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ASKS CUT IN BOWLING TAX

Recreation Parlor Proprietor Tells Commission Present Rate Is 'Too High'

A request that the present village tax on bowling alleys be reduced to conform more closely with the rate charged in other nearby municipalities was made to the Village Commission at its meeting Monday night by Russell Chapman, proprietor of the Birmingham Recreation parlors.

Mr. Chapman complained that the present tax of \$5 per alley per year is too high, especially in a period of business depression, and asked that the rate be changed to \$3 for the first alley and \$2 for all others. This rate, he said, is now in effect in both Royal Oak and Pontiac. Mr. Chapman has eight alleys in his parlors.

Commissioner Lawrence Hubert, who acted as chairman of the meeting in the absence of Village President Harry H. Allen, suggested that Mr. Chapman pay 50 per cent of the amount due on the tax at the present rate, and defer payment on the rest until the Village Commission has an opportunity to act on the request.

He pointed out that the proposed reduction would also necessarily affect taxes on billiard tables and perhaps other recreational facilities.

The question of Sunday bowling was mentioned briefly, although he made no request that the Sunday restriction on bowling in Birmingham be removed. Mr. Chapman pointed out the fact

COUNTY STILL THIRD IN CAR REGISTRATIONS

Oakland County maintains its position as third in the state in the number of automobile registrations according to the 1930 figures released recently by Secretary of State Frank D. Fitzgerald.

Of the 1,161,051 passenger and commercial vehicles registered in the state, 62,937 were registered from Oakland County. This is a decrease of 6,844 cars from the previous year's total.

Wayne county, the state leader, registered 489,286 cars, both passenger and commercial, during the year 1930. Kent county was second with 69,119, and Genesee fourth with 57,421.

Every county in the state showed a falling off from the 1929 figures. Oakland County's total in 1929 was 69,781. The second highest number of commercial vehicles and 36,392 passenger cars. The county's share of the automobile tax for 1930 was \$449,804.34.

SPARKS CAUSE BLAZE

Sparks from the chimney capped a fire which burned a small hole in the roof of the home of H. D. Darghart at 520 Wallace street early Sunday afternoon. Fire Chief Vernon Griffith reported that the blaze was extinguished with little damage.

It is allowed to keep his parlors open only six out of seven days a week gives further weight to his contention that the present tax is too high.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE OPENS

Barnum Entries Win Two Games In Junior Division Of League

The Junior division of the Y. M. C. A. softball league for boys between the ages of 10 and 14 opened its playing schedule this week with two games, both of which were won by Barnum School entries.

Eight teams have been entered in the division, and have been divided into American and National leagues. The league schedule continues through May 25. When the championship teams in each group will meet in a "Little World's Series" for the division title.

Saturday the Cubs of Barnum School in the American League defeated the Yankees of Adams School, 12 to 11. The second game Tuesday evening saw the Eagles of Barnum trounce the Tigers of Adams, 28 to 10.

The National League contest. Both winning teams are coached by Irving Neff and the losers by Maurice Geisel.

The senior division of the Y. M. C. A. league for men, from 17 to 30, has eight entries, to date which are expected to hold an organization meeting in the near future. The playing schedule for this division will probably not get under way until the last of the month or the first of next, according to R. D. Lynd, Y. M. C. A. secretary in charge of the league.

The groups which have already entered teams are the Fellowship Club, Midglets Club, Lions Club, Friemen, Eastern Michigan Transportation, Postoffice and DeMolays (two teams).

Takes Lutheran Charge Here

Rev. Theo. Waggauer

Rev. Theo. Waggauer, who recently arrived in Birmingham from Embley, Wyo., is now conducting services at the Redemptor Lutheran Church on Lincoln avenue. He served the Embley parish in that last fall, after being graduated from Concordia Seminary at St. Louis in June.

Burning Of \$325,000 In Paid Up Bonds To Mark Oakland Hills Club Opening

Destruction of \$325,000 worth of paid up bonds will mark the formal opening of the season at the Oakland Hills Country Club Saturday.

The ceremony promises to be a memorable one in the history of the club. The bonds will be tossed into the furnace and a fireproof burner to be erected on the lawn while officials at the club speak on club accomplishments to date.

The unusual nature of the event has interested modern picture producers, and the ceremony will be filmed for showing in the downtown Detroit theaters. Club officials report.

First Issue Bonds

The \$225,000 in paid up bonds represent the first issue. The bulk of them were received during the past 18 months, according to A. H. DeVisser, president of Oakland Hills.

"There is no denying it," he said, "that we are mighty pleased to have relieved our indebtedness in the face of present conditions. Clubs and associations after most of our business declines, but at Oakland Hills we have met the situation successfully and are frank to say we are much better off financially than we have ever been."

Oakland Hills was organized in 1916 by Joseph M. Sneyd, Al Hawkins, Edward A. Lovejoy and Ezra A. Jones. At the first meeting on Oct. 17, 1916, Mr. Sneyd was elected president. Soon after the details of organization had been completed, the club was organized to establish a suitable golf course, and Donald Ross, well known golf architect, was assigned many of the championship courses of the country, was given the honor of architect what is now the south course.

Two Courses

Sixteen years ago, a north course was constructed. It is a favorite with Al Watrous, nationally known Oakland Hills golfer. Both courses are 18 holes. Both the National Open and the Women's National Open will be held on the south course.

The golfing program for the opening Saturday will consist of the qualifying round for the spring championship, and a tournament between the upper locker room and the lower locker room.

In the evening, after the bonds have been burned, a dinner will conclude the festivities.

DETROITER IS FINED

Edward Aument, of Detroit, was fined \$50 on a disorderly charge by Justice of the Peace Floyd S. Buck Friday morning after he had been arrested by Sergeant Dinos Anderson of the Bloomfield Hills village police. Sergeant Anderson said Aument was driving his car 60 miles an hour when he skidded completely around in the middle of the road, nearly causing a wreck of several cars.

Mrs. Elva Blakeslee Dies

Mrs. Elva Blakeslee, who was born in Birmingham, Ala., and died Saturday in Waterford where she had made her home for the past 12 years. Funeral services were held Tuesday from the First Methodist Episcopal Church, followed by interment in Greenwood cemetery, Birmingham.

Mrs. Blakeslee was the daughter of deceased Mrs. Hiram (Wheeler) Franklin and Alzina (Wheeler) Franklin were born in Southfield and Birmingham. Mrs. Blakeslee was a past matron of the Eastern Star Chapter, Birmingham, and was active in the Women's Literary Club and the Methodist Church. Dr. Edson Crowland of the Central Methodist Church of Detroit passed Dr. Atkins with the funeral service.

Surviving Mrs. Blakeslee are her husband, Royal Blakeslee, and two sisters, Miss Beane Daniels of Waterford, and Mrs. Ida Moulton of York Village, Pa.

TEACHERS HEAR COLLEGE DIRECTOR

Dr. M. S. Pittman Addresses Faculty Of 'Growth In Education'

Dr. M. S. Pittman, director of the Teachers Training School at Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, addressed teachers of the Birmingham schools system at a meeting held Monday afternoon at Baldwin High School. He spoke of the subject "Growth in Education," stressing particularly the need for continued advancement in the educational field and the necessity to strive for cultural values in school work, in addition to good scholastic standing.

Dr. Pittman was accompanied by Miss Grace Mink, first grade supervising teacher of Roosevelt School, and Miss Christine Ward, second grade supervising teacher of Lincoln School (both of Ypsilanti).

During the day the group of visiting educators visited all of the schools in Birmingham and were interested especially in the modern furnishings that are now in all classrooms. The purpose of their visit was to see how graduates of the Michigan Normal function when they are engaged in actual teaching. Forty-five of the 118 teachers in the schools system in Birmingham are graduates of this college.

Rum Found In Car; 2 Get Jail Terms

Jail terms were meted out by Judge Floyd S. Buck Monday morning to two motorists who were arrested after driving through a stop sign at the corner of Loop Lake road and Woodward avenue. Officers said they found two gallons of wine, 15 bottles of beer and a bottle of alcohol in the car.

Paul Chappier, 604 Barrington road, Grosse Pointe Park, the driver, was sentenced to 60 days in jail, and Patrick Carpenter, 1229 Stortz street, Detroit, was given 15 days in default of a \$25 fine.

Son Of Irving Johnson Dies

Donald W. Johnson, 15 years old, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Johnson, Route 1, was buried at Southfield Cemetery Monday afternoon following funeral services at the Southfield Methodist Church. Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Margaret, Olive, and Dorothy; and two brothers, Henry and Elmer.

COSTS MOUNT IN WIDENING

Woodward Project Estimates Now Placed at More Than \$13,000,000

Latest estimates put the total cost of the two projects for widening Woodward avenue and relocating the Grand Trunk Westinghouse Railway right-of-way at more than \$13,000,000, or more than twice the original estimates, according to figures released in Lansing early this week.

The new estimated cost of the Woodward avenue project is \$7,384,466.00, and of the railroad relocation \$5,602,931.06, but the latter figure has already been exceeded and the total promises to mark before the projects are completed.

Right-of-way costs for widening Woodward are \$4,433,000. (Turn to Page 4, this section.)

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