MRS. HAWTHORNE FUNERAL IS HELD

Former Villager, 83, Buried at Roseland Park Cemetery on Tuesday

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Tuesday for Mrs. Christine Hawthorne, 83 years old, a former Birmingham resident, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Drechsler, 3324 Virginia Park, Detroit. The services were held from the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral Home and burial was held at Roseland Park Cemetery. Mrs. Hawthorne was the widow of the late William Hawthorne, a Civil War veteran, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Hawthorne was born at Baden-Baden, Germany, Aug. 1, 1847 and when four years old was taken to St. Joseph, Mich., by her parents. She was married to Mr. Hawthorne at St. Joseph in 1869.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Drechsler and Miss Elizabeth; a son, Fred, of Detroit; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Shearer, a brother, Jacob Stein, both of St. Joseph, Mich., a granddaughter, June E. Drechsler, and a son-in-law, Detective Fred Drechsler of the Detroit Police Department.

RELATIVE AREAS OF LAKES GIVEN

Lansing, Mar.—5.—Despite arguments to the contrary, Pontchartrain Lake is recognized officially as the largest inland lake in Michigan. Its area of 30.8 square miles is not closely approached by any of the larger lakes of the state.

A report on the inland lakes of Michigan prepared by I. D. Scott of the Geological Survey division of the Department of Conservation shows relative areas of the larger upper and lower peninsula lakes. Torch Lake ranks second in size in the state with an area of 28.5 square miles. Muller Lake is third with 26.8 square miles and Charlevoix (Pine) Lake fourth with 26.7 square miles. Burt lake is fifth in size with an area of 26.5 square miles.

Final Rites Held For Sidney Bolton

Private funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Monday for Sidney D. Bolton, former Grand Rapids resident, who died at his home "Shady Hills," Franklin, where he has lived for the past four years. The services were held from the S. O. Wylie Bell Home. Funerals and burial was at the White Chapel Memorial Park. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Jeanette Bolton and a son, Smith Bolton.

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LONDON ARTIST SELECTS FILMDOM'S 'MOST BEAUTIFUL'

There are no more beautiful women in motion pictures than these six. At least to says Cecil Beaton, London artist in America. His friends advised him to take the next boat to London to escape the aftermath. Beaton's choices are, top row, left to right, Lilyan Tashman, Norma Shearer, Marian Davies; lower row, left to right, Greta Garbo, Ina Claire, Marlene Dietrich.

Retail Sales Tax Advocated by Home Defense League Speaker at Rotary Meet

"If you want to decrease the taxes now assessed against real estate, support the Dykstra retail sale tax now pending before the state Legislature," C. V. Fenner, of Detroit, executive secretary of The Home Defense League of Michigan, told Birmingham Rotarians Monday noon at the Community House. Mr. Fenner was introduced by Dr. Herbert Moore, in charge of the program.

Mr. Fenner, an energetic speaker whose message dealt chiefly with the plan to tax retail sales in lieu of the property tax, spoke for three-quarters of an hour, and answered many questions at the conclusion of his talk. He pointed out the need for the proposed retail sales tax, adding that 85 per cent of its income would be derived from foreign owned corporations doing business in Michigan, thus placing them on the necessity of paying for the privilege of doing business on a footing the same as the independent owned store.

"The Home Defense League is not an anti-chain movement," declared Mr. Fenner, "but we do seek to place the chain owned groups on an equality with the independently owned merchant. The chain organizations have a perfect right to do business in Michigan, and I say more power to them; but they should be compelled to stand their share of the tax burden, and the only way to make them do so is to require them to pay a sales tax.

Help Out Schools

"Every cent of this sales tax as proposed under the Dykstra Bill, will be returned to each school district, in direct proportion to each district's ratio of assessed valuation," stated Mr. Fenner. "This will enable every school district to lower its local tax demands upon property. Michigan has seemed to think that the only method of raising taxes is to assess property; thus we have a property tax today that is almost confiscatory. The sales tax will allow for the reduction of the property tax, under the Dykstra plan.

"The Home Defense League openly admits that no less than 42 members of the State Legislature are in sympathy with our movement. We stand squarely against any new legislative appropriations that depend upon the property tax to provide the funds. Governor Brucker has declared that he will veto all new bills that add any more to the already over-burdened property tax."

Mr. Fenner said that many of the enemies of the sales tax bill are circulating stories that the sales tax bill is directed against the public school system. He pointed out that The Home Defense League staunchly supports the public school, and believes that no retrenchment should be made in an institution that is "the poor man's opportunity."

Pennsylvania has not had a direct property tax since 1926 and it is twice the population of Michigan," went on Mr. Fenner. "If Pennsylvania can get along without a compulsory property tax, then can Michigan. Our proposed sales tax in Michigan excepts all stores whose business is less than $25,000, and on all sales over $100,000 annually, the tax is to be one-half mill, with the $25,000 exemption. Approximately $300,000,000 is the amount of money taken in by foreign owned corporations in Michigan annually, which results in at least $15,000,000 going out of the state in profits each year."

Mr. Fenner suggested that the Birmingham business and professional people form a local unit of The Home Defense League, and aid it in its state-wide effort to bring about more equitable taxation.

Old Lady (to street-car motorman): "Please, Mr. Motorman, will I get a shock if I step on the track?"

Motorman: "No, lady not unless you put your other foot on the trolley wire."

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
MORTGAGE SALE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Saturday, the 25th day of April, A. D. 1931, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the undersigned will, at the Easterly entrance of the Court House in the City of Pontiac, that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland is held, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount so as aforesaid due on said mortgage, with 7 per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, taxes, insurance and any other sums which the mortgagee is required to pay, which premises are encumbered by said mortgage are described as follows:

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Dated January 26, 1931.

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THEATERS

DETROIT CIVIC THEATER

"Smilin' Thru," the romantic drama written by Allen Langdon Martin which made such an instantaneous success some 10 years ago when it was first produced in New York, will be revived at the Detroit Civic Theater for one week, opening Monday night, March 8.

Jane Cowl played the title role not only in New York but in her tours to coast tour. It was some time before the real authorship, which under the above name, was discovered to be Jane Cowl and Jane Murfin, a former Detroit woman.

The play is a lovely mystic story of the unforgettable love of John Carteret for Moonyeen Clare.

All in all it is a charming story through which runs the piece "Smilin' Thru." The scene is a very beautiful old English garden, which remains the same during each act.

LAFAYETTE THEATER

Wallace Ford and Marjorie Peterson return to Detroit Sunday evening, March 8, playing the leading roles of DOT and EDDIE in the dramatization of Vina Delmar's popular and successful novel "Bad Girl" at the Lafayette Theater.

Eddie Collins, the young radio mechanic, Dot Haley, the little shop girl, and their wise-cracking friend, as well as all the other characters who made Vina Delmar's "Bad Girl" one of the most impressive and widely known novels of the year, will be lifted bodily, so to speak, from the pages of the novel and transplanted to the stage of the Lafayette.

"Bad Girl" is the story of a boy and girl who lived and loved and misunderstood each other and in the end blundered into lasting happiness. Life in a Harlem flat on $80 a week does not suggest glittering romance, and the problems that Eddie and Dot bumped into are the problems of millions of young people who step blithely across the threshold from flaming youth with its gin revels, dances and bathing parties, to the reality of matrimony.

How Eddie and Dot narrowly escaped wrecking their frail matrimonial craft is told in a story that runs the gamut of humor, tragedy and realism.

CASS THEATER

The comedy, "Michael and Mary," comes to the Cass Theater for the week of Sunday, March 8, with popular matinees on Wednesday and Saturday. Madge Kennedy, beloved American comedienne, is the star of the occasion. The play itself is one of the finest and most engrossing that has come from the pen of A. A. Milne, the versatile Englishman.

Although Mr. Milne did not turn his talents to dramaturgy until during the war, many of the most popular successes of recent years have been his. Notable among these are "Mr. Pim Passes By," "The Dover Road" and "The Truth About Blayds."

The action of "Michael and Mary" covers a considerable number of years, and in its different portions Miss Kennedy apears as a deserted wife facing starvation; as the idealistic companion of an aspiring young novelist and finally as the wife of the writer during a period that brings them both despair and happiness.

If you watch the clock when you're twenty, you are apt to be a watchman when you're sixty.

Visitor (looking over fraternity house): "Don't you know roller towels are against the law?"

Brother: "Yes, but that one was put up before the law was passed."

Bo-Broadway

BY JOSEPH VAN SAALTE

NEW YORK, March 3.—Old Doc Bushey, professor of math at Hunter College, advises young women taking the business statistics course to get a pair of dice and go to work with 'em—home work, of course—as a means of perfecting themselves in the Theory of Probabilities.

Incidentally, the Doc has provided every Freckled Cube Impresario in Tammany Town with an alibi.

"You're charged with playin' African Golf, prisoner. Guilty or not guilty?"

"Not guilty, honest. I was merely testin' out Doc Bushey's findin's on de Tee'ry o' Prob'bilities. . ."

LIST OF THE HOST.

There isn't anything novel in the Doc's experiments. Theory and fact, affecting the "laws of chance" have been compared time and time again. Buffon tossed a coin 4,000 times. Professor Karl Pearson tossed a coin 25,000 times. Wolf, the Swiss mathemetician, threw a die 280,000 times. The Society which owns the Casino at Monte Carlo are so confident that the "laws of chance" are permanently in its favor that it publishes the records of all plays. These tabulated details which are handed out free to gamblers provide ideal material for the practical man who distrusts abstract reasoning.

THE "SYSTEM" FALLACY.

I'm going to quote again my favorite line from Ed Howe: "A reasonable probability is the only certainty."

That's Ed's indirect, elusive and subtle way of saying that there's no such thing as certainty in this world.

There's no such thing as a "reasonable probability."

When you're dealing with "chance," what's gone before has nothing to do with what's going to happen.

The authorities at Monte Carlo know that and therefore hand out their statistics freely. If the statistics were of any use they would not be so readily provided.

The gambler believes that by closely studying the results that have been obtained, he may be able to foretell the results that will be obtained.

This is the great illusion upon which the prosperity of every gambling joint on earth, from Monte Carlo to the New York Stock Exchange, depends.

METABOLISM OF A SUCKER.

Two years ago E. P. Dutton published a dollar book that's worth having. It's by Norwood Young and is called: "Fortuna—or Chance and Design."

The author points out that whenever a man exposes himself to an avoidable risk, he's promoted by emotism. He believes that he is a unique being endowed with the personal gift of "luck."

"The buyer of a lottery ticket," says Norwood Young, "knows that he is only one of a large number of persons theoretically equal to himself; but he thinks he has a better chance than any other ticket holder. However clearly he may see that he is only one of a thousand, he buys the ticket because he feels that there is something in him which no other one has. All staking is governed by the expectation of winning. There may be anxiety, fear, despondency, but they are overcome by a secret conviction that the staker is on terms of special intimacy with the scheme of things. . . . If he didn't feel this way, he wouldn't risk his money."

"DEAD CERT."

So far as gambling of any kind is concerned, there's only one "law of probability."

That's the probability that you'll go broke if you stick at the game long enough.

SCOUT NEWS

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

A 1911 edition of the Boy Scout handbook has come into the possession of Scout James Martindale of troop 3, a gift of his grandfather, Mr. Thomas Martindale, of Philadelphia. The book is especially interesting on account of the numerous styles in costums and in insignia which it contrasts with present-day equipment. Mr. Martindale has very interested in early Scout work and was actively connected with the program.

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A demonstration of fire by friction by the use of bow and drill was the feature of troop 1's meeting Tuesday evening. Assistant Scoutmaster G. W. Interaft had charge of the demonstration.

A new experiment in instruction for the First and Second Class tests being tried out during the regular troop meeting. Classes under the direction of one of the senior Scouts are held in all class tests and the Psalm award.

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Intensive drill for the spring rally was the main event on the program of troop 2 last Tuesday. A short instruction period was also held.

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A fire-by-friction demonstration given by Junior Assistant Scoutmaster J. H. Sweeney and postponed from last Wednesday was presented at the regular meeting of troop 3 last night. Star study and a game of Capture-the-Flag were the outdoor features. A change in the manner of holding the meeting was discussed.

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Plans for the troop's monthly overnight hike to Camp George and a possible program of speakers on the Merit Badges were formed.

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Due to the absence of both senior officers the meeting of troop 4 was very short, several Scout games being all on the program.

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Dated February 2nd, 1931.

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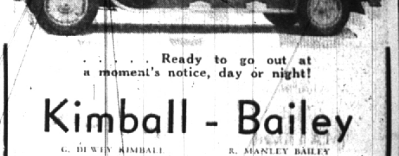

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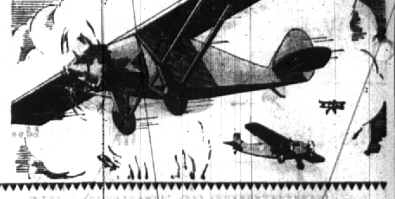

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