

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 1

SUPERVISORS CHOOSE MOORE AS CHAIRMAN

Birmingham Man Re-elected
Meeting Adjourned
To Monday

LEGGATT ALSO NAMED

By an apparently unanimous vote of confidence, the members of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors Tuesday re-elected George Y. Moore, of Birmingham, as chairman of the board, and then adjourned their meeting until next Monday, Apr. 21. The delay prolonged the session felt in county politics since the rumor of possibility of a grand jury investigation into county affairs as a result of the private inquiry of Supervisor Frank Springfield, of Royal Oak.

Bruce Leggett of West Bloomfield Township was named vice-chairman in the few minutes after Moore's re-election. Forty-three of the 45 members of the board attended. Mr. Leggett was chosen temporary chairman a few minutes after by Burton P. Daugherty, county clerk, opened the meeting at 11 a. m.

The resolution for the appointment of Mr. Moore was made by Supervisor Washington E. Irish of Independence Township and no opposition to its adoption was made. Springfield offered the name of Leggett for vice-chairman and the action was made unanimously. Supervisor John Grant of Pleasant Ridge moved that the meeting be adjourned until tomorrow, but Supervisor J. L. Marcero of Pontiac suggested adjournment until the late afternoon because of Good Friday falling on Apr. 18.

Will Appoint Committees
Appointment of standing committees for the year is expected to be the first business of the meeting on Monday and it was anticipated the ways and means committee will make its report regarding Springfield's investigations.

In January the ways and means committee was authorized to meet and study the county's operation expenses with a view to reducing costs and making additional savings in the budgets and taxes. One of the resolutions passed at the meeting was to have the political faze, was the resolution made by Springfield to give the committee full authority in controlling powers over the expenditure and transfer of county funds.

At the meeting on Monday, because he had been talking so recently, he was asked to read his report. Robert Campbell, to read his written report.

SLANDER SUIT HEARING GIVEN ADJOURNMENT

Delay Until May 5 Is Granted
By A. W. Newitt

GIRL ASKS \$100,000

Hearing on the suit for \$100,000 damages filed by Miss Evangeline Purcell, former Baldwin High School teacher, against Dr. A. W. Newitt, former health officer, and his partner, Oscar Peterson, her former landlady, charging them with slander, was postponed until May 5, when the case was to be heard by Judge Frank L. Conner.

The delay was granted at the petition of attorneys for both sides who are attempting to establish an agreement out of court.

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HILLS SOCIETY GIRL NAMED

Miss Anne Matheson, 22, Now Recovering From Auto Accident

Miss Anne Fuller Matheson, 22 years old, prominent Hills society girl and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Matheson, of Oak Ridge road, is resting today at her home, nearly recovered from injuries suffered Friday when her automobile overturned near Wall-Lake.

Accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Martha Lundman, 306 Melbourne avenue, Detroit, Miss Matheson (Turn to Page 7, No. 9)

Calendar of Coming Events

Today—Lenten Cantata "The Crucifixion" will be presented at the Baptist Church by the Baptist choir and the choir of the Central M. E. Church of Pontiac. A luncheon will be served at the Community House, noon.

Friday, Apr. 20: Easter services in all churches.

Wednesday, Apr. 23: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will meet at the Community House at noon.

Wives of Exchanges will entertain husbands at Community House.

Women's Civic League will give a benefit bridge party at the Community House, 2:30 p. m.

Thursday, Apr. 24: Birmingham Legion No. 1, A. O. U. W., will observe Eightieth anniversary of Masonic temple.

Friday, Apr. 25: American Legion Legion Auxiliary will give dance at Bloomfield Township hall, 8 p. m.

Saturday, Apr. 26: Boy Scout Council of Honor will be held at 7:30 p. m. at Community House.

Girl Scouts will hold Bazaar Sale at 167 No. Woodward avenue.

Village Players will present "The Sign of the Cross" at the Birmingham Golf Club.

Sunday, Apr. 27: Annual Boys' and Girls' meeting at the National Shrine, 10:30 a. m.

Tuesday, Apr. 28: Dedication of Community House, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Apr. 29: Women's Literary Club will meet in Library, George Dunsford, Royal Oak.

Friday, May 2: Col. Edwin S. Clegg will give illustrated lecture at High School.

Sunday, May 4: Music Week will be held at Community House.

Monday, May 5: Community House will be held at Community House.

Wednesday, May 7: Bloomfield Hills Unit of the National Park and Garden club will meet at Guild Hall of Christ Church.

Thursday, May 8: Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society will meet at Community House at 8 p. m.

Friday, May 9: Community Mother and Daughter Banquet at Community House.

Saturday, May 10: Boy Scout Council of Honor will be held at 7:30 p. m. at Community House.

NEW PRESIDENT

GOVERNMENT FOR OTHER COUNTRIES

Judge Duty To Hear Arguments For New Hearing On Saturday

ERRORS CHARGED

Petition for a new trial for Roy Gorman, sentenced Mar. 24 to spend from 40 to 60 years in the Michigan State Prison at Jackson for the slaying of George Townsend, former Birmingham patrolman, will be heard on Saturday before Judge Frank L. Conner in the Oakland Circuit Court.

The petition for the new trial was filed yesterday by Harry J. Conner, Gorman's attorney. In his petition Mr. Conner states his contention that the court erred in admitting the people's exhibits, allegedly written by Townsend and classified as Townsend's dying declaration. The exhibits were two envelopes upon one of which Townsend had written his name, and on the other the declaration, "Gorman shot me."

The court also erred in accepting the testimony of Charles J. Callahan, the state's star witness, who found Townsend in a semi-conscious condition by the roadside at the Telegraph and West Maple roads, following the shooting on Mar. 17, 1929, in Oakland state. Callahan testified that he had engaged Townsend in conversation during which Townsend had declared Gorman had shot him. Because there were no other witnesses, the jury ruled in favor of the state.

A third count upon which the petition for a new trial is asked is based upon the defense's contention that the court erred in permitting the prosecuting attorney, Norman C. Orr, in his final address to the jury, to state that slaying man, was an unfriendly witness for the people.

ELMER C. HUSTON

Mr. Huston, for many years a prominent Birmingham hardware merchant and bank director, last week succeeded Dr. Donovan, who retired, to the presidency of the First National Bank of Birmingham.

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POLICE ARREST MAN BY ERROR AND APOLOGIZE

Two years ago, A. L. Larsen, of 832 East Lincoln avenue, an Eastern Michigan Motorist driver, was robbed of a sum of money by a passenger on the bus while driving. Monday night, he thought he recognized the man who had held him up.

He notified the Birmingham police, who in turn informed the Bloomfield Hills police. The Bloomfield Hills police, in turn, notified the Bloomfield Hills police. The Bloomfield Hills police, in turn, notified the Bloomfield Hills police.

Parry Searching For Traffic Light

Village Manager James W. Parry is looking for a second-hand but serviceable traffic light, preferably one of the flasher type. Members of the village commission, agreeing that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Lincoln and Southfield roads, were necessary. Mr. Parry is to obtain a flasher light and install it at the intersection.

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1930

THAT COUNTRY RUMPUSS

Is Oakland County's government, as operated from Pontiac, the county seat, to be shaken a bit, some officials removed, others severely criticised, and a renewed effort made to lower the public expenditure? Is there anything seriously wrong with the administration of affairs and the various departments of the County government, which annually expend millions of the taxpayers' dollars for various commodities and services? Is there anything of an alarming nature back of recent statements made by Norman C. Orr, County Prosecutor, and Burton P. Daugherty, County Clerk, with regard to affairs in the County Auditor's Department? Will the Ways and Means Committee of the Oakland County Board of Auditors, in its special investigating report into various county departments, bring forth sufficient evidence to require a grand jury investigation? What is back of the recent statement, Willis M. Brewer, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Auditors, that rumors were being largely to emanate from or have their inspiration in one of the members of the Oakland County Judiciary? This gentleman is without question a political and personal enemy of mine. In other words, just what is wrong with Oakland County's official household? The eccentric herewith repeats, in part, some of the things which situation which appeared in the only Oakland County daily newspaper, the Daily Tribune, of Royal Oak. It is suggested that

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Birmingham Will Observe Good Friday And Easter

In Birmingham Churches this week will be observed many of the most dramatic and stirring events in the Christian religion. Tomorrow the Passion and Death of Christ will be commemorated in prayer and sacred song. On Sunday—Easter—the resurrection of Christ will be celebrated in the ceremonies of spiritual rejoicing. Tomorrow—Good Friday—and the stores will be closed from noon until three o'clock when residents of the village attend services recalling the divine sacrifice of the Nazarene. At the first Methodist Episcopal Church a union service in which members of that church, the Presbyterian Church, the United Presbyterian Church, and the First Baptist Church will take part. From 1:30 p. m. until 3:30 p. m. religious services will be conducted by the Rev. Robert M. Atkins, of the M. E. Church, the Rev. David Leon Woodward of the First Baptist Church and Rev. Henry S. Evans of the United Presbyterian Church.

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BIRMINGHAM MASONS CELEBRATE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY APR. 24

Members of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. and A. M., will celebrate the eightieth anniversary of the establishment of the lodge next Thursday, with formal ritual, a banquet, and speeches.

Roscoe O. Bonisteel, of Ann Arbor, Grand Master of Masons in Michigan, will be the guest of honor, and principal speaker. Other honor guests will include Past Grand Masters F. Homer Newton, Pontiac, and James F. McGregory, of Detroit; and Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Eastern Star, Mrs. J. C. Reid, of Mr. C. C. Clendell, Judge Neil.

Among the honor guests will be six of the lodge's oldest members, who are also Past Masters. They are Walter North, of Detroit, who became a Mason in 1874; William A. Burrows, of Birmingham, 1883; John Sheldon, of Ann Arbor, 1885; William H. Franklin, 1887; and William H. Franklin, 1887; and William H. Franklin, 1887.

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But Mr. Scott, through a clerical error, had the number 551 on his door. When he returned home, Mr. Scott began receiving parcels and packages intended for Mr. and Mrs. Cutler. After three months, the confusion was cleared up.

Official Election Returns Are Made

According to the official tabulation of the votes in the recent election of the village of Birmingham Township election by James V. Bayley, the following returns were made: The following number of votes: Robert Y. Moore, supervisor, 119; B. E. Taylor, 107; Margaret Thomas, treasurer, 107; John E. Wilson, highway commissioner, 105; Harry A. Vaughan, Justice of the Peace, 105; and Justice K. McCallan, board of review, 106.

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