

VILLAGERS SEE FORESTS BURN

Mr. and Mrs. Bayley Tell Of Damage On Return From Trip

The terrific forest fire that raged in the vicinity of Raco, Mich., between Sauli Ste. Marie and Newberry last week, destroying acres of pine forests and causing thousands of dollars damage, was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Bayley, of East Maple avenue who returned from a trip to the Upper Peninsula on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayley, who spent 10 days touring the western and northern part of the state, were driving near Raco when the fire was at its height. "The air was filled with black smoke and the heat of the fire, which was about a quarter of a mile from where we were when we saw it, was very noticeable. I had never before seen a forest fire and I was impressed by the terrible magnificence of the spectacle," Mrs. Bayley said.

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Political Patter

INDICATIONS that an even more intensive and bitter campaign than that of four years ago when Gov. Fred Green and Alex J. Groesbeck were opposed for the governorship have been made during the past week. Gov. Green, in a radio address at Detroit, bitterly assailed Groesbeck, charging that his record should certainly defeat him rather than be a basis for the electorate returning him to the most responsible office of the spectacle," Mrs. Bayley said.

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Green, he added, the tax amount is to \$30,000,000 last year.

While Detroit and Groesbeck were exchanging verbal attacks, Chase S. Osborn and Sen. James Couzens were busy working in different parts of the state and over the radio on topics of national importance.

Sen. Couzens was enthusiastically received at the county fair at Charlevoix where he discussed agriculture and expressed his approval of governmental drought relief. Mr. Osborn carried his campaign into Lenawee County after a conference with his Monroe committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made in Detroit that a state-wide organization, headed by Mrs. Kate W. English, of Saginaw, had been formed to support the cause of Wilber M. Brucker, Groesbeck's opponent, and also supported by the Green regime.

Judge Edward J. Jeffries, of Detroit, criticized his tour, discussing the theory of governmental stabilization of wheat crops at \$2 a bushel and the advocacy of a tariff law "with teeth in it."

Perhaps the most significant surprise in the political conflict popped out on Thursday when Gov. Green announced his support of Osborn against Couzens. At the Western Michigan Fair at Grand Rapids, the governor announced his preference, explaining his action was an expression of gratitude for the political debt he owed Osborn for supporting him in the race for governorship four years ago.

Four candidates seek to represent the Sixth Congressional District in the Congress. They are Grant M. Hudson, who seeks reelection; State Senator Seymour H. Person, who is like Mr. Hudson, from Lansing; Maude Slocum Moross and Robert H. Cook, both of Detroit. The race seems to be centered chiefly between Hudson and Person. Hudson is a dry, and will not only get most of the dry vote, but his long and efficient experience in Congress will also obtain for him many votes of people who "make an occasional nip." Person's strength is largely centered with women in this District who are behind the movement to repeal the Prohibition Act; he will get many votes, political observers agree, but hardly enough to defeat Hudson.

DETROIT'S MESS. (COURSE, there is the Detroit Mayorality matter; although local people will not vote upon who shall lead Detroit in or out of the bewildering wilderness of modern urban life, most everybody here is interested in the scrap that is now taking place in Cadillac's old home-town. For it certainly has developed into a nasty tight—eloquent proof being offered each day that the modern huge city, with its tangled and complex interests, its varying moods and temperaments, is highly incapable of governing itself with any degree of economy and fair play. Observe how foolish are some of man's election laws, the lawmakers enact certain recall laws, and allow the incumbent (Continued on Next Page)

GOOD FRUIT CROPS IN COUNTY SEEN

Vaughn and Specialist Believe Yield To Be Better Than Expected

Despite damage and injury caused by the dry weather, Oakland County's fruit-crop this year is expected to be good both as to quality and quantity, although the fruit will be smaller in size than usual. This is the opinion of Harold M. Vaughn, county agricultural agent, following his tour of inspection of many orchards with H. A. Cardwell, fruit specialist.

Although there is considerable dropping of fruit so early in the season, many farmers have taken excellent care of their orchards and some favorable conditions have offset to a degree the damage done to the crops by the hot weather. The peach crop is expected to be particularly plentiful and of good flavor, Mr. Vaughn said.

Accompanied by Mr. Cardwell and Harry Lurkins, Berrien county agent, several Berrien County orchardists will visit Oakland County farms on a tour of inspection on Sept. 11 and 12. The methods of Oakland County fruit growers have established a reputation for

LAST RITES HELD FOR MRS. WENZL

Mother Of Villager Died In Detroit After Six Weeks' Illness


Funeral services for Mrs. Mathilda Wenzl, the mother of Mrs. V. F. Wenzl, 511 Hancock street, were held Monday at the Church of the Holy Rosary, in Detroit.

In 1915 Mrs. Wenzl moved to Detroit where she lived with her daughter, Miss Alva Wenzl, 1000 Trowbridge avenue. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Wenzl, Mrs. Wenzl leaves a son, Victor, of St. Joseph, Mich., and three grandchildren.

The burial was in Mt. Elliott Cemetery.

Mrs. Wenzl, who was 70 years old, died in the Providence hospital in Detroit after an illness of six weeks. Mrs. Wenzl was the widow of the late Julius F. Wenzl, who died of pneumonia in 1922, returning to Paris, France, in 1925.

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