

Commission Asks Paving Contractor For Rebate

Claim Meredith Used Gravel Belonging to Village on Paving Job Value Placed at Approximately \$2,500.

President W. D. Clize, Commissioners Fred Quorton and Phil Schlaack, members of the Village Commission, are bending every effort to save Birmingham the approximate sum of \$2,500 which they claim the value of gravel excavated by Eph Meredith & Co., paving contractor who completed the paving jobs on Brown and Perry streets and West Maple avenue during the past summer. It was the claim of the Commission, backed by a decision handed down by Village Attorney John J. Gault, that the gravel appropriated, without permission, many hundreds of yards of gravel from the Southfield and West Maple avenues which he used on the three streets in question. Meredith claimed that he had a perfect right to the gravel.

For almost two months Mr. Meredith has sought a final settlement of his account with the Village; this was held up by vigorous action of the part of the Commission to determine whether or not Meredith had any legal right to the gravel.

The entire cost of the paving of the three streets amounted to \$50,000. Of this Mr. Meredith has already paid \$54,441.61. An agreement entered into by the Village to pay the maintenance of the job for Meredith amounted to \$47,498. This is returned to the Village and a 10 per cent interest paid Meredith. In doing this the Village is saving the difference between the 10 per cent rate of interest that would be charged by any bank in case the money were borrowed to pay off Meredith, inasmuch as the total assessment for the project has been made by each taxpayer affected. Subtracting this maintenance bond from the balance due on the original contract would leave the sum of \$74,991 still due Meredith.

Additional money not included in the contract, amounting to \$172,766, of this amount \$200,000 is to be paid by the Township while \$72,766 is for sewer work, now held by the Village. It is Meredith's contention, it is said, that the Village owes him a total of \$247,475.57, separate from the maintenance bond, which must be returned at the expiration of five years.

Confronted with these facts, President Clize has asked from Meredith pay for the gravel. For many weeks there have been discussions between Meredith and the Commission with the view to final settlement of the matter. At the meeting of the Commission last Monday night Meredith stated that he would pay the Village for the amount of gravel he had used and that he would this week determine what that amount was. He said that the Commission claimed that he removed a greater amount than agreed with his remembrance of it. During the recent discussion held at the Commission meetings it was learned that Meredith had removed this gravel in the face of the objections by Manager Lowman to not remove it. Meredith admitted, at the time, that he had no right to use it, since it lay in the direct path of his work.

It is believed that Meredith will comply with the request of the Commission and deduct a greater portion of his claims against the Village at the meeting of the Commission next Monday night.

Ground Broken For New Temple

Ground was broken Tuesday, December 21, for the new Old Fellows Temple which is under construction on Pierce street opposite Merrill street. When finished the building will have a frontage of 100 feet on Pierce street. It will be finished in glazed tile and, as has been announced by the building committee, will have a most prepossessing appearance. It is estimated at present that the cost will be about \$25,000.

Tuesday morning at nine o'clock sixty members of the order met at the E. O. F. Hall on Pierce street and marched in a body to the location of their new home where an impressive service was conducted by Rev. Peter McKay, of the First Baptist church.

The services of seven teams of horses were donated and everyone worked hard to accomplish as much as possible the first day and, judging from the size of the excavation, they succeeded. A moon and a few angry men marched to the hall once more where they were served with a tempting hot dinner by Rev. McKay. One of the sixty reported that they were served everything from oysters to pumpkin pie.

The lodge plans a complete club-house consisting of various club rooms and rest rooms, a dance hall, stage, auditorium and dining room. The building will be two stories high and it is hoped that it will be completed by the first of June. The building committee to which such credit is due for their difficult undertaking consists of Charles J. Hallock, Cassius Carter and Louis Benn. Plans for the structure were drawn by this committee, which will oversee the work.

For some time the need for a new Temple has been felt and members of the order are anxiously awaiting the time when they will be able to hold meetings and entertain in their new home, which will be equipped completely for such purposes.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! MIX THE JEWELLER.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Myrtle M. Golden.

Mrs. Myrtle M. Golden died at her home, 202 James street, Christmas morning, following an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Golden has lived in Birmingham several years but was formerly a resident of Detroit where she made her home for years. In Birmingham Mrs. Golden has been very active in church work and was also well known socially.

Surviving are her husband, Harry Golden, and daughter Elizabeth, three years old; her mother, Mrs. Agnes Malloy, of Richmond; and two sons, Lauris and Robert, Maude, of Daventon, Ill.; Mrs. Herbert Nichol, of Detroit; Mrs. Lulu Mrs. of Rich- mond; and Mrs. Emma Cartwright, of Saginaw, all of whom were in Birmingham at the time of the funeral services which were held from the family residence last Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Rev. McKnight officiating. Burial was in the Franklin cemetery with short services at the Franklin church.

George N. Brady.

George N. Brady died at the age of 84 years at the home of his son, Robert McKelland Brady, of 2127 Inoupe avenue, Detroit, last Saturday afternoon after an illness of nine months.

Mr. Brady when taken ill was a resident at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Berry, wife of Dr. W. H. Berry, of Bloomfield Hills. He was removed to Grace hospital, Detroit, where he was a patient for some time before his illness. He was a grandson of General Hugh Brady, for whom he bore the name. Mr. Brady was a member of the Episcopal church of Birmingham, and Rev. William D. Mason, of that church officiating at the funeral services which were held from Christ Church, Detroit, Tuesday afternoon at 10 o'clock with Rev. W. D. Clize, of St. James Episcopal church of Birmingham, and Rev. William D. Mason, of that church officiating at the funeral services.

Surviving are his son Robert, of Detroit, and his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Berry, of Bloomfield Hills. Funeral services were held from Christ Church, Detroit, Tuesday afternoon at 10 o'clock with Rev. W. D. Clize, of St. James Episcopal church of Birmingham, and Rev. William D. Mason, of that church officiating at the funeral services.

George H. Ferguson.

George H. Ferguson, of North Woodward avenue, was found dead at his home last Tuesday evening by members of his family. Death was caused from a heart ailment which he had contracted while in the employ of the Detroit Police department. Mr. Ferguson had not complained of being ill until Tuesday afternoon when he was unable to attend a banquet in the evening being given by the National Association of Police Officers. He was contacted for 26 years. He was secretary of Ferguson, Miska & Co., a well known firm and for many years had been identified with this part of the country.

For nearly 15 years Mr. Ferguson has made his home in Birmingham where he was a member of the First Baptist church, and was the son of Margaret and John Ferguson, of Michigan origin.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ada Ferguson, a daughter, Hope, who is an instructor in the Baldwin High school, and a younger daughter, Katherine, who is a student at the University of Michigan. Also survives, Mrs. Ferguson's mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Ferguson, of Michigan.

Funeral services were held from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Episcopal church with burial in Rose Lawn cemetery.

Henry T. Mason.

Henry T. Mason was a friend of Word was received by friends Tuesday, December 28, of the death of Henry T. Mason, 22 years old, who was survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Mason, who was born in Michigan. He was a member of the Episcopal church of Birmingham, and was the son of Dr. W. H. Berry, of Bloomfield Hills. Funeral services were held from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Episcopal church with burial in Rose Lawn cemetery.

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OUR CORRESPONDENT'S LETTER

John Hanna Appointed Another 12-Inch Well Village Treasurer To Be Dug By Village

John Hanna will soon be local treasurer of the Birmingham Village Commission. He was appointed Village Treasurer at the Monday night meeting of the Commission held at the home of Mr. Hanna and will take office on Monday next.

Mr. Hanna succeeds L. E. Davis, of Detroit, who was locally appointed treasurer of the Village Commission at the Monday night meeting of the Commission held at the home of Mr. Hanna and will take office on Monday next.

Mr. Hanna is a resident of Birmingham and has been in the city for some time. He is a member of the Village Commission and has been active in its work.

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The Sunday school offering for the relief of the starving children in the Near East was \$637.65. This collection was made on Monday evening, December 23. The fund is still increasing. \$400 was handed on Sunday last. The program was highly appreciated.

Sunday evening, January 2, 1921, the Men's Bible Class will have charge of the service. A unique and interesting service. Come and see what laymen can do.

Sunday morning, Rev. C. M. Thompson will preach. Brother Thompson is a strong preacher, with a gift of humor, and a winning manner of address. All Methodist folks should hear him.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services next Sabbath.

Bible school 2 p. m.
Communion service 3 p. m.
Young People's meeting 8 p. m.
Breaching by Pastor 7:45 p. m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

Services at Church Building, Woodward avenue, south of the D. U. R. Waiting Room.

Sunday school same hour.
Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.
All are invited.
Free reading room, open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. and Wed. from 2 to 4 p. m.

Midnight Service Well Attended

St. James Episcopal Church

The Community Service at midnight Christmas eve in St. James Episcopal church was especially well attended. Rev. McKnight and Rev. Roy L. Brown, R. H. Mann and C. J. Wilson, as announced by the chairman, W. J. Reneker. This Committee has much to do to help relieve the present unsatisfactory transportation situation, and to those familiar with the activities of the past year the membership of the new committee promises very tangible results for the coming year.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Cassius Carter as chairman of the Publicity Committee was filled by George R. Ayerell.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at Mr. Field's office, Friday, January 7, at 8 o'clock.

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CHURCHES

Civic Association Holds Meeting

Various Committees Make Reports—Active Work Cut Out For Spring.

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