

DAVID H. LADD ENDS OWN LIFE ON TUESDAY

(Continued from Page One) never joined any fraternal order, but for the past 14 years had been active in the Birmingham Rotary Club, and was well known throughout Oakland County and Michigan for his great interest for and activities in crippled children's work. Only last Friday, together with the editor of The Eccentric, plans were made to meet with other Rotarians in the County at noon today in Pontiac, to complete the program for the annual seal sale at Easter time, when funds are raised for crippled children's projects.

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He was a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and also of the Engineering Society of Detroit. Besides his widow, Mrs. Ladd is survived by three grandchildren, who live in Birmingham, three nieces and two nephews, children of an only deceased brother, who live in Ann Arbor.

Funerals at the funeral service this afternoon were Melvin F. Doty, Dr. John K. Ormond, Charles E. Lewis, Clyde C. Bennett, Charles E. James, and George Y. Reed.

The personality of David H. Ladd was closely associated with the civic life of Birmingham. He was one of its most public-minded residents, and was always willing to assume responsibility and do his share as a citizen, according to those who knew him best.

Mr. Ladd came to Birmingham in 1922, and from that time until 1926 was in mining and estate business. As president of the Birmingham Real Estate Board in 1927, Mr. Ladd represented the village as delegate to the National Convention of Real Estate Boards, meeting in Seattle, Wash. After 1923, he became interested in mining operations both as consultant and as a metallurgical engineer.

Taking an active interest in civic affairs, he served as a member of the village commission in the days when it was a three-man board. He was first appointed in January of 1926, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles Birmingham. In the March

following, he was elected to the Commission and served one year. In Feb. 1927, he was appointed to the Village Planning Commission, to fill a vacancy also caused by Mr. Birmingham's resignation. The same year, he served on the Board of Review.

At the time of his death, Mr. Ladd was general chairman of the annual drive for the Community House. Always interested in young people, Mr. Ladd had taken an active part in the Birmingham Rotary Club, and was well known throughout Oakland County and Michigan for his great interest for and activities in crippled children's work.

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Woodward Near Maple

HEAVY RAIN CAUSE OF WORST FLOOD IN RECENT YEARS

(Continued from Page One) the middle of the water, a very strong odor of gasoline was noticeable, and a great deal of oil was floating on the water. The report continues: "Now, knowing the amount of gasoline escaping from the storage tanks of the two stations, I have estimated that approximately 4,000 gallons each, plus the gasoline in the automobiles in the middle of the water, a dangerous condition was at hand.

Alarm Calls Volunteers
"An order for a general alarm was sent to the engine house at 4:15 a. m., and one company of call men was ordered at the scene of the flooded section. They patrolled all sections of the flooded area to keep spectators back and keep fire from breaking out through matches or smokes. The other company was held in reserve at the engine house for further assignments."

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover Holte, at 5107, Broadway drive, was flooded on the first floor, and because of gas fumes, the occupants were warned to get out the premises. Chief Griffith's report states:

"Shortly after 6 a. m., Feb. 13, a runner came to me and reported that water was going over the curb at West Maple and the bridge. As we did not know how much higher the water would rise, and what damage might be done to the bridge at any time, two of our engine truck and two men were stationed to serve the North and West side of the City. The trucks were cut off by flood waters. This truck and the firemen remained on duty until 10 a. m., on Feb. 13.

Patrol Duty Sunday
"After all trucks were stationed at their temporary quarters, we left our duty on the bridge at 11 a. m., Sunday. The water at Harmon and Woodward had gone down to a depth of one and one-half feet, and we started cars moving through it slowly at that time. At noon, the water was back to normal on Woodward avenue."

Loss to Filling Stations at Corner of Woodward and Harmon avenues was estimated to be great in oil, as containers were tipped over by the flood waters, spilling the contents on the surface. Approximately 100 gallons of gasoline was estimated by station attendants, to have been lost from the tanks. Leaking gas, noted by bubbles on the surface of the water added another hazard to the scene.

William Wieland, proprietor of a furniture store in the omnibus shop in the flooded area, said that loss was confined entirely to samples and display, and that no personal property belonging to customers was damaged by the flood.

Damage was done to Cranbrook lawns and flower beds.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, each Thursday, February 17, Bretz was elected secretary and treasurer, and member of the board of directors of the company.

Russell E. Driver, chief accountant of the company since January, 1930, succeeds Mr. Bretz as general auditor.

The telephone was in its infancy in 1876. Bretz was only 13 years old when, in 1891, he secured a job as office boy for the first Michigan Telephone Company. He has had a part in the development of Michigan's telephone system from the days of the earliest operating telephone company in the state, which secured from Alexander Graham Bell and his business partners the first license to use the telephone in the state.

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Baldwin Park As It Looked Under Water



The flood transformed this City Park into an erstraw lake Sunday.

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FEELING TO RUN FOR OFFICE OF LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Senator Edward W. Feehling, St. Clair County, this week issued his hat into the political ring. He will be a candidate for the office of lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket. His announcement came after his name had been mentioned by prominent members of the Legislature.

Feehling has been a highly successful practicing attorney in his county and in many other parts of the state. He has thoroughly established his name as one of the ablest lawyers in the business sense of General Michigan.

Representing the ninth district in the state senate for the past two terms, he has become recognized as a sound, cooperative public official. He has not hesitated to support constructive legislation when it originated with the opposing party. He has been fearless in opposing what he believed to be unwise legislation.

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REV. AULENBACH ACCEPTS CALL TO GERMANTOWN

(Continued from Page One) of appreciation I have received from many parts of the State, since my resignation, have assured me." Christ Church and St. Michael's, one of the oldest private schools of Philadelphia, a suburb of Philadelphia. In close proximity to the church, are two or three of Philadelphia's oldest private schools. A good opportunity for work among young people.

During his years in Cranbrook, Rev. Aulenbach has directed the program of religious education in the Cranbrook and Kingswood Schools. With considerable experimental work in the field of church school religious education, he has supervised the junior choirs for young people and children. Mr. Aulenbach has actively worked some 150 well-trained young voices into the services of the church. Along the same line, he has organized and supervised a year for boys and girls from the kindergarten through high school.

Active in Diocese
His activities in the Diocese of the Diocese of Michigan include the chairmanship of the Summer Conference of several years, chairmanship on both the Executive Council and the Finance Committee and the chairmanship of the Department of Religious Education. He has been responsible for the introduction of an expert in that field into the program of Christ Church, Cranbrook.

Mr. Aulenbach has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Oak Ridge County Chapter of the Red Cross. During the World War he served in the Navy. He was a college student in Michigan in 1923, and in 1925 from the Philadelphia Divinity School. He left St. Asaph's, Pa., where he was curate and St. Andrew's, West Manayunk, Pa., where he was vicar from 1925 to 1927, to take an assistant rector at St. Paul's, Flint, Mich. While at St. Paul's, Mr. Aulenbach was also director of religious education. He remained in Flint for two years, coming to Cranbrook in 1928.

Mr. Aulenbach was the former Pearl Point of Drexel Hill, Pa. The Aulenbachs have two children, Stephen and William Hamilton, Jr.

Program from the People
By RAYMOND PITCAIRN
National Chairman
Sentinel of the Republic

News dispatches have recently described a wave of disillusionment which sweeps over some of the spenders and theorists at Washington when a conference of "little business men" resolutely opposed many of the bold and costly experiments.

Unwarmed and maligned attacks on business were opposed, along with certain forms of wage and hour legislation.

In one resolution the government was asked "to lighten some place and maintain a constant perch, rather than flit about like a canary." Others read:

"We believe that fundamental conditions are sound and that business will prosper and unemployment will be reduced if business is relieved from the fear of further undue government interference."

"We propose that employer and employee alike be held responsible for the faithful observance of mutual obligations. They chart a practical course to follow."

"If the men who now hold the reins of power at Washington do not want to restore the confidence in which recovery depends, the way seems clear. It consists in giving constructive attention to the reasonable and logical requests which come to us to create from the people themselves."

That after all is the method—and the strength—of representative government.

Absent-Minded Professor
He got up in the morning and brushed his teeth with the tooth-paste and shaved with the shaving cream. At breakfast he poured the syrup on his pancakes and scratched his back. He kissed his wife goodbye and slipped on the door. He pulled the neighbor's dog and said hello to the neighbor's wife. When it was time to train he had his umbrella with him.

"I guess I'm getting absent-minded," he said. "I find I sit in a college comic."—Blat Moon.

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GROUP TO PLAN RECREATION FOR COMING SUMMER

All individuals and civic organizations who evinced an interest in last summer's recreation program for school students will be asked to attend a meeting at the Community House at 10 p. m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan for next summer's program.

Miles W. Robinson, principal of Barnum school and director of last summer's recreation commission, will present a complete report of the work done by the group and its standing at the present.

The group which will attend the meeting will include representatives of the Rotary, Lions and Exchange Clubs; the American Association of University Women; the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliaries; the Y. M. C. A.; all the local Parent Teacher Associations; the principals of all Birmingham schools; Mrs. Julia K. Lally, Community House director and a member of last year's recreation commission; George R. Averitt, publisher of The Eccentric; and John E. Martz and City Manager Donald C. Egbert.

Payments Increase For Social Security

Claims for lump-sum payments under the Old-Age Insurance plan of the Social Security Act were certified during January at the rate of \$42 per working day, Walter B. Redman, manager of the Pontiac Field Office of the Social Security Board, announces this week. In August, the daily rate was 165 from which level it climbed steadily through September, October, November, and December, the successive average daily rates for each month being 228, 263, 381 and 509.

During January a total of \$74,694.00 was certified for payment to 23,528 claimants—workers who reached the age of 65 and the estates of workers who died. The average amount of each payment was \$21.68, or almost double the average of \$17.00 for all claims paid up to the end of August.

Since the Government's Old-Age Insurance plan went into effect on January 1, 1937, \$2,023,297.90 has been certified for payment to 76,775 claimants. Each of the claims paid amounts to 1/32 percent of the total wages paid to workers during 1937. Michigan claims were certified in January, averaging \$32.25.

LIVE and LEARN

By Alice Ann Sanders
Old John Wiltsie ampled up to the county clerk and shyly stated that he wanted to make application for a marriage license.

"Well John," said the county clerk, "you work fast. Seems to me that it was only a month ago that you got your divorce."

"The old man grimed at toothless and self-conscious grin. "Yep I reckon it was, sir, but consarn it, somehow I can't seem to get along without a woman around. It's got to be a habit I guess."

"Most us admit that," returned the clerk, "but every man can discard the old wife and pick up a new one in a month."

As the clerk turned to write out the application he inquired who the fortunate lady was and old John drawled: "Sarah Wiltsie, we got along for nigh onto fifty years and I guess we can stand each other for another fifty or ten."

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