# First County Art Exhibit To Be Held Here Oct. 8-14

The first exhibition of the work of Oakland County artists, sculptors and handicraftsmen ever assembled for one display will be held in the Birmingham Community House Oct. 8 to 14, under the auspices of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. K. W. Najder of Lake Orion, chairman of the committee in charge of the project, said the exhibit will be open to all Oakland County artists, whether amateur or professional, as well as to sculptors and to practioners of the various crafts such as hook-rug weaving, wood carving and modelling.

"Since an exhibit has never before been held exclusively for Oakland County artists, the full depth of the county's talent has never been sounded and we are unable to predict what the exhibit will bring forth," Mrs. Najder said. "For this reason we feel the exhibit will be doubly interesting."

In the painting exhibit, each artist will be limited to three specimens of his work. Etchings as well as paintings will be accepted.

The exhibit will be open to the public except on the first day when a reception and tea will be held for artists and members of the federation.

The work of young student artists will be displayed separately. Students and artists who desire to enter their work were urged by Mrs. Njader to get in touch with her at once.

Others who are assisting Mrs. Njader on the committee are Mrs. Virginia Hewitt of Birmingham, Mrs. Homer Case of Rochester and Mrs. R. H. Gravender of Holly.

Mrs. Alice Thurber and Mrs. M. Cortis Stanford, local artists, will serve on the hanging committee and aid in arranging the exhibit.

## August Was 'Open House' On Business Row, Police Report

Optimistic or only forgetful? Whatever the cause, 45 Birmingham business men left the doors to their establishments open during August, according to the monthly police report. Nineteen windows were also left unlocked.

Police cleared up three felonies during the month, the report shows. These included one offense of carrying concealed weapons, one of larceny from the person and one of possession of intoxicating liquor.

A total of 188 misdemeanors also ended in arrests. Three persons were arrested for being drunk, five for drunk driving, seven for reckless driving, 66 for speeding, 51 for violating traffic signals, and 39 for illegal parking.

Nine accidents were reported to the department during August, but only one person was injured. Police investigated 61 complaints, answered 51 calls, and gave free lodging to 22 men.

Five breaking and entering jobs were reported, one burglary, one forgery, three grand larcenies and two simple larcenies.

## PETITION FOR ALLEY CLOSING IS STUDIED

A property-owners' petition requesting the closing of an alley in the block bounded by Yosemite, Dixie, Villa and Adams streets was referred to Vilage Manager Parry for investigation following its presentation to the Commission Monday night.

**Classified Ads should be in The Eccentric office not later than four o'clock Wednesday afternoon of each week. —Adv. 5tf**


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# OAKLAND COUNTY NEWS

Lightning recently struck the home of Johnson McFarland on Maple street, Holly, with a report that brought out the neighbors for some distance around. Smoke issued from the house, and at first the source of it could not be discovered. Ted Leonard of the Holly Fire Department and others entered the house and after a short search found that the only damage done was to the radio and electric light wires. The bolt had evidently entered the radio thru the aerial connections. All the tubes were broken and several of the wires burnt out.

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Mrs. Hunter Brumett of South Lyon went into her garden to pick a bouquet of blooms when a peculiar sound reached her ear. She detected its source at once and began looking for the "visitor." She did not need to look far. Her first thought was for a weapon, and she soon challenged him with a garden hoe. Although a rattle snake was coiled and preparing to strike, Mrs. Brumett struck first, and the snake lost its head at the first stroke of the hoe. The snake supported five rattles and a button.

Two rattlesnakes were killed in South Lyon last week. Each had five rattles.

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Theft of young pine trees from reforested areas in three state parks in Oakland County has caused the Department of Conservation to consider making special offers to nearby residents to protect the forests.

Four years ago the Parks Division of the Department planted 60,000 pine trees on 320 acres in the three parks. These trees have grown to an average height of four feet and have attracted considerable attention.

The most attractive and successful planting is at Dodge Bros. Park No. 5 at Commerce. Other successful small forests are at Bloomer Park No. 1 at Middle Lake Park and at Bloomer Park No. 3 at Ortonville.

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Rochester last week viewed for the last time the old D. U. R. road bed which has been disappearing by the removal of rails from there to Clawson. The old trestle which has been a land mark for many years at the south end of the village will soon be a thing of the past. It is understood that the bridge will be torn down and removed to St. Clair where it will be used in the construction of a dock on the river front. Work will be resumed immediately to remove the rails between Rochester and Oxford.

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Alfred Stafford, well known as an auctioneer for more than 45 years, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Galligan, in Holly. He had been ill for a considerable length of time and had been confined to his bed as the result of a stroke early in the year.

# SCREEN, STAGE ..AND STUDIO..

By AUDEE ENCE

**Things Are Looking Up On the Legit**

Get out the lorgnette, madame!

Here is a program that invites your inspection.

To begin with, by the same omen that predicts sunshine all week if the sun shines on Sunday, local critics and theatrical folks seem confident of bright weather for Detroit and metropolitan theater-goers this winter—judging from "High Hat" which opened at the Cass Theater this week ushering in the new season.

Chicago laughed an entire summer at "High Hat," and Detroit audiences are following their example this week.

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**Thumbs Down On Conventions**

The next event of dramatic importance at the Cass Theater will not open until Sept. 26. Owing to the American Legion convention in Detroit next week, all but one of the legitimate theaters will be dark.

Why? Convention weeks are not profitable from the box office point of view, managers agree. Home-folks think the theaters will be crowded with the visitors, and the visitors think they will be elbowed out by the home-folk, so nobody goes.

In a nut shell, here's what dramatic fans have to look forward to in the near future. Lionel Atwill in "The Silent Witness" will follow Miss Hibbard in "High Hat" at the Cass, opening Sept. 26.

If you have seen clark and McCullough in the past, you will smile at the mention of their names, and at the recollections of their antics. They are billed for the week of Oct. 4 at the Cass. Their vehicle this season, "Here Goes the Bride," is suggestive of the amusing complications in which these comedians contrive to get themselves involved.

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**A Week of Shakespeare**

One of our "early impressions" is Tyrone Power's Brutus to William Faversham's Anthony. Neither have we forgotten the scheming Iago as personified by Fritz Lieber.

With Helen Mencken, Power, Faversham and Lieber will appear in Shakespearian repertoire the week of Oct. 12. Then comes "Mrs. Moonlight," the week of Oct. 25, in which will appear Sir Guy Standing and Edith Barrett in the stellar roles.

Noel Coward's "Private Lives" as produced by Arch Selwyn will open the season at the Wilson Theater, Sept. 27. New York, we are informed, was favorably impressed with this play, and sends it on its way rejoicing. Madge Kennedy and Otto Kruger will be seen in the leading roles.

The Civic Theater will open Sept. 21, convention week or not, with special entertainment for the visiting Legionnaires.

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**"Crichton" on the Way**

Stage whispers at the Wilson announce the play with the all-star cast which we have been wondering about, is no less than J. M. Barrie's "The Admirable Crichton," in which will appear Walter Hampden, Fay Bainter and other celebrities, later in the season.

And so things are looking up.

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**Wally is Dour**

Rumor hath it that Wallace Beery is feeling as dour as he sometimes appears on the screen. "It's this flying business," he complains, "It costs me $1,000 a month to keep my plane in condition."

Well, Wally, you know the old saw about the upkeep that keeps up.

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**Boyds In a New One**

Bill Boyd and Mrs. Bill (who by the way, is one of those "brides of recent date," just since last spring) will be the hero and heroine in a new film. Mrs. Boyd, you know better, perhaps, as Dorothy Sebastian.

They are to appear together in "The Big Gamble" by Octavus Roy Cohen. With Warner Oland and Ralph Ince as the scheming villians, poor Bill struggles through the picture trying to find a loophole in the death sentence he imposed upon himself. Serious business. Yes, but Zasu Pitts and James Gleason will add their respective light touches of comedy, and romance will smile through the tears of the lovers, William Collier, Jr. and Geneva Mitchell.

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**Night Life Quiets Down**

Now that Hollywood has taken to tiddley-winks and parchesi, we may have a flim version of Mother Goose.

The gay night life that kept Hollywood in the headlines has calmed down. This reform is due to the talkies. Night air isn't so good for the voice, so the stars have to shine indoors.

After "curfew tolls the knell of parting day" Hollywood gathers decorously for a game of lotto or parchesi, or indulges in the merry sport of tiddley-winks.

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**China Wants Chinema**

China is going in for the talkies. Chinese audiences are clamoring (can't you hear them!) for sound-equipped theaters. Of the 300 motion picture theaters in China, only 55 are equipped for talkies performances.

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**Etherettes**

The next time you hear the Gypsies over the radio, you will think of Mussolini, that is, you will, if you remember the name of Harry Horlick, who leads the Gypsies. Because, it is said, Harry looks and acts the part. Even to the extent of imitating the fascist salute, by directing with the open palm.

Oliver Smith, tenor for N. B. C., is such a stickler for punctuality that he has his watch tested regularly to prevent him from being late for his broadcasting hour. Arriving one minute before he was to sing on one occasion, he raced to the studio and sang with his hat on.

**Birmingham Theater Attractions**

Today—Ramon Novarro in "Son of India," and repeat performance of George Arliss in "The Millionaire."

Friday and Saturday—"The Dirigible" with Jack Holt and Ralph Graves.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday—Constance Bennett and Lew Cody in "Common Law."

Wednesday — "The Night Nurse" with Barbara Stanwyck.

# Eastern Schools Claim 13 Of Cranbrook's First Graduates

Thirteen of the 19 members of Cranbrook School's first graduating class have shown a preference for eastern colleges and universities.

This week will witness the departure of William Ingersoll Rose, class president, for Dartmouth College, accompained by Wallace R. Hodges and David J. Levy. All three boys are from Detroit.

Aaron S. Brown, of Bloomfield Hills, will attend Princeton University.

Thomas C. Gillis, of Grosse Pointe, and George K. Hebb, of Detroit, plan to study at Williams College.

Harvard has claimed Charles L. F. McIntosh, of Detroit, and Richard J. Sawyer, of Birmingham.

Frederick P. Ross, of Grosse Pointe, William D. Stockard, of Detroit, and Edmund W. Wurzburg, of Grand Rapids, will attend Yale University.

Harlow P. Davock II, of Birmingham, will study at Hobart College, in Geneva, N. Y.

Allen N. Hoyt, of Grosse Pointe Shores, as a result of having triumphed in a nation-wide competitive examination, will enter the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture, in New York City, on a scholarship of four years standing.

Carl B. Marr, of Detroit, Ralph B. Thomas, of Escanaba, Mich., and Bruce D. Macdonald, of Bloomfield Hills, have chosen the University of Michigan.

William Torrence, of Birmingham, will study at Oberlin College, in Oberlin, O.

E. Morton Holland, of Santa Barbara, Cal., is entered at California Institute of Technology. Holland was forced to leave Cranbrook last year, because of an injury to his head, but was able to return for the graduating exercises and received his diploma with his classmates.

One of the number has elected to go abroad to study. He is Alfred Mueller-Sterling, who will enter Heidelberg University, in Germany, this fall.

The largest diamond ever found was the Cullinan, in 1905, in South Africa—3,024¾ carats, or about 1¾ pounds.

# Blind Teacher Discovers Joy Even In World Of Darkness

By Marian Kuhn

"Why do people think we blind persons are so wonderful when we only try to lead normal happy lives? It seems so strange to me that they would think it," declared Mrs. Sam Chelenets, of Saginaw, Mich., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. L. Ives, 592 Frank street.

"Our blindness is forced upon us and we've got to make the best of it. Why," she added, "it isn't any more wonderful to be able to read braille than to be able to feel dust on a piece of china."

Mrs. Chelenets will be remembered by many Birmingham people as Bessie Schuler, a former teacher in Pontiac and Troy township public schools. Except for the black glasses which she wore, it was hard to realize that Mrs. Chelenets was a blind person, so eager and animated she appeared, and so full of life and happiness.

**Taught for 10 Years**

"I had taught school for 10 years when I became blind," she said, "and it was hard to accustom myself to it, but I found there was nothing else that I could do about it. For three months I studied braille and typing from a private teacher who taught me at home. At the end of this time I was content to study and read, but after a while I became dissatisfied and wanted to be independent again.

"A position was offered me as teacher at the Michigan Employment Institute for the Blind, in Saginaw. I accepted, and taught there for almost two years. People at the institute are not as a rule the joyous and happy kind," she continued, "but people who have become blind through accidents in later life. I used to teach each person individually, and they used to tell me all their troubles, even their physical complaints!"

It was while she was at the institute that Mrs. Chelenets met her husband. "Sam and I often say that in a measure we are glad we are blind," she said, "because through our blindness we met each other." Mr. Chelenets is employed as a teacher at the institute, and is considered one of the best blind rug weavers in the state. It is through this trade, learned at the institute, that he is able to support himself and his wife in the comfortable little home in which they live in Saginaw.

"Of course I do my own cooking and cleaning," declared Mrs. Chelenets happily, "and even the baking and mending, too! I'll admit I do my work more slowly than most people, but when I do get it done it is done much better than other people's. You see, I can't tell whether there is dust in the corners or not, so I have to dust them anyway to make sure they are clean."

Mrs. Chenelets shifted her position on the davenport on which she was sitting, ran her fingers lightly over her black bobbed hair and laughed, a spontaneous, good natured laugh, that seemed to delight every one around her.

"Yes, and I do my own shopping, too," she added, proudly. "People in Saginaw are used to blind persons and treat us as average normal people. They don't seem to have the pitying and condescending attitude that others often assume toward us. When we go into a store we want the clerk to come up to us and say 'What do you want?' instead of saying to another clerk 'What does he want?'"

**Prefers Radio to Movies**

Mrs. Chelenets finds that blind persons are not as interesting and up to the minute as people who have their sight, although she enjoys being in the company of both. "The radio helps us to keep up with the latest current events," she said, "and the Saginaw library for he blind has 6,000 braille volumes for our convenience." Mrs. Chelenets does not enjoy the talkies, but prefers the radio shows, instead.

"I entertain a lot, and then too I often amuse myself by writing poems. I also enjoy trying to visualize good pictures which I used to see before I became blind. I suppose these might be called hobbies of mine. They say every one should have a hobby, you know!"

For a moment Mrs. Chelenets was silent. "I have often been asked if it isn't hard for a blind person to make new friends, and to know when they really like people, but I find that it isn't at all hard. My sighted friends may be physically attracted to others, but for a blind person it is different.

"Even view the mountain all sublime,
A symbol of strength and power divine.
But I will climb its rugged slope
And reach the top with joyful note.
You see the rose—a lovely thing
Of which the poets are wont to sing.
But I enhale its perfume sweet
Till my soul's delight is made complete.

You follow the songster on high
Till he is lost in the bright blue sky.
But God sent him to sing to me
Notes of the sweetest melody.
You may study the face and mien
But not always there is true worth seen.
But in the heart I'll ever find
Richest treasures of all mankind."

"It is my own poem," she said, simply. I composed it one day soon after I became blind.

"I am contented and happy and have a lot to be thankful for. Why is it that people think we blind persons are so wonderful when we are only trying to lead normal and happy lives?"

## OBITUARY

**JOHN FELDER**

Funeral services were held Wednesday for John Felder who died Monday at his residence, 720 Pierce street. Mr. Felder, who was 77 years old, had lived in Birmingham for the past 48 years. He was born in Detroit, but moved to Southfield with his parents at the age of five years.

He was married in 1880 to the late Frances Ida Monroe of Southfield. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Iva Felder Dear. The Rev. Warner L. Forsyth officiated at the funeral service which was held from the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

**WALTER H. POTTER**

Walter H. Potter, 71 years old, died at 9:30 A. M. Sunday at his home, 665 Bloomfield court. He had been a resident of Birmingham for 14 months.

He was born in Port Huron and had lived several years in Detroit before coming to Birmingham. He was the husband of Lillian Bour Potter, the father of Horace W. Potter of Birmingham, and the brother of Grace M. and Amelia May.

Funeral services were held at 3 P. M. Tuesday from the son's residence, 855 Harmon avenue.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Marian Jean Tyson, nine months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Tyson, 1459 East Ruffner street, who died at 9 P. M. Saturday in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac where she had been a patient for 10 days.

She was the sister of Mitchell and Bobbie Tyson. The service was held at 2 P. M. from the S. O. Wylie Bell Home for Funerals, Rev. W. Clarence Wright, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

When you have a NEWS ITEM which you think will interest others, just call for a reporter at The Eccentric—telephone: 11, 12, or 13. This service is free. adv.-tf

**WE HEARD IT SAID BY—**

Charles E. Plumstead, village treasurer: "Village taxes for 1931 have practically stopped coming in. Taxes become delinquent if unpaid before Oct. 31."

**DRUNK DRIVER FINED**

Sidney Lawless, Pontiac, arraigned last Thursday morning before Justice Floyd S. Buck on a drunk driving charge, was given the choice of a $50 fine or 60 days in jail. He paid. Bloomfield Hills police were the arresting officers.


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