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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 3

WEED CUTTING PLAN OFFERED

Village Manager Would Include New Aids In War On Grass

A plan for the solution of the weed problem, presented to the Village Commission Monday night by James W. Parry, village manager, is expected to be taken up for consideration next Monday. "Because the problem of weed cutting offers the most fruitful source of complaint each summer," Mr. Parry said, "this year I have prepared a program and form of procedure by which I hope to avoid the former confusion and complaint."

Mr. Parry's plan provides for the cutting of all weeds on street areas in all subdivisions where the road has been graded. This applies to areas whether they are built up or not.

A time keeper shall keep a daily record of the time expended and the areas cut and turn them in to the engineering department each week. The engineering department shall inspect such areas and certify as to the descriptions, the

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IS CANDIDATE

WILLIAM A. WHEELER

William A. Wheeler, of Royal Oak, for 14 years a member of the Oakland County Sheriff's force until his resignation in 1927, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff at the primaries in September.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Royal Oak and has been a resident of the County for 54 years. For four years he was clerk of Royal Oak Township and served a term on the school board and village council. During his service as a law enforcement officer, Mr. Wheeler has served under five sheriffs and at the time of his resignation was in charge of the southern territory of the county.

State Fair Races Training Begins

With the advent of spring weather last week railroads at the State Fair grounds were out bright and early each morning watching the first real workout of the horses which have spent the winter quartered at the Detroit stables.

More than 50 head of thoroughbreds are now quartered at the local oval and more are arriving daily. Veteran horsemen estimate that more than 100 head will be in training there by the first of May.

All of the horses will be campaigned this summer on the grand circuit and fair route.

For the most part all of the horses there at the present time are youngsters and will be sent in to competition for the first time this spring.

However, several veteran campaigners are also receiving daily workouts.

A court held that James C. Lawrence of London must continue to support his divorced wife's household because her second husband was unable to do so.

Cosmopolite And Artist Is Mrs. Betsy Graves Reyneau

By SALLY KNOX

A wealth of recollection belongs to Mrs. Betsy Graves Reyneau, who, between long visits to Europe, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Hendrie. An early cosmopolite artist and an excellent reputation for portrait painting, have brought her in touch with some of the most interesting personages in the literary and political roster of Europe.

Not only has Mrs. Reyneau had an opportunity of drawing the likenesses of many European notables, but she has had the pleasure, in several cases, of being their neighbors or their guests.

For two and a half months, she lived near Grasse, on the Riviera "right over the hill" from H. G. Wells, the British novelist and historian, whom she has drawn with the world as a background.

In moments of relaxation, the two would play badminton together. "He is the most brilliant of conversationalists," Mrs. Reyneau said; "and he has an intense power of application. He spends six months of every year on the Riviera, working hard, in virtual isolation, even refusing to have a telephone in his house. He used to say jestingly, at tea, 'Well, I must go now and write two plays and a novel before supper time.' He really could accomplish wonders in a short time."

Vernon Lee, Her Hostess
Mrs. Lee, author and critic, and herself the heroine of "The Red Lily," was Mrs. Reyneau's hostess for six months. Others, of whom Mrs. Reyneau has many drawings, are Trevelyan, English historian, Lady Oxford, the former Mrs. Asquith, George Santayana, G. K. Chesterton, G. Lowes Dickinson, Cambridge don and ardent pacifist; Desmond McCarthy, the critic; Clive Bell, Andre Maurois, the novelist-biographer, and the Honorable Veta Nicholson, who is the heroine of Virginia Woolf's Orlando.

Mrs. Reyneau has done portraits of Bertrand Russell and Molinari in this country. "My introduction to these interesting people was gained through relatives and friends of my former husband, Paul Reyneau, who, in Europe, holds a title of nobility. In this way I became acquainted with Vernon Lee, who lives in an immense old castle on The Knoll, awarded to her ancestors by Queen Elizabeth. Even this castle looks small compared to her mansion, and she once said to me, that although she had lived there most of her life, she supposed there were rooms in the house she had never been in."

"She is very old now, and was once a close friend of John Sargent, who requested that she write a story of his life after he died. In compliance with this request, she is the co-author of a biography of Sargent. No one but Sargent ever had been allowed to paint her picture, but fortunately, she liked my work and took me up. She introduced me to many of the most interesting people in England. I was asked to do a great many portraits, for which I could not find time, but I am looking forward to doing them when I return."

Daughter In Switzerland
Mrs. Reyneau expects to return during the summer, when she will visit her small daughter, Marie, now attending the Petit Ecole Nouvelle, on Lake Geneva. While living in Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. Reyneau has painted a number of portraits of local people. She is looking forward to visiting Germany and Russia next year for the first time.

Art alone does not exhaust Mrs. Reyneau's interests. An ardent feminist, pacifist, and socialist, she is a keen observer of the political trends of present day civilization.

"The situation in this country is terrible," she exclaimed. "The unemployment percentage at its best the last few years, has been much greater than the percentage in England at its very worst." Overproduction and the consequent glutting the market, with the periodical closing down of the factories will seal the doom of Democracy, and inaugurate a socialist revolution, she believes.

England will slip naturally into it, but violence will accompany its inauguration in America because the police here back the forces of capitalism, she contends. "I meet people all over Europe," she said, "who exclaim, 'Are you police really armed?' It's an outrage! The working man pays for police protection, as well as the rich man. Yes, if he becomes unemployed, and endeavors to stage a simple demonstration, the armed forces of the police are directed against him."

She cited the recent demonstration in Detroit, which she described as "quiet and well-behaved." "All the rioting was done by the police," she said, "in England a man may say what he wishes, and strikes are not quelled

MRS. J. R. McCOLL WILL ADDRESS MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

Additional plans have been announced for the Community Mother and Daughter banquet at the Community House, which will be an event of May 2, at 6:30 p. m. The speaker will be Mrs. J. R. McColl, of Detroit, recent past president of the Detroit New Century Club, president of the Woman's Association of the North Woodward Avenue Congregational church, a literary critic and a mother.

A beautiful candle-lighting ceremony is promised by members of the committee in charge, which is composed of Mrs. Harold Gray, Miss Ruth Douglas, Mrs. Charles Burgess, Mrs. Richard Fowler, Mrs. Harold Elcock, Mrs. Helen Mosher, and Miss Edna Platte.

The banquet is sponsored by the Girl Reserves, the Girl Scouts, the

Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Brownies. All village mothers and daughters are welcome to attend.

THREE SPEEDERS FINED

Three speeders who pleaded guilty before Justice Malcolm Hunt last week and are Theodore F. Zemke, 19129 Cameron avenue, Detroit, and George Stewart, 1267 Eastlawn, avenue, Detroit, both of whom paid \$10 fines for driving 40 miles an hour through the village; and Roush Bernhard, who paid a fine of \$15 for driving 45 miles an hour in Birmingham.

More than 227 million persons in the world are adherents of the Mohammedan religion.

MISS BLACK WINS COLLEGE HONOR

Village Girl Achieves Scholastic Record At Teachers' College

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 1.—Dorothy Black of Birmingham is one of the 52 students of Western State Teachers' College Kalamazoo, to achieve a place on the high scholarship list of the college for the winter term, according to the list, which has just been announced.

To win a place on the honor roll of Western State is no small achievement as it requires a grade of A in at least three subjects, and for more than one it is allowed for those making the list. Miss Black is one of the 17 to turn in an all "A" record.



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