# Michigan Mirror

**NON-PARTISAN STATE NEWS LETTER**

**LANSING—Michigan's "back to the farm" retreat, which started in the years 1931 and 1932, is still in motion.**

**Ironically enough, the boom-expansion of automobile industrial centers—Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Jackson, and Pontiac—attracted thousands of young men from Michigan farms. Henry Ford's minimum wage, together with bright lights of the city, encouraged this trek. In time, the Dearborn industrialists saw the basic weakness of forsaking the land for a factory bench: he instituted a decentralizing industrial program of his own, establishing scores of small industrial plants in villages within a 75 mile radius of Detroit.**

**Today, in 1938, with a second depression lengthening, the back-to-the-land trend continues. Food garden space, cheap taxes, and more economic security have an appeal to the employed worker as well as the jobless.**

**57 Counties Decline**

A graphic insight into what the industrial boom has done to Michigan is given in this fact: Over two-thirds of Michigan counties had fewer people in 1930 than at some former census period. From a peak population of 1,240,285, these 57 counties declined to 1,021, 488. At the same time Michigan grew steadily, reaching 4,842,325 in 1930.

The loss in population in these 57 counties was due in 26 instances to departure of both incorporation and of unincorporated population, and in 28 to departures of unincorporated population only.

Houghton county in the Upper Peninsula offers an interesting example.

In 1910 the population was 88,098; by 1930 it had dropped to 52,851, a decline of 40 per cent. At the same time improved farm acreage increased.

Kalkaska county in the lower peninsula had a 1910 population of 8,097. This since has dwindled to 3,799, a decrease of 53.1 per cent. Farms declined from 842 to 490. In 1894 there were 17 sawmills, shingle mills, lath mills and other wood-working plants humming with activity in Kalkaska county.

Iosco county's population dropped from 15,224 in 1890 to 7,517. Here is another lumber story.

**Social Effects**

If this population decline continues, you can easily appreciate the seriousness of social problems, already acute in many places.

Take the all-important matter of primary school districts. Every time a farm home is abandoned, a taxpayer is taken off the county list. More and more upstate districts look to Lansing for an answer. The state school aid fund, now at an all-time high, will probably be pushed to higher levels in the near future.

As preaching services in struggling country churches have become more infrequent, several Protestant denominations have agreed to allot certain areas and otherwise to conserve their finances. Canada's experiment, the United Protestant church, may come into a modified reality in certain districts of northern Michigan.

Confronted with these trends, leaders have turned eagerly to the tourist business which in 1937 was rated at $330,000,000 by the A. A. A. A.—first of any state in the nation.

**Highway Value**

Michigan's intense interest in highway improvements comes primarily, as we view it, from hundreds of villages and towns whose economic life depends to a large degree upon the year-round tourist business.

To these counties, any loss in population must be compensated through development of the tourist business. It is the only alternative in sight.

And so it is easy to understand their insistence that Michigan match federal funds in 1938 for building $10,700,000 improved roads.

Murray D. Van Wagoner, state highway commissioner, marshalled these forces recently at a better roads rally in Grand Rapids. "Today," he said, "the department finds itself $4,000,000 short . . . I have every confidence that Governor Murphy will find a solution for the problem."

The solution consists simply of releasing four millions which were appropriated by the legislature. To these four millions, the federal government will add up six and a half millions. Van Wagoner's strategy put Murphy "on the spot," but there is little likelihood that Murphy will openly resist a $10,700,000 spending program, especially after he appealed by coast-to-coast radio for support to Roosevelt's new spending drive.

While you can't feed unemployed people with concrete, road building will put many persons to work.

Despite the $15,000,000 state deficit, chances today are 10 to 1 that Van Wagoner will get the other four millions from the treasury.

**Counter Tax Campaign**

At a time when mounting deficit and increasing relief expenses point to a possibility of additional state taxes in 1939, the Chamber of Commerce of Michigan is starting a "back fire" campaign to reduce the cost of state government.

"It is costing $100,000,000 more today to run the state of Michigan than it did 10 years ago," says Ernest T. Conlon, manager, in a statement offering co-operation in a survey of the state revenue structure. "It is highly important that the cost of government be reduced. The people of Michigan are paying too much money in taxes."

Conlon's appeal has ample basis in cold facts. State payrolls soared from $14,566,000 in 1933 to $23,485,000 in 1937, and they are higher today than ever before.

What is the answer? Do we want less road building, less school aid? It is certain that increased social benefits cannot be obtained without increased taxes. The taxpayer must make a choice.

# Obituary

**MARTHA WIEST TARBOX**

Mrs. Martha Tarbox, a resident of Michigan for the past 84 years, died Sunday morning at her home in Troy Township, following a week's illness. She was 92 years old. The funeral was held Tuesday at 2:30 in the Huntoon Parlors, Pontiac, and burial was in Crooks cemetery, Troy Township.

Mrs. Tarbox was born in Kingston, N. Y., October 2, 1846, of revolutionary war ancestry on both sides of the family. With her parents and family she came to Michigan in June, 1854, aboard the "Empire State," a Buffalo-Toledo steamer. At Toledo they boarded "The Dart," a smaller craft which brought them to Detroit. The family lived in Macomb county until 1866, at which time the parents and eight children came to Pontiac.

In February of 1875 she married Alden Tarbox of Collins, N. Y., who died in 1927. She is survived by three brothers: Dr. Newton Wiest of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Dr. Sard Wiest of Portland, Ore.; and Judge Howard Wiest of Lansing, a member of the Supreme Court of Michigan. Also living are three grandchildren.

**GEORGE SMITH**

Funeral services for George Smith were held Monday at 2 p. m., from his residence at 292 Willits street. The Rev. J. O. Nelson of the First Baptist church officiated, and burial was in Roseland Park cemetery. Mr. Smith died at his home at 7:50 a. m. on Friday, May 6, after an illness of two weeks. He was 78 years old.

He was born at Lieth, Scotland, February 14, 1860, and lived at Portage La Prairie, Canada, when he first arrived in America. He and his family have been residents of Birmingham for 13 years. He was formerly a city employee.

Surviving is his second wife, Mrs. Mary Woods Smith, whom he married May 5, 1915, before moving to the United States. Also living are a son, Stewart, at home; and two sisters, Mrs. James Tait of Detroit and Mrs. A. Guthrie of Scotland.

**CHARLES S. CHISSUS**

Charles Chissus died at his home on Commerce street, Commerce, Mich., on Wednesday, May 11. The body will remain at the S. O. Wylie Bell Funeral home until Friday. Funeral rites will be held at his home on Saturday, at 2 p. m., with burial in Southfield cemetery. The Rev. Frank Boyd of the United Presbyterian church of Southfield, will officiate. Masonic services will also be conducted by the Commerce Lodge, o fwhich he was a member.

Mr. Chissus was born Feb. 16, 1856, in Windsor, England. He came to Canada at the age of 14, where he lived until 1892. At that time he moved to Pine Lake, finally moving to Commerce in 1918.

He is survived by three sons, Sinclair C. Chissus of Mercier Island, Wash.; Richard T. and Robert W., both of Birmingham; and three daughters, Mrs. W. L. Runcel of Saline; Mrs. John Ferguson of Southfield Burg and Mrs. William Bell of 12 Mile road, Southfield Township. Also living are a brother, Richard, of Toronto; a sister, Mrs. Samuel A. Dixon of Joliet, Ill.; 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**MRS. MARY MILES**

Mrs. Mary Miles, died Wednesday at 2:45 p. m., at her home in Big Beaver, as the result of a fall May 2. The widow of Charles H. Miles, who was a Civil War veteran, Twenty-second Michigan company D., Mrs. Miles was born Dec. 30, 1848, on Southfield road. For 18 years, she has been a resident of Big Beaver. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and was a member of the O. M. Poe Women's Relief corps.

Mrs. Miles is survived by three daughters and one son, Mrs. A. L. Geil of Los Angeles, Mrs. Agnes MacFarland of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. K. H. Kitts of Portland, Ore., and Bert Miles, at home; one sister, Mrs. Martha Goodal of Royal Oak, and a brother, Frank Fall of Milford. There are also 14 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2:30 p. m., from the home in Big Beaver, with burial in Greenwood cemetery. The Rev. Alexander Balgooyan, of the Big Beaver and Troy Methodist church, will officiate.

**Roof Fire, Continued**

CHARLOTTE—When the Charlotte fire department was called to a roof fire one Saturday a short time ago, it turned out to be the first installment in a series of four. There was a roof fire on the following Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday as well.

**100-Year-Old Paper**

ROMEO—While raking the remains of a partially burned house, workmen discovered a copy of a newspaper dated April 30, 1836. The name of the paper was "The Daily Advocate," but it could not be learned where it was published.

## Here's a Pressing Problem for You

Up to their necks in trousers, the girls pictured above wouldn't be so happy if they had to do the dry cleaning and pressing for the owner, Medusa Longevin of Munising, Mich. Yes, Medusa actually wears 'em and they fit him perfectly. A Milwaukee clothing company performed a special job on the pants which have a 70-inch waist and a 74-inch seat.

## There Is A Sonnet To Spring In Food If You Are Skilled Enough To See It

We might as well succumb to the urge of spring and all the good things that come with it. The springtime means asparagus, peas, mushrooms, strawberries, carrots, etc. They are all tonics and should be served frequently during the spring.

**Spring Casserole**

Cook 8 small new potatoes, 8 baby carrots, 1 small cauliflower, broken in small pieces, 1 cup fresh peas. To 2 cups of hot medium cream sauce add 1 package of Old English cream cheese. Stir until smooth. Place vegetable in casserole, pour sauce over them and place under broiler just long enough to delicately brown the cheese sauce. Garnish with parsley.

**Leek Appetizers**

Soak large leeks in cold water to remove sand, split and cook in boiling water. Chill and top with a highly seasoned paste of sardines.

**Fried Green Tomatoes**

Slice green tomatoes 1-3 inch thick. Dip in seasoned corn meal and saute in hot shortening until brown on both sides.

**Spinach a New Way**

2 eggs.
3 cups rolled crackers.
4 tablespoons shortening.
2 cups milk.
2 cups cooked spinach.

Beat the eggs, add the milk, crackers and spinach. Stir in melted shortening and bake 1 hour in a slow oven.

**Meat and Vegetable Loaf**

Round Steak.
1 cup bread crumbs.
1 cup celery.
1 cup onions.
1 cup carrots.
1 egg.

Trim and grind the steak. Add bread crumbs, moistened celery, carrots, onions cut fine and eggs. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly and put into a greased pan, sprinkle with flour and bits of butter. Add enough water to keep from burning on the bottom. Bake until nicely brown.

**Buttered Beets and Celery**

1 cup cooked beets.
1-2 teaspoon vinegar.
1-2 teaspoon sugar.
Outside stalks of celery.
1-2 cup water.

Cut beets in quarters and put in a saucepan with butter, vinegar and sugar. Keep hot until ready to serve.

Cut outside stalks of celery in 1-2 inch pieces and boil until tender. Drain and season with 1 tablespoon of butter. Pile in center of vegetable dish. Surround with beets.

**Rainbow Casserole**

2 large boiled potatoes.
3 hard boiled eggs.
1 cup cooked peas.
1 cup boiled carrots.
1-2 cup finely chopped olives.
1 pint sour cream.

Arrange a layer of the potatoes thinly sliced in a medium sized baking dish and over them pour some of the cream. Add a layer of eggs sliced crosswise, 1-4 inch thick, one layer of peas and one of carrots, also sliced; cover the top with the olives and the last of the cream. Bake in an oven 400 degrees for 30 minutes. This is an excellent dish for the meatless meal.

**Stuffed Lettuce Salad**

Select a large hard head of lettuce and trim away the outer leaves. Cut a slice from the bottom so it will stand evenly. With a sharp knife cut a circle as deep as possible all around the top. Remove as much of the inner part as you can. Shred it very fine, then mix with an equal part of diced beets, a few tiny shreds of onions and half a green pepper shredded. Season well and mix with French dressing. Fill the lettuce head with this; when serving cut in pie fashion and pass dressing with the salad.

**Green Peas and Mushrooms**

1-2 lb. mushrooms.
2 lbs. peas.
4 tablespoons shortening.
1-4 cup water.
1 teaspoon salt.
pepper.

Shell peas. Melt shortening and add mushrooms and saute for a few minutes. Add peas, salt, pepper and water, cover and cook slowly until tender—about 25 minutes.

**Frozen Totato Cream Salad**

6 medium sized totatoes.
1 cup water.
1-4 cup well seasoned mayonnaise.
1 cup stiffly beaten cream.
1 endive or lettuce.
Asparagus tips and green peas.

Cook together 6 tomatoes and 1 cup of water, one small onion, one blade of mace, three cloves and a sprig of parsley. Press through a sieve, rubbing as much pulp as possible and season rather highly with salt and pepper. When cold combine with the salad dressing and cream, turn into a refrigerator tray and freeze, stirring two or three times during the first hour of freezing. Or turn into a mold and seal and pack in equal parts of ice and salt. Unmold onto endive or lettuce. Garnish with asparagus tips and peas which have been marinated in a little French dressing.

### COMPANY HOST TO 100 DELEGATES

Officials of the Yellow Truck & Coach Manufacturing Company will be hosts Thursday to 100 delegates to the annual convention of the National Burial Vault Association which has been in session at the Hotel Statler in Detroit since Monday.

The visitors will be brought from Detroit by special coaches and will spend the morning inspecting the main factories. They also will see truck exhibits of especial interest to their industry. Irving B. Babcock, president, and Joseph P. Little, vice-president directing sales of the General Motors Truck and Coach Division, will preside at a noon luncheon in the factory cafeteria.

Inspection of the parts and service departments after lunch will be followed by a sight-seeing trip in and around Pontiac which will include a visit to the Shrine of the Little Flower.

### ALASKA GROUP PLANS MEETING IN DETROIT

More than 200 boys and girls and their parents and friends have made reservations to attend the meeting of the On-to-Alaska-With-Buchanan group, which will meet at the Hotel Statler Friday evening, at 7:30. The experiences of last year's trip will be reviewed by Mrs. T. Melborne Roberts of Yosemite drive and others. Mrs. Roberts accompanied the group last year as first lieutenant girls' chaperon, and will go in a like capacity this summer.

Color movies and pictures will be shown and the movement's founder, George E. Buchanan, will speak informally. He explains the movement as centering in the teaching of youngsters to earn their own money for a specific purpose.

# Star Dust

★ *Farrell-Gaynor Re-Make*

★ *Blondell Sisters*

★ *Hollywood Boomerang?*

**By Virginia Vale**

AT LAST Charles Farrell has an opportunity to stage a come-back in American movies, one that his admirers of the days when he was making pictures with Janet Gaynor have wanted for him. He will appear in a re-make of one of the Farrell-Gaynor hits, "Sunny Side Up." Remember it?

It was the picture for which Farrell and Gaynor had to learn to sing, to the dismay of practically everybody else on the Fox lot. For they worked at it endlessly, it seemed to

Janet Gaynor

the others, with a voice coach, and the results were distracting, to say the least. But the result was worth it.

But this new version of the picture is going to be something different, judging by the cast. It will star Shirley Temple—and will include Bert Lahr and Bill Robinson.

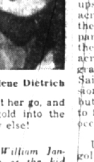
**Every so often come rumors that Maude Adams will appear on the screen. Now it's David Selznick who is said to have captured her, to play the dowager in "The Young in Heart," with Janet Gaynor, Paulette Goddard, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Roland Young in the cast. Since her retirement from the stage in 1918 she has refused to discuss movie offers, but this time she at least was willing to talk things over.**

Remember that little native lad in "Elephant Boy"? You'll see him in "Gungha Din," with Victor McLaglen, Cary Grant, and Jack Oakie. The fact that he's to be included would look as if, when the poem is screened, the picture will show the influence of "Kim," which has been about to be screened for years.

If you want to see a movie star in the making, go to "Accidents Will Happen" and see Gloria Blondell, sister of Joan. She's on her way. She has been for quite a while, so far as that's concerned, but it is just leading her to the movies, because she didn't want to cash in on her sister's success.

**If you encounter a man who's tremendously interested in the folk music of your part of the country he'll probably turn out to be one of the Radio Rubes. Each Friday each of the three leave New York, going in different directions, in a search for old American melodies; they already have a collection of two thousand. Recently Harry Duncan devoted himself to New England, while that same week Zeb Turney flew to the Mid-West and Eddie Smith went south.**

Now that Marlene Dietrich has signed to make a picture for Twentieth Century-Fox, with Ronald Colman, and to make three for Columbia, you can't blame the Paramount officials who let her go if they are doing a bit of worrying. For Frank Capra may direct one of the Columbia releases, and he has a way of turning out smash hits. And it's no fun to lose money on a star, let her go, and then have her bring gold into the box office for somebody else!



Marlene Dietrich

*ODDS AND ENDS—William Janney, whom you've seen as the kid brother in the "Hopalong Cassidy" series, has taken to the air, in "Pepper Young's Family" . . . Joan Crawford, after twelve years with Metro, has signed for another five—can do one stage play a year if she likes . . . They're shooting again on "Marie Antoinette" . . . Johnny Weismuller will play Tarzan again for Metro soon . . . Seven stand-ins who have been in the movies for years got their chance when they were cast as themselves in "Shop worn Angel" . . . Crane Wilbur, of the silent films, will play Napoleon for Warners' in "The Hundred Days" . . . Frances Dee drew a nice assignment when she was chosen to play opposite Ronald Colman in "If I Were King."*

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## Murphy Regime Is Costly State Payroll Increases Show

State Government payrolls for the last 15 months under Governor Murphy, were $29,669,819, or $7,995,620 more than the same period of the previous administration, records showed today. The payrolls for major departments and groups are shown below:

| | Jan. 1, 1937, to March 31, 1938 | Jan. 1, 1935, to March 31, 1936 | Jan. 1, 1933, to March 31, 1934 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Administrative Bd. | $ 319,295.13 | $ 329,153.14 | $ 310,198.19 |
| Agriculture | 433,615.35 | 343,490.91 | 271,046.45 |
| Auditor-General | 587,851.02 | 400,474.26 | 307,175.89 |
| Attorney-General | 177,918.40 | 180,131.83 | 173,918.90 |
| Banking | 233,036.75 | 175,138.20 | 132,804.32 |
| Civil Service | 41,102.21 | | |
| Conservation | 1,494,133.33 | 1,214,836.54 | 1,258,640.67 |
| Governor | 46,281.00 | 29,645.02 | 26,256.20 |
| Health | 504,252.12 | 295,845.21 | 297,318.27 |
| Highway | 7,127,880.69 | 1,446,264.32 | 2,987,630.12 |
| Labor | 166,507.75 | 146,257.31 | 144,815.49 |
| Liquor Control | 1,753,743.39 | 1,557,187.21 | 174,397.67 |
| Old Age Pensions | 578,325.80 | 144,978.92 | 12,953.76 |
| Public Instruction | 215,632.68 | 127,425.58 | 135,634.64 |
| State Police | 642,176.69 | 424,421.48 | 391,425.23 |
| Utilities Comm. | 255,121.05 | 259,202.33 | 279,832.23 |
| Sales Tax | 1,033,416.41 | 626,410.52 | 186,077.85 |
| Secretary of State | 1,662,004.44 | 1,015,640.13 | 892,072.11 |
| Treasurer | 45,576.67 | 50,375.37 | 46,901.38 |
| Unemployment Comp. | 410,104.38 | | |
| Welfare | 83,441.32 | 78,153.51 | 73,865.06 |
| Employment Service | 177,906.33 | | |
| All Departments | 21,469,662.33 | 14,688,069.77 | 10,693,002.54 |
| All Institutions | 8,100,106.73 | 6,986,129.37 | 7,296,001.18 |
| Totals | $29,669,819.06 | $21,674,199.14 | $17,839,023.72 |

—From Detroit News.

## COLUMN LEFT ABOUT

One of the oldest legendary prevarications at Michigan State is the one concerning the building of a new Alpha Phi sorority house. Each year the House foists the promise on the new rushees that there will be a new house started the coming year and they will have the benefit of it the rest of their college careers. For almost a decade, the Phis have used this as bait to the innocent freshmen. It was getting to a point where people, when kidding one another, instead of saying "You won't graduate until you're old and feeble" began saying "You won't graduate until the Alpha Phis build their new house." This was considered the most devastating of stinging rebukes. Last week, however, came the astonishing news that plans for the new house must be submitted by the first of the month, and once again Alpha Phis can hold their heads up in public. This week, as surprised as anyone, they are chirping, "Well, we just thought of building the house on the spur of the moment sort of, and ah—, well, izzundit chust tharilling?"

Harriet Brelsford is going to have several people in to welcome Charlotte Mason, a State girl, to Birmingham. Several to be present can claim questionable fame as being among those to perpetuate the annual Alpha Phi hornswoggle. We understand the meeting was called to consider the proposition of a real estate agent, who is laying out a new subdivision and wants some first class promoters.

They're a real bunch of kids though, and it's a pleasure to see that their castle in the air will soon take the place of the shanty on the knoll.

Most of the members of the Triangle Club went down to the Sunday Evening hour last weekend; they thoroughly enjoyed the singing of the Greenfield Village Chorus and the orchestral selections but experienced a little difficulty with the hymn at the close of the program. This is no reflection on their hymn-singing capabilities, but apparently their capabilities didn't include hymn-singing. Friends, hymns are sung—not murmured.

During the program, one little fellow in the back row of the Chorus was quite unimpressed with the whole business. When not singing, he was engaged in various activities such as enjoying a long, wide-open yawn, dropping his chin into his hands, crossing his legs, folding his arms, stretching, gazing about, or scratching his head.

Ostensibly to visit Bennington College for an interview, but more particularly to visit Williams College for an intermission, Kate Wygant next week goes out of the west to see Lochinvar in the east. Says Kate, "I plan to find out something of college life at Bennington."

A friend the other day was telling of an experience in a hotel upstate. He said he'd often run across cockroaches in the beds in these shanty hotels, but in this particular one, as he was signing the register, a cockroach walked across it. He put down the pen, grabbed his bag and hurried out. Said he, "I don't mind an occasional bug in bed or in the room, but when they come downstairs to find out the room I am going to occupy—that's too much."

Unsuccessful describes our first golf game this year. Besides putting with lopsided balls, we were using the woods even when using the irons. We played 23 holes in all and the reason for this odd number is that beyond the first hole, we became lost and had to start all over again. Transplanting some of the sand in the traps, digging ditches in the fairways and roughs made the game seem like 40 holes, and we were rapidly tiring. But to make matters worse, because Phillips likes to make good investments, we had visions of an all night hike. Darkness fell rapidly and the holes were beginning to look alike. Luckily, however, we teed off from what turned out to be the ninth hole of the first nine-even though it should have been the 18th—and of course, eventually arrived at the clubhouse. Because pivoting for a shot was cruelty to animals about this time, we threw our balls rather than attempting a swing, and all pegged a par four for the hole. The game ended when Steve Wygant cued a three-cushion shot off Tom Stolberg's heels.

One of the local women was quite anxious to try out her new and very powerful washing machine. A regular crackerjack of a machine, it was capable of doing almost everything but sew and cook; but, because its power made it vibrate quite a bit, it had to have a firm base. Washday came and the woman went down into the basement, put in some wash, pushed the plug into the socket, and turned her back to it to do something at the tub. Overjoyed at its lease on life, the machine whirred into action; but, alas, the foundation was not secure enough. Gleefully the demon jumped to its feet, and looked about for something to hit, which of course, was the back of the woman's lap. Beating a lively tattoo on said obstacle in its path, it ricocheted off and went careening around the basement. After an unsuccessful attempt to move the furnace, the machine yanked its socket and shuddered to an ignominous death, thus terminating its riotous living. Washday activities did not continue for the rest of that day.

Last week a "Seeing Eye" dog led his master across the street uptown. The dog took his master to the corner and stopped, looked both ways, led him across to the next corner, looked up at the elderly gentleman, and continued on his way. Such marvelous examples of discipline and protection as these dogs are, are indeed heartwarming. Here is true devotion and friendship even more staunch than human association because it is not remotely affected by human fallacies or weaknesses.

The ultimate in county conceit occurs on the eastern border of California about 250 miles from the city of Los Angeles. A sign reads "Los Angeles County Limits."

Those motor scooters look like a lot of fun . . . At Eleanor Bishop's last weekend was Peg DeWeale . . . Snacking were Wrigley Ad, Jean Deer, and husband Sam White . . . Also Phil Moses and Frank Hill . . . In the Kingsley Smoke Room were Hero Hilty and Leander Schwarze, Dave Wygant and a new one, Bob Castell and Georgie Block . . . Walled Lake is filling up again . . . Several thousand WPA workers went out on strike Monday because they object to going to work every third Saturday . . . Norm Lyle is now collecting the holes in old inner tubes . . . "Snow White" will be here before school lets out, and so will "Tom Sawyer" . . . Adios.

## White Named No. 1 Editor

Named leader in a fight to maintain freedom of the press as president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, 70-year-old William Allen White, probably the most famous small city editor in the world, flashed an appropriate Washington, D. C., convention smile. The silver-haired publisher of the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette succeeds Alfred H. Kirchhofer of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Evening News.

## What Your City Commission Is Doing—

**May 9, 1938**

The city manager was authorized to oil a 300 ft. strip of road on Chesterfield Road. Bills were approved in the amount of $20,118.33 including the payroll for the period from April 16th to April 30th of $6,046.47. Assessor's Plat No. 28, a replat of part of Birmingham Gardens, and comprising that area now known as the Industrial District was approved.

The city assessor submitted a recommendation that persons applying for tax exemption be required to give a mortgage lien on their property covering taxes accruing during their lifetime. His report was approved, and tax exemptions will be considered this year on such a basis.

In accordance with charter requirements, and a report submitted by the treasurer, the unpaid first installments of Assessment District No. 208, Woodward Avenue Cut-off Sewer, were carried to the 1938-39 tax roll in the amount of $306.21 including penalties.

A milk license was issued to the Gabel Creamery, and a Residential Police license issued to Arthur R. Holmes.

IRENE E. HANLEY, City Clerk.

## Dr. Howell Is New Head of Stamp Club

Dr. James Howell, newly-elected president of the Birmingham Stamp Club, assumed his duties Monday evening, at the regular meeting. Other officers who took over their official positions at the same time include E. E. Puls, vice-president, Mrs. Beulah E. Clark, secretary; Albert Barnhardt, treasurer. Frederick Rainey was also appointed as representative to the National Federation of Stamp Clubs at Monday's meeting.

The organization meets on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month, at the Community House. Its 17 members will welcome other local philatelists who are interested in such a club, and who may wish to attend meetings.

### BUSINESS MEN TALK TO ST. JAMES GROUP

The first in a series of business and professional interest talks was held Monday evening in the parlors of St. James church. W. A. P. John, president of the McManus, John and Adams company, gave a resume of the advertising business to the 12 young men who attended.

He described the various functions of the agency, the advertising departments and space selling; the qualifications necessary for each, and suggested means of entering the advertising field to those interested.

Each Monday evening at 7:30 hereafter, some business or profession will be discussed by an authoritative person, and any young person is invited to attend the series. Any further information regarding the talks may be procured by calling the Rev. Warner L. Forsyth or Robert G. Bradley.

### DATE SET FOR FAIR BY ANTIQUE ASSOCIATION

In a meeting at the home of Miss Mary Glass of Franklin, the Franklin Antique Fair Association announced that it would hold one of its biennial fairs at the Franklin Town Hall Friday through Sunday, June 3-5.

The Franklin Parent Teacher Association will offer coffee, sandwiches and other refreshments for sale during the fair, using the proceeds in its work during the year.

Officers in the Fair Association include Walter Smith of Orion, president; Frank Robinson, secretary; Gordon Geiser, treasurer and Mrs. Martin J. Wendell, director of publicity.

### FRANKLIN HAS NEW BOY SCOUT TROOP

The Franklin Community Association has completed the organization of a Boy Scout Troop designated as B-11 of the Birmingham District. The Scoutmaster is Frank W. Loeffler and Robert V. Kumpula and Allen Kumpula are Assistant Scoutmasters. The Troop Committee consists of E. H. Brill, chairman, George W. Schwarz, Vernon G. Converse, Jr., and Walter C. Ladendorf.

Charter members of the Troop are: Arthur Bowden, Clyde Bowden, Vernon Converse, Richard Griffin, Stanley Peag, Robert Roth, James Schermerhorn and John York. The Troop meets Monday evening at the Community House in Franklin.

**Notice to Smelters**

BOYNE CITY—George Crowe, working on the new brakewater, slipped and fell into the water. After being rescued by workmen, he discovered that his false teeth were missing and he asks all smelt fishermen to examine the larger fish to see if any of them are wearing his teeth.

**Crime Wave Halted**

EDMORE — Authorities halted a minor crime wave here almost at its inception. Officers said three boys, all in their teens, had confessed to stealing 101 parts off cars parked on Edmore streets. The loot included hub caps, radiator ornaments, gas tank covers and a flashlight.

**Hard**

A golddigger is the hardest known female. It takes a diamond to make an impression on her.—Reina Mercedes Galleon.