

# The Birmingham Eccentric

PART TWO

For little children, life is a great playground; money is only a name and not a desire for them. How cruel society is, in its mature organizations, to deprive little children to leave their playground.

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## VILLAGE CAN'T ENFORCE LAW ON GRAVEL PIT

### Beardlee May Operate Private Business, Despite Zoning Ordinance in Hills

#### OWNER WINS APPEAL

Judge Glenn C. Gillette in the Oakland Circuit Court Saturday handed down an opinion in which he declared the Village of Bloomfield Hills could not prevent the operation of a gravel pit within its limits by enforcing the provisions of its zoning ordinance. Floyd Beardlee, the owner of the gravel pit, had appealed to the circuit court following his conviction last September, of violating the ordinance.

The ordinance, by which the municipality hoped to regulate the construction and operation of certain lines of work within its confines, was passed in July, 1927. Two years later, Beardlee purchased 17 1/2 acres of land lying just inside the northwesterly limits of the village and opened a gravel pit there. He was arrested in September 1929 and was found guilty of violating the zoning ordinance. He was given the option of a \$25 fine or 15 days in jail. He appealed the case.

## CHAS. BINGHAM GIVEN PRAISE

### "Dad" Of Local DeMolay Honored At Banquet Held Tuesday Night

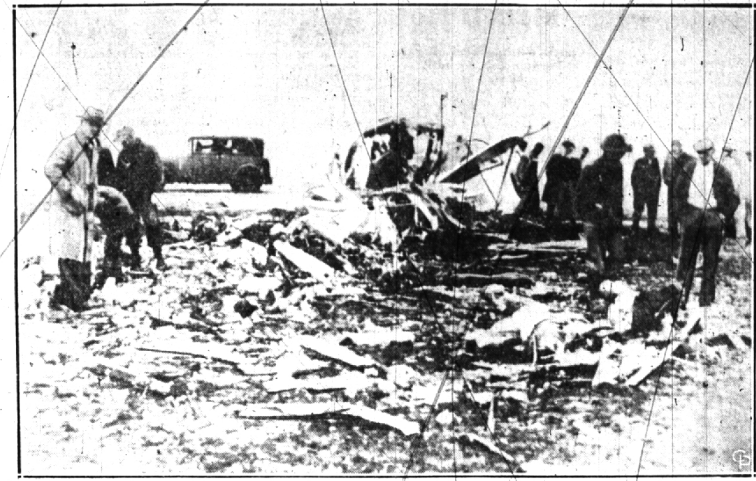
Charles A. Bingham, local businessman long associated with Birmingham fraternal circles, past Master of the Birmingham Masonic Lodge, and for five years, between 1924 and 1929, "Dad" and advisor of the James S. Hassberger Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, was honored Tuesday night when a special class of 19 boys were initiated.

The class is known as the "Past Dad Bingham Class." Plans for the special class had been in preparation since the first of this year, according to R. J. Morrow, present "Dad" of the chapter.

Following the initiatory work, Mr. Morrow paid tribute to the labors of Mr. Bingham, who as the first "Dad" of the local DeMolay Chapter, was responsible for the great inspiration and leadership in the work. William Spencer, a past Master, counsellor of the chapter, on behalf of the Order, presented Mr. Bingham with a desk pencil and pen set, properly inscribed.

Offers, timely advice Mr. Bingham's acceptance of the rank included some helpful and timely advice to the members of the DeMolay Chapter, as well

## WRECKED PLANE IN WHICH KNUTE ROCKNE FELL TO HIS DEATH



Central Press photo of wrecked airplane, crushed by plane and left of wrecked craft scattered over meadow. Knute Rockne, famed Notre-Dame football coach, and his passengers and the pilot were killed.

## BALDWIN GIRL BEST SPEAKER

### Marvel Carson Wins Oakland County Declaration Test At Holly School

Marvel Carson, brilliant young Sophomore student at the Baldwin High School, won the Oakland County declaration contest held last Friday afternoon at the Holly High School with students from nine other county schools competing.

Marvel spoke on Ingersoll's "The Plumed Knight," and her clearness of expression and fitting gestures won her the judges' decision. She will now be entered in the subject contest including Macomb and Oakland counties to be held at Mt. Clemens High School, Friday Apr. 10.

H. Earle Corvont, director of the speech department at Baldwin High School, and Erlin Andrews, who placed fourth in the oratory contest, made the trip to Holly also. Erlin spoke on "Crime Prevention." There were 48 entries in the oratory contest.

The judges for the tilt were Miss Olive Lockwood of Mt. Clemens, Miss North, Mrs. S. Brown, Flint Central, and Professor John Maykens, speech department of the University of Michigan.

### ELECTRICAL OFFICES MOVED

Harry A. Mudge, electrical contractor whose establishment formerly was at 448 Hamilton avenue, has moved to larger quarters at 204 North Woodward avenue. Mr. Mudge's establishment was located at the Hamilton avenue address for the past two years when he engaged in house wiring, supplying electrical fixtures and motor repairing.

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## Birmingham Banks Will Not Be Open for Business On Election Day

# MONDAY, APRIL 6th

### - A Legal Holiday -

## Financial GROWTH

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### Give Fine Retail

Editorial on the Haveson case, with Stetson Grace as Master Counselor, mentioned their excellent work in a recent issue of the magazine. The local chapter is the best in Michigan in financial and administrative matters.

### Rehabilitation Is Aim

Rehabilitation of the whole individual is the aim and goal of the State Welfare Department. It is not only the physical, but the mental, moral, and social aspects of the individual that are to be improved. The department is organized to help the individual in all these respects. It is not only the physical, but the mental, moral, and social aspects of the individual that are to be improved. The department is organized to help the individual in all these respects.

### Hope In Education

Meeting was held in connection with the welfare department and the importance of the relationship between social work and education was stressed.

### Conduct Funeral For Mrs. Oertel

Funeral services for Mrs. Oertel were held at the First State Savings Bank on Tuesday afternoon.

### Rest Is Only Cure

The only cure for the disease and pain is rest. The ordinary treatment is to rest for a few days, and then to take a course of treatment. For a full description of the disease and its treatment, see the booklet "The Disease and Its Treatment" which is available free of charge.

## MEN WHO PLAY FAIR...

## "We'd be doing ourselves a favor if we paid our bills promptly!"

Jack and I were having a "squabble" about bills. It had started a joke, but now the air was blue.

"I don't care how you run your business," I said. "I'll pay my bills when I can, and that's that! My money is for better use."

"But, Peg, there is no better use for your money than getting your bills paid. We are doing ourselves a favor when we keep our credit good."

"I can't see how," was all I could say.

"Well, suppose you charged some furniture on your account. That was a promise to pay within a certain time. The time passed and the bill is not paid. Your creditor loses faith in you - your name loses prestige - and wherever credit was given you, your name has a question mark after it."

"So you see, if we pay our bills more promptly, we'd always be able to have credit - and, incidentally, the respect of our neighbors!"

"Yes, but, Jack, they know we're honest and will pay. A few weeks more of less shouldn't make so much difference."

Jack was blighted now, so I knew he was serious.

"Delay in paying," he replied, "causes our creditors just as much trouble as though the manager should forget to pay my salary for several months. The money we owe them is their salary. They have to get to work. I hadn't thought of that in just that way. Jack was wadded with his bill, however."

"What's more, Peg," he went on, "we're the ones who benefit from credit. They allow us the goods and the money because. We're really not playing square!"

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