# HILLS TO CALL SPECIAL VOTE

**Date Set In Election On Charter Amendments For March 4**

Special election on charter amendments will be held in Bloomfield Hills village March 4 it is announced by the Bloomfield Hills commission who adopted the resolution, Tuesday night.

Approval of the charter amendments which concern the issuance of bonds and the distribution of assessments for highway improvements was given by Gov. Fred W. Green with the recommendation of Emerson R. Boyles, deputy-attorney general.

The amendments to the village charter were sponsored primarily to enable the commission to authorize the improvement of Lone Pine road from Woodward avenue to the Lasher road, issue bonds to cover the expense and distribute assements over the affected territory. The amendments which were drafted by Attorney George A. Cram are now on file in the village office previous to decision by the electors of the community.

Oscar Munson, keeper of the athletic equipment at the University of Minnesota, has received 300 pairs of shoes, 12 dozen footballs and other supplies for the gridiron squad.

# BANKS NAME NEW OFFICIALS

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Robert Y. Moore, Chancey Nixon, Robert S. Porritt, Charles B. Randall, Harry L. Wallace, and John B. Williams.

Following the election of the directors, officers were immediately elected for 1929. They include John B. Williams, chairman of the board; T. R. Donovan, president; Chancey Nixon and Charles B. Randall, vice presidents; M. T. Jarvis, cashier; and O. P. Peterson, assistant cashier.

"Our institution increased its resources over $250,000.00 during 1928," said vice president Randall. "Dividends totalled 10 per cent, eight per cent being the regular stock dividend, with an added two per cent as extra dividend. Last July we transferred $50,000.00 in undivided profits to our surplus, bringing our capital and surplus each to $200,000.00."

**First State Savings**

Election of directors for 1929 was held by the First State Savings Bank, although its officers will not be elected until tomorrow. They include Thomas H. Cobb, Frank Hagerman, W. B. Harris, W. W. Masters, Frank J. Maurice, A. L. Moses, Arthur C. Peck, Robert C. Peck, Harry W. Rainey, Frank Schlaack, T. B. Smith, and a new member, Samuel J. Kingston, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, well known in Wayne and Oakland counties. "1928 was marked for our institution with a steady growth," stated vice president Cobb yesterday. "The fundamental values of this area, together with the fact that industry throughout the country is believed to be on an upward trend, makes us feel very happy over the outlook for this new year."

**Birmingham Savings**

Judson Bradway was re-elected president of the Birmingham Savings Bank last night at its annual meeting. Other officers include Lawrence W. Martindale, cashier; John C. Lawson and Charles J. Shain, vice presidents; and Walter L. Moreland, assistant cashier.

The Birmingham Savings Bank re-elected its 1928 board of directors for this year. They include Seymour D. Adams, Harry Allen, Luther D. Allen, Judson Bradway, Robert W. Chisus, Rolla W. Corell, Lawrence W. Martindale, John C. Lawson, Fred V. Quarton, Charles J. Shain, James Vernor Jr., James W. Taylor, Harley J. Warner, and Albert W. Wasey.

According to Mr. Martindale, cashier, his bank, the newest among local financial institutions, showed a steady and uninterrupted growth during 1928. "Birmingham and vicinity is destined to make rapid progress during the future, and we expect to keep pace with it in our service to its people," he said.

**Bloomfield Hills Savings Bank**

All officers and directors of the Bloomfield Hills Savings Bank were re-elected. They are: Manly D. Davis, president; DuBois Young, first vice president; Walter G. Morley, second vice president; Delbert C. Morris, cashier and Genevieve Wahl, assistant cashier. The directors include, besides the officers: Frank L. Bromley, T. R. Donovan, Lynn D. Halsted, Elmer C. Huston, Charles B. Randall, Charles M. Roehm and Harry L. Wallace.

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**

Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools: "While the Birmingham schools were hit by influenza, most of the children and teachers who were ill are again back in their class rooms."

# VILLAGE MAY ESCAPE PAYING TAX ON ROADS

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mately $3,000 was originally due the village of Birmingham in highway improvement tax rebates for 1927; I estimate that about $7,000 is the amount for the taxes we are now collecting, and which we shall return in March or April when our tax roll is closed for the year."

Moore stated that he first was made aware of the rebating Act early last spring and, because his board was unaware of it, had not prepared for the return of any monies to Birmingham. However, this year the highway improvement tax rate for the township was raised from 50 cents to $1 to provide for this contingency.

"A very important phase of this subject escapes the attention of people when they forget that our township board, as a body, merely accepts the various tax items such as school tax rates, state, county, Covert road, drain, and township highway improvement rates, from other sources," stated Moore. "For instance, the Bloomfield Township highway improvement tax rate is determined by an elected official of the township, the highway commissioner, John Wilson our present highway commissioner, reports to the township board the amount of money he needs for the ensuing year, and we put it in the general tax roll. The sum total of all the various tax rate grouped together and the property assessment is spread over the entire township."

**Money spent Outside**

When asked if his proposed plan of eliminating Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills Village from paying township highway improvement taxes was not too favorable to these communities Mr. Moore replied, "It may seem so, but since all this money is expended outside of a village's corporate limits, I do not see why Birmingham or Bloomfield Hills Village should pay for roads that do not belong to them."

"The distance from the township's gravel pit to the scenes of Birmingham's various road improvements, together with the fact that a delay in loading was caused by using a small shovel, caused me to use only about $600 worth of gravel from the Updike pit during 1928," answered Parry in reply to the question of why Birmingham did not use more gravel from the pit. "The quality of the gravel did not enter my considerations at all; there is better gravel than that in the township's pit, no doubt, because we have had to pay as high as 75 cents and as low as 50 cents per cubic yard for some gravel, while the township charged us only 65 cents."

Commissioner Lee A. White at the meeting of the village board Monday night asked a notation be made in the village books so that refunds would be collected without fail each year in the future.

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# DEATH TAKES F. H. HOLT AT 61

**Prominent Banker Dies Suddenly At His Home In Village**

Frederick Hoford Holt, 61 years old, prominent Detroit banker, and well known to villagers, was buried at 11 a. m. Monday from the chapel of William R. Hamilton and company, 3975 Cass avenue, Detroit. Dr. Augustust Reccord was in charge of the services, with burial in Roseland Park cemetery.

Mr. Holt died suddenly at his home, 36 Linden road, Friday afternoon.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lillian Silk Holt; a daughter, Mrs. C. P. Vary, of Birmingham; a son, F. Farrington Holt, of Birmingham; two brothers, William Robert Holt, of Detroit, and Ferdinand C. P. Holt, of Manchester, Eng.; two sisters, Mrs. William Spafford Jones, also of Manchester, and Mrs. Jack Keene, Isle of Man, Eng.

**Born In England**

Mr. Holt was born in Manchester, Eng., Jan. 18, 1867, coming to Detroit in 1884, where he worked as a messenger in the Michigan Savings Bank. He was promoted to assistant cashier of this bank.

He has been associated with many important business enterprises, being an organizer and director of the Continental Real Estate and Trust company, and an organizer of the C. W. Warren company.

In 1916 he became associated with the F. A. Goodrich company, leaving the bank and later he was named district sales manager for Jones and Laughlin. He was also an officer of the C. M. Hayes and company.

Mr. Holt came to Birmingham with his family six years ago and since that time has taken a keen interest in affairs of the village. Although he had lived many years in Detroit, he immediately took a decided liking to the village and was one of its most ardent backers, praising it many times and expressing a firm belief in its future.

He was active in many civic and social enterprises in Detroit and his name was prominent on the list of officers in many clubs.

An enthusiast in golf, Mr. Holt was one of the organizers of the Detroit Golf club about 35 years ago and was president of the club for two terms.

**Organizer Of D. A. C.**

He also was one of the organizers of the Detroit Athletic club on whose board he was a director two years. He was a charter member and director of the Detroit Boat club and a charter member of the Detroit Club.

In his civic work, Mr. Holt served as a member of the Fine Arts Society which was instrumental in obtaining the art center in Detroit which includes the Public Library and the Art Museum, and he was one of the organizers of the City Recreation commission.

The active pallbearers were Selden S. Dickinson, Guy Smith, James K. Watkins, J. Moylan Hayes, Joseph M. White, William E. Easery.

The list of honorary pallbearers includes: Julius H. Haass, C. M. Harmon, Charles D. Bennett, Charles A. Hughes, George T. Hendrie, Henry Ford, Ralph Stone, Samuel C. Mumford, Walter Tospel, John P. Antisdel, Frank H. Whelden, John D. Morphy, Dr. N. T. Shaw, Harry Skillman, Dudley Smith, Frank G. Smith, Henry B. Joy, Emory W. Clark, Rudolph F. Flinterman, Norval A. Hawkins, L. B. King, Charles W. Warren, Frank R. Fitch, Roland Ferguson, J. Ernest Dodds, Fred Wardell, Thomas A. Stephens, Henry J. Gutthard, Henry Kemp, Newton Annis, Thomas H. Cobo, John N. Bagley, Paul Bagley, G. D. Pope, Willard Pope, E. D. Bronner, J. W. Emmert, J. T. Shaw, William Mahaffy, D. Stair, Joseph S. Hall, A. J. Hood, Malcolm McGregor, Carl R. Huyette, Edward L. Warner, Charles W. Burton, Dr. Don M. Campbell, Hugh Chalmers, Jefferson B. Webb, Fred J. Robinson, Thomas S. Dunn, H. J. M. Grylls, F. L. Smith, W. H. Sells, Stuart A. Fraser, R. B. Ridgley, Myron C. Cuart, J. F. Boynton, Dr. A. W. Ives, George Wiley, Charles W. Counter, Alvan MacCauley, George Packard, of Chicago, and C. P. H. Vary, of Newark, N. Y.

# SIFT CHARGES, BREWER ASKS

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Springfield; M. B. Armstrong, Pontiac; Harry N. McCracken, Farmington; Duncan McRae, Royal Oak and J. L. Marcero of Pontiac.

Brewer, former commander of the American Legion in Michigan and Democratic nominee for secretary of state in the last election, read a statement before the supervisors denying all charges by Dernberger.

**Charges Made**

The interview charged Brewer had awarded contracts for county buildings without calling for bids; permitted his sister-in-law, Miss Margaret Purser, to sign his name to checks without the approval of Dernberger and Edward Sevener, the third member of the three-man board; lived in a county-owned house which was fueled and kept in repair at county expenses without paying rent; purchased supplies for county institutions from the Purser Fruit company at prices higher than retail, and set himself up as director of the board of auditors, failing to ask for the approval of the other members on important questions.

Salem Purser, head of the fruit company, is Brewer's father-in-law, Dernberger pointed out.

# VILLAGERS AND THE VILLAGE

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ness, however, contained an unusual ring of thankfulness - worthy of mentioning in this column this week. (Editor's Note: rest assured that the club is also grateful that you were able to see, smell, and otherwise appreciate its floral offering - some recipients of floral pieces don't, you know.)

**In speaking** before Rotarians here Monday noon, Rev. David L. Woodward, of the First Baptist church, told a humorous story about a newspaperman. Of course, he was referring to one of the Wanderers, and we are glad to summarize briefly his tale. A preacher arrived in Heaven, and was given a humble residence on a street of brass; later a newspaperman arrived and was given a large mansion on the street of gold. The preacher complained, and was told by St. Peter that, since so seldom did newspapermen arrive in Heaven, one who did get past the pearly gates was entitled to the best. That's a good yarn, Mr. Woodward. However, before you exposed the answer in your Rotary address we were thinking that the newspaperman got the best of the preacher in Heaven only because he was never able to do so on earth.

**Installation of a signal light at** Lone Pine road and Woodward avenue is authorized today by the Bloomfield Hills village. The traffic light will be placed immediately. It is expected it is aimed to aid traffic turning onto Woodward from the Lone Pine road as well as pedestrians crossing from the street car tracks. The north and south lights will allow traffic to pass for a long interval while the west light allows the vehicles from the intersecting highway a short space.

**A total of $958 was collected** in fines during the month of December, the report by Chief of Police William Putman of Bloomfield Hills shows today. One hundred thirty-nine traffic violations including numerous reckless drivers, totaled $648, and 12 disorderlies completed the report with $310.

**Out of 239 possible meetings** that the Birmingham Exchange club has held since its beginning here in 1924, Ralph C. Moulthrop leads in individual attendance by having missed only 10 meetings; Harry S. Starr is a close second, having missed only 11 meetings, while Ralph Wilson is third with 16 missed, Dr. Otto Beck with 33, and T. D. Lynch with 37. Arthur C. Peck has been a member for 203 meetings, and has missed but 15 of them.

**A dwelling that is undoubtedly** the envy of more boys and girls in this community than anything else is the miniature playhouse built last summer by Allen McGirr for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen, of west Maple and Southfield avenues. More than one child has stopped its parents when passing the Allen residence, and pointed out the little dwelling that looks over into the ravine.

**Bloomfield Township today pays** to the county one-tenth of its tax returns on the state and county tax. Township books show that $245,698.80 have been collected in tax returns thus far.

**A cataloguing system has been** installed this year in the township treasury office here, replacing the former system of recording the returns in ledgers. It is reported that the new system is most satisfactory.

Sand was placed by the village on the ice-covered pavements at all the principal intersections in Birmingham this week to avoid skidding and minimize the number of accidents.

**Six officers of Bloomfield Hills** are reappointed today for the year 1929 following the meeting of the Bloomfield Hills commission, Tuesday night at the village offices. All of those named are continued from last year. They include Commissioner Mathew B. Whittlesey, treasurer; Parry Vaughn, assessor; Harry S. Starr, village engineer; William Putman, chief police; Dr. Harold Roehm, health officer; and George A. Cram, village attorney.

When Robert Goren, aged 16, o Chicago was arrested for stealing a woman's purse he confessed he had spent the change but tore up $206 in bills fearing they would be traced.

# SERVICES HELD FOR AGED WOMAN

**Mother Of Mrs. Herbert R. Earle Succumbs In Bloomfield Hills Home**

Funeral services for Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Cadwell, 82 years old, six year resident of Birmingham, were held, Saturday morning, from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert R. Earle of Bloomfield Hills.

Mrs. Cadwell was the widow of the late George B. Cadwell and has lived with her daughter for the past two years. She was born in Michigan. She died last Thursday.

Burial was held at Oakwood cemetery, Adrian, with W. Hamilton Auldenbach, assistant rector of Christ church, officiating.

Another daughter, Mrs. Cora C. Scott of Venturia, Cal., also survives her.

**Chest Trouble**

The man was worrying. "Tell me about it," said his pal. "Get it off your chest."

"I wish I could," groaned the other. "I've got 'Marguerite' tattooed there, and the girl I'm engaged to marry is named Helen."
—Boston Transcript.

Writing in the London *Daily Express*, Ralph Blumfeld says that drinking synthetic gin drives Americans temporarily mad. They'd be a whole lot madder, however, if they couldn't get it.

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