

### Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

Patrolmen DeLyle Service and Robert Appell will compose the motorcycle squad of the Birmingham Police Department this year, assuming the none-too-simple job of recycling traffic and "Sunday drivers" this year, according to an announcement of Chief of Police Orra J. Tuttle.

A. Floyd Blacklake is an attorney who is establishing quite a reputation as a criminal lawyer. He seeks to keep abreast of a rapidly changing world and, therefore, subscribes to The Eccentric—reading with exceeding interest its date line, weather report, and speedy news from the Fiji Islands. Said he to this Wanderer the other day, "I am sure that the people of Birmingham can be proud of the publication which so well represents the growth and high caliber of their village." So this Wanderer thanks Mr. Blacklake for his kind words, and adds that all our references to his legal talents is sufficient recompense for the otherwise excessive testimonial.

Jack is only a dog—a combination of shepherd and collie. Last Saturday, however Jack became an Irish setter. Probably gazing back over a long ancestry, Jack wondered, in canine fashion, just how he might observe the color scheme of St. Patrick's Day. His answer came early that morning when a new wire fence was erected by James B. Fisher on his lot at Ridgedale and Poppleton avenues, for soon a bucket of nice green paint swung into the scene, part of its contents being applied to the fence posts. Finally, after due dog deliberation, Jack decided to adorn himself for the occasion—so, with a wig-wagging of tail to denote his friendliness to the new fence posts, he backed up against the green paint and emerged with Erin's national color on his back. This Jack became an Irish setter, and fittingly observed St. Patrick's Day—to the very best of his ability.

Two years ago H. T. Elberly was the village president for this year. This year he lost to Harry Allen by three votes, both election majorities totalling 21. And this 21 recalls to this Wanderer the great village election held here just 10 years ago when Thomas L. Luscombe, of west Maple avenue, was made president when the entire total of just 51 votes were cast in the spring election. At that time Mr. Luscombe was unopposed, of course. Interest in Birmingham's civic affairs have changed very much since a decade ago.

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and Gorman at Townsend's gas station at Woodward and Frank streets at 9:30 p. m. on the night of the shooting. The car was at 8:30 p. m. as was reported to Chief Orra J. Tuttle.

Orra requested that he be allowed to enter leading questions because of Mrs. Burnett's surprise testimony, was submitted and upon re-direct examination she admitted that she was confused as to the exact time of the shooting between Gorman and Townsend between 8:30 and 9:30 p. m.

At the conclusion of their testimony, the case was turned over to the jury. The jury, consisting of Messrs. J. B. Gorman, Charles Allen, and Harold Tiseman, an attendant at Townsend's station, testified as to having seen the pair leave in Townsend's car. Charles Allen, at whose home Townsend stopped, was questioned at length by Connelley and Schwartz about a drink he served Townsend on the night in question. At the conclusion of their questioning, Augustine asked Allen what sort of liquid the drink was.

His answer, "Grape juice," threw the court into an hilarious uproar and the hearing was temporarily delayed. Townsend was not drunk on the night he left his home, Allen said, and had visited him for only a few minutes.

The State hopes to prove that Gorman shot and killed Townsend without provocation. Townsend died 10 days after the shooting, on Sept. 29, 1929, in the St. Joseph Hospital, after he had been found by Callahan beside the West Maple road near the Telegraph road.

Gorman has admitted the shooting but contends that he did so in self-defense when Townsend attacked him because he refused to hold up a gambling establishment, the police say.

Here's a little coincidence, the reading of which may assist in a chuckle. Birmingham telephone number 11 will get you the R. C. Moulthrop Lumber Co.; 11 will connect you with The Eccentric; 111 ought to carry your voice to the Lawson Erb Lumber Co.; and 1111 should allow you to communicate with Fred W. Johnson's home, at Adams and Big Beaver roads. Thus, by the mere exertion of an extra utterance, you may have brought to your own telephone set lumber, coal, newspapers, printing, or the services of one of Detroit's best heating engineers.

Members of the Birmingham Exchange club Tuesday noon held a 100 per cent attendance meeting. This is the result of the attendance contest, in which the club is divided into three groups, maintained by L. W. Martindale. Because each captain is connected with a bank, the teams are respectively known as Birmingham Savings Bank, First State Savings Bank, and First National Bank. To date, according to vice-president Harry S. Starr, the three teams stand in attendance as above mentioned.

The supreme artistry of George Arliss in "Disraeli" was responsible last night for the largest audience to attend the Birmingham Theater in more than a year. This Wanderer learned when he inquired of the manager of the show the reason for the heavy traffic in front of the building.

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said, was suffering from the two gun-shot wounds when he saw him at the hospital, but that he did not examine him until the next day because Townsend had already been treated by house physicians. Dr. Lawler said he continued on the case for a few days but withdrew before Townsend died. He added that he saw Townsend's body at the post mortem conducted at the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals.

Mrs. Flora Stirman, the next witness, failed to identify a bullet found in Gorman's room the day after the shooting and the woman experienced further difficulty when Mrs. Dorothy Burnett, formerly of 4317 Tonawanda avenue, testified that she saw Townsend

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culated by the Players, this "stupendous production" this stirring drama, "The Streets of New York," was first produced at the Academy of Music, Oct. 1867. "Fire, show, stardust, and a dash of heroism," a beautiful heroine, pathetic mother, comical comedians, thrills, and heartbreaks are all promised. An unusually large cast and committee is required for the production of this play, which will be open to Oakland county guests, and will be produced on two nights.

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and international relations, at which Mrs. Charles J. Shain, of Pierce street, has been asked to preside.

A banquet will be held Friday evening. Mrs. Dunk will preside and Dr. May Hall James, professor of sociology at Sarah Lawrence college, will speak on "Adolescent Education in Europe and in America." This will constitute the opening meeting of the Adolescent Institute. According to Mrs. Farrar, under whom the institute will be conducted, Michigan is the only state in the union that has had a series of these institutes, the first of which was held in 1922 at the Merrill-Palmer School and was the inspiration of 60 study groups which grew up later. Last March, the Institute sponsored a toy show and an educational program at the J. L. Hudson Company for an entire week. The Institute ordinarily would be held separately, Mrs. Farrar said, but Miss Wright asked her to incorporate it in the sectional meeting.

Dr. McFale to Speak

On Saturday Dr. Kathryn McFale, educational secretary of the A. A. U. W. will open the discussion of the Institute. Between 9:30 and 11:30 a. m. members present will divide into groups which will discuss respectively Pre-Adolescence, High School Age, and College Age. A closing summary will be delivered by Dr. McFale at 11:30, when the three groups will again unite. The luncheon Saturday will be devoted to Fellowship. Miss Mercy J. Hayes, of Detroit, presiding, and Dr. Ada Comstock, president of Radcliffe college, as speaker. Throughout the afternoon, round tables on fellowships will be in session. A toll will be given for the delegates at the Grosse Pointe Yacht club in the afternoon. At 7:30 p. m. the final banquet will be held, presided over by Mrs. Marvin B. Wisconsin. Speakers at this banquet will be Mr. Frank Cody, superintendent of schools in Detroit; Dr. Allen Hoben, president of Kalamazoo college; Dr. Mary V. Woolley, president of the association; Aurelia Reinhardt, president of Mills college; and Mrs. LeRoy W. Cram, regent of the University of Michigan.

On Sunday, the Birmingham branch will be hostess to all delegates who wish to avail themselves of their hospitality. Members will first be taken to a service at Christ church, where a special program of chimes will be played for them. Luncheon will be served at the Fox and Hounds Inn, following which the delegates will be conducted through the Cranbrook school.

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mission upon the motion of Commissioner Hilbert who said he believed the committee should offer Lee services gratis out of a spirit of civic duty. He enumerated other committees that had served the village without remuneration in the past and declared that he was opposed to the paying of the hand appraisal committee, only because it would establish a precedent which might prove a liability to future municipal administrations.

Mr. Noonan replied that he had not obtained the opinions of all of

the proposed members of the appraisal committee but that a few of them had said they would be willing to perform the work without remuneration. The proposed committee is composed of David H. Ladd, David Levinson, Louis Hascall, H. C. Burns, and J. B. Howarth.

GOLF COURSE OPENS

Play at the Lancaster Hills Golf Course, Twelve-Mile and Telegraph roads is ready to play and is open to the public. The green fee is 50 cents, according to Arthur B. Baynes, manager.

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scribe: Allan Brown, as Hegar; James Wright, as the Herald; and Mrs. C. E. Bedford, Mrs. Edward Heacock, and Mrs. E. V. Martin, as the princesses.

Supporting the cast will be a chorus of 40. Mrs. Robert Peck will be the accompanist. The plot of the cast follows closely the libellous story of Esther.

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