

# County Building Money Well Spent, Says Mayor Nelson

## JURIST DECLARES MERITS OF PLAN

Houghton Lauds Quality of Design

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without increasing the burden of the overburdened taxpayer. After the plan was devised it soon developed into a monumental task, which was fully compensated for by the cheerful and helpful assistance received from the beginning from each supervisor, the county commissioner of schools, the city superintendent of the schools, teachers and preachers of all denominations, civic societies and many enthusiastic individuals, whose constant helpful cooperation assured the great success achieved. The climax of this noble experiment is the most modern, unique and efficient public building of its size ever constructed in Michigan. The reason for such extraordinary perfection is the fact that the general contractor on the building, woodcraftsmen furnishing the interior woodwork, the sculptor and interior decorator, all expert in their craft, and residents of Bay City, each conscientiously and harmoniously coordinated with the master mind, Mr. Joseph C. Goddayne, the architect, who is also a protégé of Bay City.

## Bay County Official Headed Committee



MAYOR J. HARRY NELSON

While its predecessor abounded with them, there are no cuspidors in the new Bay County building. At least, they were not included among the "furnishings" and "equipment."

## CHAIRMAN TRACES COMMITTEE'S WORK

Tells of Surveys, Studies His Group Made

BY MAYOR J. HARRY NELSON  
Chairman, Building Committee

The Bay County Building committee was elected from and by the county board of supervisors. Originally, it consisted of the late Frank A. Hewitt (then chairman of the supervisors' board), Bertley A. Major, Fred H. Moeller, Leonard W. Hutton and myself. That was in 1931.

We held several meetings with a group of men called the Citizens' advisory committee, including James E. Davidson, the late Charles A. Bigelow, the late George D. Houghton, Circuit Judge Samuel G. Houghton, and M. W. Carron, and finally recommended to the supervisors the appointment of Joseph C. Goddayne as architect. The recommendation was approved.

Visited Several Projects

The building committee and the architect then visited several Michigan cities to see new construction in courthouses and other public buildings in Caro, Saginaw, Flint, Detroit, Lansing, etc.

Following was a series of meetings of our committee to study floor plans in designs prepared by Architect Goddayne. We went over the architect's drawings and specifications, line for line, item for item, and this was a tremendous task. We then made our recommendations to the board of supervisors and finally all of the plans were approved.

When the bids on the project were submitted we tabulated them, and interviewed the bidders. This also required a series of meetings and long study, as the range in the estimates was, in most instances, small. Competition was keen.

Looked to Future

On the part of all was the realization that a county building should be erected whose design and general construction and furnishings would serve not only the present and the immediate future, but the untold number of years to come. We were about to spend approximately \$500,000 of the taxpayers' money and we unanimously agreed that the county should get the maximum results for the money spent.

With this idea in mind, the contracts were awarded the old building razed, and construction of the new building begun in the fall of 1931.

In the construction of such a project as the county building, literally thousands of things must be decided upon by the building committee. Materials, equipment, furnishings, decorations, electrical fixtures—each in their numerous classifications of prices and qualities—these are but an inkling of what must be weighed closely here if the county was to get what it was paying for.

Monument to Goddayne

But I feel that I speak for the entire committee in saying that the work performed by us was indeed a pleasure. I, for one, would not part with the experience gained on this assigned task with its multitude of details bringing up something to decide upon virtually every day of the two years and more we were on the work.

Also, it would take a long time and much space to enumerate the instances in which Mr. Goddayne carried on much of the credit for the building as it now stands should go to him. The building certainly is a monument to his ingenuity and ability as an artisan.

We are all glad of the opportunity we have had to cooperate with him for the good of the county, and in turning over the building to the county auditors we feel that the money so well spent.

Editor's Note: Upon the death of Mr. Hewitt, he was replaced on the building committee by W. Merrill Jereau. Louis D. Ott succeeded Mr. Major, who retired from the board of supervisors.

## ARCHITECT LISTS OFFICE LOCATIONS

Eight of County Building's Nine Floors to Be Open to Public.

If you plan a tour of the new county building, perhaps the following list of offices will be of assistance to you. It was prepared by Joseph C. Goddayne, architect, and announced as the official assignment of offices.

While the building has a total of nine floors, including the ground or subfloor, only eight floors are devoted to office space. The top story, beneath the penthouse, will be used for storage or records. However, it has been finished off, and could readily be used for additional office space, should this ever be necessary, it was explained.

- Ground Floor**
- HIGHWAY COMMISSION — 2 conference room; 3, public space; 4, engineer's office and 5, drafting room.
- SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES — 6, public space; 7, private office, and 7A storage room.
- AGRICULTURAL AGENT — 9, public space; 9A, storage room; 10, private office; 11, assembly room; 11A clerical space, and 11B projection booth.
- POOR COMMISSIONER — 23, store; 24, storage room; 25, poor commissioner's office; 26, public space; 27, clerk's office, and 28, clerical space.
- First Floor**
- COUNTY TREASURER — 103, vault; 104, private toilet; 105, public space; 105A clerical space;

## CHILD STUDY HEAD BARES U. S. NEEDS

Enlightened Parenthood Is Called Necessity

PHILADELPHIA, March — (UP)—What America needs, according to Mrs. Sidonie Matsner Gruenberg, director of the Child Study association of America, is a parenthood that knows what it wants for itself and for its children.

"Parents and children, after all, constitute the population," she told a parents council here.

"What is good for them cannot in the long run be bad for others, and what is not good for parents and children is not good enough to tolerate."

"Faced with standardization, repression and disintegration, what wonder parents feel themselves helpless?"

"There is no evidence to support the fear that the family will not survive."

"It will come through today's crisis with a new kind of unity based on the family's unique opportunity and responsibility to understand and to serve the individual."

## Gold Falls On Foot—Bank Teller Is Injured

ALTOONA, Pa., March — (UP)—The United States treasury anti-boarding order made a lot of people weep, but it caused an Altoona bank teller to limp. He suffered a painful injury to his foot when a tray containing \$2,000 in gold turned in by clients fell on it.

## MISTLETOE IS BANNED FROM CALIFORNIA TOWN

City Council Declares It Nuisance, Misdemeanor To Permit Its Growth

TULARE, Cal., March — (UP)—From now on, Christmas will be kissless in this California town.

The city council, after considerable debate, voted to enforce an old ordinance which declares mistletoe a nuisance and makes it a misdemeanor for any resident to permit to grow.

Owners of property on which the parasitic plant is found are subject to prosecution unless they destroy it.

The ordinance, passed in 1904, was not enforced for years.

## PEASANT KILLS PANTHER LOOSE SINCE OCTOBER

Farmer Attacks Animal, Escaped From Zurich Zoo, With Hoe

UZUNACH, Switzerland, March — (UP)—A full-grown female panther escaped from the Zurich zoo last October, and since that time has been roaming the countryside to the consternation of the inhabitants. Many claimed to have encountered the big cat, but hunting expeditions to capture or kill it were fruitless.

Women were afraid to walk alone in the solitary streets of Zurich after nightfall, and they were met at the street corners by male escorts armed with sticks or guns.

Recently the panther was found hiding beneath a barn about 20 miles from Zurich. The peasant, who surprised the beast, bashed in its head with a heavy hoe. He and his family then ate the meat, and made a pair of shoes out of the hide.

## PRESSMEN TO HOLD MEET IN MISSOURI

Newspaper Convention Announced For May

COLUMBIA, Mo., March — (UP)—More than 500 newspaper leaders, representing the entire nation, will meet here during the annual Journalism Week, May 12, to pay tribute to Walter Williams, president of the University of Missouri and founder of its first school of journalism.

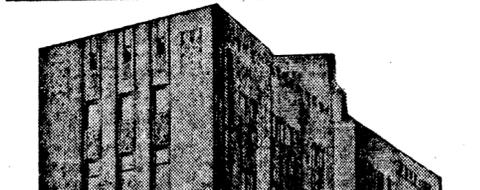
President Williams, who was head of the N. E. A. forty years ago, will be guest of honor at a joint dinner for members of the association and representatives of the Missouri Press association. May 11 has been designated a "National Editorial association Day" and will feature addresses by prominent newspaper men.

## \$3,500 Awarded Ex-Moel For Crash Injury To Nose

PHILADELPHIA, March — (UP)—A jury in Delaware county court has decided that the inability to be able to smell onions is worth \$3,500.

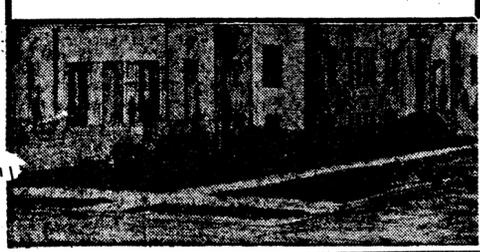
Miss Jean Marsh, Philadelphia ex-model, 27, was struck by an automobile driven by Jim M. Ruegenberg Upper Darby. Several operations were performed on her nose in an attempt to restore its former beauty. The operations failed and the young woman sued the autoist.

She testified at the trial in Meads that she couldn't even smell onions and the jury's sympathy went out to her in the form of a \$3,500 verdict.



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Great Britain First, Japan Second

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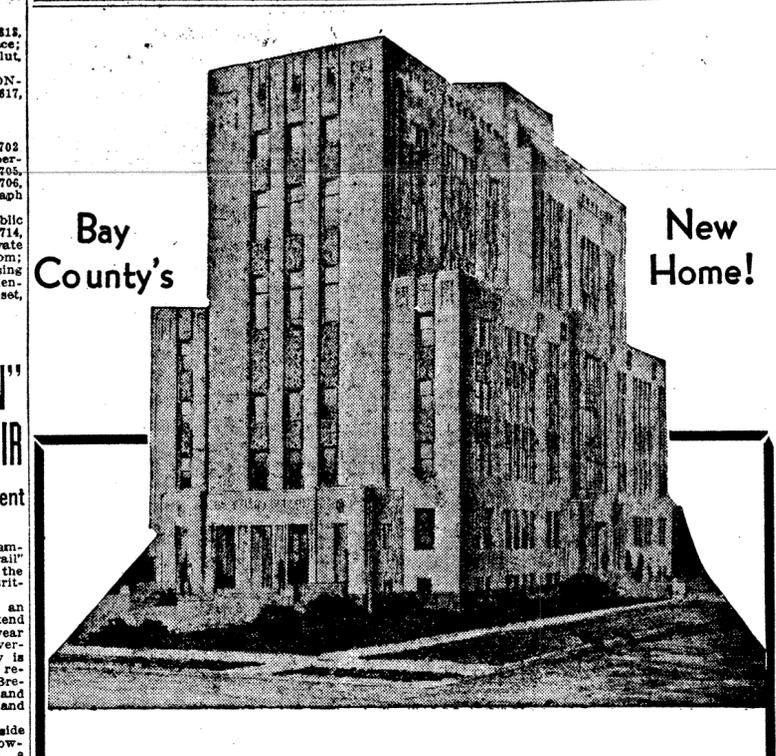
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**BRITANNY "PARDON" TO BE HUGE AFFAIR**

Annual Meeting Equivalent of American Revival

PARIS, March — (UP)—A campaign to "win the sadist trail" in a big way is planned by the inhabitants of Brittany, during this year.

The "pardons" are an annual affair, but natives intend to make 1934 an exceptional year in the annals of religious conversions. A "pardon" in Brittany is equivalent of an American revival meeting; it enables the Breton to confess his sins, repent, and resolve to tread the straight and narrow path for the future.

With the strictly religious side of the revival attended to, however, the "pardons" develop a carnival spirit unequalled in any part of the world. Pancakes and champagne form the refreshments. There are pardons for everything and everybody.

Britany has hundreds of saints who have never been canonized except by the Breton peasants themselves. Each one is credited with being able to cure certain diseases, especially on "Pardon Day."

St. Eriac, for example, is recommended for epilepsy; St. Blaise and St. Rodegone for toothache; St. Paby for rheumatism; St. Cadoc for deafness; St. Urleu for gout; St. Aubers for hydrophobia; St. Upien for corns; St. Oncois the healer for dropsy; St. Namert for stomach troubles; St. Bieuy for mental derangements; St. Guetaed and St. Klerion for the colic; St. Ste. Barbe for lightning and sudden death. St. Klerion is said to possess magic power for making bolts disappear. St. Leonard is for curing bad spelling; while St. Blanche provides her adepts with white skin.

When an ailment descends on peasants of Brittany, they send for the doctor, but pray to the saint if a cure is effected, the saint gets the credit, but the doctor collects the cash.

**Mexican P.-T. A. Group Hits Petition For Co-Education**

JUAREZ, Mexico, March — (UP)—A suggestion that both boys and girls be allowed to attend the same grade school in Juarez brought a fiery protest from the Parent-Teacher association, which warned that co-education is "immoral." The petition was signed by 200 parents and sent to the governor of Chihuahua.