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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 38

M. C. SHATTUCK FUNERAL HELD

War Hero Dies At Home Of His Brother Here After Brief Illness

After a week's illness, Mr. Maxwell Shattuck, 45 years old, spending the winter here with his brother, Mr. Edward M. Shattuck who has lived in Birmingham for 10 years, passed away Dec. 22 following an operation at the Lansing Sanitarium.

Spectacular work on the American College football team, prior to his graduation in 1908, when as a quarterback he was first allowed to carry the ball, is noted in the records. He was also on the baseball team, and track and golf teams.

Attached to the American Ambulance Corps, Mr. Shattuck served in France, was very active at Verdun and was awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French government along with others at the time of the heroic struggle to hold Verdun. Mustered out of service, Mr. Shattuck spent a great deal of time in New

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—


Mr. Hope F. Halgren, executive director, Community House: "More genuine charity was evidenced this year in the provision for the village's needy. Despite the depression, or perhaps because of it, more people came to a greater realization of their responsibility to the unfortunate."

Hampshire trying to build up his health, but a series of operations were necessary in 1926, and still mother in 1928, followed by two just before Christmas week.

Two brothers besides Mr. Edward M. Shattuck of Birmingham, survive William H. of Ridgewood, N. Y., and Carl M. of Brockton, Mass.

The Rev. Warner Forsyth conducted the services at "White-chapel" on the day before Christmas. A memorial service will be held in the east next summer when many of his friends can be present; at this time the ashes will be buried in the family lot at Natick, Mass.

Rebeka's held their "examination-officers" meeting Thursday in the Oddfellows Temple and will follow with installation ceremonies at their first meeting in January.



Not merely that you and yours be happy on New Year's day, but that the entire year will bring you much nearer to the things which you desire, that its pleasures may far outweigh its sorrows, and that the end of 1931 will find you saying, "It was a happy year," is the wish of all of us to all of you.

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PRESERVE TREES, PETITION URGES

176 Villagers Sign Document Asking Commission To Protect Foliage

Thomas S. Parker, 312 Aspen road, Monday night presented a petition, signed by 176 residents, urging the Village Commission to consider the future of Birmingham's trees and to take an uncompromising stand against efforts to raze trees merely for business purposes. The petition follows:

The undersigned residents of the village believe that a great majority of the voters and taxpayers of the village want the business streets as well as the residential streets of the village lined with shade trees. We feel that the right of the village to have trees along all of its streets is just as important as proper paving and lighting or other traffic facilities, and that the practice of allowing filling station owners and other business interests to remove trees for their convenience or for any other reason should be completely discontinued, and we therefore petition your honorable body that you take a firm and uncompromising position on all such cases unless it can be positively demonstrated that reasonable steps to prevent property is completely private by the existence of trees, and in all such cases that proper steps be taken to re-locate or replace in an adjacent location in the street.

We also request that all petitions of property owners or other for the removal of trees be referred to the Village Planning Commission for their investigation and recommendation before action is taken thereon by your honorable body.

Blacksmith Fined As Drunk Driver

Stanley Gegicks, 40 years old, a blacksmith of Fenton, Mich., who was arrested at 10:30 p. m. Sunday by Patrolmen Robert Dunn and Robert Appell, Monday, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while drunk when arraigned before Justice Malcolm Han and was given the option of a \$75 fine or 60 days in jail.

AWARDED CONTRACT

L. Orum and Company, of Royal Oak, was awarded the contract for the installation of a water main beneath the new Grand Trunk road by the village commission Monday night. Orum & Co. presented the lowest bid, \$726.25 for the contract.

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MICHIGAN'S FIRST FAMILY



When Wilber M. Brucker, "as yet right, is sworn into office tomorrow, this wide-awake young boy will become the "first boy" in Michigan. Wilber, who is 11 years old, did his bit during the election campaign by hoisting his "daddy" at every opportunity. Brucker, State Attorney General, was elected our next governor, defeating Alex J. Groesbeck and Judge Edward J. Jeffries. He succeeds Fred W. Green of Ionia. Mrs. Brucker is shown at the lower left.

TWO ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 1930 MARK ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL Y. M. C. A.

The local Y. M. C. A. in 1930 accomplished two outstanding contributions to community life. One was the expansion of the camping program by the purchase and equipping of the new camp site at Loun Lake and the other was the leasing, through the generosity of the St. James Church, the property on West Maple and the establishing of a headquarters building for the first time in the 17 years of history of the local organization.

NEW LUNCH PERIOD PLAN TO BE TRIED

Experiment In Changing Time Of Lunch Hour Will Be Conducted, Vilet Says

While a few complaints have been received by the School Board and by individual members regarding the proposed change in time for starting school classes after the lunch period daily to 1 p. m. for all grades, under the next term school opens in February the new plan will be tried to prove or disprove its merits.

Most of the complaints come from Quanton School parents, who say the children have barely time to eat their lunch even under the present time arrangement. Two families sided one petition objecting to the change in schedule.

At present hundreds of pupils return early to school after their noon lunch and are milling aimlessly about the buildings before 1 p. m. Board members say upon representations of teachers, reading will be given more time in the period immediately following lunch.

Troy Youth Wins 4-H Club Award

Norman Barnard, of Troy, won the county championship in the 4-H club in the rabbit projects, presenting an excellent report of his work and giving a comprehensive report. Norman's report shows he finished the year with four rabbits valued at \$12. His expenses were \$9.66. By the use of up-to-date methods, Norman says he has learned how to make money through his efforts and expects an even greater profit next year. Norman's prize was won in competition with 35 other boys in the 4-H club in Troy, Ortonville and Waterford Center.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—
Commissioner Walter L. Connelly: "Men are naturally attracted to the study of history. There are few men who do not find it an absorbingly interesting subject."

TAXI INSURANCE LAW IS CHANGED

Commission Passes Amendment To Ordinance Regulating Public Vehicles

An amendment to the village charter providing for the establishment of insurance protection for passengers in taxicabs was approved by the village commission at its regular meeting Monday, Dec. 22. The amendment provides that operators of taxicab companies file public liability bonds and orders taxicab company owners to provide between \$50,000 and \$100,000 in insurance coverage.

The two companies now operating in Birmingham, the Shaw Taxicab Co. and the Birmingham Cab Co., both are adequately covered in amounts ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000, it is understood.

The petition of Verne Colburn, of Brownell street, for a license to operate a taxicab company of two cabs, was approved by a five to two vote. Commissioners Charles Lewis and Lawrence Hulbert voting against the proposal.

Asks Court To Fix Treasurer's Bond

In a petition to the Oakland County Circuit Court, Supervisor George Bingham of Southfield, has asked that the court fix the amount of the bond for the township treasurer, Arthur B. Baynes. Collection of the taxes on the Southfield Drain recently restrained by a court order should not compel the treasurer to furnish a bond high enough for the amount of the drain money. Mr. Bingham contends. A saving of \$500 can be effected on the bond if the township if the court concurs in his opinion, Bingham says.

Funeral Is Held For Archie Isbell

Funeral services were held Saturday from the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals for Archie Isbell, father of Mrs. Fred Fisher, Jr., Burial was at Ionia, Mich. Mr. Isbell, a foreman at the Ford Motor Car Co., was born in Michigan and lived for many years at Pontiac. He died suddenly Dec. 24 at his home, 6456 Froquais avenue, Detroit.

FIRE IN LAUNDRY

A small blaze in a laundry at 340 Pierce street, operated by A. J. Murray, Friday morning was extinguished by firemen. The blaze was believed to have been caused by short-circuited wires. The flames had spread to the ceiling before they were extinguished by chemicals.

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SCHOOL BOARD PROBLEMS ARE COMPLEX ONES

It's a gay life, being a member of the School Board, they say. For instance:

One child went to a school Christmas party and was given a lollipop, or a small piece of some kind of harmless candy, and the mother talked with a Principal for two hours trying to get a resolution passed to prohibit the serving of any child with candy at any school party, because she didn't approve of it for her own young hopeful.

During a diphtheria scare, when throat cultures were taken in the schools, one mother contended that the nurse knocked her child down, put a long wire down her throat and almost strangled her, taking the culture.

When mid-semester exams were given recently, one girl raised her exam just to take a dancing lesson that was scheduled irregularly for that afternoon. When the girl was given an "incomplete" in the (Turn to Page 7, this section)

EXPECT DELAY ON NEW DRAIN

Hearing On Roll, Court Action To Precede Awarding Of Contract

Delays in the awarding of contracts for the construction of the Oakland County Drain, a \$160,000 project which will provide for adequate drainage on the east side of the village, are expected to occur next week because of the granting of a writ of certiorari last week in which a review of the proceedings was asked. The hearing on the writ has been set for Jan. 15.

The hearing on the roll has been set for 9 a. m. today in the office of the county drain commissioner. The awarding of the contract has been tentatively set for 1:30 p. m., Jan. 15.

Bids for the drain construction were opened Monday, Dec. 22, at the office of the drain commissioner. All bids were under the original estimate of \$160,000. (Turn to Page 7, this section)


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