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## BY CONFESSION FACES PRISON AS EMBEZZLER

### Earl Gordon Pleads Guilty To Defrauding County In Burial Fees

Earl Gordon, 34 years old, Monday morning county coroner, will be sentenced in circuit court Monday by Judge Glenn C. Gillespie on a charge of defrauding Oakland County out of \$4,115 on fake burial certificates. Gordon pleaded guilty Tuesday morning to the charge, after he had undergone examination when arraigned in municipal court, Pontiac. The case was taken to higher court at once. The complaint was signed by Willis M. Brewer, county board of auditors. Gordon went to jail without bail. It is charged Gordon collected \$75 per person for burial of indigent war veterans or their wives or widows between June 2, 1928, and Jan. 29, 1929 in which time he collected \$4,115.

When questioned by the court, he admitted having faked the certificates for persons, some of whom were soldiers, sailors, or marines, and that his only employer knew nothing of his unlawful transactions.

A check was charged by the board of auditors as county burial officer, it developing that he had secured Gordon's applications for burial services without sufficient investigation, despite the fact a person that he conducted himself in a manner that is a desecrating one.

## ICE CANCELED PLANNED HERE

### Villagers Asked To Compete In Events Scheduled For Feb. 16

Details of an ice skating carnival to be held Feb. 16 at Quaton Lake are being worked out today by Leonard Gunn, in charge of the municipal rink.

Men, women and boys will compete in prizes to be given by Birmingham merchants. The prizes will be on display in the window of the Shain drug store at west corner of Maple and Pierce streets within a few days, Gunn said.

The 100, 250 and 400-yard races, the 500-yard relay, the fancy skating competition, and the events are planned to be held in the morning and afternoon. The skating rink will be arranged for a afternoon, Gunn said.

This is the first skating rink of the kind that has been staged here and it is open to the general public. All entries are asked to be made to Gunn before Feb. 10.

## 'WHAT'S ALL THE SHOOTIN' FOR?' IS ANSWERED BY POLICE CHIEF

Hold still everybody. Don't be alarmed. All the shooting you hear on Woodward avenue in the afternoon doesn't mean a bandit invasion or another war. It is merely the target practice of the police department which got under way this week.

A pistol range was fitted up in a garage at 119 south Woodward avenue and competitive practice is required of all officers at least once a week. Monday and Tuesday afternoons are the regular hours for competition. The men may have their practice on other afternoons when not on duty, however, Chief Anderson said.

A six-foot range with a steel backdrop is provided. The plate is located behind the six by six inch target and is built like a shutter to absorb the shock of the bullets. Bags of sand deaden the ringing sound.

The police shot for the second time this week at a distance of about 100 yards. As improvement is shown the distance will be increased. Chief Anderson said, months and half years contemplated at the end of each four week period.

Shooting at a regulation pistol target on which a peck was 100, Patrolman Earl Moody was the first to break with a score of 71. Following him were Deputy Sheriff, 68; Harry Johnson, 55; and William Green, 52.

## Groundhog Takes Annual Peek On Saturday

### And Villagers Speculate On Whether He Will See His Shadow

It's all up to the groundhog. Villagers have nothing to do about it. They can merely skip their way along by streets and pray that Saturday is the day that Groundhog won't be frightened back into hole by his own shadow.

Saturday is the day that determines the fate of winter. For centuries a superstition has grown about Feb. 2 which day is generally known as Candlemas Day.

According to the tradition, Mr. Groundhog makes his annual appearance on that date and shadows of the air are sent by him. He scurries back to hole and settles down to sleep through another season of winter weather, but if the day is rainy and shadowy, he remains outside, confident of an early spring.

## BREWER GETS CLEAN SLATE

### Investigating Committee Of Supervisors Clears Auditor Of Charges

A complete refutation of all charges made against Willis M. Brewer, auditor of the Oakland County board of auditors, is on file with the county board of auditors following its adoption last Thursday of a committee report.

The investigation was asked by Mr. Brewer when a Pontiac weekly newspaper printed charges made by Fred Bernberger. Brewer was running the office in a high-handed manner, it was reported.

All charges were found by the investigating committee of the board of supervisors to be groundless, the report stated.

"Whereas public charges concerning the conduct of the business of the Oakland County board of auditors were brought to the attention of this board and a committee appointed to investigate the same.

## SHAIN BOOSTED TO HEAD CLUB

### Birmingham Rotarians, at their meeting here Monday noon, for- warded the nomination of Charles J. Shain for governor of this Rotary District for the coming year.

The new governor will be selected at the District Convention in Detroit in the spring. Mr. Shain was a candidate two years ago, and lost out by only three votes last year. He was not a candidate against Richard Hecke, of Detroit.

"The subject of the program, led by Mr. Shain and Charles G. Parks, local county board of auditors, was the Birmingham Credit Bureau. Mr. Parks pointed out the modern rating system was to protect the ratings of people who paid their bills, and to protect merchants against people who were slow or did not pay promptly.

A local Credit Bureau acts (Concluded on Page 2)

A Really Fine Radio—The Fred-Bishop Radio in exquisite Grinnell designed cabinet in Drayton-Bishop building; everything complete to attach to any radio set. Price \$25.00. Fred-Bishop Radio Co., 125 So. Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

## REMEMBERING NOTICES OUT

### Village To Inform Residents Of New Building Num- bers Now Ready

Within the next three weeks, Birmingham residents will receive notification in a letter from the village office of the new numbering system of their home or place of business. Remembering which has been in progress in the engineering department is now completed.

Changing of the number plates is an obligation of the property owner, James W. Parry, village manager, who asks cooperation. The law provides that the older number also must remain on the property 60 days after the new numbering system is made.

The new numbering system provides, as pointed out in the circular letter to be sent to village owners, a logical number for every building, the possibility of indefinite expansion, and a key to the location of the house.

## COMMISSION ASKED IN SUIT

### G. T. Petition May Follow Hearing On Restrictions Held Here

Possibility of a petition being sent to Judge Dan A. McGaffey of Probate Court to appoint a commission to hear both sides of the proposal to break restrictions in several subdivisions near here of the new Grand Park right way looks today after a hearing on the matter Tuesday in the municipal building.

## DELEGATES NAMED FROM BLOOMFIELD

### Ten Regulars And Alternates To Attend County Meet In Pontiac

Delegates from Bloomfield Township are named today for the annual Republican convention Feb. 6 in Pontiac. They are: Commercial named at a township caucus held last Saturday.

The delegates are: H. T. Ellerby, James Cobb, W. W. Henry, Clare H. Ogden, Harriet C. Mudge, Robert Y. Moore, Walter Y. Shain, Luther D. Allen, Guy Jensen, and George R. Abernethy.

The alternates are: James V. Bayley, R. J. Corvill, Lloyd B. Reid, William Story, Parry Vaughn, Martha D. Wilson, James Parry, Grace Cobb, Ruth Shain and H. W. Barton.

The alternates have not yet been named to Troy or Southfield Townships.

Your portrait is the best Valentine you can send for sweetheart, mother, wife or husband. Phone 908 for free booklet with Arnold's Studio. These Buildings—Adv. 42

## BIRMINGHAM NOW HAS OWN WHITE WAY ON WOODWARD

Birmingham's "white way" is being maintained at a cost of \$200 a night. James W. Parry, village manager, said today. The monthly rental of each lamp is eight dollars. Manager Parry said the lighting of Woodward avenue is the lighting of Woodward avenue \$2,000 a night.

The installation of 22 more lamps, when the completion of the wider Woodward project will increase that figure proportionally. However, he pointed out, progress in the engineering department is now completed.

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## PHOENIXANTS RESEMBLE RABBITS IN MOCOMB

"We thought they were rabbits," explained George Warner and William Blomme, residents of Macomb county, Monday, to Judge Dan A. McGaffey of Probate Court.

The two hunters stood in Macomb county on the east side of the Grand Park right way. The hen pheasants in Oakland County is charged by Deputy Game Warden McClellan. They were fined \$25 each.

## HOUSE PLANS ANNUAL MEET

### Reports, By-Laws, Building Plans To Be Presented At Community Affairs

Activities of the Birmingham Community House today center about the annual meeting scheduled for next Monday when the proposed new by-laws will be presented to the association for a vote and election of officers will take place.

Charles J. Shain, John Martin, Charles Harvey Whalen, Mrs. Milton Schatz and Mrs. Lee A. White comprise the committee to work on the constitution and by-law revision.

Blue print of the new Community House will be presented and a proposed budget for the year 1929 to 1930. Mrs. Norman Lytle, Mrs. A. C. Titter, Mrs. Howard Simpson, treasurer, and Mrs. Seymour Adams comprise the budget committee. Officers for the coming year will be elected and reports by the various branches of the Community House read.

A pot luck dinner will be served preceding the business meeting which opens at 8:30 p. m. All members of the association, wishing to attend the dinner, should make reservations with Charles Burgess, social chairman.

At the Marguerite Sweet Tea Room. An early dinner the most delicious lunch in Birmingham, served from 11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Delicious salads and sandwiches at all hours.

One day service on Cleaning and Pressing. Phone 9150. Mrs. Beck Cleaners & Dyers, 2125 Hamilton Ave., Detroit, Mich. Adv. 42

## Map Gives Key To Numbering System



## AIRPORT GIVEN SUPPORT OF ORGANIZATION

### Lions Voice Approval Of Village Sharing Expense Southern Oakland Deal WOULD COST \$104,000

The village commission next Monday night will be asked to approve the circulation of a petition to place a bond issue of \$104,000 for Birmingham's share of a proposed airport, on the ballot at the March election.

The request will be taken by the board of representatives of the Lions club and sports committee who favor the plan to obtain property south of Birmingham in Troy Township, with other southern Oakland County municipalities, for the as an airport.

A representative of a large airplane manufacturing company expected to appear before the board of the advocates of the airport. An option is being held on 160 acres of land which Birmingham's proposed share would be 40 acres at approximately \$2,200 an acre. Hangars, landing lights and other equipment would bring the total to \$104,000. See C. Bird, chairman of the Lions committee on aviation said.

## DEDICATION DATE NAMED

### Baptists Plan Week's Formal Opening

Data for the dedication services of the new church of the First Baptist at Willett and Bates streets is announced today and a program which will extend over the week of March 10 is being completed.

March 10 will be opening Sunday. At the morning service at 11 o'clock Dr. H. Giles, president of the Detroit Council of Churches, will be the guest speaker. Dr. William Spencer, president of Hillsdale College, is expected to give the sermon of the evening.

Monday evening will be young people's and educational night. Tuesday evening will be the girls' Glee club of the High School, under the direction of Miss Mae Brunstedt, of the High School, will be the choir.

Wednesday evening will be the church and address by Rev. J. H. Duggan, director of religious education for the Michigan Baptist Convention, will be given by Chester B. Emerson, of the North Woodland Avenue Congregational Church, Detroit, will give the sermon.

Thursday evening will be church night. A banquet will be served in the new dining room at 6:30 p. m. and greetings will be brought by former pastors of the church and an address on "The Church in the Future" will be given by the Rev. George Dawkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pontiac.

Friday evening will be the interdenominational service of the DeWitt Jones, of the Central Woodward Christian Church, Detroit, will give the sermon. Special music will be furnished by one of the church choirs of Birmingham during the evening.

Sunday will be dedication Sunday with services both morning and evening. Dr. Ralph O. Edgerton, the newly elected executive secretary of the Michigan Baptist Convention, will be the guest speaker and will give the dedication sermon Sunday at 11 a. m.

## AMERICAN LEGAL REGULAR MEET

The Oakland County branch of the American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. at the Community House. Twelve posts will be represented.

Plans are under way for an entertainment to follow the business meeting. Lloyd I. Stanley, commander of the Charles Edwards post, said.

## FRANKLIN BANQUET

The Franklin father and son banquet which was postponed from Monday at 8 p. m. to Thursday at 6:30 p. m. in the Community hall, it is announced today.

## HEADS LINCOLNS

### WILLIAMSON'S FACE \$60,000 ISSUE IN ELECTIONS

Birmingham voters will be asked to approve a bond issue for \$60,000 at the elections March 31, it was decided by the village commission Monday night.

The money is for the purchase of the four lots remaining in the second block of the civic center. Condemnation proceedings are underway on the parcels of land today.

They are described as lots 44, 45, 46 and 47 of the Myrtle Hill tract. The acquisition introduced by LUTHER D. ALLEN, president of the village commission of the Oakland County Lincoln Republican club on Monday. Mr. Allen has been for years identified with Republican County politics as an airport.

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## REGISTER NOW

With only 1,500 of a possible 3,000 eligible voters in Birmingham registered for the elections March 11 here, a warning is issued today by Myrtle Hill village attorney against delay. "The final date for registering is March 29," he said. "Registrations for townships registered in the village since last June 2 must do so to vote. The registrations for township elections have nothing to do with the village. Persons may register any day at the municipal building up to March 29."

Commissioner J. H. McBride states the issue is a necessity for acquiring the remainder of the land since the \$200,000 previously acquired has been exhausted in other purchases in the three block center.

The land has increased in value during the past year was pointed out to the commission by Myrtle Hill village attorney, who is representing Birmingham in the condemnation.

One piece of land in the vicinity was valued at \$9,200 in its present state. The value in the vicinity was valued at \$9,200 in its present state. The value in the vicinity was valued at \$9,200 in its present state.

Abide from the bond issue and the election of the village clerk and three members of the board of trustees will be cast on a proposed charter amendment which would change the method of electing the board of trustees to the village at large instead of the abutting property owners, as it is at present.

The three commissioners whose terms expire are Laurence Hulbert, W. W. Henry and Myrtle Hill. Myrtle Hill is village clerk. The board has been taken out of office last week for this morning.

## FRIDAY TO BE TAXPAYER'S DAY

### Township Collections End And Books To Be Turned Over To Clerk's Office

Tax return records of the Bloomfield Hills township close tomorrow. Less than one half the assessed amount had been paid late yesterday by Charles C. Mudge, township treasurer, announced today. It is approximately \$225,000 of the 475,000 township worth collected.

Receipts are coming in rapidly, however. Records should close with such mail bringing missing checks. The majority of the payments are made by check, as pointed out.

After Friday tax payments will be made at the county clerk's office Pontiac. The time for payment in the township has been extended from Jan. 10 an in former years to Feb. 1.

March 1 is the deadline for those procuring delinquent of the township office. After that date they must be procured at Pontiac.

Approximately 150 dog licenses have been issued at the township office here today with the \$270 collected. After March 1 the \$2 fee for male licenses and \$4 for females will be increased to \$2 each, Mrs. Mudge said.

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