BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

FORTY-SECOND YEAR. NO. 33. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1919. WHOLE NUMBER, 2,164.

TO VOTE ON NEW SCHOOL SITE

Board of Education Issues Call for Election Tuesday, Dec. 16.

"Are you in favor of saving 105 school children from the daily menace of death?"

Voters of the Birmingham school district will be asked this question at the polls Tuesday, Dec. 16.

If they vote "Yes" the school board will remove the present peril to the kiddies living east of Woodward avenue by building a new school situated so that the little ones will not have to cross the railroad tracks and dodge the traffic on Woodward avenue four times a day.

A vote "Yes" on the proposed bond issue will attract new residents by proving that this community is progressive enough to provide adequate school facilities for its growing school population and to distribute them fairly.

It will make impossible the oft-repeated charge that wealthy and influential property owners for their own selfish purposes placed three schools on one side and none on the other side of the village.

It will open up for settlement and home-building a large area of desirable land and by adding many thousands of dollars worth of property to the rolls will reduce taxes for everybody, west siders and east siders alike.

Will Increase Property Values.

The school board at a meeting held last week decided to act on the petition presented to it some time ago and to order a special election for next Tuesday.

The site selected is on Adams avenue almost directly across from the residence of Seymour D. Adams.

"It is in the general direction toward which new population is moving."

At its present cost it is an excellent investment for the village. Land will never be cheaper and those who believe in the future of Birmingham know it will be dearer. A vote "Yes" on the bond issue is a vote showing your confidence in Birmingham.

At the present rate of growth in the school population, according to Superintendent Vliet, a good many of the school children will have to be put on half-day sessions next year unless additional school facilities are provided.

Half-day sessions mean that children drag along in their school work, get a defective education, and are at home learning habits of idleness a great deal of the time. Half-day sessions are bad for the school, bad for the parents and bad for the children.

It is contended that, inasmuch as the village must provide more facilities for its rapidly growing school population in any event, it might as well do justice to the 105 children who now must cross the railroad and Woodward avenue and remove from them the constant menace of death.

Vote to Save Some Child's Life.

It is said that so long as so many children, many of them of kindergarten age, must cross the danger spots every school day it is only a matter of time before some kiddie is either killed or injured.

A vote "Yes" on the bond issue is a vote to save the life of a child. It is a vote for humanity, for a square deal, for a progressive, forward-looking school policy. It is a vote to attract to this community new taxpayers who will help reduce everybody's present tax levy. It is a vote to add to the value of every piece of property, improved or unimproved, within the entire school district.

The first question a prospective property buyer asks, say men experienced in selling, is "Are the schools good? Are there enough of them? Are they convenient?"

Birmingham has good schools, but there are not enough of them and they are not conveniently situated for the growing east side. Half-day sessions would affect west side children the same as they would east side children, and hence a vote "Yes" on the bond issue is really a vote to keep the schools efficient for the children of both sides. A vote for the bond issue would remove 105 children from the already crowded west side schools. It is, therefore, to the interest of every west side parent to support it.

A big increase in Birmingham's population is assured for next year and for many years to come. The housing shortage in Detroit is combining with Birmingham's well-known attractions to bring out here people willing to pay good prices for property and to keep it up in excellent condition after they have bought it. Every such newcomer helps to bring more who will buy land and build home in this vicinity. Every new taxpayer makes taxes easier for the older residents.

In view of the new population bound to pour into Birmingham and demand housing facilities as soon as the spring building season opens the school board feels that it is well to adopt a farsighted, progressive policy of school expansion. It takes a long time to build a school, and if this question is postponed to a future date the present schools will be very congested before relief can be given them. It is held by Superintendent Vliet and the members of the board to be the part of wisdom and good business sense to buy a new school site now before property values take another jump with the opening of spring.

Five hundred posters vividly depicting the danger to the 105 children now forced to cross the tracks and dare death in the Woodward avenue traffic four times a day, have been ordered. They will be distributed to those who wish to do their bit toward helping the bond issue "over the top."

It is especially desired that these posters be displayed in the homes and business houses on the west side to prove once and for all that the generous, big-hearted people of the west side are unwilling to risk the lives of east side children any longer.

"The poster in the window of a west sider will prove that THE WEST SIDER'S HEART IS WITH THE KIDDIES," is the way one man puts it.

A supply of these posters will be left at the office of The Eccentric or, if none should be on hand there, information as to where they may be obtained will be given to inquirers.

It is felt that if during the next year even one child was killed in the ever growing congestion on Woodward avenue every person in the school district who failed to vote "Yes" on this bond issue would feel personally responsible.

For that reason every man and woman who doesn't want to have a child's death on their conscience is urged to get out next Tuesday and vote "Yes" on this proposition.

Come and see our complete line of toys. "BUILDERS' SHOP."

CHARLES THORNTON BADLY INJURED.

Charles Thornton is in the Pontiac city hospital suffering from a compound fracture of the left leg as well as several bad bruises and cuts sustained when a motor truck in which he was sitting was struck by a Grand Trunk switch engine near the Wm. McClellan feed mill, Monday afternoon.

Thornton thought he was parked far enough back from the tracks so that the engine would not catch the truck, but when the switch engine backed out of the Lawson & Erb lumber yard it caught one of the rear fenders and slid the truck along the wall of the feed mill for about 40 feet and then jammed it into a telephone pole. There was a closed cab on the truck so it was impossible for Thornton to jump.

The truck belonged to W. McClellan. It was badly mashed up. Mr. Thornton's condition is reported as very serious.

Do your Xmas shopping at "THE BUILDERS' SHOP" and avoid the crowds down town.

CHAPTER ELECTS OFFICERS.

The following officers have been elected by Birmingham Chapter No. 94, R. A. M., for 1920:

H. P., Otto Engelman; K. and S. W., Isaac N. Baker; L. S. and J. W., Ernest Bailey; treasurer, Almeron Whitehead; secretary, Louis M. Randall; captain host and marshall, Chas. H. McCandy; P. S. and S. D., James H. Terry; R. A. captain and J. D., Glenn H. Bingham; master third vale and master O., Harris A. Lamb; master second vale and senior O., Morris Wattles; master first vale and junior O., Morris Levinson; sentinel, William H. Hunt.

If you are going to trim a tree, look over our Xmas tree decorations which are very reasonably priced. "THE BUILDERS' SHOP."

WOMAN'S LITERARY MET WITH MRS. CLIZBE

The Woman's Literary club met this week with Mrs. Clizbe.

The program was in charge of the Art Department.

A group of Dutch artists were studied, prominent among them were Joseph Israels and Anton Mauve.

The papers were by Mrs. Vliet and Mrs. Clizbe.

The meeting next week will be a thimble party at the home of Mrs. McKnight.

Let your children show you our lovely dolls. They have all seen them. "THE BUILDERS' SHOP."

GARDEN CLUB.

The Garden club held its regular meeting last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. John Marlott on Pierce street. There were several enthusiastic gardeners present regardless of the snow storm. Mr. Coryell gave landscape suggestions for each of the individual garden plats. Mr. Doving gave suggestions for garden borders.

The benefit derived from these meetings will be manifested during the coming year by the many beautiful gardens scattered throughout the village.

We have some very nice Xmas booklets, post cards, stickers, and a very nice assortment of ribbons, twine and paper for wrapping your presents. "THE BUILDERS' SHOP."

DONATIONS FOR SALVATION ARMY.

Donations of clothing for the Salvation Army may be deposited in a box under the stairway, on the outside, southeast corner of Methodist church, Birmingham, any day of the week. These gifts will be taken care of every day by Brother Ira Reid. Clothing and other gifts so presented will find their way to the Pontiac branch of the Salvation Army work each week.

Knox Poppleton is recovering from pneumonia.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Services at Church building, Woodward avenue, south of D. U. R. waiting room.

Sunday, 11 a. m.

Sunday school same hour.

Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.

All are invited.

Free Reading room, open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 2 to 4:30 p. m., and Wednesday from 7 to 8 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. P. M. MacKay, Pastor.

10:30, morning worship with a sermon by the pastor.

11:45, Bible school with a class for every member of the family.

6:30, a good live young people's meeting.

7:30, evening service with a popular song service.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45.

The home like church with a welcome for all.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Nov. 2, 20th Sunday after Trinity.

10:30 a. m., Holy Communion.

12 m., Church school.

Local Notes

The ladies of the Birmingham United Presbyterian church are to give their annual bazaar and supper in the church building, Woodward avenue and Brown street, on Saturday, Dec. 13. The bazaar opens at 3 p. m. and supper will be served from 5 to 8:30. In this event, the ladies are endeavoring with confidence of success, to even excel their previous efforts of giving the best for the money in quality, quantity, service. Further comment is unnecessary.

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The Knights of Pythias lodge gave a supper at Castle hall Tuesday evening. Officers for the coming year were elected. They gave the third degree rank. There was a large attendance.

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The village department of busy working on the village manager's report, which will be out shortly after the first of the year.

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The House and Garden Magazine will be found on the table at the Baldwin public library.

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The Women's Missionary society of the Troy United Presbyterian church held their annual thankoffering service at the home of Mrs. George Robinson, Clawson, on Thursday, Dec. 4. The program included a social hour, chicken dinner, devotional service led by the president, Mrs. Lizzie Cole, a vocal solo by Miss Cora Parker and Miss Sarah Cromie, an address by the pastor, Rev. D. H. Curry, a responsive reading by members of the society and a reading by Mrs. D. H. Curry. The pastor led in the thankoffering prayer. The amount of the thankoffering reported to date is $297.70.

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Even if it is cold and there is a lot of snow on the ground, the Garden club is getting new members each week.

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The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church will meet Thursday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the home of Rev. Joseph Dutton.

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The damage done to the Detroit United lines during the recent wind storm was estimated at a quarter million dollars.

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Beans, though higher in price than they were several years ago, are still among the cheaper foods that can be bought today. They are one of the cheapest sources of protein and may be used to help supply this valuable food constituent in the diet, according to United States department of agriculture specialists.

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A population of 215,000 is to be prepared for by Pontiac's commission under the plans prepared by engineers employed to survey sewer and water needs of the city.

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One of the most marked characteristics of the past season has been the extraordinary revival of interest in flowers, plants and growing things. The whole world seems to be awakening to the brightness and genuine joy produced by beautiful flowers.

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The married people's club held a dancing party at the Johnson-Shaw hall on Wednesday evening.

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The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Susan Trowbridge on Wednesday afternoon.

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The new well at the water works will be ready to connect up in a few days. It has a depth of 67 feet.

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The main line of the Elm street sewer will be completed this week.

The sewer line and water line in the Rundel subdivision is near to completion.

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The announcement has been made of the marriage of Maria McKinley of Birmingham to Walter Balko of Northville.

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The Birmingham Gun club held a meeting for election of 1920 officers at the Log Cabin on Adams avenue.

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The Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. Harvey Howe of Bates street on Thursday afternoon.

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The Epworth League held a party in the church on Tuesday evening.

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The Odd Fellows' lodge gave an oyster supper Saturday evening in the lodge rooms.

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The village at large observed the request for closing, remaining open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Everyone showed their patriotism.

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The village started Thursday to build a dam on the Willits street bridge, to flood the district north for a skating rink. It is expected that it will be ready for skating in less than a week.

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The Baptist young people were entertained at the Burnett home on Southfield avenue Tuesday evening.

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The new fire truck has not arrived yet.

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A building on Haines street is being remodeled for a stucco factory. The factory will begin work the first of the year.

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The Federal Petroleum company will have a filling station just south of the Boughner Bros.' garage. The supply station will be on Hazel street.

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Richard Lake arrested Mr. Sosong at Royal Oak, Monday, charged with concealing chattel goods, namely one automobile. He pleaded guilty and was bound over to the circuit court for hearing. The automobile was recovered at 1490 East Boulevard, Detroit, by Deputy Mooney. The auto was sold at auction on Thursday.

Mrs. George Hendrie recently left on a trip to New York.

THE PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL SITE EAST OF WOODWARD AVENUE.

Elsewhere in this issue is a call by the Board of Education for a special meeting of the voters of the district to select a school site east of Woodward avenue. We give below a few of the reasons which have made the proposed new site, consisting of the block bounded by Adams, Oakland, Worth and Madison in Highland View Addition to the Village of Birmingham both necessary and desirable.

The rapid growth in school population of Birmingham is shown by the following figures taken from the annual school census:

The census of 1915 gave 646 pupils, 1916 gave 677, 1917 gave 793, 1918 gave 828, 1919 in May gave 944; and a census at present would show at least 1,000 children of school age in the district. This is an increase of 10 per cent each year. 927 children have been enrolled in the schools up to Dec. 1st this year, 324 of these are in the Baldwin High school and the balance are in the first six grades distributed between the Hill and the Barnum schools. The first three grades are full to overflowing. There are at least 40 houses under construction in the village and when these houses are occupied a serious condition will confront all parents who have small children. Half day sessions will surely come next year unless immediate steps are taken to provide more school rooms for small children. A school to accommodate next year at least 240 more small children is the minimum to meet the situation.

Various factors have influenced the selection of the site presented by the Board of Education for confirmation by the voters at the special meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2 p. m. Central Standard time in the Baldwin High School building, at which place the polls will be open for five hours till 7 p. m. Central Standard time.

1. It is east of Woodward avenue in the heart of a rapidly growing district. Over 100 children now live in this territory and cross Woodward avenue four times each day. The congestion of traffic on Woodward avenue renders it imperative to keep little children as far away as possible. Already this year one child has been killed on Woodward and the wonder is that more accidents have not occurred.

2. The proposed site is high and dry with good drainage. The soil is a gravelly loam which aids in keeping the building sanitary in wet weather. The area is great enough to provide an ample playground and place for outdoor physical training as is required by law. Further it will make possible a duplication of the proposed building on the same site when necessity requires without further expense.

3. The proposed site is situated in about the proper geographical location with reference to the boundaries of the district for the territory to be served.

It covers an entire block and has sidewalks, water, storm sewers already installed.

4. No one who has seen the rapid growth in Birmingham and the appreciation in land values during the past five years believes that values will ever be any less in the future. The selection of such a site is a logical step in providing proper school facilities for the present and future Birmingham.

The initiative in selecting this site was not taken by the Board of Education but rather by a group of parents interested in the welfare of their children who believe they have also acted for the best interests of the people of Birmingham as a whole. However, the Board of Education concurs very heartily in the matter and believes that the proposition for a site which is to be submitted to the voters at the special meeting on December 16 is the best that can be had at the present time and should be adopted.

The usual rules governing balloting will prevail at the special election on Tuesday, December 16 in the Baldwin High School and the following are entitled to vote:—

"Every citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years, male or female, who owns property which is assessed for school taxes in the district and who has resided in the district three months next preceding December 16, 1919, shall be a qualified voter. Provided, that the purchaser of land on a land contract, who actually pays the taxes upon such land and resides thereon, may vote upon all questions; and where a husband and wife own property jointly and same assessed for school taxes in the school district, each may if otherwise qualified, vote upon all questions including the question of raising money."

BOARD OF EDUCATION.
President, W. C. Harris.
Secretary, C. H. Carter.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church will met at the home of Mrs. Harry Rainey, 402 Maple avenue west on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 3 p. m.

Miss Odessa Weave has moved to rooms in the Wightman house on Maple avenue.

Albert Abelt has moved to Detroit.

Be sure and see our games for children. We made a special effort to get a large assortment. "THE BUILDERS' SHOP."

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BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL NOTES

By direction of the health officer all children who are in school with sore throats are to be sent to his office by the principals of the various school buildings and a swab made to determine whether diphtheria germs are present.

All men who are interested in a weekly gymnasium class are invited to come to the Baldwin high school on Monday night, Dec. 15, to enroll. The class will be under the direction of Mr. Ahler and the first regular meeting will be Monday evening, Jan. 5.

The following schedule has been prepared for basketball:

January 9, Holly here. Boys and girls.

January 16, Pontiac here.

January 23, Windsor Collegiate Institute here.

January 30, Royal Oak, there.

February 6, Celts of Detroit "Y" here.

February 13, Monroe here. Boys and girls.

February 20, Royal Oak here.

February 27, Farmington here. Boys. Mt. Clemens here. Girls.

March 5, Monroe there. Boys and girls.

March 12, Open.

March 13, Detroit Northwestern there.

March 19, Boys, open. Hamtramck here. Girls.

March 26, Mt. Clemens there. Boys and girls.

The Christmas vacation will commence on Dec. 19 and extend two weeks. School will resume on Monday, Jan. 5.

A meeting will be called after the Christmas vacation for the formation of a Parent-Teacher association.

The first meeting of the literary society of the High school will be held in the auditorium next Thursday. A short play will be given as a part of the program.

The tryouts for debaters developed unexpected talent and a good team will be selected to debate with Trenton on Jan. 9. The question is "Resolved, That the United States should adopt universal military training for all able-bodied citizens between the ages of 18 and 45."

FORMER BIRMINGHAM MAN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Milton Drumheller, former Birmingham man, Earl Christhof and A. S. Williamson were killed Tuesday afternoon about 2 o'clock. All three men were employed by the Detroit Edison company and were at work two miles south of Romeo when a northbound D. U. R. car struck their automobile. The victims' bodies were badly mutilated.

Milton Drumheller was formerly a resident of Birmingham. He moved from here to Romeo about four years ago. He leaves a widow and four small children. Mrs. Drumheller, before her marriage, was Miss Pearl Bunyon of this place.

Mr. Drumheller had invited the Birmingham Odd Fellows to go to Romeo Tuesday night to attend the lodge meeting there. Cars had been chartered to make the trip, but on account of the accident they did not go.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slocum left Monday to spend several days at Flint.

Miss Addie Sly left Monday to attend the State Beekeepers' meeting at Lansing.

Mrs. Nelson Chamberlain and daughter Dorothy of Pontiac are guests at the home of the Misses Maude and Nellie Camp on South Woodward avenue.

Seymour Adams, who has been very ill at his home on Adams avenue, is able to be about again.

Henry Bresett has returned to his home at Los Vegas, N. M., after spending several days with his son, Carl Bresett, at Clawson.

Dale Harbison was home from the M. A. C. over the week end.

Mrs. Hubbard of Buffalo, N. Y., was a recent caller at the home of Mrs. William Wilmot of Maple avenue east.

Miss Leila Davenport spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Howell of Detroit.

Jimmie Kenney of the Oakland Hills Country club, left Monday for his home at Buffalo, N. Y., to spend a few weeks.

Sec Bird of Clawson was a caller in town on Monday.

Mrs. Wilbert Donaldson of Maple road spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna of Orion.

Mrs. A. Heinze spent Sunday at the home of D. C. Davenport of Adams avenue.

Miss Zelda Jones has returned to Chicago, after spending several days at the home of her brother, Major Jones on Brown street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett of Brown street, entertained the Hon. Henry E. Straight of Grand Rapids on Thursday and Friday of last week. Mr. Straight is an ex-senator of Michigan.

Norval A. Davenport recently returned from Kansas.

David and Stanley Anderson left Thursday for Lincoln, Mich., on a hunting trip. They will visit their brother, Will Anderson.

If you want to get your children something for Xmas which will keep them busy and out of mischief, get them some games. "THE BUILDERS' SHOP."

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Church

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Please note the hour of morning service is changed.
Junior League at 1 p. m.
Sabbath School, 2 p. m.
Preaching by pastor at 3 p. m.
Young people's meeting at 6:30.
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