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TEACHER GETS JOB BACK, BUT NEWITT SILENT

"Did Not Authorize Re-instatement" Is Health
Officer's Statement
HEARING ON MAY 5

Other than to say that neither he nor the State Dept. of Health sanctioned the re-instatement of Miss Evangeline Purcell, who is using her for \$100,000, charging slander, Dr. A. W. Nevitt, village health officer, yesterday declined to comment upon the school board's action Saturday in restoring her as a teacher in Birmingham schools and the hearing, which is scheduled for May 5 before Judge Frank L. Covert in the Oakland Circuit Court.

At a special meeting of the board held in the office of Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, a delegation of 20 Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents applauded the action of the board which was the form of the following resolution:

"Moved by Guy Jensen and supported by Fred V. Quarten, that the application of Miss Evangeline Purcell for employment in the Birmingham Schools be received and accepted, and that Superintendent Vliet be authorized to provide employment for her. The resolution was adopted unanimously and the board then adjourned."

Commande Action

At the conclusion of the brief session, Mrs. Purcell, who is the spokesman for the group, expressed the satisfaction of the group at the board action.

Mr. Rolfe J. J. Correll, a member of the board, in the discussion that followed, said: "We didn't take any action before this because we did not want to get the board into a lawsuit, but the citizens of Birmingham took the matter into their own hands and went to the highest authorities in the state. Dr. Nevitt was here Tuesday night and promised to see Dr. Keifer and report back here what he had to say. We have not heard from him, although he has had plenty of time, so we decided to go ahead."

Mr. Leigh Lynch, another member declared: "The board made a mistake in accepting Mrs. Purcell's resignation. We acted too hastily." Mr. Correll added: "The reason for this is that we didn't understand the nature of the case. The board did not ask for her resignation and we didn't understand the reasons. If we had understood, we should have waited more time, as we had all of the Christmas vacation for investigation. Later, we accepted the testimony of Dr. Nevitt."

Mrs. Charles J. Shaw, a member of the board and the village president in the rehabilitation of Miss Purcell, said: "I am glad that she was placed in the school taken in the affairs of the school board."

At Commission Meeting

At the meeting of the village commission Monday night a large attendance was present, and so direct reference was made to the reason for the attendance. Mrs. Purcell informed that the committee wished to express its appreciation of the village commission's interest in the matter.

Members of the commission, consulted as to what action the village commission intended taking in the matter, informed that the questions that they would take to active interest in the case until after the court proceedings had been settled. Whether the case will be heard depends upon the attorneys for both Dr. Nevitt and Miss Purcell who are understood to be discussing an agreement out of court.

Miss Purcell resigned as a teacher of history in the high school following an examination made by Dr. Nevitt last December. Dr. Nevitt told her that she was suffering from a communicable disease and advised her to resign.

CENSUS TAKER HAS TROUBLES LIKE ALL OF US

One Birmingham resident does not want Uncle Sam to know anything about him, according to Mr. D. D. Fisher, director of the United States census district No. 14 which embraces the village.

"Of course we can't make public the names of persons who refuse to give us the information sought by the Government for the census," Mr. Fisher said, "but this particular fellow was more than obdurate."

"When I would ask him, for instance, how old he was, his reply would be: 'It's none of your business.' In answer to every question, in fact, he said it was none of the Government's business. I pleaded with him for some time, explaining the necessity and common sense of a census before I could convince him it would be better for me to learn from him what information we wanted. And then, his answers may not have been the truth."

In Ferndale, Mr. Fisher, who investigates all objections, found a man who was a conscientious objector to the census before I've seen since the war," Mr. Fisher said. "I told him the war was over, but he said he was a conscientious objector—even to the taking of the census. When I asked him if he ever had been in the army, he said he had not, and I thought it would answer the question. I told him that we were permitted to estimate a person's age. (Turn to Page 2, No. 1.)

LOCAL MASON'S FEAST TONIGHT

Lodge No. 44 Celebrates
80th Anniversary At
Temple Hall

Two hundred and twenty-five Masons have been made for the Masonic banquet tonight, celebrating the eightieth anniversary of the lodge. The lodge is located at 44 E. Temple Hall.

The banquet and formal ritual will be held at the evening's ceremony. Many distinguished guests are expected to be present.

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ANNUAL CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN STARTS TODAY

Rubbish Collection Plans Are
Announced By Village
Manager
CONTINUES FOR WEEK

The civic consciousness which has made Birmingham one of the most attractive Michigan communities, is being exemplified this week in the annual Clean Up campaign. Clean Up Week begins today and James W. Parry, village manager, has made plans to dispose of all rubbish collected from homes in the village.

Harry Allen, village president, has issued a proclamation, printed on the page, urging the cooperation of all citizens in the campaign and pointing out the advantages of the drive.

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Bards Of Spring Here's The Thing For You To Sing:

Money Prizes Will Be Given
For Best, Or Worst,
Verses

You bards of spring who often have mounted Pegasus for a ride in the romantic climes of poetry, only to find that you suffered a delusion—that Pegasus was actually Rosinante and your writing only doggerel after all—have courage!

The Birmingham Eccentric next week will offer three prizes for the best—or worst—eight-line ditties, verses, rhymes or poems dedicated to the season of spring of any of its attributes. Your verse, or what-not, need not be exceptionally brilliant pieces of writing. Type-write them if possible, taking care to include your name and address. We prefer humorous, or witty rhymes.

For first prize, \$5 will be given; for second prize, \$3, and for third prize, \$2. All copy must be in the office of The Eccentric not later than noon on Tuesday, Apr. 29.

COMMISSION REFUSES PLEA TO CUT TREES

Petition Of D. M. Newbro
Co To Raze Trees At
Worth And Maple
Is Denied

LEWIS MAKES MOTION

By a vote of four to three the village commission Monday night denied the petition of the D. M. Newbro Co. to cut down two trees at the corner of Maple avenue and Worth street, which, the company, contends, interferes with a proposed gasoline station for that corner.

The motion to deny the petition was made by Commissioner Charles E. Lewis who, at the beginning of the discussion of the problem, requested representatives of the company to submit additional plans that might save the tree from destruction. His motion was made after objections were made to his proposal.

Representatives of the company, in an effort at compromise, agreed to plant two trees near the location of the proposed station. The company otherwise would be given permission to raze the two trees in front of their gasoline station.

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THUGS KIDNAP ROBBED THE KEEPER IN \$3,000 HOLDUP

Deputy Sheriffs And Berkeley
Police Seek Two Bandits
Who Escaped
VICTIM'S CAR FOUND

Oakland County deputy sheriffs and police of North Woodward communities today were continuing their search for two bandits, who, on Monday, kidnaped Paul J. Weyer, manager of Northwood Inn, and robbed him of \$3,000. The bandits, after compelling Weyer to drive from the garage at the rear of the inn, put him out of the machine and escaped.

In his report to the Berkeley Police Department Weyer said that he had left the inn at about one o'clock Monday afternoon and went to the garage with the money in a strongbox under his arm. As he entered his automobile, one of the bandits appeared suddenly and got into the car with him, Weyer said.

He shoved a pistol against Weyer and threatened him with it. Weyer said he tried to get out of the car, but the bandit directed him to the left and at the intersection of the Woodward and Lehigh roads they ordered him out of the car.

Blindfolded Victim
Here they robbed him, tied a blindfold over his eyes, helped him over a fence and ran back to the blindfold from his eyes in time to see the automobile being driven away at a high rate of speed.

Patrolman Ray Judy later reported that he saw the stolen car driving west at the Eleven-Mile and Townline roads but he had not known of the holdup when he saw them. Weyer's automobile was found a few hours later at Cass and Lehigh roads and Harvard street, Berkeley. His bank book was found in the car. Police report that a witness saw the bandits abandon Weyer's car and drive away in another machine.

According to the police report, the bandits were members of a party that dined at the Village Hotel on Monday night. The first bandit, Weyer said, was about six feet tall, of dark complexion, weighed 165 pounds and wore a cap. He could not give a complete description of the second thug, the police say.

ASSASSOR LAUDS APPRAISAL WORK

Committee Is Thanked For Their
Aid In Appraising
Land Values

Albert W. Noonan, village assessor, in a letter to the village commission Monday night commended the work of the committee recently appointed to assist him in appraising land values for the 1930 assessment roll. Upon Mr. Noonan's recommendation the commission passed a resolution proposed by Commissioner Robert R. Allen.

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