

# BIRMINGHAM ELECTRIC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1920

BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1920.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

## NEW WATER RATES EFFECTIVE HERE

Flat rate minimum now \$2.00; Commission to exact rigid enforcement of ordinance

With the view to aiding Birmingham as far as possible in the collection of water taxes, members of the Village Commission Monday night passed a new ordinance relative to water rates effective from November 1st on. A minimum charge of \$2.00 for one tap, with 25 cents added for each additional tap, payable within 15 days after each quarterly audit, if not paid, subject to a "short-out" within another 15 days. A stipulation in the ordinance also states that, following the first notice of each quarter, when the 15 days are up, if the bill is unpaid during the remaining 15 days of the month, a charge of 10 cents per day is imposed on the delinquent user. All bills still unpaid after the first of the month succeeding the date of the ordinance will find that the water will be turned off without further notice.

It is the intent of the Commission stated President Child to a number of local citizens gathered at the meeting to obtain for the Village of Birmingham a fair return for water service rendered. It has come to my attention that, for the past year or two, a goodly number of local citizens have escaped paying their water taxes. Bills are sent out each quarter, with request printed thereon that a return be made within 15 days. The request has been, in many cases, entirely ignored. From now on this Commission will see to it that these returns are made on time. This new ordinance chiefly penalizes users of water on the flat rate, who neglected consumers since under the "short-out" provision. When after the first of 15 days have elapsed and it is desired to again have the water turned on, according to the new ordinance, a fine of 10 cents per day is imposed. Detailed information of this ordinance may be found elsewhere in this issue.

## SCHOOL NOTES

The State Teachers Association at Oakland held its last Thursday and Friday was attended by all the Birmingham teachers. The general meeting was crowded to the maximum attendance, 11,000, but the section meetings were of moderate size and well attended. The principal method of instruction was the "short-out" provision. When after the first of 15 days have elapsed and it is desired to again have the water turned on, according to the new ordinance, a fine of 10 cents per day is imposed. Detailed information of this ordinance may be found elsewhere in this issue.

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WELL PROGRESSING. If everything goes well at the work station during the balance of the week, connections to the new 12-inch water main from the Village of Birmingham will have additional water supply, according to a statement issued by Manager Lawson Thursday evening. A new cylinder was procured today to be used in pumping out the sand from the line. If this is done, which will take over Saturday, everything will be ready for the connection, it is said.

Wanted—A Village Treasurer. Members of the Village Commission are casting their opinion about in the near future for the office of Village Treasurer. The resignation of Miss Viola LaFrance, secretary of the commission, has created a vacancy in that office. The Commission sought no one before inasmuch as they were waiting for the audit of the books to be completed. The office is open to either sex. The salary is fixed out by the Commission and in the past, was approximately \$300.00 per year.

Dancing every Wednesday and Friday evenings, 1:00 P. M. Hall, 1000 N. 1st St. Phone 4-1234. Rehearsal—adv.

## LOCALS

Work of auditing the Village Treasurer's books is expected to be completed this week.

Manager Lawson has laid off all his employees, including the Village of Birmingham, during the past summer on Village construction work.

George F. Pullin, proprietor of the Birmingham Dairy, has purchased the bottle route of Sorbert Opp. Mr. Pullin will deliver milk over the route and make the business a part of his dairy.

A determined resolution to be prepared for, or worse, a bunch of Pontiac business men are departing for the northlands for their annual hunt accompanied by four physicians and surgeons.

Tuesday snow flurries will be generally missed by a goodly number of the motorists who have journeyed to the South and West for the Winter months. Speaking of balmy summer breezes, motorists could have you get in for the winter!

"Hank"—known in the family Bible as "Henry" Fortner, is busy these days in making repairs to Birmingham. He is in the employ of a Birmingham firm in getting gas for lighting.

The first of four carloads of automobiles for the finishing of the pavements on West Maple Avenue, Brown and Pierce streets, arrived this week. The work has been started on these thoroughfares. It will take about three weeks, according to Manager Lawson.

A letter received by Manager Lawson this week shows that tests taken at the Village septic tank at Southwood, which are being made in first-class condition, these tests are taken twice each week and are being sent to the State Health Department at Lansing.

The inconsistency of some things—last Friday, November 29, as the first few flakes of snow were falling in Birmingham, Otto Reich, of Chestnut street, walked into the Ecocentric office with a large supply of delicious red strawberries from his back yard. Now can you "beat" that?

About \$5,000 in unpaid taxes is still outstanding, according to Village Clerk Viola LaFrance. The Commission has extended the time for payment of these taxes to December 1st. The roll will be turned over to the County Treasurer at Pontiac. All tax payers are urged to make their returns at once.

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Mr. Auto Owner: Don't throw away that storage battery—Bring it to Corey and Gibbons. They dwell in Tinkers' Alley on East Maple Avenue. Let them repair it for you now, just opposite the Fire Station, at a small charge—adv.

## ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATIONS COMPLETED

Elaborate plans ready for observance of "Hun's Defeat" at street parade, barbecue, field sports, dinner, addresses and motion pictures promise interesting day's entertainment.

Birmingham's contribution to the national observance of "Armistice Day" will take place Thursday, November 11, when, under the auspices of the Charles Edwards Post of the American Legion, local folk will enter into a mammoth "Hun's Defeat" parade, a barbecue, witness field sports, a football game and, at 7 o'clock that evening, gather in the Baldwin Auditorium to hear well-known addresses by prominent Michigan men.

The entire program, under the personal direction of Major Richard B. Hewitt, is guaranteed to make for a happy day. One of the strongest points which the entertainment committee wishes made known is the fact that the barbecue and "Midway" will be enjoyed under huge tents to be erected on the Barnum field. This precaution was taken to avoid any inclement weather that might prevail on that date. However, Major Hewitt stated that for several years past November 11 has been a favorable day out-of-doors, and preparations for the accommodations of more than one thousand people has been made by the committee. Following is a complete program of the day's celebrations.

## ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION

Under Auspices of Charles Edwards Post, American Legion, Birmingham, Michigan, NOVEMBER 11, 1920.

Parade will move promptly at 11:00 A. M. Line of March West Maple Avenue from Chester Street to Woodward Avenue. South on Woodward to Frank Street, to Barnum Field. Parking of Cars along line of march prohibited.

## PARADE FORMATION

POLICE DEPARTMENT Maurice Lawson, Chief. YOUNG AMERICA Margaret Phillips Standard, Chairman. CIVILIC (CIVILIC) Leslie Gordon, Chairman. G. A. R. Captain Allen J. Egglew, Chairman. A. H. SCOUTS Rev. W. C. McKnight, Chairman.

Miss Frederica Martin, Chairman. HILL SCHOOL, BARNUM SCHOOL, BALDWIN SCHOOL. CLARENCE V. HOOT, Chairman. GIRLS PATRIOTIC LEAGUE BAND of Detroit.

Leader, Mrs. J. W. Staander. CHARLES EDWARDS POST, AMERICAN LEGION. J. M. C. J. B. Howarth, Chairman. RED CROSS Miss Betty Taliaferro, Chairman.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF AMERICAN LEGION. CAMP FIRE GIRLS. WAR WORKERS. "The Men Behind the Guns". Frank A. Gordon, Chairman. EVOLUTION OF THE BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT. W. G. Olson, Chairman.

Field Sports at Barnum Field immediately Following the Parade. All formation at the Baldwin High School, children on the south side of Maple Avenue west of Chester Street; Boy Scouts north side of Maple Avenue west of Chester Street; Camp Fire Girls west of the Boy Scouts; Fire Department west side of Chester Street north of Maple Avenue; Charles Edwards Post east side of Chester Street south of Maple Avenue; Woman's Auxiliary west side of Chester Street south of Maple Avenue; Y. M. C. A. south of West Post; Young America and Quiver Cavalry south side of Maple Avenue east of Chester Street. The line will move promptly at 11:00 A. M.

## BARBECUE

Whole Ox Roast. Service from 12:00 noon until sold out. Seats under cover for 200. 50c per plate. Coupon entitles holder to seat at Auditorium. Tickets on Sale at Cobb's and Shain's.

George Johnson, Chairman. VISIT THE MIDWAY PALACE OF FUN. Victor L. Lockrow, Chairman.

## FIELD SPORTS

R. C. Moulthrop, Chairman. JUDGES. James F. Wooster, Chairman. S. O. Wiley Bell, L. J. Sussler. BILL OF THE "HOOKER" SQUAD. THE EATING CONTEST. OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE.

GIRLS BOYS. Potato Race. Crab Race. Sack Race. Sack Race. Blindfold Race. Three-legged Race. OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE. GIRLS BOYS. Potato Race. 100 Yard Race. Spoon Race. Three-legged Race. 100 Yard Race. Chicken Fight.

SHUTTLE RACE. Grade School. Four Boys and Four Girls Each. Barnum vs Hill.

TUG-OF-WAR FOOTBALL GAME. American Legion American Legion Teams. Fire Department. Birmingham. Ralph Corbett, Chairman. Arthur Peck, Chairman. PAT MAN'S RACE.

## BALDWIN AUDITORIUM

ADMISSION FREE. Doors open at 7:00 P. M. Ceremonies will begin at 7:30 P. M. Victor L. Lockrow, Post Commander, Chairman.

## INVOCATION

By Reverend W. C. McKnight. PRESENTATION OF COLORES TO POST. By President Wilson D. Clabe.

"AMERICANISM". By Honorable Fred H. Aldrich, of Detroit. AMERICAN LEGION.

Major John Faust, of Detroit. PRESENTATION OF VICTORY MEDALS. And BATTLEFIELD IMPRESSIONS. By Reverend Patrick J. Dungan, of Flint.

MOTION PICTURES. The audience will please remain seated after the pictures for the closing ceremony. Seats will be reserved on the main floor for the holders of Barbecue coupons until 7:25 P. M.

## MERRIETTA'S LETTER

(Editor's note—This is the first of Merrietta's letters, as usual, to her dear, Rosewood, who, at present, is absent, being away at school. Rosewood is promised to answer, at various times, so we shall look forward with interest to the letters exchanged between these two friends.)

Birmingham, Michigan, November 5, 1920. Dearest Rosewood— Now I am afraid that you will be a little disappointed when you see that what I am going to write about this time is happy. What I had to tell you last week. But don't be, please, for I am so dreadfully excited over what I have to say that I simply must tell someone and I have chosen you. As I told you I am still so thrilled with all that would like to bludge you right into the middle of my story, but you see, that would not do at all. There was no real reason that I can remember to give you the story. I told me to go, but late this afternoon found myself wandering up the road to the school house. Children all had interest me and, as I look on, I guess that it was because they were themselves entering the building after a period of recess, and something I just straggled after, and they were so fascinating and lively that I wanted to see what they would do next. I had almost no chance for being there and was so relieved and grateful when Miss Belette, the kindergarten teacher, had me come into her room and play visitor for a little while. I had almost no chance to see what they would do next. I shall never, never forget it. I can't say just what it made me think of, but every time I think of it, I shall never, never forget it. I can't say just what it made me think of, but every time I think of it, I shall never, never forget it.

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## CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH. Morning worship, 10:30 and evening by the pastor, Rev. H. H. ...

ST. JAMES' CHURCH. 23rd Sunday in the Year. Holy Communion, 10:30. Evening prayer, 7:30. Confirmation, 8:00. Prayer book, Church Press 1234.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN HIGH CHURCH. Services at Grand Building, Woodward Avenue, south of the P. L. R. R. Building, 10:30 and 7:30. P. M. Sunday school, 10:30. Wednesday evening, 8:00. Free Reading Room open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:30 to 5:00 in the basement of the P. L. R. R. Building.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY. Services at Grand Building, Woodward Avenue, south of the P. L. R. R. Building, 10:30 and 7:30. P. M. Sunday school, 10:30. Wednesday evening, 8:00. Free Reading Room open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 2:30 to 5:00 in the basement of the P. L. R. R. Building.

RED CROSS NOTES. The Fourth Red Cross Roll call begins November 11th, and continues until November 15th. The roll call is held at the Birmingham Public Library, 1000 N. 1st St. The roll call is held at the Birmingham Public Library, 1000 N. 1st St. The roll call is held at the Birmingham Public Library, 1000 N. 1st St.

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## TOWNSHIP POLLS 2,000 VOTES NOVEMBER 2

Greatest Vote in History; Republican Carry; Women Cast 15% of Ballots.

On the 2nd of November, 1920, the Township of Birmingham, Michigan, held its annual election for the purpose of electing a Township Board of Supervisors. The election was held at the Birmingham Public Library, 1000 N. 1st St. The election was held at the Birmingham Public Library, 1000 N. 1st St. The election was held at the Birmingham Public Library, 1000 N. 1st St.

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