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ASKS COUNTY TO REIMBURSE HIM FOR \$1,500

Shff. Schram Petitions Board For Judgment in Balke False Arrest Case

SETTLED OUT OF COURT

The committee on miscellaneous affairs of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors now in session in Pontiac, is considering the petition of Sheriff Frank Schram that he be reimbursed by the county for a \$1,500 judgment given Marion Balke in a false arrest case in January, 1930.

Mrs. Balke was arrested in the summer of 1929 during the investigation of the murder of her husband, Walter, who was found shot to death west of Birmingham. A Detroit youth later confessed shooting Balke and was exonerated by police when he proved he shot to protect his girl companion.

Mrs. Balke later brought suit against the sheriff and his deputies charging false arrest. A settlement for \$1,500 was reached out of court. A verdict considerably higher than \$1,500 might have been reached if the case had come to trial, affidavits which accompanied Schram's petition affirmed. The supervisors also were told that the officers acted in the performance of their duties under the direction of the prosecuting attorney.

Two Missing Girls Found Here Monday

Two girls reported missing by their parents Friday, were found on Woodward avenue in Birmingham Monday. The girls, Doretha Stetson, 13 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Stetson, 241 Masson street, Clawson, and Mary Mills, 16 years old, 134 Weller street, Clawson, had "just gone for a bike," they told police.

Mr. Stetson, upon questioning by Chief John P. Hackett, said his daughter had been out of school since Feb. 3, but that he was not aware of the fact until a comparatively short time ago. The girls made their way to Flint and Saginaw and were on their way home when found by police.

Birmingham High School Accredited By North Central Ass'n Until March, 1932

Melvin C. Hart, Principal of the Birmingham High School, has just been notified that his school has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for the period ending Mar. 20, 1932.

Having to do with the granting of explanation of the term of accreditation, the school is preparing to meet the requirements of the association to prepare each year a teaching certificate, the graduation records of the school, and the requirements of such a list.

A high school accredited by the North Central Association must maintain high standards and subsequently be re-examined by the school association.

The examination of the school at regular intervals by inspectors and supervisor serves to maintain with respect to the school building and its equipment, the development of its instructional apparatus, school records, the requirements for graduation, instruction and salaries of teachers, the training and preparation of teachers, the teaching load, pupil loads, and the school program with reference to physical education and to its athletic exchanges with other high schools as determined by the state athletic association.

Establish Closer Relation

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is an accrediting agency comprising 20 states and is the largest regional accrediting agency in the United States. The object of the Association is to establish closer relations between the secondary schools and the institutions of higher education within the North central states and in such territory as the North Central Association may recognize. All decisions of the Association bearing on the policies and management of secondary schools and institutions of higher education are understood to be advisory in their character. The accrediting Association is a cooperative undertaking. Membership in this Association is purely voluntary. It must be the desire of the local authorities of a high school to be accredited by the North Central Association in order to have its Association as follows:

Advantages that high schools realize as a result of being accredited by the North Central Association are summarized by the Commission as follows:

1. The graduates of an accredited high school are privileged to enter institutions of higher education within the North Central states without entrance examinations, provided that they have studied in the high school subjects required by the college or university for admission. Since other accrediting agencies recognize schools accredited by the North Central Association, this privilege of entering institutions of higher education without exam-

May Close Street To Protect Children

Because of the traffic hazard, particularly to children, the closing of Woodward avenue at Madison avenue is being contemplated. In a letter to the Village Commission, dated April 18, 1931, L. Stanley, city engineer, pointed out the danger to children from automobiles turning the sharp angle corner there. It is proposed to locate automatic gates from Oakland drive to Woodward avenue on block to the east of Madison avenue.

GAIN REPORTED BY ANTI-DRYS

Birmingham Women Delegates Return From Second Annual Meet

Delegates from Birmingham who have returned from attending the second annual convention of the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform report that Michigan stands second in membership, New York being the only state surpassing it at present. In 11 months, Mrs. Frederick M. Alger, state chairman, reports, Michigan's membership has increased from 1,700 to more than 30,000. At the National Convention 32 states were represented with a membership exceeding 300,000.

Michigan artists were awarded two of the three National prizes, second prize and Edward McCandless, the third prize. One of the interesting features of the convention was the statement made by Matthew Wall, vice president of the American Federation of Labor, that his organization would cooperate in every way with the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

The following resolution was adopted: "The sense of this conference that in order to effect the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform urge its members to support only those candidates for public office who have openly declared themselves in favor of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment."

All delegates attending the convention were received by the President, Mrs. Courtland Nicoll, National Secretary, presenting him with the following resolution: "It is resolved that we petition the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to take such action as will give to the people of the States an opportunity to put into effect the principles to which we adhere."

Mrs. M. Andrew Boyan, Mrs. E. O'Brien and Mrs. James Leahy were the Birmingham members who attended the convention. Mrs. O'Brien being named member of Committee on Resolutions. Mrs. Joseph A. Braun of Bloomfield Hills was named member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

ANNUAL BAPTIST MEETING APR. 28

Election Of Officers, Reading Of Reports To Be Made At Church

The annual meeting and dinner of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham will take place in the Tabernacle hall of the church, Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. At this time the annual election will take place and the annual reports will be made by the officers of every department, society and organization of the church.

The dinner will be served in an old-fashioned picnic or potluck style and no admission will be charged. The arrangements for the dinner are in charge of a committee of ladies of the Women's Union, composed of the following: Mrs. Steve Chatfield, Mrs. Andrew Boyan, Mrs. Peter Aiken, and Mrs. Wm. G. Olsen.

Richard Peck is chairman of the committee to furnish refreshments and other special features of the program. Dr. David Leon Woodward, pastor, will preside as moderator of the entire dinner.

All friends as well as members of the church are invited.

DECISION REACHED ON ALLEY PROJECT

Postal Lease Requirements Fulfilled By Agreement Made Monday

Following a discussion of the proposed construction of an alley for the postoffice between Fernside and Fisher avenues, a satisfactory arrangement providing for a temporary alley to the rear of the postoffice was reached Monday night between the village commission and property owners living in the affected area.

The agreement provides for an alley obtained by an easement on the Eugene Walton property with an outlet on Woodward avenue. The terms of the postoffice easement fulfilled and the alley will be subject to posting by the village.

James W. Parry, village manager, Mr. Walton and Mrs. Mae Brooks, together with E. J. Williams, who had invested most heavily in the postoffice site, discussed the matter at length. The proposition was tabled for a week, however, until the agreement was drawn up. When the agreement finally is reached the matter of the postoffice will be indefinitely tabled until such time as conditions warrant the construction of an alley there, the commission decided.

JOHN BALDWIN, 93, FUNERAL IS TODAY

Rites To Be Conducted At 2 P. M. At Marshall, Mich.; Lived Here Seven Years

Funeral services are to be held at 2 p. m. today at the Coker-Moore funeral home at Marshall, Mich., for John Baldwin Sr., 93 years old, who died here at the home of his daughter, Monday morning. Burial will be in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

Until two weeks ago Mr. Baldwin had been active and for the past seven years he resided with his daughter, Mrs. Verne Gabel. Until 2 p. m. yesterday the body lay in state at the S. O. Wyle-Bell home for funerals.

He leaves three daughters and a son: Mrs. Gabel, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. M. of Marshall; Mrs. Alice Chatman of Battle Creek, and John Baldwin, Jr., of Birmingham.

OPENS BRANCH OFFICE

Branch office in Birmingham at Woodward avenue and Brown street, of the Wolverine Warehouse, has been opened by that organization, of which Frederick Smith, of Bagedale avenue, is president. The local office, which will also effect electrical fixtures, will be directed by J. F. Rowley and C. H. Weatherly, well-known village engineers.

SPAIN'S NEW PRESIDENT SKETCHED

A striking dandy sponsored by the Varsity Club of the Badwin High School will be held in the Birmingham Community House tomorrow evening from 7:30 until one o'clock. Tickets may be secured from varsity club members or at the Community House tomorrow night.

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COMMISSION IS SHOCKED BY 3 BOMB BLASTS

During a discussion of the park clean-up at River Rouge and Baldwin Parks the meeting of the village commission Monday night was disrupted by the explosion of a bomb. The bomb was a signal set off at the Community House to indicate the amount of money raised on the opening night of the Community House's \$15,000 roll call. Two other explosions startled the assemblage and President Harry Allen, not recognizing the reason for the explosion, took upon himself the responsibility of finding out. While he looked out the north window of the commission chamber, Dr. Fred Le Tucker explained what the occasion of the noise was.

DRIVER HURT WHEN TRUCK OVERTURNS

Telephone Co.'s Machine Skids Into Embankment On Woodward Ave.

Injuries Are Slight

Charles McCoy, 27 years old, 12067 Grandmount avenue, Detroit, suffered a sprained knee and possible internal injuries Monday when the truck and trailer he was operating skidded from the pavement on Woodward avenue south of Hickory Grove road and overturned on an embankment, the truck with McCoy, was not injured. He lives at 3730 Canfield avenue, Detroit.

The truck, the property of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., was loaded with 25 telephone poles and was being driven north on Woodward avenue when it overturned. (Turn to Page 5, this section)

JUST JOKING

The increase in wet sentiment should be a warning to bootleggers and hijackers. If they do not mend their ways, they will have their load taken away from them.—New Yorker.

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