Already the summer foliage that clothes the otherwise nude limbs of some of Michigan's trees is falling earthward, in the perpetual plan of Nature to enrich the earth's soil. What seems death is life.

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2,500 STUDENTS EXPECTED TO ENTER SCHOOL

Vliet Says Enrollment May Exceed That Of Former Years

CHANGES ARE MADE

More than 2,500 pupils are expected to be enrolled in the Birmingham public schools during the first week which starts officially Tuesday, Sept. 2, Superintendent of Schools, Clarence Vliet, announced today. The school census taken last May showed 2,794 students in Birmingham but this cannot be taken as an estimate on the actual Public School enrollment as all students under 20 years of age are included in this report.

Principal Melvin C. Hart expects about the same number of students will be enrolled in the Baldwin high school even though the new Barnum school addition will take some students from the high school district. The 500 pupils to be enrolled at Baldwin will be adequately taken care of in two main home rooms and as many auxiliary rooms as the principal may find it necessary to put into use. George F. Johnson and Miss Ethel Waterman will again have charge of the two main session rooms, the senior and junior high assemblies.

Three New Members

Three new faculty members and a new clerk will be on the Baldwin high personnel this semester. Mr. Miles W. Robinson, will assume his duties as Manual Arts instructor, replacing Howard D. Crull who is principal at Barnum this year, and Mr. Franklin Whitney will act as boys' Physical Education teacher instead of Ernest Engel who has accepted a similar position at Barnum. Mrs. Frances Stephenson, A. B., will be girls' Physical Education instructor.

The new librarian and clerk to the principal, Charlotte A. Wood, has already assumed her duties preparing schedules and checking credits for students preparing to enter college this fall. Students who wish to register for the first time in Baldwin high are requested to go to the library sometime Friday or Saturday morning and make out their schedules so that they may be assigned to their classes on time without any unnecessary delay.

The first teachers' meeting of the school year will be held in the Baldwin High building on the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 2. Teachers in all of the public schools are asked to attend. New instructors will be the Birmingham schools are asked to bring their teacher's certificates to Superintendent Vliet so that they may be filed with the County School commissioner.

MIDGETS CAPTURE TITLE IN PLAY-OFF

Win Twilight League Championship By Beating So. End, 11 To 4

The Midgets baseball team, by defeating the South End club, 11 to 4 in the second game of the play-off for the Twilight League, Saturday won the trophy offered by the village service clubs.

Hartwell Ladd, pitching for winners, was given excellent support and his team-mates pounded out 17 hits. The Midgets scored five runs in the fourth inning to come from behind. Clarence Wedge, who succeeded Dick Swach on the mound after the first inning for the South End nine, finished out the game.

The trophy will become the permanent possession of the first team to win it three times. The contest was played at the junction diamond between the Grand Trunk Railway and Oxford Drive.

The score:

Midgets	2	1	0	5	0	1	2	—	11
South End	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	—	4

Batteries: Midgets, Ladd and Bob Cromie; So. End: Swach, Wedge and Mike Ford.

Violate Fishing Laws; Four Fined

Four fishermen arrested by deputy game warden Robert McClure, for violation of the conservation laws, paid fines totalling $60 last week when found guilty of the offenses by Justice Floyd S. Buck.

On Thursday, John Bonigot, 2166 Gray avenue, Detroit, paid a $20 fine for taking undersized fish from Lake Orion. John S. Barnes, who gave his address as 7554 Melrose avenue, Detroit, paid a similar fine for the same offense. August W. Rude, of Cleveland, paid $10 for fishing in Lake Pontiac for not having a non-resident's fishing license and Harry Ringwald, of Kentucky paid $10 for the same offense committed at Lake Orion.

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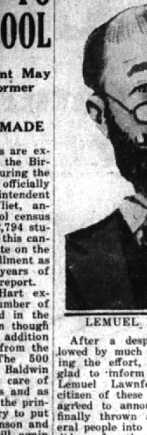
Polly-Ticks

By G. R. A.



LEMUEL, LAWNFETE

After a desperate effort, followed by much relaxation following the effort, The Eccentric is glad to inform its readers that Lemuel Lawnfete, well known citizen of these parts, has finally agreed to announce that he has finally thrown and hog-tied several people into accepting his candidacy for the Postmastership, on the Ballyhooist Party. As you may see by the above exclusive photograph of Lem, taken behind Casty's barn on a recent moonlight night, when the moon was shinin' brightly—not too brightly, of course—well, Lem is very, very happy, as you can tell by the tilt of the cigar in his mouth. Incidentally, Lem's cigar has gone out, so you don't need to fear, Ladies, that by leaving this newspaper upon your library table, or even on the rugs, that it will burn anything.

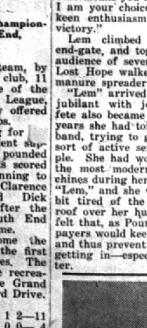
Lemuel Lawnfete, according to various police officers who have watched his movements during late years, is in all reality the People's Candidate of the Ballyhooist Party. "A Vote For Lem is A Vote For Mister Lawnfete, his family, relatives, and friends," is the war and cry of those who have sneaked up on his bandwagon. "We are for Lem—Lem is For Us," is another slogan adopted by Candidate Lawnfete's campaign committee.

Done Nothing But—

"I have long been a close observer of government of the people, for the people, and against the people," exclaimed Lemuel from the end gate of a McCormick-Deering manure spreader the other night. "For many years I have done nothing but observe the trend of our free government in this great State of Anxiety; I have been a supporter of the Ballyhooist Party in this wonderful County of Promises for many, many pieces of time, and you all know how I have never interfered before with government in our own fine City of Lost Hope. I ask you now, honestly and without fear or favor, could you expect more of any candidate than you expect of me? You answer with silence; that means you agree. That means I am your choice. That gives me keen enthusiasm to march on to victory."

Lem climbed down from the end-gate, and together he and his audience of seven local citizens of Lost Hope walked away from the manure spreader.

"Lem" arrived home that night, jubilant with joy. Mrs. Lawnfete also became happy; for many years she had toiled with her husband, trying to get him into some sort of active service for the people. She had worn out several of the most modern laundering machines during her married life with "Lem," and she was getting a wee bit tired of the effort to keep a roof over her husband's head. She felt that, as Poundmaster, the taxpayers would keep the roof tighter, and thus prevent the weather from getting in—especially in the winter.



MRS. LAWNFETE

Mrs. Lawnfete, whose first and maiden name was Clementine, first met her husband when he was the

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F. L. STEVENS WITHDRAWS APPEAL; FINED

Hills Test Case Is Dropped; Hughes To Be Tried On State Law

EXAMINATION, SEPT. 5

F. L. Stevens, of Pontiac, who last week filed an appeal after having been fined $50 in the court of Justice Floyd S. Buck for disorderly conduct under the Bloomfield Hills village ordinance, appeared Saturday in Justice Buck's court, withdrew his appeal and paid his fine. A warrant, which had been issued by Justice Buck for Stevens' arrest under the state law concerned with the transporting of liquor, was then withdrawn at Justice Buck's order.

B. Andrew Hughes, also of Pontiac, is under arrest under the same state law and is out on bond to appear at Justice Buck's court for examination, Sept. 5. A warrant for his arrest was ordered last week end by the prosecutor's office, and issued by Justice Buck. Accompanied by his attorney, William B. Hartman, of Pontiac, Hughes appeared in court Monday.

Stevens and Hughes were arrested following an accident at Woodward avenue and Long Lake road July 24, when a Pontiac woman, Mrs. Bertha Carter, was injured. Bloomfield Hills police officers, who witnessed and investigated the accident, reported that there had been liquor in Stevens' car.

The trial, Aug. 12, resulted in an adjournment. In the Stevens case, Mr. Hartman argued that the Bloomfield Hills ordinance, which defined disorderly conduct, was unconstitutional in that it went further than the state law

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MRS. HOLMES DIES IN EAST

Mother Of Mrs. Donald Stanton Expires After Brief Illness

Mrs. Jane S. Holmes, widow of the late Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, distinguished scientist, one of the organizers and the first director of the Bureau of Mines, and mother of Mrs. Donald T. Stanton, of 815 Mohegan avenue, died Sunday at her home in Washington, D. C., after an extended illness.

Mrs. Holmes was the daughter of the late Alexander Sprunt, of Wilmington, N. C. Her husband died in 1915 after heading the technological branch of the Geological Survey which later became the Bureau of Mines, for eight years.

Surviving Mrs. Holmes are two sons, Joseph A. Holmes, 2nd, of New York, and James S. Holmes, of Washington; her daughter, Mrs. Stanton, of Birmingham; two grandchildren, Joseph A. Holmes, 3rd, and Margaret Holmes Stanton; three brothers, John Sprunt, of London, England; William H. Sprunt, of Wilmington, N. C.; the Rev. Dr. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, S. C.; and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas F. Wood and Mrs. William C. Munds, both of Wilmington, N. C.

MASONIC GOLF MEET, SEPT. 10

Plans for the first annual Masonic golf tournament were announced today. Play will start at 2:30 p. m. on the afternoon of Sept. 10, at Bloomfield Township Park. In the evening, there will be a dinner at which a large number of prizes for accomplishments will be awarded.

The committee consists of Robert Y. Moore, William Cassidy, Hardy Mudge, and Ralph Wilson.

Labor Day Here To Be Quiet One

Labor Day in Birmingham will be quietly observed and no special public celebration, such as a parade will be held, James W. Parry, village manager, announced. There will be no change in the schedule of the police department, the present force being enough to handle the expected increase in traffic on that day, John P. Hackett, chief of police, says.

A tennis tournament, at the Birmingham Tennis Club, open to all who wish to enter, will be the only sports event of the day.

LIONS ENJOY GOLF

Members of the Birmingham Lions Club yesterday enjoyed golf at the Bloomfield Township Park course and a picnic was held there in the evening. The out-door entertainment took the place of the regular luncheon meeting held each Wednesday noon in the Community House.

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Springsteen, In Statement, Assails Road Commissioner

Luther D. Allen, chairman of the Oakland County Road Commission, and president of Bloomfield Hills Village, was placed under attack Tuesday night when Frank E. Springsteen, of Royal Oak, offered a statement before the Royal Oak city commission. Mr. Springsteen, for many years a Democrat, this year joined the Republican ranks, and is a candidate against Mr. Allen at the primary election, Sept. 9. The letter was read into the Royal Oak commission's official minutes, and the original placed on file.

Mr. Springsteen not only attacks Mr. Allen, but includes the Oakland County Road Commission, whose other members are Howard Hillman and Isaac Bond. Mr. Springsteen, as a member of the Royal Oak board of supervisors, earlier this year made charges which aided in bringing about an investigation of county offices by the ways and means committee of the County board of supervisors.

Question Road Quality

Springsteen's letter included statements in which the quality of certain road construction work done by the Road Commission was questioned, especially the quality of the Coolidge highway, which has almost completely broken up within four years, the time it was laid. Springsteen declared that he investigated the amount of cement used on that job, and states that it was not within required specifications for so large an amount of concrete pavement.

Asked to give the reasons for the breaking down of the Coolidge highway, Springsteen's letter stated, chairman Allen replied that, "a heavy excavating machine had travelled over the road without a permit." Later, continues the Springsteen letter, Allen stated, "Failure to complete the Southfield Drain and get the water off the road had caused the frost to break up the coves, etc."

"There have been instances in Oakland County when contractors have attempted to use pit-run gravel instead of washed gravel in the construction of concrete roads. Cement has been used that was low in test, and attempts to leave out steel reinforcing have been discovered by the inspectors for the Bonding Co. men," continues the letter.

"The Rochester and Auburn roads are breaking up and being repaired. The alibi for these roads is that when Woodward avenue was being reconstructed the traffic was rounted over Auburn and Rochester roads. While these two roads went to pieces the two strips of concrete on Main Street in Royal Oak, built by the R. D. Baker Company in 1914, for the Village of Royal Oak, stood the traffic without cracking and is

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2 GIRLS HURT IN CAR CRASH

Suffer Slight Injuries In Collision On West Maple Avenue

Jane Geserich, 16, of 460 Harmon avenue, and Betty Brown, 17, of 388 Greenwood avenue, received slight injuries Tuesday afternoon when a car Miss Geserich was driving collided with one driven by Arthur Martin, 15,568 Baylis street, Detroit, on West Maple avenue near Lahser road.

According to Miss Brown, she and Miss Geserich were driving east when they saw Martin's car ahead of them proceeding slowly along the middle of the road. Miss Geserich believed that Martin was about to make a left turn, and swung her car over to the right side of the road. At the same time, Martin steered to the right, and Miss Geserich's car crashed into the back end of his car, Miss Brown said.

Miss Brown's head struck the windshield so violently that the glass broke and cut Miss Geserich on the nose. Martin fainted, and both cars were slightly damaged. Lieut. Richard Lawler investigated the accident.

TAX RECEIPTS ARE NORMAL REPORT

$245,000 Received So Far; One Per Cent Penalty Added, Plumstead Says

In a statement yesterday, Charles E. Plumstead, Village Treasurer, stated that last year at this time, of the $480,000 total tax roll, $238,000 had been collected, while of the total roll of $530,000 for this year, only $245,000 in taxes have been paid.

Last month a one per cent penalty was added to each tax return, but beginning the first of September until Oct. 31, a four per cent penalty is added. Oustanding taxes now total $285,000, and if they are not paid before Oct. 31, they will be listed as delinquent on the county records.

Mr. Plumstead predicts that the treasurer's office will receive heavier payments the latter part of this month and of next month.

What's In A Name? Directory Gives The Answer

Search For Similar Names Reveals Many Remarkable Combinations

By SALLY KNOX

The other day, it was called to our attention that there were a Dwight Cook and a Dwight Cooke both residing in this village, unrelated to each other. This being an unusual combination, we thought we would search the village directory to find other cases of name duplication within the village. We found two George Andersons, both of whom are in the eating business; three James Andersons, two Robert Appells, two William Brokaws, three Charles E. Bucks, two of whom are father and son; two Sarah Campbells, two Herbert Moore's, two Wilbur McAlpines, three John Smiths, and two Harry Smiths.

Meanwhile we discovered many other things about our population. For example, there are a Faint and a Dull; two Fullers, but only one Dronken; one Frendt, and no Enemies. There is a Marcella who has an interest in a beauty shop. We have six Lambs, four Lambies, and three Wolfs. And right here it might be apropos to add that we have both a Scaer and a Savage. Our one Holliday, in town is a student. There are nine Haacks, and no cabs; eight Eyfes, and no pipes, but five Reeds.

Sterling Silva

Birmingham has one Goodman, who happens to be a woman; and one Swarts, three Kleins and one Clever, four are women. There are two Sterlings and one Silva in the village; and while there are only two Kallings, they are more than made up for by the six Cummings.

All ranks of nobility are represented in Birmingham, from eight Kings, for whom there is unfortunately one Throne, down to a Page, including three Marquises, two Lords, and three Knights, two of whom are women. For the scientifically minded, there are five Bishops and strangely enough two Popes.

Famous personages in the village date from Moses to Gillespie, Bowles, Ford, and Hoover, with two Washingtons, seven Hamiltons, and 34 Wilsons residing here as well. Speaking of vegetables,

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News of Your Neighbors

MRS. Robert Robertson, of Woodward avenue, in the Hills, has just returned to her home after a three months' tour of England and Scotland accompanied by Detroit friends.

Miss Janet Forbush returned to her home, "Neartbrook," yesterday morning, after a vacation at Pinewood Camp, near Brutus, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ledyard Towle, of Franklin Village, returned Tuesday after an Eastern motor trip.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Tracy, of Lone Pine road, returned Tuesday evening from a week's stay in Castle Park.

MR. Harry J. Klingler, of Cranbrook road, will return Tuesday from a business trip to the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Shain are expected home this week-end, after a motor trip, accompanied by Miss Margaret Berz, through the Shenandoah valley, to Norfolk, Va., and to Washington, D. C.

MR. and Mrs. Milton Coulson, of Madison avenue, are awaiting the arrival this week end of Mrs. Coulson's two sisters and their families, of Fort Smith, Ark. Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford J. Ross will be here Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Graham Williams, Jr., and their son, Graham, III, will arrive Monday, remaining until Wednesday. The two families visited in Birmingham last year and are well acquainted with many village residents.

Miss Frances English and Miss Nancy Atkinson are expected home Friday from the Rocky Mountain ranch in Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Roswell G. Curtis, of Oak Knob, and their children, Roswell, Jr., and Barbara Jean, left Tuesday for a two weeks' stay in Tryon, N. C.

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FURNITURE STORAGE
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MAN ENDS OWN LIFE; BODY IS FOUND IN TREE

Discovery Made By Berry Picker In Bloomfield Hills

NO INQUEST ORDERED

The body of Frank S. Kryzanowski, 46 years old, 9391 McDougall avenue, Hamtramck, was found hanging from a tree in a swamp near the intersection of Wing Lake and Long Lake roads late Monday by Pete Wrobrl, 11, 387 Klinger avenue, Hamtramck, an elderberry picker.

Sergt. Delos Anderson, of the Bloomfield Hills Police department, and Coroner J. Lee Voorhees agree that Kryzanowski ended his own life and that the body has been hanging since Thursday or Friday. He had apparently tied the rope around his neck and jumped from the tree, they said.

No inquest will be held. Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning at the Booker T. Washington Memorial Park cemetery in Washtenaw county. The only survivor is his wife, Adella. Kryzanowski was born in Russia, and had recently taken out first citizenship papers, which were in his pocket when his body was found, establishing his identity. His wife said that he had been out of work for some time, and had left home Thursday morning apparently to search for work. He did not seem despondent, she said.

Other effects in his pocket were 64 cents and a 15 jewel watch. Wrobrl found the body after he had been picking elderberries for some time, having penetrated deeply into the swamp. He ran immediately to the nearest house and found the chauffeur, who summoned Sergt. Anderson and Coroner Voorhees.

VET GRIDMEN REPORT SEPT. 3

Big Squad Expected To Answer At Baldwin High Football Practice

Twelve lettermen from last year will be among the candidates to report for the Baldwin High School football team when Coach George F. Johnson issues the season's initial call to practice on Sept. 3. Last year's second-string men are scheduled to show up on the fourth and the new recruits will be summoned on the fifth.

Graduation tolls for the past two semesters of school claimed seven of the outstanding regulars who bore the brunt of the schedule last year. Around the 12 remaining veterans, Coach Johnson will place his reserves and for two weeks drill them on Pierce Field in face Pontiac, one of the strongest foes on the schedule, Sept. 20. The men scarred with experience include players for each of the 11 positions on the squad.

Doubt exists on the return of several of these men has been cleared up and there remains only two vets, not lettermen, who will not be present for any of the roll calls this season. Romeyn McAlpine has changed his place of residence and Eugene Smith sustained injuries that will keep him from all sports and will not permit him to return to school immediately. McAlpine was one of the most promising backs and probably would have had a permanent position this year while Smith was one of the heaviest guards and would have been a regular. The regulars who will answer to the first summons are: Ends—Elliott and Erickson; Tackles—McDonald; Guards—McGann and McClure; Centers—Moore and McClelland; Halves—Deer, Harris and Shave; Quarters —Brier; Fullbacks—Hunt.

Last year, 44 candidates turned out for the team and it is expected the number this year will range closely to that number. Coach Johnson said that on his knowledge all of the reserve men from last year will be back again to play.

The schedule this year is the same as last year except that Hazel Park and Mt. Clemens are not included. Last year Birmingham registered three victories, one tie and five defeats. The 1930 schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 20—Pontiac—Here.
Friday, Sept. 26—Grosse Pointe —There.
Saturday, Oct. 4—Port Huron —Here.
Saturday, Oct. 11—River Rouge—Here.
Saturday, Oct. 18—Open.
Saturday, Oct. 25—Ferndale—There.
Saturday, Nov. 1—Fordson—There.
Saturday, Nov. 8—To be filled.
Thursday, Nov. 27—Royal Oak —Here.

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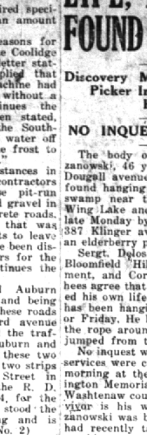

SEN. JAMES COUZENS

Tuesday was just another active day for Sen. James Couzens, who celebrated his fifty-eighth birthday with a campaign talk and other business. He arose at 6:30 a. m. and was at his office in the Wabeek Building most of the day. At noon he spoke at the Lions Club meeting in Detroit. In the evening he was feted at a quiet dinner party at his home with members of his family.

BOWLING BAN DELAY IS MADE

Y. M. C. A. Protests Chapman's Petition; Hearing Set For Sept. 2

The hearing on the petition of Russell Chapman, proprietor of the Birmingham Bowling Alleys, that he be permitted to operate his establishment on Sundays, has been postponed by the Village Commission until next Tuesday, because of the absence of Commissioner Robert R. Allen at the regular meeting Monday night.

Ray Peck, representing the Birmingham Y. M. C. A., appeared before the commission on Monday to protest the granting of the permit. He was instructed to appear at the meeting on next Tuesday, or file his formal protest with the village clerk before that time.

Mr. Peck declared that bowling on Sundays would necessitate the employment of boys in Mr. Chapman's alleys, and the Y. M. C. A. was opposed to a form of recreation that entailed such employment on Sundays. Last week Mr. Chapman asked the commission to grant him permission to operate his place of business on Sundays because of its seasonal nature and because he believed he was being discriminated against. Other forms of amusement such as motion pictures and midget golf courses were permitted to operate on Sundays, while he was restrained from doing so by village ordinance, he said.

Most of the members of the Village Commission; while expressing confidence in Mr. Chapman's ability to conduct a respectable center, said however, that bowling alleys and pool rooms usually were looked upon as not beneficial to young boys.

Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert, who also lauded Mr. Chapman, said however, that the Wayne County Juvenile Court records showed that pool halls were responsible for a great deal of juvenile delinquency. "When I was a young man," he declared, "I spent some time in such places and I do not believe it was a good thing."

"Well, you didn't turn out so bad," replied Commissioner Fred L. Tucker. And Commissioner Hulbert joined in the laughter.

COMMUTER SERVICE ON G. T. RY. BY NEXT SUMMER, CLARDY SAYS

Commuter service on Grand Trunk rapid transit trains will be in operation next summer and one line of railroad tracks on the relocated right-of-way will be ready for use by Dec. 30, according to estimates of railroad engineers, Kit F. Clardy assistant state attorney general, told members of the Royal Oak Exchange club at their weekly luncheon Monday.

Mr. Clardy explained that the litigations instigated by large and small property owners delayed the construction of the railroad and Wider Woodward avenue, and the loss in cash and actual time in the two vital projects slowed up progress. Mr. Clardy represented the state in the suits to condemn the right-of-tway through Royal Oak and Bloomfield township. The entire rapid transit system will be in operation by the end of next summer, and one line will be in operation before 1931.

Manager R. J. Whitney of Royal Oak predicts that by the end of the week all pavements will have been finished under the railway grade separations, except those at Benjamin avenue, the Fourteen Mile road, and the north half of the Thirteen Mile separation. Because of the large amount of excavation work done under the separation in recent months, the Benjamin paving will be done in the spring and the Fourteen Mile road will be done by the county. It will probably be six weeks before Maple avenue will be open to the traffic.

The work of the pavements and grade separations is being pushed and the contracts for the station have not yet been let, due to the fact that the construction work must be finished before the cold weather sets in. Consequently the depot probably will not be built until this winter, according to J. B. Minton, of the Grand Trunk railway company.

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FIRE PROBLEM CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 3

Village And Townships Expect Action On Receiving Legal Advice

BLOOMFIELD ACTS

Although no definite action was taken at the meeting of representatives of Bloomfield, Troy and Southfield townships with village officials Tuesday night, the township fire problems were discussed at length and another meeting was set for Sept. 3 in the Municipal Building when definite plans for a solution to the problem are expected to be made.

Clare H. Ogden, village attorney, and Floyd Blakesley, Pontiac attorney, are investigating the legal powers of the townships to enter into contracts with the Village of Birmingham for fire protection and their reports are expected to be made at the next meeting.

The meeting was called by the Birmingham police and fire committee composed of Commissioners Fred L. Tucker and Robert Allen, with James W. Parry, village manager, Commissioner Robert Allen was unable to attend, however, and President Harry Allen presided.

New Station Announced

R. J. Coryell, Bloomfield Township Supervisor, announced that the township would be equipped to fight grass fires, a small fire fighting equipment to be located in a garage at Bloomfield Center on Long Lake road, immediately east of Woodward avenue. Residents of Bloomfield Township outside of the Village of Birmingham and the Bloomfield Hills Village would be instructed to call Birmingham 1850 on the telephone in case of fire, he said. The residents would be instructed, he said, to inform the township fire department station of the location, nature of the fire, and name of the owner. If a building is on fire, or is in immediate danger of fire, the Township Fire Department will call the Birmingham Village department.

"The Birmingham Fire Department refuses to answer calls from individuals on fires outside of the village," Mr. Coryell said.

Whether the townships are empowered legally to enter into contracts with the village for the furnishing of fire protection was discussed by the representatives of the townships and it was decided to obtain legal advice on the question.

Hazard Was Seen

The reason for the meeting was brought about by the fire hazard Birmingham suffers while its fire fighting equipment is out of the village on township calls. Certain state rule that fire insurance policies are void when the regular fire fighting equipment is out of

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THIEVES RANSACK H. N. DAVOCK HOME

Police Unable To Estimate Loss; Family Is Absent From Village

Sometime between Aug. 20 and Aug. 23, the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Davock, at 641 Dewey street, was entered and ransacked. Mr. and Mrs. Davock are away for the summer, and it could not be definitely determined whether or not anything had been stolen.

The house was apparently entered by a rear basement window, which a caretaker, who has been coming to the house Wednesdays and Saturdays, found broken Saturday. He notified the Birmingham police, and Detective Joseph MacGregor was assigned to the investigation.