

We know lots of chaps who are real great; most of them are real good; but they are all one fault or another. After all, isn't life given us that way, to show the virtues of existence?

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## PLANS \$135,000 IMPROVEMENTS IN HILLS AREA

Detroit Edison Announces \$27,000,000 Budget For Work In 1930

### BLOOMFIELD BENEFITS

Rebuilding and rerouting present overhead lines in various parts of the Bloomfield District during 1930 will cost approximately \$135,000 of the estimated budget of \$27,000,000 to be spent in Michigan for improvements and new construction work by the Detroit Edison Co.

The Bloomfield District of the company comprises the territory along Woodward avenue and U. S. Trunk Line No. 10 from the northern limit of Detroit, completely surrounding but not including much of Pontiac, and ranging as far north as Davisburg and Springfield. The cost of extending service to 3,350 new customers who probably will be connected to the comp. by lines during 1930 is estimated at \$178,000.

Present plans call for an expenditure of \$100,000 to extend highway lighting and new ornamental street lamps and replacements to street lamps in Huntington Woods and other municipalities in Royal Oak Township are expected to cost \$60,000.

Plans for the erection of a new substation at Waterford have been approved and work will be started early in 1930. The cost of

## OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

Serious burns were suffered by Paul Showerman, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Showerman, of South Lyon, Sunday afternoon when a kerosene can exploded as he held it in his hand.

Thieves who broke into an A. and P. Tea Co. store at Grand River and Base Line road, Farmington, early Monday morning had a taste for better. They carried off 213 pounds of it, along with 20 cartons of cigarettes.

The entry was the fourth in that store within a month. Entrance was gained by breaking a window.

Valuation of building permits issued by the Ferndale department of buildings and safety engineering during 1929 was \$1,212,760, a report prepared by M. J. Kanta, superintendent of buildings, shows.

Stating that the slate of members to be appointed to the Ferndale

deals library commission "was evidently fixed," Commissioner Guy W. Stark, Monday, charged other members of the city commission with being prejudiced against himself or having "strong personal feeling against any persons whose names are not on that list."

The fire engine ordered by the Milford township board last September was unloaded from a freight car here on Monday, given its official tests on Tuesday, was accepted by the Board and is now in commission at the village pumping station.

Howard Wilson, who occupies the Gamble house on the corner of Milford on the Wixom road, had fifteen sheep killed by dogs early Friday night in the Martin school grounds. Anyone would say that depredations of this kind never occurred except when sheep are at pasture or at least in the open.

A snow blockade seven miles east of Owosso on M-21 caused much trouble for people on that Friday night in the Martin school grounds and at the homes of farmers near by. Passengers on a Flint-Owosso bus were "among those present." Some of the men found sandwiches and tea from a farm house which were given to the women and children in the school house. A bread wagon was seen on the road and it is reported that the driver distributed bread and fried cakes.

Lieut. Roy Butcher, Detective Roy Wier, and Patrolmen Wiley Wagon and Victory O'Brien of the Ferndale police department captured a burglar when they answered a call to the home of Allen Currie, 240 West Drayton avenue, early New Year's morning. The burglar will not be prosecuted. He was Mr. Currie's brother-in-law, trying to play a practical joke, but he became frightened and was afraid to reveal himself when Currie called police.

Berkley firemen celebrated New Year's Day by answering an alarm early without leaving the station. The driver of Eastern Michigan motorbus No. 403 drove to the station and reported his bus was on fire. Firemen extinguished the blaze, which had started from an overheated motor with hand chemical tanks. No damage was done by the fire.

Building permits issued by the Royal Oak building inspector's office this year totalled \$1,431,213 or \$261,794 more than the value of permits issued last year when the valuation was placed at \$1,169,419.

### OPEN NEW STORE NEXT SATURDAY

Formal opening of the new F. W. Woolworth Five and Ten Cent store in the Briggs Building at Woodward and Maple avenues will take place on Saturday, Jan. 11 when a program of music and reception will be given by a five piece Finkel Orchestra between 2 p. m. and 5 p. m. and between 7 p. m. and 9 p. m. Official inspection of the new store, which is the largest and most modern equipped Woolworth store in Oakland County, will take place on Friday.

Entrances to the store are on both Woodward and Maple avenues. J. A. Doran, for six years an employee of the Woolworth Co. in Detroit where he was assistant manager of a store there, is the manager of the Birmingham branch and has taken up his residence here.

### LEGION AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

The American Legion Auxiliary will have luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Joseph F. MacGregor, at 523 Oakland avenue, at one o'clock. Assisting Mrs. MacGregor as hostess will be Mrs. R. C. Myers.

### CARILLON RECITAL

Christ Church-Cranbrook Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4 p. m. William Hall Miner

March Pontifical ..... Gounod  
Aloha Oe Hawaiian Love Song  
There's a long, long trail ..... Elliott  
Oude of the Dusk to You ..... Lee  
The Happy Farmer Schott  
Jesus Lover of my Soul March  
In the Cross of Christ I  
Glory ..... Conkey  
Nearer, My God to Thee  
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun  
When the Swallows Home-ward Fly ..... Abt  
Minuet in G ..... Beethoven

### ORGAN RECITAL

This recital will be repeated on Wednesday Evening, Jan. 10th, at 9:00.

Sunday Afternoon, Jan. 12 at 5:45

William Hall Miner

This recital follows the Vesper Service which is held at five o'clock.

Scherzo ..... Parker  
Cantata ..... Pierce  
Fugue in E Flat ..... Calkin  
La Cinquintaine, Gabriel-Marie  
Finale ..... Fauchey

## Bankers See Recovery



THOMAS H. COBB

The business map of this month offers further proof—if that is not needed—that the fundamental soundness of business.

Spotty conditions east of the Mississippi River last month have almost entirely cleared up and business in that territory closes the year fair to good. West of the Mississippi a similar optimistic record is revealed.

A glance at the map of a year ago, in comparison with this month's map shows that, taken as a whole, there is little cause for complaint throughout the country and much cause for satisfaction as the new year dawns.

On Thursday, October 24, 1929 prices on the New York Stock Exchange went into perhaps the most spectacular decline in the history of American finance.

On Thursday, December 5, just six weeks later, more than 450 leaders of American business met in the council hall of the United States Chamber of Commerce for a "national business survey conference."

Keep these dates in mind for they mark a new experience for American business, a new revelation of the speed with which its leaders can act. What the encouragement of President Hoover and the administration, then came from all quarters of the country and talked freely and frankly of the present position, the future plans and hopes of their industries.

An inspiring meeting, one that is bound to be helpful to the fact that a new speed record for American business in facing an emergency by prompt action.

The keynote of the Dec. 5 meeting has been described as "collective common sense." There was no desire to paint an unreasonably gloom picture, no Pollyanna spirit. Something had happened. Great declines in securities cannot take place without a reflex action on industry. How serious was this reflex? What was to be done to lessen the shock?

There were questions which the gathering came prepared to answer and their short public talks were supplemented by other written and more complete reports.

When one man asks another "What's the business," he's apt to have his mind an unspoken second question: "How much do you really know about it?"

The question answered for the business survey by the very name of the men who spoke. Here are some picked at random from the list of those who spoke: James A. Farrell, president, United States Steel, for steel; Matthew S. Sloan, president, New York Edison, for utilities; John C. Lonsdale, president, Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Company of St. Louis, for banking; Alvan Macaulay, president of Packard, for the automotive industry; Frederick H. Ecker, president, Metropolitan Life, for insurance.

Add two dozen more of like standing and you have the group who spoke at the meeting. None can question their knowledge of the industries they represented. None can doubt that each spoke with frankness. From such a gathering of such men, good is bound to come.

### Flames Cause \$330 Damage In Month

Property damage by fire to the amount of \$330, covered by insurance to the extent of \$30, was sustained by Birmingham residents during the month of December. A \$20 fire loss in the township was entirely covered by insurance.

Twenty alarms were answered by the Birmingham Fire Department in December, and somewhat less than 14 hours were actually spent in fire fighting. Forty houses and 207 business places were inspected. Of these, one house and 22 business places were found to be unsatisfactory in fire resisting construction.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—Miss Ann Reid, manager of Beverly Specialty Shop: "The publication of crime news only attracts criminals to further crime."

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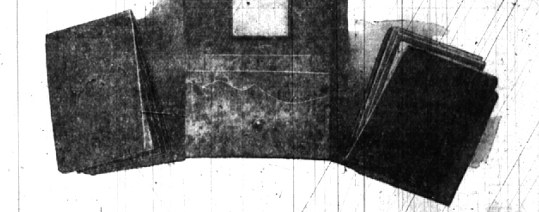
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