

METROPOLITAN CLUB SELLS TO VILLAGE CENTER

Assault Charges Dropped; Wilson Pays Court Fine

Judge Buck Grants Motion To Dismiss Complaint Of Prosecutor

Upon the motion of Norman C. Orr, Oakland County Prosecutor, Justice Floyd S. Buck Thursday afternoon dismissed the assault and battery charge against Charles E. Stephens, Pleasant Ridge Chief of Police, which had been brought on complaint of Charles L. Wilson, chief assistant prosecutor. On Thursday evening Wilson pleaded guilty in Pleasant Ridge to a charge of speeding 55 miles an hour through the city on Sept. 19, and was fined \$20 by Frederic Stanton, Justice of the Peace. Orr's motion to dismiss cited the following reasons:

First, "because of the fact that the parties involved are members of two law enforcing agencies, which should co-operate, and because we deem it advisable for the promotion of law enforcement in the County in General."

Second, "because of the fact that the prosecuting witness is a member of the Prosecuting Attorney's staff and we do not care to spend the people's time or money in a case in which it might appear that we were doing so for personal vindication."

Also Give Letter
In addition to the motion to dismiss, Mr. Wilson was given an explanatory letter of the prosecutor's attitude towards the "recent misunderstanding which resulted from Wilson's arrest by Chief Stephens, to Claude H. Stevens, attorney for the City of Pleasant Ridge. The letter follows:

Commission of Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant Ridge, Mich. Gentlemen: We are taking this opportunity of expressing to you towards our attitude towards the recent misunderstanding which grew out of the arrest of Charles E. Wilson for speeding thru your city. We have manifested our willingness to go over this matter to you personally on several occasions. For some reason or other we have not had this opportunity. We have been ready to meet your City Commission at any time in a private conference, but we have not felt that it was at all wise to do so in a public meeting. We regret that the situation has developed to the present extent and even that it was created but we wish to say at this time that we have no apology to offer either public or private. We are very anxious that the Law Enforcing Agency of Oakland County should co-operate for the promotion of law enforcement in this county. We sincerely pledge our co-operation with your Police Department in the future in the same as we have in the past. (Turn to Page 2, No. 1)

REALTORS ELECT ROBERT R. ALLEN

Commissioner Will Succeed E. H. Tillotson As Board President
Robert R. Allen, member of the village commission and for a number of years identified prominently with real estate developments in and near Birmingham, Tuesday night was elected president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board for the ensuing year, effective January 1. Mr. Allen, who has been secretary of that organization during the past year, succeeds E. H. Tillotson as president. Mr. Tillotson is a member of the firm of Colgrove, Buck & Tillotson, local realtors.

LEACH APPOINTED

Harry L. Leach, for four years assistant director of the Roseland Park Cemetery, was appointed director by the village commission. Mr. Leach will succeed J. Howard Wendham, who has resigned as director of the White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

SIGN CONTROL IS MADE LAW

The elimination of all signs overhanging sidewalks in Birmingham will take place within three days as a result of the long discussed "sign ordinance" passed by a six to one vote at the meeting of the Village Commission Monday night. The new ordinance provides for establishment of control of all signs placed by the building department, allowing signs of whatever size, and of whatever height, on buildings less than 12 feet. This action was taken following conference with merchants who are agreeable to the regulatory act. No swinging sign, no banners across streets and no pediment or parasitic signs will be allowed by the new ordinance. Vertical reading signs of whatever size, and "shingle" signs not over two feet square may extend from buildings less than 12 feet. The height of shingle signs is limited to eight feet. Director signs for buildings may (Turn to Page 2, No. 2)

Merry Christmas -- And Thanks!



You who have found that the greatest Christmas joy is in making others happy know the reason for Santa Claus' eternal merriment. This copy of The Eclectic will bring happiness to some little Birmingham child whose Christmas might have been just another winter day. So, "Merry Christmas--and thanks!"

THUG SHOOTS MAN IN HOLDUP AND ESCAPES

Carl Hall, Western Union Manager, Wounded By Bandit Who Stole \$205 GETS AWAY IN CAR
Police were continuing their search today for a bandit who escaped in a maroon-colored road-Hall, 25 years old, 450 Madison street, in the holdup of the Western Union Telegraph office on South Woodward avenue.

Hall, the manager of the telephone office, was shot in the left hand, the bullet inflicting a painful flesh wound. The bandit's loot was \$205.

Patrolman Robert Dunn, who had passed the lighted office only a few minutes before the holdup returned when he heard the shot fired but the thug had escaped through the rear entrance and made his get-away in an automobile which he had parked in Brownell street.

Had Just Locked Door
Hall reported to Chief Orra J. Tuttle that he had just locked the front door of the office and was counting the day's receipts when a bandit, ostensibly wishing to send a telegram, knocked on the door and asked Hall to let him in. As soon as he opened the door, the bandit shoved a pistol against his abdomen and ordered him to raise his hands.

Hall's wound was dressed by Dr. C. F. Lawler. The bandit was described as being about 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing about 180 pounds. He was dressed in a slouch hat and a long tan overcoat. He drove north to Maple avenue.

O. M. (OLD MAN) TAXES PAYS HIS ANNUAL CALL

Mr. O. M. Taxes, more familiarly known as "Old Man" or "Sure As Death" Taxes, began operations in Birmingham on Monday. After a brief visit at the Municipal Building he came over to the Eclectic offices with the customary, unpleasant yarn which begins, "Well, boys and girls, and you, too, John E. Public, I'm back again to collect a few cents of those debts you contracted during the past year."

So, recognizing the inevitable, the staff sat back and listened, including the society, exchange and live stock editors. "For every 1,000 dollars you fellows thought you had snatched away spend on stocks--" he

FRANKLIN MAY INCORPORATE, REALTOR SAYS

"Town That Time Forgot" Considering Vote On Subject

COMMUNITY GROWS

Birmingham's little neighbor, the unincorporated Village of Franklin, known far and wide as "the town that time forgot," plans to acquire the newest of municipal wardrobes, according to the subject of a meeting held in the office of George Wellington Smith, Franklin realtor, Friday night. About 100 people, many of them residents of the present area of the territory under proposed incorporation, were present. "Franklin, up to about two years ago, contained a maximum population of 150 people and spread itself over 240 acres of land," stated Mr. Smith, who is a heavy real estate owner in the territory about five miles south and west of Birmingham, in Southfield Township. "Developments during the past two years have increased the population to about 300, bringing with them problems that can best be solved by incorporation. Chief of the problems are zoning, police, and fire protection. We are considering the idea of incorporation in order that the future Franklin may be a well-planned village with advantages that so often destroy values in other communities where plans were laid for development."

Cites Community Growth

"Many new roads are being developed that will bring to Franklin new traffic problems, as well as result in many Detroiters and others being attracted to our village. The area under consideration covers about 1,000 acres, extending for about one mile north and south of the present center of the community, on both sides of Franklin road."

NOT GUILTY PLEA ENTERED FOR GORMAN

Man Accused Of Killing Former Birmingham Officer Is Held For Trial HEARING THIS MONTH
Ray Gorman, 26 years old, 688 Purdy street, pleaded not guilty Monday when arraigned before Judge Frank L. Doty at Pontiac for the killing of George Townsend, an anti-mortem statement declared that Gorman attacked him without provocation.

Townsend was shot twice in the head, but bullets having been fired from a .35 caliber automatic pistol. Then he was thrown from the machine and was later picked up by a motorist who called for the police to take the injured man to the hospital.

Gorman said he obtained the weapon from a man in Pontiac whom he had never seen before. Both Townsend and Gorman declared there was no bad feeling between them, although Townsend said he never liked the man, Gorman was taken to Townsend's (Turn to Page 2, No. 4)

WOMEN SEEK CHARITY FUND

A project to raise money for Christmas charity is under way today under the direction of the Business and Professional Women's club.

Members of the organizations are selling chances on an electric appliance. The name of the winner will be drawn at 4 p. m. Dec. 19 with Frank Mulholland, L. J. Slusser and L. W. Martindale acting as judges. Miss Hattie Arden and Mrs. Ruth Collins captain the teams at work on the sale.

VIOLATE GAME LAW, FINED BY JUDGE BUCK

DeWitt Buzzard of Waterford Township and Fred Weiss of Bloomfield Township were sentenced recently to pay \$20 or spend 10 days in jail by Justice Floyd S. Buck for violating a state game law. Buzzard and Weiss were arrested by Deputy Game Warden Robert McClure for failure to trap.

'Newsies' invade Village Streets To Help Needy

Policemen, Mailmen, And Firemen To Collect Funds In Second Annual Drive

The man who sells you this paper is a member of the Metropolitan Club of Birmingham. He and more than 70 of his companions in the allied industries of public service in the village are enduring the hardships of the regular newsboy for the sake of charity. What you give for this paper will make a child happy.

This paper went on sale at six o'clock this morning when it was still night, when it was cold and you probably were pleasantly asleep. But what you give now more than satisfies this "newsboy" who sells this paper. And there are about 1,500 other copies of The Eclectic on sale, as well as the metropolitan publications of Detroit and Pontiac.

Plan For Funds

This is the second annual sale of newspapers for charity. Thursday night the members of the Metropolitan Club met at Bloomfield Township park and made their plans to raise enough funds to provide for the village poor. Last year's charities received approximately \$800 by this means. These funds were not donated for Christmas but for the year, last year there were 40 families with members of the club who were provided for during the winter through the Metropolitan Club. The committee has been working in union with other charitable organizations.

WON'T CHANGE PARKING LAW

Village Manager Says Residents Fail To Use Other Streets
Thirty-minute parking restrictions will continue in force during the Christmas holidays, according to James W. Parry, village manager, in spite of the petition of local merchants, who claimed that half an hour was not sufficient time in which to allow their customers to complete their shopping.

In the petition to the commission the merchants expressed the fear that their patrons would go to neighboring towns to shop, where there are more public garages and the parking time was not so limited. The petition was referred to Manager Parry, who refused it.

"Residents of Birmingham are not taking advantage of many streets, where unlimited parking is permitted," he said. "Hamilton, Brewster, Bates, Merrill and Martin, are all close to the shopping section, are unrestricted, but are not used."

The sale this year is being directed by the chairman, Charles Griffith. Charles Jones, president of the Metropolitan Club and Robert Brumwell, Bates, Merrill and Martin, are all close to the shopping section, are unrestricted, but are not used.

A list of stations will canvass the stores and other business places. The list will be stationed at the following corners: Woodward and Maple avenues; Woodfield and Maple avenues; Adams at East Maple; Brown and Woodward; Woodward and Lincoln; Woodward and Long Lake road.

A blackboard has been placed in front of headquarters for an hourly reports of the funds will be checked.

Plans are under way for a benefit dance to be staged by the club Dec. 12 in the Old Fellowship hall in Winstons in charge of the event.

AUTO LICENSE TAGS ON SALE

Birmingham Police Department Offers 24-Hour Service on 1930 Plates
Chief Orra J. Tuttle has announced that motorists wishing to obtain their 1930 license plates may do so at the Birmingham Police Department any weekday between 8 a. m. and 3 p. m.

The new plates went on sale Monday at the same rates as were charged last year when almost 1,400 plates were sold. Members of the Secretary of State at Lansing have left the matter of attaching the new plates entirely to local enforcement officers and under the ruling motorists purchasing new cars will not obtain license plates for 12 months on a year's license.

DIRECTS SALE

VERNON GRIFITH
Captain Griffith is in charge of the newspaper sale which is being conducted today throughout the Metropolitan club. Proceeds of the sale are donated to charity.

FOR ARTIST MATERIALS
The Devine Paint and Art Shop, Theatre Building. Adv. 4017