

Long ago I learned to be very careful of the impressions made upon little children; children are like phonograph records; they record most of what they see and hear. They deserve the best of human sympathies.

FIFTY-SECOND YEAR—NO. 45

SECOND STATE OIL AUCTIONS SET FOR FEB. 27

36,000 Acres Of Land Will Be Offered For Leasing

CHANGES ARE MADE

Lansing, Feb. 20.—The second public auction of oil and gas leases on state lands will be held by the Department of Conservation at 10 a. m., Thursday, Feb. 27.

Since this auction will involve more than 36,000 acres and will prove of interest to a large number of oil operators in Michigan and other states, the use of the Senate Chamber in the Capitol Building has been secured, assuring ample seating accommodations.

Lands to be offered in proven territory comprise 40 acres in Township 16 North, Range 3 West, Isabella County; 40 acres in Township 12 North, Range 12 West, Newaygo County; and 240 acres in Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Midland County.

Lands to be offered in wildcat territory comprise 160 acres in Township 21 North, Range 16

AUTHORITY ON MASONIC RITUAL WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER HERE

Members of the Birmingham Lodge, Nos. 44, F. and A. M., are making plans for the Third Degree supper to be held at the Masonic Temple, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p. m. The principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. George M. Peterson, of Palestine Lodge, No. 357, of Detroit, winner of the 1929 Masonic Oratorical contest.

Dr. Peterson, a student of Masonry and of the interpretation of the ritual, is a member of Michigan Sovereign Consistory, Past High Priest of Composite Chapter No. 178, Detroit Commandery No. 1, K. T., and a member of the

West in Manistee County; 12,000 acres in Townships 21 and 22 North, Range 1, 2, 3, and 4 East, Ogemaw County; and 24,000 acres in Townships 19 and 20 North, Ranges 5, 4, 5, 6, and 7 East in Arenac County.

A few changes have been made in the form of the state lease, and in the rules and regulations governing it. Of special interest is the change in that section of the lease which provides that the drilling of a well must be started within one year from the date of the lease. As it now is worded, this section reads that the drilling of the first well may be deferred from year to year within the life of the lease by the payment of an additional rental of fifty cents per acre per year.

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Moslem Temple of Detroit. A program of entertainment will follow his speech, and the Master Mason's degree will be conferred in the long form on several candidates. Senior Warden James W. Parry will be in charge of the program.

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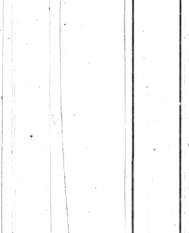
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District Director Wants Names Of Families Who Are Away

BEGIN IN APRIL

The Fifteenth Decennial Census of the United States will be taken during the month of April. The enumeration will be made in the form of about 100,000 enumerators who will go from house to house and secure the information required for the census. Every person is to be enumerated, so far as possible, at the place where he usually lives. Where individual members of a family are away from home at the time the census is taken they will be reported to the enumerator by other members of the family.

For cases where it is known in advance that the whole family will be away from home at the time, special provision has been made by the Director of the Census in the form of an absent family schedule which is to be filled out by some responsible member of the family in advance of the census date and transmitted to the local Supervisor of the Census. A copy of this schedule can be secured by application to Mr. D. D. Fisher, 504 Riker Building, Pontiac, who is the Census Supervisor for this district.

Families planning to be away during the month of April, leaving the home closed or with no one in charge who is qualified to give the census information to the enumerator, are urged to obtain one of these schedules at once and fill it out and send it to Mr. Fisher at the earliest possible date.

If the house is left in charge of a servant who will be sure to call at home when the enumerator calls the schedule may be left with such person or delivered to the enumerator. The information furnished on this schedule will be used only for the tabulation of statistics which will not reveal any details regard to individuals or families.

The famous ancient British Guinea postage stamp is valued at \$50,000 by collectors.

IN COLLEGE, STUDENTS "CRAM" WHO NEVER "CRAMMED" BEFORE

By ANN ADAMEC

An Akron, Ohio, student who inaugurates the cramming season here. And how this season flourishes. The group in this year to all appearance is nothing outstanding, but surely no one could be so decreed as to call it backward. Students seemingly by the hundreds flock to the libraries to make up over-night readings. Quiet hours in dormitories, fraternities and sororities are so strenuous that a student who has a jaundiced perplexed group, all is loneliness still. Even nature is quiet to help the student concentrate. Sunday evening a snowstorm noiselessly put the town to bed. Sunday night the university chimes struck 10, 11, 12, one, two, and still several persistent students were picking some course apart trying to master its principles.

Speaking of persistent students brings one to the case of Katharine Kauffel. She has long, brown hair which she coils up in two knots at the back of her head. This accounts for the large head size hats that she buys. Her brown eyes sparkle when she becomes excited. The health in her cheeks is glowing and smooth. She dislikes to "dress up," especially for faculty dinners, but who doesn't? She is the kind of a girl who can drink three cups of black tea in immediate succession in order to keep awake, who likes people, horses, and dogs; who has humor enough to call a very slow-growing ivy in her room "Mercury," because "it grows so fast"; who would like to type write for a ship captain in order to cruise to Europe this summer; who likes names like Jeanne, Eunice, John, and Charles; who is a fun-loving college girl and a big, big sister.

Time Out For Laughter

She takes time to laugh to look out at the men working in the garage below the window, to explain herself to people.

As a girl in the grades, she cultivated conscientiousness. She studied excellently well in high school. She thought it sinful to stay out of school so that when at the age of ten she underwent an operation, despite the explanations offered by her father, she felt them unkind not to send her to her classes in an ambulance. This story is repeated at family reunions.

Her teachers voted her the ideal freshman girl in high school.

When Katharine was quite young she began thinking about her career. As many another youth, she has nannaked the lists of the professions—Every week she changes her mind. She has aspired to be everything from a missionary to an actress, including journalist, lawyer, diplomat,

PRESIDENT



THOMAS MILLS

Thomas Mills was installed as president of the Gynophytes Friday at the regular noon meeting of the organization. Other officers installed were: Kenneth Green, vice president; Willoughby Dell, secretary-treasurer; William Smith, sergeant-at-arms; William Spence, song leader. A musical program was arranged by William Spence, who sang, accompanied by Frank Higby.

Members of the club will go to Detroit this evening to attend the performance of "The Love Parade." Programs for the two remaining meetings of the month will be arranged by Willoughby Dell and Ralph Mann.

LOCAL BUILDING INCREASE MADE

While building in Birmingham declined slightly in January as compared with the activities during the same month in 1929, a marked increase is indicated over the number of building permits issued during December, according to the monthly report of the S. W. Straus & Co.

In January this year permits for buildings valued at \$53,830 were issued as compared with permits for buildings valued at \$88,850 in January, 1929. In December last, permits totaling \$51,650 were issued.

NEW BLUEPRINT MACHINE ADDED

Baldwin High is now the possessor of one of the most modern of blue print machines recently secured for use in mechanical drafting classes, conducted in the Hill School annex, under the direction of Ernest Engle. The machine, which is a full cylinder vertical type is four feet in height and six feet in circumference, and is operated by means of an arc light which revolves in the cylinder thus making an even print. Prints as large as four by six feet may be made by the machine in approximately four minutes, in contrast to the 11 minutes needed by the other machine.

According to H. D. Crull, head of the Manual Arts department, although the machine has not yet been used to its capacity it is a decided improvement in carrying out the work in that department as both making and reading blueprints are requirements of the course.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE CLERKS ASSEMBLE

The local branch, No. 1303, of the Michigan Federation of Post Office Clerks recently held their regular meeting at the home of their president, Bert Fuller. Speeches by Earl Odel, past president, and Jerome Surini, president of the Detroit branch, featured the evening. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Fuller.

FIVE PAY FINES FOR OVERLOADS

Five truck drivers paid fines totaling \$136 last week when they were found guilty of driving overloaded trucks through the village.

Ralph Keisey and R. A. Witt, both of Detroit, who were driving trucks for the Daniel Street Co., paid fines of \$26 each while a third driver for the same company was fined \$20 for a similar offense on Friday.

The McDonald Bros. Co., 2559 Hurbit avenue, Detroit, on Saturday paid a \$25 fine for overloading and on Thursday a driver for the Fisher Body Corp. paid a \$41 fine.

Pat Zuzolo of Mount Pleasant, N. Y., owns a two-legged cat that walks upright.

Watters at a hotel in Marseilles, France, has been ordered to grow whiskers.

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