

One of the saddest observations I ever made was watching a man lose his courage in the face of adversity. Life may be difficult, but not impossible.

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## Oakland Saw Mills Included In Survey

ANN ARBOR, May 17.—Oakland county's 10 sawmill products about 735,000 board feet of lumber per year, it is revealed in a survey of Lower Michigan's timber industry recently completed by Prof. Willett F. Ransdell, of the University of Michigan's School of Forestry and Conservation.

The mills of the county employ 34 men for a total of 984 man-days for the year 1936, which was covered by the study, according to Professor Ransdell. The production for that year, he found, was approximately 110 per cent of the county's average for a recent five year period.

The total commercial cut of wood products for the county, not including fuel wood, but including all other round products such as posts and poles was equivalent to 869,000 board feet.

Red Oak led the list of species produced by Oakland county with a total of 211,000 board feet. It was followed by Elm, with 199,000 board feet, and White Oak, with 98,000 board feet.

## CHURCH TO MARK 200 YEARS OF METHODISM

Special services in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Methodism have been planned by the First Methodist church of Birmingham for Sunday, under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. John E. Martin, D. D.

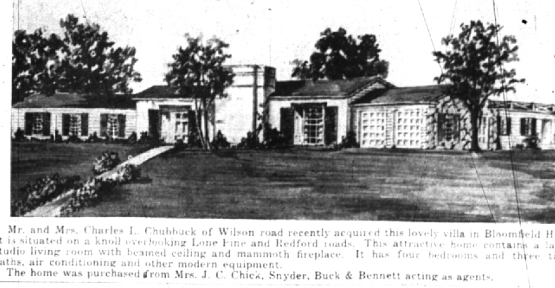
Among the outstanding features of the day will be the lighting of 100 candles on each of two large cakes, to symbolize the event. The cakes will be cut and served as refreshments at meetings of the two Epworth Leagues, Sunday evening.

In marking this Sunday, the Birmingham church will join a worldwide Methodist celebration," Dr. Martin said. "The event is significant at this time since the union of the church in America has entered over a century and a half since its founding 200 years ago.

"Two great characters stand out prominently in this celebration, John and Charles Wesley. The one was a great evangelist, and the other the composer of some of the best known hymns of all time. The singing of Methodist hymns will be one of the features of the local observance throughout the day."

The Intermediate Epworth League will meet in the church annex at 6 p. m., and the Senior Epworth League in the Wesley Chapel at 6:30 p. m. All young people are welcome to attend. Those in charge of arrangements for the event will have special invitations to all members of the church.

## Bloomfield Villa Has New Owners



Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Chubbuck of Wilson road recently acquired this lovely villa in Bloomfield Hills. It is situated on a knoll overlooking Lone Pine and Redford roads. This attractive home contains a large bath, air conditioning and other modern equipment. It has four bedrooms and three tiled baths. The home was purchased from Mrs. J. C. Chubbuck & Bennett acting as agents.



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## DRAMATIC SEASON IN ANN ARBOR STARTS 2ND WEEK

For the second week of the Ann Arbor Dramatic season, with its opening on Tuesday, May 24, Tomis Swartz, the great favorite of last season here, will be seen in Molnar's delightful comedy, "Lilium."

This production will be directed by S. Wesley McKee, a young graduate of the Yale School of Drama. Mr. McKee has chosen to direct the piece a somewhat impressionistic treatment.

The company will be augmented by the two young ingenues who play Julia and Marie, Miss Rebecca Tarwater and Miss Marie Brown; and the youngest of them all, Louise, will be played by Miss Perry Wilson. In the role of Mrs. Muskat, Boris Rich will return to Ann Arbor after an absence of some five years. From the company now supporting Alvin Karpis in "The Ghost of Yankee Doodle" the following will remain for parts in "Lilium": Albert Elliott, Eugene Kent, William Post, Jr., Edmund Rogers, Alan Hewitt, Hayden Korkin, and Jim Adams.

This play of Molnar's was an instantaneous success when it was produced some years ago by the Theatre Guild with Joseph Schildkraut in the part of Lilium. Later Miss Eva Le Gallienne revived the piece, bringing Mr. Schildkraut from Hollywood to play it. It will be played every evening with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 2:15.

Next week marks the arrival in Ann Arbor of Miss Pauline Lord in "The original part of Molnar's "The Late Christopher Bean."

## Seeks 4th Term

Rep. Dondoro

Petitions are now being circulated for the nomination of Rep. George A. Dondoro, 17th Congressional District, on the Republican ticket for a fourth term.

He heads the list of Republican members of the Committee on Education and is a member of two other major committees, Rivers and Harbors and Foreign Affairs. As a member of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors for six years, Rep. Dondoro is the only member from the Lake States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and has done much toward the improvement of rivers and the 100 harbors of the Great Lakes.

Meeters Reported

Allen—Two fragments of meteors have been reported as falling near this village. The first fell in a nearby cedar swamp and the second dropped into Torch Lake. Conclusive evidence has not yet been obtained as to the authenticity of the meteors.

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## Pythians Attend District Meetings

The annual convention of District 11, Pythian Sisters, attracted 25 members of the Birmingham Temple to Port Huron Wednesday.

The delegates, under the direction of Most Excellent Chief Rosa Coburn, officiated at the memorial services during the convention. Delegates from Pontiac, Oxford, Lapeer and Port Huron Temples, as well as the local contingent, were in attendance, bringing the roll call up to approximately 150.

Today, 42 members of Birmingham Temple are motoring to Flint, where they will visit the Birmingham Temple, being held at Flint's Big Sister Temple. Mrs. Hazel Lawler of the Birmingham Temple is acting as an official capacity, as a state officer of the organization.

## URGES WORKERS TO APPLY FOR ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Students who intend to hold temporary or part-time jobs during the next few months should apply for social security account numbers as soon as possible, if they have not already done so.

This suggestion came from Walter B. Redman, field office manager of the Social Security Board in a statement issued today to high school and college students.

Account numbers are obtainable in over-the-counter service at the Pontiac field office of the Board located in the Peoples State Building. Mr. Redman gave five reasons why it is essential and to the advantage of each student-worker to have an account number.

The law is compulsory. Every worker under 65 years of age engaged in a commercial or an industrial occupation must have a social security account card. Some employers refuse to hire a job applicant who has no account number. An account number is required that an individual wage record has been set up and all wages earned by that individual are to be reported to it. Failure to report wages means an eventual loss of benefits. Temporary or part-time work help to accumulate a wage record. There is no minimum age at which account numbers may be obtained.

## WILL CONFER LESSON

Birmingham Lodge, Number 113 will hold a class of ten candidates to Pontiac on Tuesday evening, May 21. Members of Pontiac Lodge, Number 19 will confer the Lesson of Friendship in the Rank of Page upon the candidates.

## Use Your Muller

An open mind is all right, but the open mouth is often worse than an open cut-out. Lafayette Journal-Courier.

## SIX QUESTIONS FOR BALLOT IN NOVEMBER

Of six special questions and proposed constitutional amendments slated to go on the November general election ballot, but one is thus far qualified.

The legislature of 1937, by joint resolution, proposed a constitutional amendment increasing the annual salaries of certain state officials, but doubt as to its legal meaning has caused it to be referred to the Attorney-General for consideration.

Four other proposed constitutional amendments were approved by the Secretary of State as to form; each of these petitions will bear the signature of 174,177 voters of the state and be submitted by July 8, to be placed on the ballot. The number of signatures required is equal to ten percent of the total votes cast for all candidates for governor in the 1936 election.

The four proposals would provide for appointment, rather than election, of justices of the state supreme court; four year terms for certain county officers; prohibition of deficiency judgments for more than past due installments on purchase contracts; a change in the present maximum interest rate for loans of \$500 or less.

The one special question thus far certified to the ballot is the referendum on the 1937 statute revising the state's welfare and relief machinery. Operation of this statute has been suspended pending the November election.

## Michigan Parks Ready for Tourists

LANSING, May 16.—The majority of Michigan's more than 50 state parks are now "open for business."

Although the tourist season does not gain momentum until late in June, the parks are put in readiness at an early date to accommodate first comers which usually include a large percentage of campers and fishermen. A few of the parks in the northern regions and some of the smaller ones, which do not usually attract much attendance until the peak of the outdoor season are not yet ready, but will be shortly.

Opening the parks for business each season means taking equipment out of winter storage and setting it up; painting and making repairs; grading roadways; cleaning away the debris which accumulates each winter.

Approximately one-third of the parks will be equipped with electricity for campers this year.

Inquiries regarding facilities available in the parks have been coming in daily for several weeks from scattered points outside the state as well as within. Each year inquiries are also received from foreign countries.

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## BOOK EULOGIZES FAMOUS WOMEN OF PIONEER DAYS

By Linda Moore

There are a few number of thick tomes that discuss in weighty detail the early years of American history, its political leaders, treaties, wars and the hard but productive lives of the pioneers. To date, however, few historians have troubled themselves with one of the most colorful and interesting threads of our history—that of the women who had much to do with the building of the country—daughters, wives and mothers of those same pioneers. What forces made these women leave the established comfort of the Old World for the uncertainties of the New and how they fared in the wilderness is the subject of Mary Bell's new book, "Women of the Wilderness." Mrs. Bell's company of women is a notable one. There is Mrs. Carver, wife of the first governor, who died in that first cruel New England winter; Mary Chilton, first woman to set foot on the new continent; Anne Bradstreet, first American poetess; and Arne Hutchinson, defender of tolerance and liberalism. There are many more, each representing some phase of American history and development.

"The Dream Prevalis," by Maud Diver, carrying on the story of Sir Ray Sinclair, who dominated her last book, "The Siege of Paster," Mrs. Diver portrays modern India and its problems. Interwoven in the first three stories is the story of Sher Akbar Khan, motif in the Anglo-Indian world in which he must live and equally unhappy in the wild mountainous country that is his by heritage and blood.

"The World Gave Smash," by Samuel Hopkins Adams. A fast-moving

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## SAFETY MOVEMENT GAINING IN STATE

EAST LANSING, Mich., May 11.—Michigan motorists are doing a 37 per cent safer job of piloting their cars than last year, Oscar G. Oklander, Commissioner of the Michigan State Police, reported to the first five months of the state's intensified safety campaign.

The reduction in accident rate is based on a 1.8 per cent reduction in highway travel as shown by gasoline consumption.

Figures given the governor reflect an average for the five month period. A break-down by months shows a seven per cent improvement. The March summary, for example, shows a 1.4 per cent reduction in road fatalities, a 15 per cent reduction in property damage, and a 10 per cent reduction in the number of injured motorists.

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