

# MILD HEALTH PARADE MAY 1

**Floata And Banners To Depict County Children's Health Interests**

The Oakland County Health department is sponsoring a Health Parade May 1, which will consist of 15 floats depicting the different phases of health. The participating floats will represent the rural and village schools of the county including Pontiac, Birmingham, Milford, Drexton, Piquette, Auburn Heights, Doreston, Springham, Lambert, Whitfield, Keego Harbor, Holly, Big Beaver and Walled Lake. In addition to the schools, the Pontiac Lions Club and two dairies will enter floats. Miss Esther Faye Marshall of Milford, who was chosen Queen of the Oakland County Schools, will ride at the head of the parade, which will start at 1:30 p. m. from Telegraph Road. The parade will pass the Court House and the reviewing stand, proceed through Pontiac to Birmingham, probably arriving here at about 2:30, and will continue on to Royal Oak where it will end.

Representatives from the various clubs throughout the county will be on the reviewing stand behind the floats. The entries are competing for the silver cup offered for the best float.

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are if the person refused to reveal it. I told him that he could not on our reports if I felt like indicating it, and he succumbed. He admitted he was only 22 years old.

"Some folks lie—and that's a fact. There's nothing to be ashamed of in answering the single questions we ask. Then, in Royal Oak there are those who say they are too busy to answer questions. Most of these cannot speak English—O.K., well, so it goes. Most of us are honest, anyway," concluded Mr. Fisher.

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A specialized service of beauty aids to Birmingham Women.

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A complete line of quality drugs and sundries always fresh.

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Brownies, Kodaks and Movie outfits. Birmingham's most complete stock.

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## Calendar of Coming Events

- Today, Apr. 24—Masons observe eightieth anniversary. Zonta Club party at Community House.
- Business and Professional Women's Club will have dinner at the Community House.
- Apr. 25—Legion and Auxiliary dance at Bloomfield Township Park.
- Michigan State College Girls Club concert at High School auditorium sponsored by Junior Washington Grange.
- Apr. 26—Girl Scout Bake Sale at 167 N. Woodward Avenue.
- High School.
- Golf Tournament will be held at Birmingham Golf Club.
- Village Players will present group of plays.
- Annual Boys' Sunday celebrated Nationally in Churches.
- Apr. 27—Dedication of Community House.
- George Duroso will speak at Women's Literary Club on Abraham Lincoln in Baldwin Public Library auditorium at 2:30.
- Holy Name Mother and Daughters' entertainment at Schoolhouse.
- Post Office employees party at Community House.
- Apr. 30—Charles Padlock will speak to students body in Baldwin High School.
- May 2—Hi-Y club dance at Community House.

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then 200, he said, the seats should be fixed to the floor.

The present provision in the city of Birmingham is that the seats should be fixed to the floors except where the seats are grouped. Mr. Parry's recommended change in the ordinance he presented provides that in assembly halls such as the Village Players' high school and the Community House, the chairs shall not necessarily be fixed to the floor if only infrequent meetings are held there.

Dr. Fred L. Tucker stated that he believed some exceptions should be made for such buildings as the new Barnum School where seats grouped only in pairs have already been contracted for with

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speaker and honor guest. Others expected include Homer F. Newport, of Pontiac; Judge Neil Reid, of Mt. Clemens and eight life members of the lodge.

The lodge will be open at 2:30 p. m., and the banquet will begin at 6:30. There will be an orchestra, vocal music, and speeches. Clarence Vliet will be toastmaster introduced by Mr. Meiron.

After the banquet, the Grand Master will be officially received in the lodge room by Mr. Meiron with appropriate ceremonies.

G. S. Peterson of Chicago, who returned to a woman a purse containing \$150 which she had lost, received a reward of ten cents.

## ASSIST IN DEDICATION

**May 4—National Music week begins.**

**May 5—Community Sing** will be held at the Community House.

**May 6—Oakland County Social Service workers** entertained at dinner at Community House. William J. Norton, of Ferndale will speak.

**May 7—Miner will speak** at the Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society meeting at 8 p. m. in Community House.

**May 8—Bloomfield Hills Unit of the National Flower and Garden Club** will meet at Guild Hall, Church.

**Opening day of the League of St. James Women's rummage sale.**

**May 9—Bloomfield Hills and District Horticultural Society** will meet at Community House at 8 p. m.

**May 9—Community Mother and Daughter's banquet.**

**May 10—Poster exhibition** at Community House.

**May 12—Smoker** for men at Community House.

**May 13—Mother's and Daughters' banquet** sponsored by Methodist Episcopal Church at Community House.

**May 19—Community House** will hold a campaign opens.

**May 20—Boy Scout Court of Honor** to be held at Community House at 7:30 p. m.

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a special meeting of the Ways and Means Committee shall be called to pass upon the same, and a recommendation of a majority of the committee shall be final. This provision is absolutely beyond your authority.

The Board of Supervisors is the governing body for the County of Oakland and any action on any of these matters should be taken by the Board as a whole and the authority cannot be delegated to a committee. However, the committee may make such recommendations as they may see fit to the Board and the Board may upon their recommendation the Board of Supervisors may take any action they desire on the information you desire. I remain

Respectfully yours,  
(Signed) Norman Orr  
Prosecuting Attorney

**NOON**

Your Committee thereupon discussed the question of over what period of time the Committee should check and investigate. It was decided that in order to cut the budget or to keep under the budget, it be confined as much as possible to the year 1929.

**Fees**

We found that a great number of the employees of the county who are on a salary are also receiving certain fees from different sources, the most important of these being the Board of Commissioners and employees of the Poor Commission Office and the County Clerk. These matters we believe should be considered by the Salary Committee. The matter of transporting indigent patients to and from State Institutions and the cost of transporting such persons and the fees collected for the same are further discussed in the paragraph on the Probate Court.

We find that there are several departments in the county having more than one governing member and we believe that where there is more than one commissioner at the head of any department that the same amount of work and benefits could be accomplished more economically by one head to department together with necessary assistants in counties of over \$300,000,000 valuation. Because of the large amount of salaries paid to property in the county we are of the opinion that the Circuit Court Commissioners Office is a lucrative one and that it should be put on a salary basis.

We therefore recommend that these matters be referred to the Legislative Committee for further investigation.

**Coal**

The Coal situation of the county was considered by your committee as important and a trip to the various county institutions was made for the purpose of determining the different quantities of coal used and the manner of handling.

It was found that the county for the year 1929 used approximately \$28,000 worth of coal. This coal was found to be entirely purchased from local dealers. The proposition came up relative to having a central heating plant on the Poor House grounds it being thought that such a plant would be a saving to the county.

We do not recommend a Central Heating Plant at this time. However, we believe considerable money could be saved the county if coal is purchased at wholesale and bids be obtained on a heat unit basis.

This coal to be delivered on the nearest siding, and since the county has an abundance of trucks, especially in winter season, a great number of prisoners, the coal could be delivered at a reasonable figure.

**Coroner**

We find in checking the budget that the expenditures of the Coroner's Office were approximately one-half in 1929 they were in the years 1927, and 1928. We feel that this reduction was due to the fact that the Probate Attorney did not allow unnecessary expense in this department.

**Friend of the Court**

The Friend of the Court was interviewed and we feel because of the present conditions, this department has more work than under ordinary conditions, that it is compelled to expend more money for the reason that a great number of children have been placed under the custody of the Friend of the Court and have been put in

attacked and to see that they were properly cared for by a physician. We believe that the Legislative Committee should take up the matter of the revision of the Dog Law.

**Insurance**

Your Committee checked over the Fire and Tornado Insurance carried on the various County Buildings and found the following as per report furnished by the Chief Accountant of the Board of Auditors.

With reference to Fire and Tornado Insurance your committee feel considerable money could be saved by materially cutting down on the amount of insurance carried on fire-proof buildings and their contents.

**Conservation**

The Conservation Department was also taken into consideration for reason that a large portion of the county is made up of resort property, Oakland County having approximately four hundred lakes within its boundaries, the success or failure of which, depends upon the benefits and enjoyment that these resorts obtain from their surroundings. We feel the conservation officer, if he does his duty can conserve the fish and game in the county and therefore increase the demand for lake property; that there is a considerable sum of money that can be derived from the violators of the fish and game laws, and that the Chief Accountant of the County should be advised of the arrests and amount (Turn to Page 4, No. 5)

**SPRING and WOMEN**

**KIDSKIN**

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boarding homes, having been practically abandoned by the parents, or that said parents are not paying alimony as required by the court and it thereupon makes it necessary for the Friend of the Court to apply to the Four Commission for certain moneys to pay for wards kept.

We believe that a close check should be made of the parties required to pay alimony for these wards.

**Salaries**

At first your committee thought that the salaries or budget of the various departments could be reasonably cut five percent, but we find that the salaries in most cases were already set by the Salary Committee and passed upon by the Board, that it was out of the question for your committee to consider the same further.

After receiving letters and communications from the various County Officials and after discussing the same with the various department heads, we decided the matter of cutting the salaries would have a tendency to decrease the efficiency of the various offices.

**Webster Bill**

Upon checking the charges against the Supervisors, your committee found two bills which had been allowed and paid by the Board of County Auditors, which were approximately \$1,400 paid on December 5th and 6th of 1929 for legal services rendered the County Board of Auditors.

These bills were for services rendered over a period commencing on the 1st of November, 10, 1929. The Board of Auditors were brought in to explain what the bills were for and we were charged to the Supervisor's account. We were informed by the Board of Auditors that the bills were rendered in the December matter and other cases where they needed legal advice and that it was at the suggestion of the then Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Underwood.

Your Committee thereupon called in Mr. Underwood and he verified the statement made by the County Board of Auditors. He stated that when he was Prosecutor, he did not have sufficient help to handle the various cases and suggested to the Auditors that they obtain the services of some attorney in the city to advise them when they so desired.

In our examination of the accounting of the County, we found some items which were charged as we see it, to the wrong accounts, but we believe that this matter could be straightened out by the Chief Accountant in some way under the direct control of the Board of Supervisors.

**Merchandise & Drugs**

We found in checking over the minutes of the Board of Auditors that on many occasions bills from individuals and merchants were being allowed on a 10% plus basis. Also, the purchase of drugs from local concerns was brought to our attention and we found in the year 1929, the County had purchased approximately \$19,500 from local drug stores at retail prices or on a 10% plus basis.

Your Committee has taken the matter up with different wholesale houses relative to purchasing direct from them at wholesale and have been advised by several houses that they will sell direct to the county at wholesale rates. We feel that under no circumstances should any merchant or material in quantity be purchased on anything but a wholesale basis and that the practice of 10% plus be done away with. We feel that all purchases in quantity on a 10% plus is an unwarranted expenditure of the county money.

**Dog Tax**

The collection of dog tax was brought to the attention of your Committee. Mr. Johnson, who has charge of the dogs taxed, stated that he was brought in before your committee to explain what his duties were. We found that approximately five months of the year he was actually engaged in collection of dog taxes and for the year 1929 he had collected \$19,500 and the cost of the collection was approximately \$9,500 not including Mr. Johnson's salary; that the rest of the time was spent in looking after mad dogs or dogs that appeared to be affected with the rabies, to immediately dispose of the dog and take its head to the pound to determine whether or not the animal was affected with the rabies; it was also his duty to see if any other animal in that section had been bitten by the dog or any person had been

# Forget Civic Pride?

Society is held together by only a few civic-minded leaders in each community of this large country. Wouldn't it be safe to say that generally 99% of the citizenry have little or no interest in actively directing the affairs of government? In this little village of ours can there be over 1% who are civic-minded in practice? The rest of us come and go day in and out, minding our individual business of making a livelihood and delegating the responsibility of government to the 1% who are civic-minded. We have civic pride, but it is passive and scarcely ever manifests itself toward participation in community affairs. We seem perfectly content to "forget civic pride" and let Bill Jones do the worrying about it. We shouldn't do this, of course. Men are more guilty of it than women. For example: Many women think twice before making their purchases at stores where they know the money will immediately leave town. They realize that independently owned stores are one of the strong factors in safeguarding community prosperity. They do not "forget civic pride."

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