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## Editorials

### A Coincidence—Or A Snake Crossing The Eight Mile Road?

The citizens of Oakland County may fervently hope that it is a coincidence, and not the crossing of the Eight Mile Road by a serpent.

The County Clerk of Oakland County is Lynn D. Allen, who two years ago won his place and is now rounding out his first term. Petitions for his re-nomination and election have been circulated for a number of weeks by friends in various parts of the County. No serious opposition seemed to have developed to according him another term in office.

On Tuesday, just before the close of time for filing, petitions were placed on file naming as a candidate on the same ticket, (Republican), for the same office, one Lee D. Allen of Pontiac. The name differs by only three letters from that of the incumbent.

This is a free country, and primaries are conspicuously free-for-all affairs, as the lists of aspirants for nearly all the offices indicates. Mr. Lee D. Allen, wallpaper merchant of 163 East Huron street, Pontiac, has every right to run for any office he sees fit, regardless of similarity or dissimilarity of names. He or his friends or anyone who wishes to circulate or sign his petition also have the right to keep the petitions "under cover" until as late a date and hour as they wish, and to file them as close as one second to the deadline if they so desire.

But, granting all this to Mr. Lee D. Allen, as merely just and fair, it is also only fair to state that large numbers of people in this County will, before they accord him their support, want to feel a pretty definite assurance that the filing of petitions for him, and the placing of his name on the ballot, have not been done with the chief purpose of embarrassing Lynn D. Allen and perhaps of riding into office on the latter's very widespread popularity coupled with confusion on the part of the voters. Just how Mr. Lee D. Allen can give this assurance we do not know, but it would certainly be one of the greatest assets to his campaign, if he plays any, and absence of such assurance would be to him an enormous handicap.

Casting no reflection upon Mr. Lee D. Allen, (although the circulation of petitions for him was kept very quiet and the filing was done on the last day), he cannot blame the people of Oakland County if they look somewhat askance, for we have but to glance at the lists of candidates in Wayne County, just completed, to see how the "same name" activity, started a few years ago, has now come to full flower in Detroit. It is only a few years ago that the first instance cropped up. A gentleman by the name of Dingman, a stranger to public affairs, became an opponent of an official by the name of Dingeman. Just the difference of one letter e, and, it being the first instance of the kind, a tremendous protest went up. Maybe the people did want Mr. Dingman instead of Mr. Dingeman, because he got most of the votes, but it would be impossible to convince friends of Mr. Dingeman, one of the best-known public men in the County, that the thousands upon thousands of voters knew in every instance just exactly which man they were casting their ballot for.

Then two years ago it carried over into the office of the register of deeds in Wayne County, with two Skolls on the ballot. This year there is a whole crop. One congressman finds himself opposed by two men of the same surname. The Detroit Free Press remarks that "the identities of the two aspirants bearing the same name as the Congressman are unknown."

Here then, is a situation for both the people of Oakland County and Mr. Lee D. Allen to deal with. If it is mere coincidence, all well and good. If it is not that, but simply a bit of political trickery, then there has come crawling northward across the Eight Mile Road a serpent that should be stepped on and stepped on quick and hard—the snake of sneaking politics. The people of this County should, by immediate and vigorous expression of disapproval, crush it out so promptly and forcibly that it will not rear its head again. The appearance of this kind of thing would be an insult to the intelligence of the voters of Oakland County, for it would amount to saying to them that they are not intelligent and informed enough to know one man from another—that their mental capacity goes only so far as the putting of a cross before a name, without being able to distinguish closely enough between two names quite similar.

It will, therefore, be fortunate both for the County and for Mr. Lee D. Allen if he is able to, and immediately does, provide ample and convincing evidence that his is a case of circumstance, and not of an attempt at circumvention—the gaining of an advantage by stratagem or deception. And it is only fair here to issue warning to him that the people of Oakland County will want genuine proof of fair, above-board intent; that the burden of proof would seem to rest, not on the people themselves to seek out, but for Mr. Lee D. Allen to provide.

This is not a matter to temporize with. The whole issue of fair, clean politics in future years is at stake. For there are several types of political serpents extant in the lowlands down near the river that are not wanted on higher ground this side of Eight Mile Road—and the "same name" scheme is very emphatically one of them.

#### First City Fire Department

Rome was the first city to have an organized fire department. At one time, in ancient days, that town had 7,000 city firemen. They had wooden hand pumps that worked like syringes. Cisterns provided the water, which was carried to the fire in vases or urns.

#### University of Switzerland

The University of Geneva, Switzerland, has been known under its present name only since 1873, but is the outgrowth of one of the oldest and most famous of Protestant institutions of learning, the Academy of Geneva founded by the Geneva republic in 1550.

## WALLED LAKE

Mrs. Mae Rhodes

Mrs. B. G. Kreuter entertained the "500" Club Wednesday. Miss Jean Hoyt of Detroit spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Nook.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes of Brighton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Buffmyer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Brown spent the week end at Marion. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Welch have been enjoying a two weeks vacation near Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garner and son Earl, are spending two weeks at Otsego Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Arts of Utica, visited their daughter, Mrs. Glen Buffmyer, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Jackson of Detroit were week end guests at the Hutton home.

Billy Mercer is spending a few days in Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Ross.

Friday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKibben were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tripp. Mrs. Tripp and Thoresa Gouvil.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutton entertained Mr. and Mrs. Byron Pierce and daughter of Farmington Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hess and son Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Frances and son Kaye Don, attended the Hess family reunion Sunday near Howell.

The ball game played at the school diamond Sunday afternoon between Dickie Lumber Company and Walled Lake resulted in an-

other victory for Walled Lake, 12-2. About 40 relatives and friends of M. G. Post gathered on the Carnes' lawn Friday evening for a picnic dinner in honor of his birthday anniversary.

Charles Troy and Mrs. Carrie Brown of Toledo and Mrs. Jane Lepley and son Clarence of Pontiac, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss and family.

John E. Campbell arrived Saturday from Port Townsend, Washington, to spend a month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell, Sr., and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schweitzer and son Bruce of Oxford, Iowa, visited at the Thomas Carmichael home several days this week.

The Walled Lake fire truck made a hurried run to 1135 East Lake Drive Tuesday noon where a grass fire was endangering a cottage.

Mrs. Glen Buffmyer and son Edward and Mrs. M. Bachelor went to Lansing Thursday to attend the Farm Women's program.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carnes with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Withey and Frank Lurch of Detroit are motoring through the East.

Several thousand attended the annual G. M. C. picnic held at the Walled Lake amusement park last Saturday. The program started at 10 o'clock with various games during the afternoon. Two exciting ball games were played. Many remained for the dance in the evening.

evening with Vera Graham. Rogers Hunt is spending this week with his grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. John Graham and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Graham and son Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. George Angel, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carnes, Mrs. Mary Carey and Jennie Lamphere attended the Hess reunion held at Royal Giegler's residence at Highland.

### WEST POINT PARK

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilbert and son Charles, Jr., of Brightmoor were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Shean and baby of Fort Wayne, Indiana were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Miss Doris Gilbert returned home Monday evening after a week's visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Farnow of Detroit.

Mrs. Sheets of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who has been visiting her two daughters, Mrs. Homer Coolman and Mrs. Russell Ault, the past two weeks returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hollibaugh of Detroit were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Voorhies and son Donald and Mrs. E. Rowe of Detroit were guests for dinner Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault.

Mrs. L. Stern and son Donald and Mrs. Edna Ester, accompanied by Mrs. Austin Ault and three daughters, were guests Friday of Mrs. Ralph Voorhies of Detroit.

Miss Evelyn Owen of Jamestown, Penn., who has been visiting her brother, Melvin Owen, in Detroit, returned Thursday to the home of her uncle, Albert Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Barger of Detroit were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Gilbert were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Simmons of Detroit.

Philip Jacobs of Grand Rapids is the guest of the Gilbert families.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanton of Lincoln Park were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Coolman.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zwahlen were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Smith of Rose-dale Park, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Berchew and daughter, Miss Margie of Detroit, have gone on a two weeks' camping trip at Caseville.

Mrs. Edna Nester and daughter, Mrs. L. Stern, and son Donald, were guests Thursday of Mrs. William Taylor of Coe Lake.

Miss Florence Jacobs, principal of one of the schools in Panama, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Gilbert, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schultz and family of Belleville were Sunday guests of Mrs. Alma Berger.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Van Wormer and little daughter, Corliss, of Fort Gate were guests Sunday evening of Mr. William Zwahlen, Jr.

Mrs. L. B. Gilbert was the guest last week of Mrs. Anna Smith of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ault and three daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Owen, Kenneth and Billy, Misses Fern and June Ault, attended the West Point Park Sunday School Picnic Saturday at

Pleasant Lake.

Jeanette Barger of Detroit was the week end guest of her aunt, Mrs. William Sherman.

Albert Heichman, who was in Ford Hospital, returned home Friday much improved in health.

Mrs. Alma Stewart of Detroit was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ethel Middlewood, Sunday.

DINE AND DANCE at the

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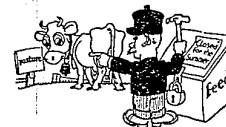
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