

Behold the wonder of the Universe! Observe the complexity, the vastness of it all—and then lift up your eyes onto the hills, the stars, and your fellow-men and women, and give thanks for all good things.

FIFTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 24

# FLOWER SHOW DRAWS LARGE ATTENDANCE

Members of the W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting in the Baldwin Public Library, Wednesday, Oct. 1. The business meeting will be followed by a program, "Scientific Temperance," arranged by Mrs. David Leoni Woodward.

autographed copy of "Albert D. Taylor's book, "The Complete Gardener," went to Mrs. W. T. Barbour. First prize for asters was awarded to the Brookside School, E. C. Barnett, gardener.

Other prize winners were as follows: Mrs. T. F. MacManus, Arthur Claxton, gardener, eight firsts, four seconds, two thirds; Mrs. John T. Shaw, Ivan Coupar, gardener, seven firsts, six seconds, one third; Mrs. Otto Kern, Raymond Bair, gardener, six firsts, five seconds; Walter O. Briggs, Ben Beggren, gardener, three firsts, five seconds; three thirds; Mrs. Briggs, W. O. Reynolds, gardener, four firsts, five seconds.

Brookside School, Mr. Barrett, gardener, three firsts, two seconds; Mrs. C. W. Matheson, three firsts, seven seconds, one third; Mrs. Ralph Stoeper, M. Underwood, gardener, two firsts; Mrs. H. A. Sterling, M. Arnold, gardener, two firsts; C. A. Strands, Alger Munt, gardener, two firsts, one second; H. L. Wallace, William Hadfield, gardener, two firsts, one second; H. Shero, William Gardner, two firsts; Mrs. W. D. Thompson, Chester Mitchell, gardener, one first, five seconds, one third; H. A. Stormfeldt, G. Leslie, gardener, one first; Mrs. Roehm, Richard Dale, gardener, four second, two thirds; Col. E. S. George, James Rogers, gardener, four seconds; Mrs. C. C. Winingham, Thomas Hind, gardener, five seconds; Mrs. S. E. Heinemann, one second; M. B. Whittlesy, William Tennant, gardener, one second; William Illich, one second; Bert Turner, one second.

The flowers were displayed on long tables arranged in the center of the auditorium. Arrangements were made for effect, and color combinations were featured. Fruit and vegetables were arranged in exhibits of six and 12, along the side tables.

F. J. Fisher, Wins Trophy  
The silver trophy awarded for exhibits for effect, located at the entrance, went to F. J. Fisher, Mrs. Ralph Shaw and her gardener, George Vinnett, won second prize. The first prize for baskets of outdoor flowers and foliage suitable for the living room, au-

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PART TWO

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1930

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## Thomas L. Wood Expires In West

Signs for the forthcoming weeks point to lots of talk on the prohibition question. It is certain that the new budget will come dry, throughout the country. While the Oakland County Democratic delegation at the State Convention at St. Joseph instructed to vote against a plank on prohibition in the platform, they found themselves in a hopeless minority, the convention electing the party platform with a pledge to seek a national referendum. This will give William K. Comstock, Democratic nominee for Governor, something to talk about, inasmuch as Wilbur M. Bricker, his opponent in the contest among Republicans, the real firework will be heard in the campaign for Congress, between Seymour H. Hays, Republican, and Patrick H. O'Brien, the Democratic nominee. Mr. Person is a national card seeks a remedy, while Mr. O'Brien, if he follows the policy laid down at St. Joseph, will be even wicker. On the other hand the forces allied with prohibition are going to have a problem on their hands, who to support, if any body.

Drain Commissioner Spencer, in his report to the Board of Supervisors, stated if the courts follow precedent they will throw out pending suits of taxpayers against the Southfield drain. The one case in which suits against the drain was upheld, was in the matter of the Clinton and Smith cases, which, under the law, had the right of personal notification before the drain was built. But, some under the provisions of this law and therefore can have no complaint, he reported. Yet the suits are on file and the county is destined to hear lots more about this drain.

Those very interesting salary lists given to the Board of Supervisors by County Auditors, have given the people of Oakland County something to think about. The lists, only partially complete, inasmuch as they do not include part time labor and office help, prove that it takes quite a parcel of the real estate of the county going. Just a casual mental adding of the columns shows that the three largest taxpayers of a million. If all the expense accounts and supply charges and general office expense were included the figures undoubtedly would cause us to gasp. Then if all the food, etc., necessary to the various public institutions were enumerated we might be staggered.

Yet none of these public office holders' salaries seem out of proportion. There's some highly capable specialists working for us for \$5,000 a year and less. Dr. John Monroe, health commissioner, draws top pay at \$7,500 and is allowed \$1,200 for motor car expense. The Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff are next in line at \$7,000 salaries.

It is possible that a little efficiency experting by the Supervisors could eliminate some of this expense. It would be desirable of course to do away with any of the department heads but that is a job at least, see jobs among the lesser lights that we wonder just what kind of car costs \$1,000 a year to maintain!

There are some shrewd business heads on the Board of Supervisors. And they have been doing some casual investigation into the various county departments. They have been given some interesting financial data by the Oakland County Bankers Association. They have at hand traffic figures on the various highways and byways of the county and they are rather well acquainted with the topography. The people of the

## County Comment

The sportsmanship of Oakland County residents was praised by Conservation Officer McClure in a report of his work to the Supervisors, Monday. Of several hundred not arrested during the last eleven months for violation of the game laws less than ten were residents of Oakland. A majority of these offenders were caught taking undersized fish from the lakes. They paid fines to \$200 in fines. Mr. McClure stated that persons living in and about the county's lakes had displayed a high spirit of co-operation in enforcement of the conservation laws. More than 18 million perch have been planted, Mr. McClure reported, in addition to thousands of bass, white bass, trout, thousands of blue gills and other choice food members of the finny tribe are yet to be planted.

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Kurik was arrested by Bloomfield police officers following a collision on West Long Lake road between Telegraph and Lahser roads. Kurik's machine collided with another car driven by Ralph C. Dikeman, of Detroit. Both cars were badly damaged.

With Kurik's brother, Joseph, whose address was given as Birmingham R. F. D. No. 2, and his fine and license suspended, also of Pontiac, went to jail.

## NEW Y CAMP MOVIES SHOWN

The motion pictures shown had been taken at various intervals during the summer by Y. M. C. A. Miners, Charles A. Smith, and George R. Averell, Erwin Noy, chief leader of the camp, presided at the picture Monday before Rotarians and Tuesday before local exchanges, when the same program was given. At the conclusion of the pictures, which consisted of scenes of every camp activity, Eddie Edwards, organist at the local Methodist Episcopal church, made an eloquent plea for continued support in local Y work. He stressed the importance of good training for youth, and held that no agency in existence today can take the place of the Y. M. C. A. in the character-building of youth.

## HIT-RUN DRIVER INJURES CHILD

Buddy Boughman, a Yearling, treated for minor head injuries, Police Dept. Motorist.

Police today are seeking the driver of an automobile that struck an injured Buddy Boughman, 8-year-old son of Mrs. Vera R. Boughman, 1110 Holladay street, as the child was standing on the curb in front of Woodward avenue and Hamper street at 10:20 a. m. Sunday.

The child was treated for cuts and bruises about the head, arm and leg and returned to his home, 8726 Westwood, 111 Columbia road, Meriton, but the police he witnessed the accident and was unable to identify the driver did not stop.

## DRUNK DRIVER FINED, JAILED

Given 60-Day Term After Arrest Following Collision On Long Lake Rd.

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## NATURALIST TO GIVE LECTURE

Boy Scouts To Hear Thom McClure At Community House

Thomas McClure, of Detroit, nationally-known naturalist, will speak at the Community House Friday evening, Oct. 17, proceeds of the lecture to go to the local Boy Scout district committee for improvement and upkeep of Camp George, Birmingham Scout camp on lower Long Lake.

Mr. McClure, who is actively connected with the work of the State Conservation Department, is a descendant of Scotch and English gamekeepers, extending back for 800 years. In fact, he is the first member of the family who is not engaged in that profession. However, he is closely acquainted with wild animals as if he were actively engaged, and has performed some interesting experiments in that work, according to officials of the district committee.

Recently he inspected a large estate which did not have enough small wild animals, the owner having called him in to ascertain what the difficulty was. He is able to walk through a tract of land and tell what other types of animals live there, what birds are there, and what pests are keeping them out if they are scarce. His diagnoses are taken with the aid of weather conditions, humidity, temperature, wind direction and velocity, ground temperature and other factors, and are of a decidedly accurate nature. He was able to tell the owner of the large estate exactly what rodents were destroying his small game and how to trap them.

An attempt is to be made to get Mr. McClure to go through the territory in the 40 acres of land surrounding the cabins at Camp George and tell what wild animals live there, what can be done to further and aid their life there, and what rodents to destroy, according to Shelton F. Wright, a member of the district committee.

Mr. McClure is now actively engaged in business in Detroit and is a writer for newspapers and magazines, as well as assisting the State Conservation Department with its work. He is president of the Audobon Society, and a member of the Inland Water League, and President of Rod and Fly, as well as being an official of the Boy Scouts of America.

He is donating his services, and tickets will be sold, it is announced, but a small fee will be collected at the door. Parents and friends of Scouts as well as Scouts and all others interested in promoting nature work are invited to attend the lecture.

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## Southfield Man Up On Liquor Charge

Leonard Larsen, 159 Fairfax avenue, Southfield/Township, was to appear for examination today in this court in the recent primary election were taken to Lansing Friday by James V. Bayley, township clerk, for the re-count being held at the State Capitol. Mr. Bayley was accompanied by Lloyd Reid, township engineer.

A new airplane successfully tested in Germany has no tail, a rudder being placed on the tip of each backward-sloping wing.

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