

Modern politics is a system of vain striving for good government, with much vanity, much distortion of the truth, and plenty of bullhorn. An honest man meets with hardship to keep honest, don't you think?

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 20

PARK ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION IS ORDERED

Commissioner Seeks Information On Defective Swing At Playground

Investigation of an accident at Baldwin Park, Aug. 6, when Miss Henrietta Saylor, of Henrietta street, is reported to have fallen from a defective swing, was ordered by the Village Commission, Monday night. The request for the investigation was made by Commissioner Charles E. Lewis, following the receipt of a bill for \$25 damages filed by the girl through her representative, Alfred Millspaugh.

The communication accompanying the bill stated that the girl had been cut and bruised in the fall and that the swing evidently

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GANGSTER KEPT OUT OF COUNTY BY NORMAN ORR

Oakland County Prosecutor Points Danger of Weyss County Crime

"Organized crime, the sinister influence that thrives in Wayne County, is dangerously close to your homes, your local government. The hired assassin, the conscienceless hoodlum, and the treacherous gambler no longer walk in the shadows. They take their toll in the day light—because the people foolishly have refused to see them. Frequent attempts have been made by organized crime to enter Oakland County but they have met with the inevitable sword of justice and righteousness. We must keep Oakland County safe from the rule of the racketeer."

Norman C. Orr, Oakland County's youthful, fighting prosecutor, so warns the voters and pleads for their assistance in a continued fight on crime. Mr. Orr believes in the proverb, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." And on this platform he bases his request that the electorate continue in their support of his efforts to protect and defend Oakland County as its prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Orr cites his remarkable record during his first two years of office to prove his ability as a public servant concerned primarily with the public interest.

Many Are Convicted

"During the first 18 months of my administration," he says, "7,337 cases were prosecuted for violations of laws, including misdemeanors and felonies. Of these cases, which included trials in the Justice Courts all over the county, there were 6,482 convictions, or a trifling more than 88 per cent convictions."

"In the justice courts where the examinations must be made and felonies weeded out, 654 cases prosecuted were dismissed upon examination. Of all the cases tried in Oakland County, which include the justice courts in Ferndale, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Pontiac, Farmington, Hazel Park and other communities, there were only 96 acquittals, including both misdemeanors and felonies."

"There were 263 cases involving the violation of the prohibition laws. Of these, 258 persons were convicted. These reports I have sent to the Attorney General's office."

Saved Money

"A great savings of money has been effected through the abolition of a previous practice of having inquests in every accident or sudden death that occurred in the county. It has also been my work to act as legal advisor for the board of supervisors, saving the county a great deal of money that would otherwise be spent on out-

As Shamrock Arrived for Races



In excellent condition despite its stormy 24-day crossing of the Atlantic, Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock V is shown here as it arrived in New London, Conn., recently for the international yacht races to be held off Newport, R. I., next month. This will be the fifth attempt of Sir Thomas, shown in the inset, to hit the American cup, which this country has held since winning it 79 years ago.

RAY M. HARDY TO LECTURE

Series Of Business Talks Will Begin Sept. 8 At Community House

Birmingham's business and professional men and women are to be given a clear picture of their problems, together with practical solutions for them, according to action taken last week when the services of Ray M. Hardy, of Detroit, a retail merchandising specialist of national repute, were engaged. This action took place at a meeting of local business and professional men at the Community House last Thursday night. Mr. Hardy also discussed his plan before Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon.

Mr. Hardy will conduct a school of merchandising beginning Monday, Sept. 8, and ending Friday, Sept. 19. He will give his widely recognized course in salesmanship in a series of six lectures, beginning Monday evening, Sept. 8, at eight o'clock at the Community House. There will be three of these lectures each of two weeks, on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Also, six noon-day conferences with local store managers and owners will be devoted to the essentials of store management.

"I shall determine two important facts in my analysis of the Birmingham trade area," stated Mr. Hardy. "First, I shall ascertain the buying power of the community. Second, I shall find out the customer preferences as to price lines and types of merchandise. From my study I hope to develop a plan that will enable Birmingham business and professional interests to work together more effectively in better serving the needs of their trading area."

Cemetery Plots Up For Approval

G. H. Curtis, appearing before the Village Commission, Monday night requested that body to pass a resolution formally accepting plots of the Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Curtis, a representative of the McAlpine, Starr, Inc., told the commission his request was only for the purpose of legally recording the plots.

Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert raised the question as to whether the cemetery association was ordered to provide perpetual care of graves in the cemetery when all the lots were sold. The matter was referred to Clare H. Ogden, village attorney, who will investigate it and report at the meeting next Tuesday.

George R. Porter of St. Paul, Minn., was arrested for stealing the suit of clothes in which he got married.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

George E. Patterson, West Maple avenue: "The price of food today is cheaper than it has been for years. Pointing to a sack of flour, a 25 lb. sack of flour, only six months ago, was \$1.15; now the same product has decreased in cost to 70 cents."

UNDERTAKERS BACK KIMBALL

County Group Also Supports O. C. Farmer For Coroner

A meeting of 16 Undertakers of Oakland County was held last week at Hotel Heldenbrand, Pontiac, in the purpose of uniting the support of the organization on two candidates for coroner—G. Dewey Kimball, of Birmingham, and O. C. Farmer, Pontiac, were endorsed.

A statement was read at the meeting from the chairman O. P. Hinton, of Pontiac, as follows: "Many people hardly know what the coroner is for, and must rely more or less on hearsay when they go to the polls to vote. We intend by our work to give them the facts."

Those present were C. B. Crossman, of Orionville, Paul Dryer, of Holly, T. E. Nichols, of Rochester, Harold Malby and C. O. Whitcombe, of Oxford, Mr. Hinton, and DeWitt C. Davis, Clarence Brace, and A. W. Petipon, of Pontiac, William Sullivan, J. H. Stillier, and C. F. Schnaldt, of Royal Oak, Albert T. Steinbaugh, of Clarkston, H. L. Richards, of Clarkston, and Fred H. Allen, of Orion.

LAST RITES HELD FOR J. O'CONNELL

Life-Long Resident Here, 80, Buried In Greenwood Cemetery

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon for John O'Connell, 80 years old, a life-long resident of Birmingham and vicinity, who died last week at the Chelsea Methodist Home, at Chelsea, where he had been for the past two years.

The funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Esther Barton, 487 Oakland avenue, and burial was in Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. O'Connell's wife, Mrs. Mary O'Connell, died 10 years ago. He leaves, besides his daughter, Mrs. Barton, another daughter, Mrs. Jessie M. Laidlaw, 224 Merrill street; a sister, Mrs. James Wilson, of Detroit, and a brother, William G. O'Connell, of Holly.

SIDEWALK REPAIR IS AUTHORIZED

Expanding Tree Roots Cause Of Damage, Parry Reports

Repairs to six different sidewalks varying in different parts of the village were authorized by the Village Commission, Monday night, upon the motion of Commissioner Lawrence Hulbert. All of the necessary repairs were brought about by the expansion of tree roots, according to James W. Parry, village manager.

Mr. Parry told the commission that he believed the town work should be a village responsibility instead of being made a tax burden for individual property owners whose sidewalks were damaged by the expansion of the tree roots.

Commissioner Charles E. Lewis said that he did not see why the village should be responsible for repairs made necessary by the expansion of tree roots within the sidewalk line.

he was tried, convicted and sentenced to spend from 35 to 60 years in the State prison at Marquette. Within a very short time

OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the farm home of Mrs. August Schoenhahn, a garage, and three automobiles, at one-half mile west of the Rochester road, on the Auburn road, Friday at 1:05 a. m. When the fire was discovered in the garage, by Bert Ladd, a neighbor, members of the family were asleep. Little could be saved from the home as the flames spread rapidly. Rochester rural fire department could give very little assistance. Mrs. Schoenhahn, widow of the former owner, Mr. August Schoenhahn, who was killed by lightning, two years ago, and her son-in-law, Sidney Miller, with his family were in the house at the time of the outbreak. The Millers were taking up residence with Mrs. Schoenhahn until their home across the way from the farm house was completed.

Beno and Uno Olsen, four year old twins, of Ferndale were saved being bitten by a police dog Thursday by Miss Olive Carlson, 16 years old, 1425 Bertha avenue, and her sister Gladys, 14 years old. The dog, believed to be rabid, was tied outside when Beno and Uno started throwing stones at it and tormenting it, the police report.

M. G. Parkhurst, 23 years old, of Oxford, died Saturday of a broken neck received when he dove into shallow water at Lake Orion Friday. He was swimming with three friends, when an accident occurred. Parkhurst was rushed to the Pontiac City Hospital where a X-ray showed that his neck was broken and his spinal cord injured, causing paralysis. Funeral services were held at the Parkhurst home on Crawford avenue Tuesday with Parkhurst's lodge, the Oxford Lodge Knights of Pythias No. 482, and the Rev. F. H. Cutler, of Lake Orion, officiating. Burial was in Oxford cemetery.

Lovelorn swains and their maidens are warned by Village Manager Clarence H. Elliott that Oak Park is not Lovelorn's Lane as many are inclined to believe. Twenty parked couples were warned to move on by village police in one place that no arrests were made. Fines totaling \$160 were collected from three offenders last week.

According to water superintendent, Charles M. Higley, in a report to commissioner of sanitation

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