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Eleventh Anniversary Of Dry Law Enactment To Be Held At Baptist Church

The eleventh annual celebration of the enactment of the national prohibition laws will be held at a union church service to be conducted at 7:30 p. m. next Sunday, Jan. 11, at the first Baptist Church under the combined auspices of the Birmingham branches of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Birmingham Ministers Association.

The Rev. Robert M. Atkins, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will give the principal address. Rev. Warner L. Forsyth of the St. James Episcopal Church, will read the scripture lesson; the Rev. Henry S. Evans of the United Presbyterian Church will conduct the prayer; the Rev. J. C. Mathews of the Southfield Presbyterian Church will give the benediction, and the Rev. David L. Woodward, of the First Baptist Church, will preside.

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Villagers and the Village

By THE WANDERER

What with the traffic lights needing frequent repair, President Harry Allen is concerned with educating some village employe in the intricate business of making adjustments to said traffic lights instead of having outside electricians called in to do the work. "Is there any reason," he asked James W. Parry, village manager, "why this fellow Mudge (Alvin Mudge, village electrical inspector) couldn't learn—if he doesn't already know—how to fix these traffic lights?" To which Mr. Parry replied that the job did require more than ordinary knowledge in electrical affairs but that he would see about the matter.

Patrolman Edward Myers was seated in one of the Police Scout cars parked at the curb on Woodward avenue near Oakland Saturday, guarding the public's safety. It was a very slippery pavement; he was Woodward avenue. And Patrolman Myers was engaged in the business of observing "almost accidents" as cars skidded here and there in the drivers' efforts to avoid violating the traffic signals. Suddenly Patrolman Myers experienced a jolt that sent him forward. Another car had skidded into his machine. The damage was $15. Harry Martin, 5653 Seminole avenue, Detroit, the driver, had found the pavement too icy and had skidded into the police car. All of which impresses this Wanderer to remark, "Accidents not only will and do happen, but even the police are not immune."

Woodward avenue in Bloomfield Hills on Monday was a veritable toboggan, the drizzling rain freezing on the pavement surface as soon as it landed. "There haven't been any 'dingell' fenders or crashes so far today," Chief William Putman told this Wanderer, "and I hope there aren't any. But we've turned off our traffic light at the intersection of Woodward avenue and Long Pine road so that the motorists can slide through, going in any direction."

A group of men including this Wanderer, discussing the problems of the world and the nation's ills in particular were pleasantly interrupted the other day in a Birmingham restaurant by a kindly medical man who had been intrigued by their conversation.

"Your arguments," he said, "remind me of a story told by Emory Clark, of the First National Bank in Detroit. He was in a little southern town one day on a hunting trip. It had been raining and he got his feet wet. Entering a general store he approached the proprietor, who was alone. 'I'd like to purchase a pair of socks,' he said. 'My feet are wet.' The old store-keeper produced the socks and conducted Mr. Clark to a rear room where he might put on the new apparel. The customary boxes around the old stove and quantities of peanut shells on the floor meant only one thing—this was the meeting place where the ancients solved their and everyone else's problems.

"We up north think Mr. Coolidge's pretty good,' said Mr. Clark upon his return to the front of the store. 'I see evidence in the back room there that leads me to believe you and your companions do your discussing back there?'

"Yes, we do some right smart discussin'," the old man said.

"Well,' said Mr. Clark, 'what do you think of Mr. Coolidge?'

"Well, I'll tell you," said the old man, "there's been so much bad weather and rain 'round here lately, we ain't had much good to say for anybody, I guess."

Rummaging in the attic is not one of the winter sports—unless the attic is heated or the weather is mild. Yet one may find innumerable objects of interest in dust-covered trunks. House-cleaning often brings to light many articles of fascination. Walter Jensen, a Baldwin High School student living at 647 Madison avenue recently brought in a copy of "Picturesque Detroit and Environs" which his grandmother had kept in the archives for many years. It was published in 1893 and contains more than 1,000 illustrations of old Detroit and communities within a radius of 20 miles. Among the illustrations are several of Birmingham including a picture of the old National Hotel, Woodward avenue, Maple avenue and the old railroad station. This Wanderer enjoyed looking through its many pages.

Mrs. George T. Headrie, of Bloomfield Hills, prominent among Michigan people engaged in crusading for the United States to enter the World Court, is spending of her time to enlist aid in this cause. She, with several others, this week obtained the consent of 100 Michigan people, leaders in various fields, to affix their names to petitions to be presented to Senators Couzens and Vandenberg at Washington. Those back of the movement hope to have this session of Congress vote favorably upon the United States joining the World Court.

Archie Livingstone, local bar-ber, is also a great fisherman. When he is not required to confine himself to the close proximity of the tonsorial chair, he rushes away to lakes and streams for fishing fun—and the weather makes no difference to Archie. In the summer he uses the old pole, line and hook; in the winter he hangs on to the end of a spear. Monday night Archie returned about eight o'clock from several hours spent on the ice on Lower Straits lake, not far from Pontiac, with him was a beautiful 12½ pound pike. For continuous and uninterrupted catches of fish, local followers of the angling game award Archie the felt-lined frying pan.

"Unconquered Ping Pong Champion of Birmingham." That is the envious title, to date, being claimed by the friends of Jim Taylor, of Berwyn road, who last Friday accepted a challenge from Irwin Neff, local "Y" aide—defeating Mr. Neff four straight games. Mr. Taylor, who, incidentally, left Monday night with his family for a few weeks' stay in Connecticut, will continue to defend his title upon his return early in February. According to close friends, however, there may be some truth to the rumor that Mr. Taylor, feeling that greater challenges to his title may be offered, slipped away to the east to take ping pong lessons, from some great professional player. The racquet, in the meantime, waits upon the return of the local champion.

Amendments to the proposed Evans-Baxter bill may be offered to the present session of the state legislature, this Wanderer learns from James W. Parry, village manager. The bill proposes to limit the total special assessment bond issues of communities to less than one per cent of the community's valuation unless otherwise authorized by a majority vote of the people. On only one occasion did Birmingham authorize a bond issue for more than one percent of its valuation, Mr. Parry says. The village, he adds, is far better off than most communities in the county, having a bonded indebtedness amounting to less than eight per cent of the village's valuation. Many other communities are in debt to as high as 33 per cent of their valuation.

$1,139 Refund Made On Well Project

Receipt of a check for $1,139 from the Harmon-Ness Co., of South Bend, Ind., as a refund under the contract for the construction of the new Derby Well has been received by James W. Parry for the village, he reports.

The refund was made under the contract in a provision that set forth a refund would be made providing the amount of water pumped per minute did not attain the original estimate. The approximate cost of the well, pump house and lot was $30,000.

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REAL ESTATE MEN TALK OVER 1930-31

Stress Fact Birmingham Holds 6th Place For 1930 Building Activities

That Birmingham ranked sixth among all Michigan cities in construction activities for 1930, was stressed by the members of the Birmingham Real Estate Board who met in the studio living-room of Mr. George Wellington Smith for their first 1931 get-together Tuesday night.

New officers for the year were installed, following dinner:—W. Whiting Raymond, president; Herbert O'Brien, vice-president; Joseph Pope, secretary; and J. B. Howarth, treasurer.

Memory tests helped out the fun of the evening, and Eero Saarinen of Cranbrook drew clever cartoons for the real estate men.

Among those attending the meeting were: Charles A. Bingham, Herbert O'Brien, Joseph Stein, Alfred Towne, Thomas Luscombe, Harry Barry, L. E. Colgrove, Donald Howarth, W. Whiting Raymond, Carl L. Bradt, L. H. Willson, S. L. McCall, Julius Wenzl, Robert Watt, Clyde Bennett, G. V. George, George Wellington Smith, Robert R. Allen, E. S. Jackson, A. J. Hart, Jay Dill, David Levinson, Otto Beier, Luther Heacock, Joseph Pope, John Allen Eaton, and Mrs. I. F. Holton.

COLLECTS $3,940 IN VILLAGE FINES

Justice Malcolm Hunt Handles 234 Village Cases, 34 State-County Cases During 1930

Fines and costs amounting to $3,939.60, were collected by Justice Malcolm Hunt from 126 speeders, 22 reckless drivers, 28 intoxicated drivers, 45 for disorderly conduct, nine violators of traffic signals, and four driving without an operator's license, during 1930.

During the year there were 234 village cases appearing before Justice Hunt, of which 193 paid fines; seven were committed to jail, seven received suspended sentences, and two were put on six-month's probation; 25 cases were dismissed.

Only 34 state and county cases were handled through the court of Justice Hunt. In 16 of the cases fines totalled $148.20. Five persons were committed to jail during the year on these cases, four were bound over to Circuit Court, three received suspended sentences, and six cases were dismissed.

Of the state and county cases, 10 were for disorderly conduct, two for "jumping a board bill," one for vagrancy, two for driving while intoxicated, two for obtaining merchandise under false pretenses, four for issuing checks without funds to cover same, two assault and battery cases, two for reckless driving, and a case in each of the following classifications: forgery, overloaded truck, non-support, desertion, non-payment of alimony, felonious assault, embezzlement and removing contract property, violation of the prohibition law, and "breaking and entering."

1930 Fire Protection Cost Village $7,355

Bloomfield Hills Village paid a total of $7,355.33, for fire protection during 1930, the first year operating their own department, according to the first annual report of Chief Russell Moore. Books of the fire department show disbursements of $5,591.03, but $2,335.70 was received for calls answered outside the Bloomfield Village limits, in the township.

Alarms answered totalled 85, with 58 of them in the village and 27 outside. Chief Moore reports that 1178 gallons of chemicals were used in quenching the fires, and the department travelled 253.8 miles in answering the specific alarms.

The total value of buildings endangered by fires, was $109,825, with contents valued at $31,500. Total losses in "damage by fire" amounted to $7,450 in buildings, and $1,900 in contents. Insurance on the buildings endangered amounted to $68,500, and insurance on contents totalled $15,000.

Merchants Offer New Savings Plan

Fifteen Birmingham merchants, with the co-operation of the Birmingham Savings Bank, this week are inaugurating a new savings plan which will enable purchasers to save money on articles or services obtained through the merchants, it is announced today.

The new plan provides for the issuance of savings certificates with each purchase, these certificates to be accepted for deposits in the Birmingham Savings Bank when they total $1. A one cent certificate will be issued on the purchase of merchandise to the amount of 50 cents to 99 cents, a two cent certificate on the purchase of merchandise to the amount of $1 to $1.49 and an additional one cent certificate on each 50 cent purchase in the 15 business establishments indicated in the ad on page five of part one.

These certificates may be used to open a new savings account or may be added to old savings accounts in the Birmingham Savings Bank, the Public Thrift Association, sponsors of the plan, announce.

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Gray Suede Jackets For Men

Knit bottom, cuffs, and neck. Pockets are large patch style with flaps that button.

Usually $14.00 NOW $11.20

Gray Suede Jackets For Boys

Similar to those described for men, except smaller in size.

Usually $12.00 NOW $9.60

Reversible Coat-Jackets For Boys

One side of fancy corduroy, herringbone weave, colors are gray, brown, and tan with patterned elastic bottoms, knit cuffs . . . the other side of warm wool mackinaw cloth. Slash pockets, high, so that they can be used like muffs when the weather is cold.

Usually $4.50 NOW $3.60

Leather Coats

Fine Black Leather, lined with wool, many of them have lamb collar. Belted. Slash and regular pockets. Very durably made.

For Men $8.50 to $15.00
For Boys $9.75 to $20.00

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Corduroy Coats

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For Boys, Usually $6.75 NOW $5.40
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Sweaters For Men

Slipover Sweaters in solid colors,—black, navy, royal blue, tan, green, orange, gray. V or crew necks. Three grades.

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Shaker Knit, heavy sweaters in coat style with roll collars. Colors are maroon, white, cardinal.

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Usually $8.00 NOW $6.40
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Heavy slip-over sweaters with V necks. Navy or maroon.
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Boys' Woolen Bathrobes

Also reduced in the January Reductions.

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Usually $2.25 NOW $1.80
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Usually $3.95 NOW $3.16

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In the popular Oliver Twist style, which button to the trousers. Two qualities.

Usually 79c NOW 63c
Usually $1.00 NOW 80c

Kaynee Shirts For Boys

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SOCIAL BRIEFS

When Mrs. Jackson Fleming, well-known speaker on current affairs, spoke Friday at the Town Hall series in Detroit at the Cass Theater, as the first woman lecturer of the series this year, several Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills women were noted in the audience including Mrs. T. Reynolds Donovan, and Mrs. Edward Askin Skae.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Millar of Franklin Village entertained Monday evening at dinner for Prof. and Mrs. E. A. Wood of Ann Arbor, preceding Prof. Wood's lecture on "Civic Life in the Suburbs" sponsored by the Michigan League at the Baldwin Public Library. Mr. and Mrs. Francis F. McKinney, Mrs. Hope F. Halgren, and Mrs. William Lynch were also dinner guests.

Monday saw the last of the debutante luncheons and parties when Mrs. George Allison entertained at the Colony Club for Miss Frances Pingree Depew. Friday Mrs. Alexander Copeland entertained 30 debutantes at a dinner at the Detroit Club, with a theater party following honoring Miss Depew.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wernekenwere among the visitors during the holidays in Detroit and Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Carleton M. Higbie of Kensington road is one of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Sigma Gamma association which Tuesday formally dedicated the new therapeutic pool at the convalescent home for crippled children on Ballard road near Mt. Clemens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Werneken of Wing Lake were noted among the box-holders at the Theater, Mme. Ponafidine is second of the women lecturers on the series. Many of the lectures have been enthusiastically attended by Birmingham women.

The Women's Missionary Guild of the First Presbyterian church composed of younger married women in the congregation, met yesterday at 12:30 in the church, with Mrs. W. T. Cushing as president conducting the business of the meeting. Missionary departments of the Presbyterian Union will meet next Wednesday, while the third Wednesday of the month is reserved for the general meeting of the Union. On the fourth Wednesday of each month division meetings are held.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Parker entertained 14 guests New Year's eve at their home on Lone Pine road.

Miss Helen Hope Hanley entertained Saturday at a bridge-luncheon in honor of Miss Mary Corbett, with 20 guests invited.

Gay skating groups gather almost every evening on the small lake adjoining the Robert N. Swanson estate, "Towerknoll."

Mrs. H. H. Shuart left Monday for a few days visit with Mrs. George A. Moore of Bay Village, a Cleveland suburb.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Plessner of Buckingham road entertained Friday night at a toboggan party followed by supper in their home. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Neumann, Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Kuhlman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Macaulay, Miss Olive Mayo, Dr. Frederick W. Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Fynnesvedt, and Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Kemp.

Miss Jane Winningham had as her guest for a week, Miss Mary Ellen Lucke of Cincinnati, who left for her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Hammond attended the New Year's open house celebration at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, and the horse show that followed the luncheon. Mrs. Sherman Depew was also noted among those present.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Neal and Mrs. Harold Roehm have left Birmingham for a six weeks' trip through Texas, visiting El Paso among other cities.

Mrs. Fred Weller entertained Saturday evening at a bridge buffet-supper for her daughter, Gwendolyn, at their Bates street home. Guests included: Miss Katherine Brown, Miss Dorothy Buck, Miss Virginia Roy, and Ray Mix of Birmingham, besides Detroit guests, Miss Doris MacCorquodle, Charles F. Chase, Jr., William B. Chase, Joseph Hathaway and Charles B. Teaner. Two Northwood guests also attended the bridge-supper, Miss Betty Watt and Allen Sullivan.

Mr. Hans Seng, superintendent of Bauman's dahlia gardens, spent New Year's Day at the Grosse Pointe Country Club Open House.