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## FORD AGENCY IS BOUGHT BY E. W. OSBORNE

Former Birmingham Man Returns To Buy Out Frank Conant

E. W. (Cy) Osborne, former active partner with Frank Conant in the local Ford Sales & Service, this week took over complete ownership of the business, and will conduct the agency under his own name. He comes directly from Auburn, Ind., where he operated a Ford agency since leaving Birmingham in June, 1926. Prior to June, 1926, Mr. Osborne was active here in the Ford agency with Mr. Conant, both men publishing themselves here in June, 1921.

"I am more than pleased to be back in Birmingham, where I made many friends during the five years I was associated with the local Ford agency," said Mr. Osborne today. "Although I have returned to Birmingham at various intervals, since coming back this week I have been greatly impressed by the growth and expansion of this community. Truly, this community has kept pace with the progress and prosperity of the Detroit metropolitan area. Mr. Osborne formally came into sole ownership of the Ford agency Tuesday, buying out Mr. Conant's interest. He brought with him from Indiana Walter Huffman, who was associated with him in the automobile business there, and who will assist him in directing the Birmingham agency. "It is my desire to do all in my power to serve the people of this area with Ford products," stated Mr. Osborne. "With speeded production of the Ford Motor Company plants, we are now in a position to give almost immediate delivery of new Ford cars." Mr. Osborne and his family reside at 402 George street.

## AMONG THE WOMEN

Hope Halgren, 'Typical Villager,' First Woman Commissioner

By DOROTHY E. WILLIAMS She returned to Birmingham from a trip to Washington, D. C., to find she had been nominated for the village commission. A few weeks later, she was elected and had the distinction of being the first woman member of the commission in the history of the village.

She is Hope F. Halgren, serving her second term as a member of the board. Mrs. Halgren was elected in 1927 for a one year term at the time of the adoption of the seven member commission.

Election is largely a matter of being known, Mrs. Halgren said. "I had considered running for the office because at that time I had no other demands upon my time and many persons seemed to want a woman on the commission."

"I had not definitely said I would run for the office, but I came back from Washington to find that my name had been placed on the ticket. I ran, little expecting to win."

Mrs. Halgren has seen Birmingham grow in a few years from a community of retired farmers to a village of many commuters. "My father was one of Birmingham's first commuters," she said. "He did not want his children to grow up in a large city, so he moved to Birmingham when I was six years old."

Mrs. Halgren is the daughter of the late George Ferguson, of North Woodward avenue. She was born in Fenton, in 1897 coming to Birmingham in 1903. She is a graduate of the Baldwin High School and the University of Michigan in 1919, taking the first year of her college work at the University of California.

For two years she was a teacher of French in the Baldwin High School. In 1921 she married A. J. Halgren. She is the mother of one boy.

"I have seen Birmingham grow from a village of oil lamps, boardwalks and false front buildings to the residential community it is today," she added. "In those days," she added, "I did we think that some day we would be serving Detroit as one of her greatest residential suburbs. Birmingham was a settlement of persons content to be in occasional contact with a large city. "We were not interested," she said, "but our interests were for the most part centered here."

Mrs. Halgren sees advantages in having a woman on the commission. "Much of the work of the commission could be termed village housekeeping," she said. "For that very reason I believe that a woman is capable of a position in the group as much as a man. It seems as though the women of the village take a greater interest in civic affairs when a woman holds a governing position. I have many telephone calls from women asking that some details be attended to. They say that they feel more free to voice suggestions in civic affairs with a woman on the commission," she said.

Mrs. Halgren has a marked interest in two village projects. "I look for considerable improvement through our new village plan," she said. "I also hope for added park areas which are close in by municipalities and which will be a time when park areas near Birmingham will be prohibited because of the high valuation of property," she said. "I believe that for the most part efforts are being made to

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Alfred J. LaRella, 1925 west Maple: "The trend of opinion in Birmingham is notably toward the better class of books. I have an interest in the biological books as well. Generally speaking, people are reading more outdoor books to recall what the old classics were the more 'pony' I think this change has been caused by lack of room in homes for a large library, and also the progress made by public libraries. Our own library in Birmingham is an example of the wonderful library facilities at the service of the public."

cope with the growing needs of the community," she said. "There are those who question action of the commission it is often through being thoroughly informed. Few citizens realize the intricacy of a village government," she pointed out. "I know that I was amazed at the complications of the government of Birmingham when I first became a member of the commission."

And this is just a little about a "typical villager," the first woman president of the Birmingham branch of the American Association of Women and Children in affairs of Birmingham.

## POLICE 'GO COLLEGE' BUT NOT IN THE RACCOON COAT SENSE

If you held a warrant charging a person with misdemeanor, you would serve it on him at night.

When and where did the first uniformed patrol originate? "Can you arrest a person on suspicion?"

A Birmingham police man knows their A B's and the above are only three of the questions which patrolmen of the village force must be able to answer intelligently.

Police school is held in the squad room at police headquarters in Birmingham building Thursday afternoon.

Members of the squad of 14 become school boys again and the room in many respects resembles a lecture room at a high school or college.

The role of teacher is taken today by Patrolman Joseph MacGregor who gives lectures and asks with questions.

The fourth meeting of the school is being held today and study of the kind and purpose of the police, preparation for patrol, patrolling, observation, and patrol, observation, requisites so far. The course continues with a study of village and state law, its interpretation, enforcement and punishment for crime.

Written examinations will be held at intervals, the first being next Thursday. Chief of Police James Anderson authorized the introduction of the school to make better policemen" starting Jan. 1.

Correct replies to the three introductory questions in their order, would be: "Yes," "No," "Warrants charging misdemeanor can only be lawfully served during the daytime. The defendant could protest to the illegality of home arrest."

The first uniformed patrol was originated in New York City in 1844.

A person can only be arrested in crime until proven guilty. On suspicion if the officer finds logical evidence displayed that the person is guilty of some violation. The person taken into custody must be treated justly and with no unnecessary violence. He is considered innocent of the crime until proven guilty.

Patrolmen were told at their last meeting that their efficiency reflects the real life of the city, but by their promptness in response to calls. Suitable conduct on patrol, observation, requisites of efficiency and other subjects were discussed.

## Manager



Photo by Arnold Studio  
PAUL R. COTTON  
Mr. Cotton is the newly appointed manager of the Arthur T. Stone company here with offices on Woodward avenue. He is a former member of the firm Tracey & Cotton. He is head of the sales force handling Whippets and Willys-Knights.

## IF YOU LIKE FIGURES—

Here is Some Material Used in County Roads

Materials used in the construction and maintenance of Oakland County roads during 1928. If placed in freight cars, would require a train 775 miles in length and including 47,109 cars.

Statistics furnished today by Luther D. Allen, chairman of the Oakland County road commission, disclose that approximately 90 miles of 20-foot concrete was laid during the past year.

The same materials used above, placed in trucks, would require a train extending from Duluth to the Gulf of Mexico, 1,700 miles distant.

963 Miles of Concrete  
Concrete amounting to 250,828 cubic yards if laid in a four foot sidewalk, it is figured, would stretch for 963 miles. If a person hurried about from end to end averaging 25 miles per day, he would finish footsore and weary at the conclusion of 38 days, 15 hours and 36 minutes.

For the 90 miles of pavement, gravel road construction amounting to 13.5 miles, patching of pavement, erection of county bridges more than 12 feet in length, gravel resurfacing and gravel, patching the constituents included cement, gravel, sand and steel. In the total pavement area 214,785 cubic yards were incorporated; in the patching 6,000 cubic yards; and in the county bridges, 3,043 cubic yards.

A Few Carloads  
Concrete amounting to 1,056,060 or enough to make an area more than a half mile square, patching and bridging, totals 385,914 barrels or 1,929 car loads.

The gravel for the six classifications of uses amounts to 455,407 tons or 11,411 carloads. The largest amount was in the concrete mixture which totaled 204,850 tons or 7,616 car loads. Following that was resurfacing with 98,781 tons or 2,470 car loads and road construction with 40,690 tons or 1,015 car loads.

A total of 150,485 tons or 3,762 car loads of sand was employed. Patching agents, the largest amount with 145,071 tons or 3,626 car loads. Patching of concrete was next in order with 3,600

## D'MOLAY FIVE LOSES GAME

Pontiac Team Proves Too Strong For Village Court Aggregation

The Birmingham DeMolay basketball team was defeated by St. John A. C. of Pontiac at the West Bloomfield Town Hall Saturday evening by a score of 24 to 8.

The game was a fast one throughout, but the St. John aggregation had the advantage in size and speed. Kichen, a Birmingham forward, was high scorer man for the local team, making four points. Bradley, Ward, Stence and Wollaston were the other Birmingham players.

## PARK REPORT DATE NAMED

Date for a final report on the definite park line along the River Rouge in Birmingham was set for Feb. 15 by the commission Monday night when Manager James W. Parry and Clarence H. Ogden, village attorney, were authorized to make a study of the situation and report back.

Not Suited At All  
Mable: Why so sad, honey? Leora: That big sap that I was going to sue for breach of promise wants to marry me now!

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## The WORLD and All

By CHARLES B. DRISCOLL

AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
The American people's interest in biography is a very wholesome sign of the times. Readers are evincing a remarkable interest in the stories of human lives. I think it is one of the most encouraging of public tastes we have been able to observe in many a year.

It has been discovered that a person needs to be a president or a king or a great general in order to have an interesting life. Every life is interesting and instructive, if well and frankly and completely told. For, after all, what we have to do is to make a life for ourselves, and we like to learn how others have done it or are doing it.

The best kind of biography is autobiography. No man writes so well about anybody else as he can write about himself.

I have read stacks of autobiography during the last three or four years. Just now I am interested in the autobiography of O. O. McIntyre, now running in McClure's Magazine. It is so frank, so modest, and so well told, I am interested in Eddie Cantor's "My Life Is Your Hands," because it seems to me to be almost the opposite in every respect to McIntyre's story. It is wonderful to observe how you can make a mess or a jest out of a bit of good raw material.

Both McIntyre and Cantor were born poor and achieved great success in highly specialized fields of endeavor. Both have made a great deal of money. McIntyre's story of how it happened is a human story, honest on the face of it, and written without affectation.

Cantor's story sounds to me like a piece of trash boasting. It is worth while reading, just to observe this successful clown telling how rich he is, how great he is, how good and charitable he is, and continually heightening his effects by reminding the reader

## WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Commissioner W. W. Henry: "There seems to be little question but that the value of property in the vicinity of the municipal building has been enhanced by the improvements in the civic center."

that he, the great Cantor, came up from a most humble beginning. There are such different ways of telling a story that it is hard to know which is the better. I know that McIntyre's modest tale does mirror a living personality.

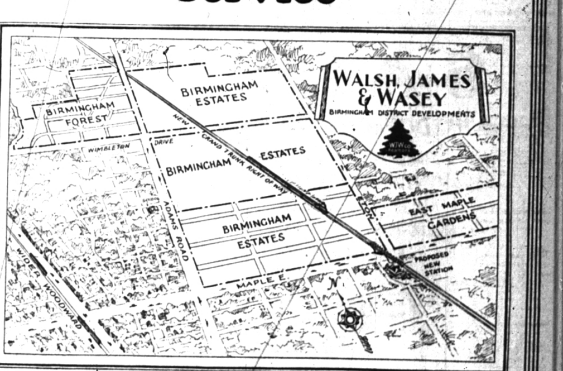
"There is nothing more frightful than an active ignorance," Goethe.

## BILL BOOSTER SAYS:

WHEN YOU GO HOME AT NIGHT AND FIND THAT ANOTHER WASHT COME HOME FROM CLUB DON'T MAKE LIKE A HAWKEYE SQUAD—YOU'RE DOWN TOWN ALL DAY. THE CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL AND IF YOU DON'T KEEP UP TO YOU MENTALLY, YOU MUST GET OUT AND ABSORB SOME NEW IDEAS TOO



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