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E. W. ARGUS ASKS

Is The School Board a Huge Joke or do They Consider the Village Taxpayers as Such?

Judging from the methods adopted by the Board, one would naturally think they were endeavoring to carry out the latter, at least, from a commercial standpoint.

Inasmuch as the Board started out on a $9,000 or a $10,000 proposition which was carried out according to their instructions.

When plans were completed and bids being advertised for they suddenly took it upon themselves to stop proceedings and order plans drawn for a two story building, necessitating at least an additional $4,000 this of course being also carried out, plans being accepted by the Board and in return the Board advertising for bids became entangled in a purely personal matter, decided not to use the plans already accepted which figures came in near the $14,000 mark.

Took it upon themselves to go to the city and again get plans from other architects, at the time they felt quite enthused and went so far as to make remarks that they were justified in making the change, inasmuch as they would save at least $2,000.00 of that $14,000.00.

Under the $14,000.00 proposition, the entire first floor was to be fire-proof. All ceilings and walls were to be lathed throughout with metal lath making it practically a fire-proof construction.

In the revised plans they have eliminated all the fire-proof work including the metal lath with the exception of the room directly over the boiler room. This of course being compulsory they have specified fire-proof construction in that particular room.

Now, every fair minded taxpayer knows by the last issue of the Eccentric that they have placed the figures at from $22,500 to $25,000.00.

This does not of course take care of the heating which is a very expensive one and many extra costs are likely to arise later. It appears very forcibly to the writer as though the Board were incapable of handling the situation as it should be done. However, if such is the case and there is any more money asked for, I would strongly urge upon the taxpayers to rigidly investigate the methods adopted, and instead of leaving it directly in the hands of some of the present Board, I would suggest appointing an advisory board to assist them in financing any proposition that may hereafter follow. In a project of this kind it should be handled by free public spirited citizens composed of able men who are equal to cope with the situation.

As the writer feels, he is justified in saying that any citizen or member of the school board who cannot lay prejudice and brotherly love to one side has no right to act in a financial proposition of this nature.

Thanking you very kindly for your valuable space, I am,

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BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. F. A. Stevens, of the China Inland Mission, a returned missionary, will speak in the morning and evening

B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6 p. m. Topic, "Thanksgiving and Prayer" Leader, Miss Hedding.

On Tuesday evening of next week there will be an associational B. Y. P. U. rally at Pontiac. The Detroit unions are planning to come out in special cars. It is expected that Birmingham will have its full quota there.

We should keep in mind and be making our plans for our special meetings, which are to begin Jan. 2 under the leadership of E. Bond Griffith of Detroit.

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OUR GREAT NEEDS

To The Voters of the Birmingham School District Come Out and Help Vote for a School

In early summer you voted $9,500 in bonds to buy a site and build a three room school building. At that time your Board thought that three rooms would be sufficient for the present needs. Since that time the number of pupils have increased so rapidly that at present it is known that more than three rooms would be required before the building would be completed. Hence it becomes imperative that a larger building be planned for.

For example:—School closed with 104 seated in the high school assembly room. At present there are 125 seated there, for the accomodation of whom, it was necessary to crowd in many new seats. There have already entered this year, 73 new students, distributed in the various grades and the high school. Every week so far we have entered new students, only last Monday six new pupils were enrolled, five in the grades and one in the high shhool.

A large grade of 55 pupils was removed to the basement of the Episcopal church, yet the condition was not relieved on the main building. The little room built in the corridor on the first floor, used last year for the primary, is now used as a high school recitation room, the legitimate recitation room on the second floor being occupied by the sixth grade. The little corridor room is not large enough to accoinodate desks. The students completely fill the room when seated in chairs, on which it is impossible to do written work. It is crowded full of students every period but one during the day. Many high school classes are held in the basement, making it necessary for the students to ascend and descend the two flights of stairs of staires, a condition tending to prove injurious to health. All this is necessary because of the two grade rooms on the same floor with the assembly room. There is no class room available which enough to provide room for the eighth should it be necessary to convene the entire grade at one time. These facts show the great need of a larger building, the increase of population warranting better provising for the future. It simply means that with the same par cent of increase in the student body, next September your Board would be compelled to ask for yet another building.

These conditions are not confined to Birmingham, all surrounding localities are experiencing the same problems. Pontiac is building two large eight room buildings costing $80,000. One of Pontiac's largest grade schools was visited last week. The rooms are full, planned for 40 pupils each, they are supplemented with tables and chairs, and all are anticipating relief from this extra burden when the new buildings are finished, yet it was found that the ladgest enrollment of any room in that building was 47 with a regular attendance of something less, while we are carrying an enrollment of 56 in one room, with a regular attendance of 54 and various other rooms with nearly as full a record.

The work, both in the grades and in the high school is hampered and cannot be carried out as satisfactorily as it would be if there were proper accomodations for handling the student body.

The present plans are for a two story building, with a full basement, two full stories, but no attic. The roof is flat and graveled, costing much less than a shingled roof and more cheaply maintained. Each school room will seat from 40 to 50 pupils, each room has its separate cloak room. The second floor has an enclosed fire escape, which is fire proof. While this is not required at present a law will probably be passed at the next legislature compelling its construtction so it would be unwise to omit in building. Small rooms for teachers are planned, one on each floor. The space is there and is simply put to good use. In the basement it is planned to have shower baths on both the boys and girls side. These are inexpensive not costing more than a $100. This building is adjacent to the play grounds and it is planned to keep the basement open at all times. The ceiling and walls of the furnace room are to be constructed of fire proof material, thus eliminating any reasonable danger of fire. Outside of these minor and inexpensive features, THE BUILDING IS PLANNED AS CHEAPLY AS ANY BUILDING COULD BE TO AMPLY SERVE ITS PURPOSE AND TO BE PERMANENT AND LASTING.

The facts as stated show that at present the school is laboring at a tremendous disadvantage. At present the students can not be accomodated properly. Our students deserve as many advantages as any similar body of students. In the interests of the student body we ask you to come and vote for the best interests of YOUR village and YOUR school.

Have you seen the plans of the new school building that's coming? See them in Johnston-Shaw window.

HAIL MALLENDER!

Mr. Fred Mallender Recently Sold 25 Acres Including the Buildings, and Will Live in Birmingham

For developing, promoting and increasing the value of farm property in his neighborhood, Mr. Fred Mallender should have a banquet tendered him and be toasted to the Queen's taste.

Not so many years ago Mr. Mallender bought 80 acres one mile north and about half a mile east of Birmingham from Arthur Ford and others and at an average price of $80 per acre. Then he began to sell land at an average price of $250 per acre.

His first buyer was Mr J. C. Buckberrough, who secured 15 acres. Next came Mr. Walter Thompson, of Detroit who landed 23 acres of this Promised Land. Next, Mr. Frank Bromley, of Detroit, absorbed four acres, and then came the last buyer week before last who took 25 acres and with it horses and all the buildings. Mr. Mallender has still a little bit of a farm left.

Think of these changes in the past few years. Starting east on Maple avenue to Town Line, going north the whole section west over to Woodward avenue and back to Birmingham, the Poppletons are the only original owners of any land in that section. It has all been secured by outsiders at fancy prices from $150 to $250 per acre. Selling this land is not the only good and big thing Mr. Mallender has done. Just across the road in the township of Troy he has been the means of selling a goodly number of acres to most desirable buyers and all from the city.

First, he helped to bring Capt. Hiram Still here, who bought the Eade's home of 17 acres on the corner. This place then brought $1,500. Capt. Still's estate received $6,000 for the same place and it has changed hands again at a raised price. Capt. Still brought Capt. Barnes and Capt. Eades, all old lake captains. Capt. Eades is now dead, and Capt. Barnes sold out and went to a farm near Ypsilanti. Mr. Mallender's old homestead colony should be called Mallenderville, and as we said before Fred Mallender should be knighted or something done to reward him for the way he has enhanced the value of all the lands of his neighbors within miles of himself.

Further, Mr. T. C. Williams, on the Town Line and in Mallender's vicinity, in the last two weeks sold to Detroit parties 17 acres of this fancy priced land. Mrs. Shepherd taking 10 acres, and Mr. Burns 7 acres. All happy. All Hail Mallender!

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VOTE FOR BONDS!

Here is a Tax Payer that Favors a Bond Issue and Tells You all Why it Should Carry.

I noticed this morning in the Post Office a notice of Special school election, to be held at the school building on Tuesday next, for the purpose of voting a bond issue of $15,000.00 for building on the site already purchased. As I understand it the Board have now about $7,000.00; they come before the people and ask for more to complete their plans which is certainly fair as it would have been a bad move to have started a building with the $7,000.00 at the rate our school is increasing.

We have now attending our school 475 pupils and more coming every day, with a building that can take care of 300 nicely, so you can see that any small building would at this time be foolish. The men on your Board are all tax payers; the most of them more than the average. So that they would not ask you to give them more money if not absolutely necessary. They do their work free and try to please the District, Teachers and themselves, which is some hard job. Some of our heaviest taxpayes are heartily in favor of the plan, and I sincerely hope that every one interested in our school, will work for this much needed improvement to our fast growing beautiful village,—the Pride of Old Oakland.

A TAXPAYER.

A Father's Vengeance

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FAT STOCK SHOW.

Monster Preparations For the 1911 "International" Under Way. Date to be Given Later.

A babel of noise is churning the atmosphere of the scene of the greatest of all live stock displays, the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. Preparation is being made on a stupendous scale for the largest display of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep since the inception of that magnificent enterprise. An army of mechanics and laborers is on the ground setting the gigantic stage on which the show will be presented to the people of the North American continent. If the largest list of entries on record warrants such prediction, the 1911 International will throw its forerunners in the shade and each of them was credited with having a marked climax.

The spacious grounds will be tastefully decorated and brilliantly illuminated, the night setting of the exterior being an added feature, The interior of the mammoth pavilion will present a series of surprises when ready for occupation by the equine and bovine contenders for honors.

Preparation for the International Live Stock Exposition, which will this year be held from December 2nd. to 9th., is no insignificant task. Hundreds of artisans consuming a month or more in carrying out plans laid down long previously. Material by the train load is consumed and each year finds new ideas adopted for the benefit of show men and the comfort of visitors. In these preliminaries thousands of dollars are expended, practically all of which is merely seasonable investment.

On the eve of the opening of the Exposition interest was never as keen. All over the country a great host of exhibitors are getting live stock into show condition. Breeding and fat stock are receiving finishing touches at the hands of the master fitters and feeders of the country, loading day being anxiously awaited. The public sees only the culmination of this titanic effect.

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THIRTY-SECOND TOOTH TALKS

No. 7.

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