

Christmas is past, and the New Year has just started. Unfortunately, the advertising that Christ has practiced instead of a brief moment; much of it went with the tinselled trappings.

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GROUP NAMED TO DRAW UP DRAIN BILL

Tri-County Project May Be Taken Before State Legislature
WOULD COST \$9,000,000

A committee of drain commissioners and city officials is appointed today to draft a bill for the consideration of the State Legislature which will decide the fate of the huge \$9,000,000 tri-county drainage scheme planned to relieve Oakland, Macomb and Lapeer counties.

The bill to be submitted to the Legislature this winter will seek to amend the present drain law so that bonds on drainage projects may be issued for 30-year periods supplanting the present limitation of 15 years.

A meeting of interested realtors, drain commissioners of Oakland and Macomb counties, city officials and consulting engineers was held at the Detroit-Leland Hotel, Thursday, to broach plans for the mammoth project which primarily is intended to benefit southern Oakland County.

Committee Named
The following were appointed on the committee to confer with John Spaulding, municipal bond authority, relative to framing the bill: Arthur W. Spencer and Burt Engelbrecht, drain commissioners of Oakland and Macomb counties, respectively; Robert E. Barber, Detroit attorney; Carl H. Peterson, Ferndale City manager; and Harold E. Storz, Royal Oak City manager.

Excessive rate of the assessments on the property affected, resulting from the huge cost of the proposed drain has furnished the basic opposition to the proposal. Belief that dissection would lessen if the tentative bill was passed by the Legislature was expressed by Mr. Spencer. The yearly property assessments would practically cut in half if the bond retirement period was lengthened, according to the present specifications, he said. Construction work would begin late next summer and be completed in two years if the

Among The Women

Harriet C. Mudge Handles Million Dollars

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS

A million dollars pass through her hands in a year and no one penny of it is hers to spend. She is the heaviest bonded woman in Bloomfield township and she is Harriet C. Mudge, Bloomfield's fourth woman treasurer. Mrs. Mudge is under a bond for \$760,100.

"Probably 75 per cent of our money is handled by check," Mrs. Mudge said. "The amount of currency which passes through the office is comparatively small. The deposits of a typical day might average \$2600 with \$300 of that in currency."

Mrs. Mudge was born on Adams road and has lived all her life in Birmingham or the vicinity. She is a graduate of Royal Oak high school. For the past nine years she has lived in Birmingham and has been employed in township treasury work with Royce Oak and Birmingham. She was elected to office last April.

"Taxes are probably the most misunderstood part of government," Mrs. Mudge said. "We find many persons to whom we cannot make them clear even after a careful explanation. They know the regular rate but they do not know the special rates for specially assessed areas," she said.

"Often persons pay requesting that we mark their payment, 'under protest,' but they must take care to get it marked out before it is effected. Matters have never reached that state, however," she said.

The taxpayers do not seem to realize that we have the township books only from December until March, she pointed out.

"The books close March 1 and we then make out our returns and send them to the county. After that time taxes must be paid in Pontiac at four and three-quarter

per cent. There is a three-quarters per cent increase each month thereafter, and at the close of 26 months the May county tax sale," she said.

Mrs. Mudge explains the tax collecting system of the township. "I have been in tax collecting work for so long that I am amazingly simple," she said, "but for the average taxpayer there is necessarily some confusion."

"It is merely a matter of routine collection with no thought of the money that passes through my hands in the transaction," Mrs. Mudge said. "They pay us. We pay the county. I am scarcely aware of the million I collect," she said.



MRS. HARRIET C. MUDGE

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COUNTY EDITORS ARE ENTERTAINED

Royal Oak Publishers Hosts To Association; Williams New President

Members of the Oakland County Press association were guests of the publishers of the Royal Oak Daily Tribune in Royal Oak for dinner and the theater Saturday at the monthly meeting of the association.

Both before and after the meeting the visiting publishers looked over The Daily Tribune plant, where a number of additions had been made since their last visit. This newspaper was one of the charter members of the organization, which it left only when it ceased to be a weekly publication and entered the daily field, more than three years ago.

Those present at today's meeting included: Fred Patterson, Holly Advertiser; George Williams, Ferndale Enterprise; W. A. Fox, Rochester Era; Joe Haas, Holly Herald; H. J. Smith, South Lyon Herald; C. S. Seed and Earl Seed, Rochester Clarion; E. H. Sengdon, Oxford Leader; G. S. Neale, Orion Review; G. S. Rowe, Milford Times; George R. Averill and Paul N. Averill, Birmingham Eclectic; Hyman Levinson, Farmington Enterprise; Walter Y. Stanley, Pontiac-Oakland County Legal News.

The association elected these officers for 1929: George Williams of Ferndale, president; E. H. Congdon, vice-president, and G. E. Neale, secretary-treasurer (retected).

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CUT IS ANNOUNCED

Another reduction of interstate long distance telephone rates by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. was announced today by H. H. Brown, manager here for the Michigan Bell Telephone company. The reduction will become effective February 1 and will mean an annual saving of \$5,000,000 to the telephone users in the Bell system, he stated.

This reduction, which is the third announced during the past two years and four months, will apply to interstate calls made between 4:30 a. m. and 10 p. m. for distances between 130 and approximately 1,500 miles. Evening and night period rates will remain unchanged.

The new interstate rates will represent a reduction of from five to 25 cents each on day station-to-station calls, or calls in which the calling party does not express a desire to talk with some person in particular. Equivalent reductions will be made in the rates on person-to-person calls, or calls in which the calling party specifies that he wishes to talk with some certain person.

NEW WABEEK PLANS OPENING FOR FRIDAY

Public Invited To Inspect Couzens' Building On West Maple

ALL STORES OCCUPIED

Announcement is made of the formal opening of the Wabeek building at west Maple avenue and Bates street to be observed all day tomorrow. An invitation has been extended the public to inspect the structure, its stores and offices, and guides will be stationed at the entrances to escort the visitors.

This beautiful new three story building, constructed and owned by the Senator James Couzens interests, was completed in October. Since that time the shops on the first floor and the offices above have been rapidly rented.

The last of the 10 new stores in the new Wabeek building has been leased by Colgrove, Buck & Tillotson, the realtors who have been handling this building for the Senator Couzens interests.

In discussing the rapidity with which this building has been filled, L. E. Colgrove said "We have not only leased all of the stores, but only have two offices left in the building."

"It is a rather interesting fact that in the past 18 months nearly 30 new stores have been built in the village of Birmingham by such substantial interests as the Wabeek corporation, Briggs Investment company, Albert Kahn and others, which are practically all occupied, with a demand for more from both local and out of town merchants, who are finding a ready market in the Birmingham-Bloomfield district."

They Shall Not Pass
The football season is over and all the newspapers are full of sad stories about gridiron heroes who are fighting for their lives in dreary hospital wards. What could be more pathetic than the case of Hosmer Dribble who is suffering serious injuries after making a pass at the coach's daughter?

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COURT SLACK IN HOLIDAY MONTH

December marked a considerable let down in fines in the justice court of Floyd S. Buck it is shown today in the report for the village, county and Bloomfield Hills villages.

The total fines collected for the four weeks amounted to \$469,400, or \$113,440 less than the \$582,840 on 18 arraignments. Ten paid fines on village offenses totaling \$113,440 and six county cases furnished \$10.

Speeders were high in Birmingham with five which is followed by two reckless drivers and two drunks.

In the Hills village there were eight disorderlies, the report shows. Reckless drivers were next with five and traffic signal violators followed with three appearing before Justice Buck.

County cases included two bound over to circuit court on charges of conspiracy to defraud, one transporting liquor and one grand larceny charge was bound over to circuit court. An assault case was dismissed and a bad check settlement was made for \$10.

ROYAL OAK REALTORS MEET HERE FRIDAY

Annual meeting of the Royal Oak real estate board will be held tomorrow at 8:30 p. m. at the Oakland Hills Country club, according to announcement today. A program of speakers has been arranged.

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