD ON SATURDAY

Services Conducted By Rev. R. M. Atkins For Auto Dealer

DIED IN LANSING

Funeral services for Louis H. Saunders, prominent in the automobile sales business in Birmingham, Lansing and Detroit, who died on Wednesday, were conducted Saturday at 11 a. m. by the Rev. R. M. Atkins, minister of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals. The burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mr. Saunders was found dead at the home of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders, in Lansing. Mr. Saunders had gone to Lansing upon receiving word that his mother was dying and he arrived there within a few hours after her death.

The pall bearers were Frank Harvey, J. J. Morehouse, Thurston Chandler, Horace P. Shaw and Ralph A. Wilson of Birmingham and Leo Mullin of Detroit.

A double funeral was held on Friday from the Palmer-O'Donnell Funeral Parlors in Lansing on Friday and burial for Mrs. Saunders was in the family lot at Aurelius Cemetery near Mason, Mich.

Born At Onandago

Mr. Saunders was born at Onandaga, Mich., July 17, 1885. When he was 14 years old he moved to Lansing with his parents. After he had been married six years to Mrs. Naomi Saunders, who survives him, he went to Detroit where he later became sales manager of the Rep Automobile Company. Mr. Saunders came to Birmingham seven years

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"Dear Santa—" Letters Are Rushed

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Air Mail Service To St. Nick At North Pole Increases

Santa Claus' mail to the North Pole, "via air-mail" has been pouring in at the Birmingham postoffice and The Eccentric office these days with requests for numerous gifts.

Uncertain little hands have scrawled their wishes and desires on all kinds of letter paper, signing their names "with love" at the end of a list of toys. Among the more recent letters, perhaps delayed because of childish indecision as to what would appear most attractive in their stockings or on the tree on Christmas morning, are the following:

"Dear Santa:

I want a doll and an English doll carriage and a wind up train from June with love."

But that isn't all. The letter, of course, begins on the first line, and by the time June reaches line 18, she has expressed her modest desires. Then follows a very attractive and original drawing of Santa himself, suspended apparently above a genuine brick fireplace, with stockings and candles, fire, and all. Santa, by the way,

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NEW AUTO TAGS SALE STILL LAGS

In spite of the fact that there are only seven more days in which local residents may purchase their new automobile license tags in order to display them on their cars Jan. 1, only 250 have been sold from the village police department.

Police headquarters offer 24-hour service on the tags, making a charge of 25 cents. There were 1,400 licenses sold through the Birmingham Police Department last year.

LAST MINUTE SHOPPING HAS A GREAT MANY ADVANTAGES

By ALICE FOX

Much general disfavor is directed against us unhappy mortals who have left our shopping until the last minute. However, one can't help feeling that there are advantages. In the first place, everyone salesgirl is at her best, with the end in sight and a day's vacation right in front of her. She might have been a bit rushed and blurred before, but right now she is all set to be helpful. In the second place, you are very apt to find some last minute reductions that will enable you to select a gift for Aunt Sally at considerably less than Aunt Sally, shopping way back in November, paid for your present. And in the third place, these marvelous men who run the delivery trucks with Christmas packages never seem to care whether they have a tree and little kiddies on Christmas eve. They go right on delivering the bird feed to Susie and the poker set to Cousin Elmer till the wee small hours of the night, just so we wicked creatures will have our gifts all there on Christmas. Of course, it is very bad practice to encourage us in the paths of carelessness and thoughtfulness, but something simply must be done about it this year, mustn't it? And it is a great joy to have the stores do it.

That's the Spirit!

And that's exactly the spirit of helpfulness that pervades in Birmingham stores this year. They're just working as hard as they can, doing their very utmost to help we negligent last minute shoppers. And now with only two days remaining before Santa starts out (he never delays his annual visit for anybody) they have been rearranging stocks, making their selections just as complete as possible for the last minute gift seekers . . . so it behooves you late folks to hie yourselves forth. You may be dreadfully busy, have gifts to purchase yet for six cousins, four aunts and uncles, to say nothing of the little nephews and nieces who are waiting expectantly, but you won't find last minute shopping as bad as it is said to be.

Besides helping you choose your gifts so you can do it hurriedly and have time to go home and put up your own Christmas tree, many of the local stores will do the wrapping for you. And they have such clever little pretty ribbons, shiny paper and dainty tissues, expressive of the Christmas spirit . . . that make your gift look twice as expensive as it is. The clerks are so helpful about the wrapping too . . . . do it lots nicer than you could possibly take the time for at this late hour.

And so you late shoppers, early shoppers, and all shoppers, we hope everything you buy will be just grand, and that all YOUR gifts are the last minute, and that your Christmas table and home will be a dream of beauty . . . and so best wishes for a gala holiday!

FURNITURE STORAGE
264 Brownell St. Call Mr. Shumway, 1845 during day; 7024-F4 evenings.
—Adv. 17tf

PLANT BEARING FRUIT TREES from Mr. Carl Strand's Orchard. Orders may be taken for winter planting. Call Emil G. Olin, tree surgeon and landscape forester. Tel. 1021.
—Adv 29tf

VILLAGE AGAIN IS LIGHTED BY YULE CANDLES

Christmas Observance Is Marked By Works Of Charity

GIFTS ARE GIVEN

BIRMINGHAM'S Yule Candles, burning brightly in the windows of snow-covered homes, commemorate Wednesday that brilliant Star of Bethlehem which centuries ago hovered over a crude manger where the King of Kings was born.

But not by cheerful candle light alone will the village celebrate that greatest of Christian feasts. All Christian churches will hold traditional ceremonies of joy. Families will assemble around brilliantly decorated Christmas trees and blazing Yule log hearths. And the needy will have been provided for with food and clothing and candy and toys. Children who counted every minute in expectation of Santa Claus will be strengthened in their simple faith.

Community House Aids

Undoubtedly the most outstanding of the charitable organizations who have assured the village poor of cause to rejoice is the Community House. This year as in years past, members of this organization, through the Metropolitan Club, churches, social and fraternal organizations, will distribute baskets of food, toys and clothing to more than 40 families in the surrounding communities.

Mr. George S. Yaple secretary of the Community House, reports that for the past two weeks calls have been received at the headquarters from scores of families in Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills requesting names of needy families and of families who have children who could be furnished with toys and candy.

Names of families impoverished through want of employment have also been furnished the Community House by people working in cooperation with the charitable organizations. School children have donated gifts for the poor. Christmas trees which decorated

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PROSECUTOR APPOINTS AIDE

W. B. Severance Of Rochester, Will Be Assistant, January 1

Wilson B. Severance of Rochester has been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney for Oakland County, to assume his duties Jan. 1, Norman C. Orr, prosecuting attorney, has announced.

Mr. Severance was born in Rochester in 1899, the son of Mrs. Julia Severance and the late Thomas C. Severance. He was graduated from the University of Detroit, college of law, in 1921, and is a member of the Wayne County Bar association.

Mrs. Severance, his wife, before their marriage, was Miss Josephine Case, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Case of Rochester. They live in Rochester where Mr. Severance has been practicing law.

Among the organizations with which the new assistant prosecutor has been actively engaged are the American Legion, the Rochester Exchange Club and the Cass Avenue Methodist Church, of which he is a trustee.

Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

In the First Presbyterian Church the other day, Santa Claus made merry, Santa Claus being none other than the "Rollicking Robert" R. Allen, in public life, a jovial Village Commissioner and real estate dealer. But what this wanderer particularly noted was that Robert makes the perfect Santa Claus. He has the build, the complexion, and the 'light in his eye.' And when he's disguised behind the appropriate, white, flowing appendage and dressed in the red and white outfit of childhood's favorite saint, even the most cynical child in the world believes!

E. A. (Cy) Osborne, of Pierce street, arrived home a week ago after two weeks in Florida, most of which was spent at Miami. He says that Miami real estate values are almost at nil—that is to say, property can be bought for a song. Some hotel stuff in that vicinity, he says, is unoccupied and the weather is ruining it very rapidly. And fish—Mr. Osborne went out on the ocean one day, when it was rough, and informs this Wanderer that he caught two sailfish, a bonito, and a dolphin. He ran out of time, he acknowledged, or he would have landed a whale.

It is amazing these days, to observe the cheap prices put on used cars—some of which seem to have much travel left in their sturdy frames. The other day we saw an old sedan listed at $35.00; it was going down Woodward avenue without any apparent faltering, and its tires, including a spare, looked to be in good repair. From the appearance of many used cars that are being offered at outrageously low prices, the widely circulated gossip about automobile over-production certainly must have good foundation, a Birmingham citizen told us this week.

"In the new layout at Birmingham Golf Club members for the first time will play the first nine holes on both sides of the property. Birmingham was originally a nine-hole course on one bank of the River Rouge. Later the second nine on the other side was added. The arrangement of the holes now will carry the player back and forth across the stream," says Wilfred Reid, golf professional, who designed the course.

RESIGNS

ELMER S. WISEMAN

Elmer S. Wiseman, athletic director of the Adams Junior High School who has resigned to accept a position as director of the Flint, Mich., Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Wiseman's resignation takes effect Jan. 24.

E. S. WISEMAN RESIGNS JOB; GOES TO FLINT

Athletic Director Of Adams Junior High Leaves Jan. 24

ACCEPT Y. M. C. A. POST

Elmer S. Wiseman, director of athletics at the Adams Junior High School for the past year and a half, has tendered his resignation to the Birmingham School board to take effect Jan. 24, 1929.

In making his resignation Coach Wiseman revealed plans to accept a position with the Y. M. C. A. as athletic director of Genesee County with headquarters at Flint.

The new position not only offers Coach Wiseman one thousand dollars more per year but gives him the opportunity for promotion. Coach Wiseman was chosen over five other applicants for the position, of which one was a school superintendent and two others held masters degrees.

Mr. Wiseman will have charge of the boys' club work and will be the head of the Y. M. C. A. athletics of the county. No one has been definitely named to succeed Mr. Wiseman although Mr. Smiley, instructor of manual arts of the Adams Junior High School will probably take charge of the basketball team for the remainder of the season.

Came to Adams in 1928

Mr. Wiseman came to Birmingham early in the fall of 1928 and assumed duties at the Adams School. The same semester he organized the first soccer team at the school and coached the team through a very successful year during which seven games were won, one lost and two tied. After the soccer season Mr. Wiseman was instrumental in the organization of the Little Six Athletic Association which is now carrying on most flourishingly. The first sport which took place under the regulations of the league was basketball.

Coach Wiseman led the Adams cage team through the season for only one loss and tying no games for the championship of the club. A silver plated trophy was awarded and was recently made the permanent possession of the Adams School in the past meeting of the officers of the league. The base-

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BUS PROBLEM SOLUTION SEEN BY COMMITTEE

Inter-City Transportation Body Seeks Competition With Present Lines

WANT LOWER FARE

Competition with the Eastern Michigan Lines and the Eastern Michigan Motorbus Co., is seen as the best solution to the transportation problem between Detroit and Pontiac, members of the Inter-City Transportation committee have decided and negotiations with other bus companies for a cheaper service, possibly as low as a 20 cent fare, are being conducted, H. T. Ellerby, Birmingham Village President and a member of the committee, has announced.

A committee composed of representatives of seven North Woodward communities, Birmingham, Beckley, Clawson, Royal Oak, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods, and Ferndale, met at Northwood Inn on Friday to discuss the situation following the indignant protests made in the various communities when the present transportation companies raised their rates, Nov. 25 and offered compensation commutation ticket service.

Protest Fare Change

At the meeting of the Birmingham Village Commission a week ago it was voted to send a letter of protest to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission at Lansing for approving the change in fares on both the interruran and bus lines without the usual 30-day notice to the communities affected by the change.

Only three days intervened between the utilities commission's order and the inauguration of the rates, which are as high as 50 per cent in individual instances. None of the municipalities was represented at the hearing before the

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MEDICS ELECT DR. MITCHELL

Oakland County Doctors Choose Officers For 1930

Dr. Burton M. Mitchell was elected president of the Oakland County Medical society for 1930 during Thursday's dinner meeting at the Board of Commerce. More than 50 members attended.

Dr. C. A. Neafie and Dr. Isaac C. Prevette were re-elected to the offices of secretary and treasurer, respectively, while Dr. John S. Lumbie was elected vice-president.

Three directors, Dr. Robert Y. Ferguson, Dr. Robert H. Baker and Dr. Frederick A. Baker, were selected also, while Dr. Clarence E. Englund and Dr. Frank A. Merriam were elected delegates to the Michigan State Medical society, with Dr. Frederick A. Baker and Dr. Nathan B. Colvin as alternates.

Following the dinner, memberships were granted to Dr. Edwin W. Blatter and Dr. Edmund D. Margrave of Royal Oak. The main business of the evening was presented by Dr. Willis S. Peck of the University Hospital, Ann Arbor, who discussed briefly "The Physiological Action of Physical Therapy Agents."

JUDGE DISMISSES LARCENY CHARGE

Wm. Barnes Is Freed Because Of Lack Of Evidence

Because of lack of eidence the grand larceny charge against William Bornes, a Negro chauffeur, employed by John Meyering, of West Maple road, was dismissed upon examination Saturday by Justice Floyd S. Buck.

The motion to dismiss was entered by Duncan Campbell, Bornes' attorney and was concurred in by Thomas Gillotte, assistant prosecuting attorney. Mrs. Meyering, the complainant in the

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New Year's Edition

Publication date for the next edition of The Birmingham Eccentric will be Tuesday, Dec. 31, our New Year's edition. Because New Year's Day, 1930 falls on the Wednesday before our regular publication date the change has been found necessary. All advertising and editorial copy for the New Year's edition must be in the offices of The Eccentric not later than 4 p. m., Monday, Dec. 30.