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Twenty Per-cent Reduction Probable in the Boosted State Tax Valuations

School Superintendent Vliet and Village Treasurer Hanna Return From Lansing—Reduction of 20 Per Cent, Or Of $1,500,000,000 Is Confidently Expected In Well-Informed Circles.

The State Tax Commission, sitting as a board of equalization now in review, will, in all probability cut its present valuation of $6,700,000,000 down to about five and a half billion dollars, in the opinion of many of the best tax experts in Michigan. This will mean an average cut of 20 per cent from the excessive boost announced two weeks ago, and it follows some diversions and well-organized protests which have been registered at Lansing this week.

The fight for a flat 20 per cent reduction was made by representatives of all the large industrial counties, which were represented by delegations from civic and commercial bodies from each. Oakland county was well represented, especially Birmingham, which really pioneered the way for a strong and logical presentation of tax facts and analyses.

Due to the efforts of the Eccentric, the Birmingham Real Estate Board and to Supt. of Schools Clarence Vliet, an eleventh hour endeavor was arranged which awoke Pontiac and Royal Oak realtors to the need of a strong fight to escape unequal taxation. Secretary Hassberger of the Birmingham Real Estate Board, acting in concert with local realtors, last Friday got the wires busy into Pontiac, Royal Oak and Lansing. A kind of hilarity prevailed among realtors and business men in Oakland county, which was soon converted into intense activity when the facts were driven to them, over the phone.

Pontiac responded to the call first, by sending a large delegation to Birmingham, on Friday night. The local realtors called a special meeting of the Birmingham board and, with their letters, went over the ground thoroughly. The fact that primary school fund reductions were threatened if the higher valuation was allowed to stand, was explained to them in person. Messrs. Tilson and Sutton, appointed Messrs. Tilson and Sutton to represent Pontiac and to act in accord with Birmingham.

On Saturday morning the Royal Oak realtors were aroused in a similar manner, and at a special meeting held in one of the banking houses Saturday evening, Secretary Hassberger laid the entire situation before them. Like Pontiac, they were quick to take hold, and before adjourning a delegation of seven men was named to join with Birmingham and Pontiac.

The Birmingham representatives were Supervisor Edward Kelly, Clarence Vliet and Village Treasurer John Hanna. They and the Oakland delegation appeared before the Commission Wednesday and, as the case for several hours, some of the members of the Commission taking umbrage at the declaration of Supt. Vliet, that in Royal Oak a flat 20 per cent would pay a lesser school and general tax, of the boost was allowed to stand. Prof. Vliet stood pat on his analysis and declaration and explained in detail how the thing worked. That his arguments and statement were given much weight, was shown by the fact that he was not under cross-fire for several hours.

"As a result of the hearing, which was nearing its end as we go to press, the stenographic record will be thoroughly dissected by the State Commission in its capacity of an equalization board, after which decisions will be announced. The Oakland delegation are confident that their trip will tend to a substantial reduction in this county's valuation.

In the meantime, it is said on the highest reliable authority, that certain state officials, including the auditor general and the state superintendent of schools, favor a general reduction of 20 per cent, or down to $5,500,000,000, as most equitably solving several complications, chief of which would be the deficit in the primary school funds. They argue, and rightly, that the railroads and corporations should bear their full share of taxes, as well as the farmers and householders and that if the higher valuation of $7,800,000 were allowed to stand this would not occur.

Supt. Vliet and Village Treasurer Hanna got back home late Wednesday night. Most of the Oakland delegation accompanied them.

Telegrams had been sent by the Real Estate Board to Gov. Groesbeck, Representative George Lord, and the State Tax Commission, protesting against discriminatory charges of the Oakland county boost, and it may be truthfully said that when the Oakland county case was called there was plenty of interest shown by both in the State House and among other county delegations, it being generally understood that Oakland was "loaded for bear."

An amusing sidelight of the hearing was the various pleas the forth-ern granger counties raised to even a five or ten per cent cut. Most contended grasshoppers had put crops on the blink and therefore land values should not be raised. Others gave a dozen different, yet reasonable, industrial depression in our big manufacturing centers was the fulcrum upon which the industrial counties generally hope to pry off a substantial slice of the increase.

LAND IS CONDEMNED TO EXTEND HENRIETTA STREET

A jury trial before Justice Lockrow Monday morning resulted in condemnation suits against property owners being determined without a disagreement, as was the case in the first trial. The lots wanted in the village are for the purpose of opening Henrietta street from Brown to Lincoln avenue. Legal damages awarded were: To Lindsey Stone, A. R. Craig, $450. Craig to move a house off the proposed street line. C. S. Noonan, $200, and a number of smaller awards.

3 registered pharmacists to fill your prescriptions at SHAIN'S.—adv 4.

LOCAL RED ARROW BOYS' ACTIVE IN THE BIG REUNION

Survivors Of the Battle Of the Argonne That Tried Men's Souls, Will Celebrate in Fighing Togs

Among the Birmingham Red Arrow men of the 32nd Division who are to take part in the Red Arrow Jamboree to be held on or about the 28th, 29th and 30th of this month, are three who have been especially active in arrangements. They are Leon R. Mix, 129 Brown street; Truman Miller, 129 Stanley avenue; and Francis Childs, 109 Purdy street.

According to word received at this office this week, this affair is to be the greatest and most complete event of its kind. It is the occasion of the annual Red Arrow convention, which is made by the many feed Arrow cities being located throughout the United States. Division headquarters have been opened for the affair at 1 Boulevard, by Col. Edward G. Hecker and Major Charles B. Kelly, respectively national president and national secretary of the 32nd Division Veterans association.

An old time dance and fete, something on the order of the Mardi Gras, in the two blocks, of Washington Boulevard between Grand Circus Park and Grand River avenues, will be the most spectacular feature of the reunion. Ten thousand former soldiers who participated in the greatest battle of history, are expected to take part in these festivities, in the same uniforms that mopped up mud in the Argonne.

The arrangements for the whole affair have been carefully worked out, starting with the "identification certificates," which are being issued to members direct by mail. These will be accepted at the railway offices throughout the country, in securing reduced fares for all conventions. When the men and their families arrive they will be met at the train by committees, taken to the Board of Commerce building for registration, given badges and billeted, either at homes or at hotels.

There are many Birmingham families, friends and relatives of men here, who are planning to attend this reunion.

SOUTHFIELD STARS AGAIN WIN CLOSE BALL GAME

Local Team Will Play Crack Detroit Police Reserve Nine Sunday Afternoon

In a ball game that was a ball game every minute, played on Stevenson's field Sunday afternoon, August 14, the Southfield Stars outplayed the Kerns Dry Goods men in all departments—from shirts to shoes. Parks and Hinchell, who pitched three shut-outs this season, pitched for Kerns, while Jimmy Baynes of the M. A. C., held the mound the whole time for Southfield.

The Kerns men were fast on the bases, but were outpitched and outbatted by the corn fed country-boys. Borgenschneider was good at home run in the third and a two-bagger in the eighth. H. Licht and F. Steska registered a three-bagger each. Cliff Hall had a two-bagger and a double play by the Stars and also shut-out in the ninth when the Dry Goods men had the bases filled were the outstanding features of the game.

The Stars will play the crack Police Reserve team of Detroit next Sunday, at Stevenson's field, and will appear for the first time in their home-grown pure wool suits, woven for them by the farm bureau. These suits were designed by J. T. Blythe and made by the Hamilton-Carhart Co of Detroit.

Score:							R.	H.	E.
Southfield	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	x—5	8	2
Kerns	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	—4	4	2

Batteries—H. Baynes and A. Baynes for Southfield; Parks and Hinchell, and Williams for Kerns. Baynes struck out 15 men and Parks five.

YE EDITOR WRITES FROM THE WILDS OF LUDINGTON

Tells the Village "Hello' and Says He Has Lost His Pen and Pencil, So Can't Write

Editor George Averill of the Eccentric, who left Birmingham nearly two weeks ago, for a month's vacation, writes from Pere Marquette Beach, Ludington: "Hello, everybody. Having a fine time. Am going on a 40-mile trout fishing trip next week. My regards to the gang."

The editor said, when he left, that he did not propose to write any letters of any kind during his absence and about the only word the office gang gets from him is one souvenir post card per week with some trite message like the above. There may be a possibility of some food fish yarns after his return to Birmingham, but we would advise the gentle reader not to anticipate too much in that line.

Mrs. Averill and little Bill, the heir apparent of the Averill domain, also Father-in-law Adams, accompanied the editor to the wilds of Ludington beach, and the tropic jungles of Epworth Heights, so, kind readers, you may expect some thrilling yarns later on—maybe.

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NEW "ROAD HOG" AND FISH LAWS EFFECTIVE

New laws operating against "road hogs" and against taking fish under six inches, went into effect Thursday. The "road hog" law provides that auto trucks over 1½ tons must be equipped with mirrors. This is calculated to stop big trucks from hogging the road, the drivers claiming that they cannot hear the approach of lighter cars because of the noise of their own machines.

The country road speed law limit is increased from 25 to 35 miles an hour.

The minimum size of fish that may be taken from Oakland county lakes is raised from five to six inches and in case of perch the minimum size is raised to seven inches.

Complete details of important changes in the fish and game laws will be found in a special article on page 2 of this issue of The Eccentric.

OLD STEAMBOAT ENGINEER TAKES OVER PUMPING PLANT

James Jarvis, of Detroit, Begins Duties For Village—Riveters Put Tank Together

The vacancy created by the resignation of Charles T. Hutton, chief engineer at the waterworks, was filled on Wednesday morning by J. B. Purvis, a refrigerating and hydraulic engineer from Detroit, who was appointed by Village President Clizbe with the approval of the Commission.

Purvis is a practical man with many years of experience behind him, and until recently was chief engineer for the Ingram & Dean ice plants in Detroit, where he was stationed nine years. Prior to that time he was a marine engineer for a quarter of a century.

After assuming his new duties, Engineer Purvis made a thorough inspection of the pumping station and equipment, and while doing so he volunteered the information that a steel standpipe would have done considerable to solve the question of water supply for pumped during the night hours, rather than the new steel storage tank now in course of assembling.

Riveters are on hand Wednesday morning to put the tank together, but the continuous rain of the morning stopped the work. The riveting and caulking will probably be completed early next week.

LINCOLN AVENUE EXTENSION SOON TO BE COMPLETED

Grand Trunk Will Shortly Construct Large Freight Yard South Of Village Limits

An agreement has been reached between the Village Commission and the Grand Trunk Railroad, by which the Village will declare closed a small strip of Landon street in return for the throwing open by the railroad company for public of Lincoln avenue so that Lincoln avenue may be extended to the eastward of the railroad right of way.

The railroad company has acquired a thirty-foot strip of land east of its right of way, south of Birmingham. It also owns all of the lots between Landon street and the proposed Lincoln avenue extension, within the village limits, which also lies on the east side of the main line. This land has been purchased during the past few months, and recently gave rise to a rumor that the Grand Trunk was contemplating double-tracking to a point beyond Pontiac.

From authentic sources, however, it develops that a modern railroad yard for the storing of freight cars will be built on the land on the east side of the village limits, while the tracks within the village limits will be used for industrial or other sidings, as the needs arise. The new yards will be the regulation "outside" freight yards, equipped with gravity tracks and several sidings. The need has become urgent on all railroads operating out of Detroit, to increase their freight yard storage space outside of the city limits on all sides, because old side-tracks within the city have become valuable as factory sites.

At a meeting of the Village Commission Monday night, details were arranged by which an early crossing of the Grand Trunk at the new Lincoln avenue intersection will be completed.

FIREMEN WILL PICNIC

The members of the Birmingham fire department will give their annual basket picnic at Palmer Park, next Tuesday, August 23rd. The men, their wives and families will hold a big pot-luck outing during the day. The original plan was for the outing to be held Thursday of this week, but the day was postponed in order to insure a fuller attendance.

CHURCH LAWN FETE

There is to be a lawn fete at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mack, at the Oakland, on the 24th of this month, which will be given for the benefit of the Church of the Holy Name. The grounds will be lighted for the event and the guests will arrive about 8 o'clock. During the evening dancing will be provided for and refreshments will be served at small tables on the lawn. Among the prominent people of the church who are interested in the fete are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. William Vahy and Mr. and Mrs. John P. Glendon.

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Sunday school same hour.
Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.
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First Methodist Episcopal
Rev. J. B. Oliver, D. D., of Detroit, will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday morning. The Union service will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. The clergyman who supplies the Episcopal pulpit in the morning will preach at the Union service. The Sunday school is flourishing. The new Primary building is ready for occupancy. There will be a formal opening at a later date.

First Presbyterian
Sunday school is held promptly at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning, immediately following, beginning at 10:45, the regular church service is held. The evening Sunday morning by the Rev. W. S. Abernethy will be preacher. In the evening at 7:45 a Union service will be held in one of the churches. Always a cordial welcome to this church.

First Baptist
Rev. Peter MacKay, pastor. 10:30 morning worship, meeting subject, "The True Vision of the Father"; 11:45, Sunday school; 6:30, young people's meeting; 7:30, Union service at the Methodist church.

OBITUARY

David Hanna

David Hanna died at his home in Flint, Mich., on the 6th of August, following a short illness, and his death came as a shock to the many friends and relatives surviving him.

The deceased was the eldest son of Robert and Isabel Hanna and was born August 8, 1842, near Rathfriland, County Down, Ireland. He came to America with his parents in 1858 and was married to Agnes Arthur of Southfield, Mich., Nov. 17, 1869. To this union nine children were born, four of whom, with his wife, survive him. The children are Mrs. W. G. Craft of Fenton, Mich.; Mrs. Robert D. Kirk of Flint, Mich., D. Knox Co. Mich., and C. S. Hanna of Flint.

David Hanna was the second of thirteen children, seven of whom are living at the present time. They are William, Robert, Thomas, John, Mrs. Sarah Purdy, Mrs. Mary Bell, all of Birmingham, and Mrs. Anna Purdy of Royal Oak. In the early life, the late David Hanna united with the Second United Presbyterian church of Southfield, and retained membership in that church for many years. Since moving to Flint he had been a member of the Presbyterian church of that village.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. last week Tuesday, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Kirk of Flint, and later at his old home in Caro. The body was interred at Caro.

William Parkinson

William Parkinson, with his family, was at one time one of the most prominent residents of this village and his death recently has been a source of sorrow to a wide circle of old friends here. He died at University Place, Lincoln, Neb., July 30.

Mr. Parkinson was born Sept. 4, 1839, near London, Ontario, of Scotch-Irish parentage. At the age of 17 he went with his parents to Rockway, Mich. His early life was spent in various occupations and business enterprises. Later he engaged in the manufacture of the Michigan Stove Co., Detroit, as a traveling salesman, and in this capacity served for a number of years. In 1880 he opened a hardware store in Urbana, O., but went to Nebraska later and engaged in the hardware business there.

At the expiration of a term of 14 years in this business he returned with his family to Michigan and expected to spend the remainder of his days in Birmingham, where he settled down for a short time. However, he found that the Nebraska climate was more to his liking and after a residence here of a few months returned to Nebraska and located in University Place.

He was the sixth of a family of ten children, three of whom still survive: Henry Parkinson of Yale, Mrs. Margaret Hubbard and Mrs. Rebecca Wells. Mr. Parkinson was married in 1865 to Della Spohn of Madison, Neb.

Funeral services were held from the late home at University Place. Burial was in the local cemetery there.

VILLAGE TO GET NEW MANUFACTURING CONCERN

The Detroit Auto Top Company is preparing to open a branch of its Detroit plant, in the building of E. F. Gardner, 118 E. Maple avenue, within the next few days, for the manufacture of Quaker shopping bags, house slippers, and other imitation leather novelties.

In addition, the new concern will build auto tops, cushions and a general line of upholstering. The men behind the concern are not in the business in the city, but believe a branch can be made to pay in this section. The Gardner property will be somewhat improved to meet the needs of the new concern.

The 20th of this month Robert C. Perkins and Ernest Perkins of Brattleboro, Vt., will arrive to be the guests of their brother, Edward S. Clark, 216 Oak street, for several weeks.

COBB'S BATS."—adv.

DECKS ARE CLEARED FOR BIG SHROTTO CARNIVAL

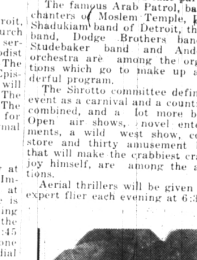
Week of Gaiety and Thrills Will Keep Royal Oak in a Sleepless State

Royal Oak Masons are planning to make "Shrotto Week," Aug. 29-Sept. 5, the biggest celebration ever seen in this region. Not only is every Mason in Royal Oak working for the success of the affair, but Masonic organizations from other parts of the county and from Wayne and Macomb counties are to attend and take part.

The famous Arab Patrol, band and chanters of Moslem Temple, Detroit; Shadukiam band of Detroit, the Ford band, Dodge Brothers band, the Studebaker band and Anderson's orchestra are among the organizations which go to make up a wonderful program.

The Shrotto committee defines the event as a carnival and a country fair combined, and a lot more besides. Open air shows, novel entertainments, a wild west show, country store and thirty amusement booths that will make the crabbiest crab enjoy himself, are among the attractions.

Aerial thrillers will be given by an expert flier each evening at 6:30. A



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site on East First street has been provided for a landing place and passengers will be taken up each day.

A rustic bower, with a specially built dancing floor, is being erected near the Masonic temple so that all who desire may enjoy dancing every evening in the open air.

General Manager George E. Weitzel and the executive committee are taking particular pains to make the carnival appeal to the whole family. This part of Oakland is so essentially a family affair that they realize their efforts must be turned quite as much to entertaining mother and the children as to tickling father's funny-bone.

The Shrine patrol of Detroit is the foremost drill team of the country and with its band and chanters made a big hit at the recent national convention at Des Moines. Captain General William H. Baier will lead this picturesque organization, while the band will be under the direction of Harry C. Philp, of unique and enviable reputation as leader of this excellent musical organization.

A Ford sedan and many other valuable gifts are to be presented to the holders of the lucky numbers given those attending Shrotto.

IVY POISON BADLY INFECTS LOCAL BOY

Stanley Stoothoof, Aged Six, Confined At Home On Clark Street, From Weed Infection

Poison ivy was responsible for the serious illness of Stanley, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stoothoff of 811 Clark street, Birmingham. The boy was playing on a vacant lot in the vicinity of Lincoln and Clark streets the other day, when he ran into the ivy vines and attracted by the berries, not knowing the poisonous nature of the plant in this season of the year, got the juice all over his face and neck. Inflammation and swelling set in and the family called in Dr. Newitt, who now has the case in charge.

In view of the fact that the weed is on land which the city is expecting to acquire, a question of liability was raised by the family, as against the village. This matter was taken up with the village health officer. The boy's condition is painful, but not critical, although the poison has infected much of his head. It is understood that a number of other children in the neighborhood have been poisoned mildly, in the same patch of weeds.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv

LANTERN IS RETURNED

The nickel-plated lantern missing from Fire Truck No. 1, several days last week, has been returned to the firehouse, the unknown borrower having seen the ultimatum of Fire Captain Gardner in last week's paper, that an arrest might be made. The lantern was replaced some time Saturday night.

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Greater Sewerage System Looms As Village Commission Prepares To Ask New Charter

FORMER BIRMINGHAM GIRL IS HONORED IN TENNESSEE

Miss Elizabeth Goodwin, Appointed Police Woman in Nashville, For Social Service Work

Much interest has been shown in word reaching Birmingham from Nashville, Tenn., concerning a former local girl, Miss Elizabeth Goodwin, who was one of the most prominent young people in the village during her residence here. Miss Goodwin with Miss Gertrude Whitney, formerly of Cookesville, Tenn., have had the distinction of being the first women officials of the police department of the city of Nashville as they were recently appointed officers of the newly created Woman's Protective Bureau.

About four years ago Miss Goodwin left here and has been steadily climbing in her work since. She has had much experience during that time in social service activities, similar to the work to be undertaken in Nashville. It was because of this wide experience that she was chosen out of a large list of applicants.

After receiving training at the Chicago Training school, she was engaged in social service work in that city and later spent some time in Buffalo, N. Y., carrying on her work. Miss Goodwin is an active member of the Buffalo Social Service association.

The headquarters of the young women will be at the Nashville police station and they will work under the direction of Chief J. W. Smith. They are vested with all the authority of the city patrolman. Miss Goodwin states that it has not yet been decided whether they will wear a uniform and says that in other cities where she has been engaged in the work she has worn no distinctive dress. Their first work upon entering their new field was to look over the city, visiting all of the suggested places needing attention. This included dance halls, picture houses and other places where there are promiscuous gatherings.

While Miss Goodwin made her residence here, she was one of the active workers in the Methodist Episcopal church and continues to correspond with a large number of friends here. It is expected that sometime in the near future Miss Goodwin will return to this village for a short visit. Her mother died here a year ago.

MOTORCYCLE BOY, SPEEDING, IS HALED INTO THE COURT

Youngster Compromises Judiciously With Judge Buck And Gets Off With Light Fine

"Say, Judge, after this, if you see a motorcycle going through town real slow—that's me!" remarked Walter Christian, aged 16, the other day as he pulled a $5 bill off a small wad and handed it to Judge Buck, as a fine.

Christian lives on Quincy avenue, Detroit, and, was sailing through Birmingham on a motorcycle at a 40-mile clip when a motor cop halted him into court for speeding. The kid showed up in the afternoon and entering the office of Justice Buck introduced himself thus:

"I got a date up here at 4 o'clock to see the Judge. Are you him? Yes? Well, what'll I do? If I say not guilty, you'll soak me and if I say guilty, what's it goin' to cost me?"

About $10 and costs, " remarked the court.

"Huh, that's too much, Judge. I haven't got it. I'll tell you what, Judge, you make it $5 an' I'll pay an' then we can start off with clean sheets."

Justice Buck relented in behalf of the youngster and closed the case with the $5 payment. Christian left the court room with a rueful countenance and the remark at the beginning of this item.

VILLAGE FIREMEN ASK FOR INCREASE IN SERVICE PAY

Petition Sent To the Commission Is Taken Under Advisement By the Board

The Birmingham firemen's association has asked for an increase in the compensation of the firemen. The request was submitted to the Village Commission in the form of a communication, last Monday night, and will come up for further consideration at a later meeting.

The present pay is as follows: Between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., $1 per false alarm, $2 per fire, and $1 per hour for service during the fire. Between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. the present pay is, $2 per false alarm, $4 per fire, and $1 per hour for service. One dollar a month is allowed for one fire drill each month.

The new pay which is asked, is as follows: A flat minimum pay of $36 per month, $12 per fire, $12 extra pay for fire drills, $2 for each false alarm between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.; $3 for fire call, with $1 an hour pay during the fire, $4 for night service after 9 o'clock, they ask $4 per false alarm or fire call, and $2 per hour for service thereafter.

The firemen have also decided to drop the name "volunteer" from their official title. Capt. Gardner says that they have passed out of the field of volunteers, as they are being paid for their services, therefore the 'volunteer" will be dropped, the organization to be known simply as the Birmingham Firemen's Association or department.

RECORDS—I am going to play and sell records in Taylor & Bromley's Saturday afternoon. Ladies, bring your babies, your friends and family partner. We will give them a good time. Big bargains in everything. Reduced prices on records, 35c, 55c and 85c. MRS. NOBLE GRAVLIN, over First State Bank. Phone 155-F2. adv 17

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Village Attorney Now Engaged Preparing New Draft For a Charter Which Will Be Flexible Enough To Allow For Purchase Of Outside Lands For Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Plants

The Village Commission is preparing the way for the installation of a modern sewerage disposal system, which will take care of the future needs of the village and outlying territory that might in the future be annexed. The first step necessary to accomplish this, is the revision of the village charter, which at the present time prevents the purchase of land outside of the corporate limits.

Pursuant to a resolution passed last week by the Commission, Village Attorney Gaffi is now working on the draft of the proposed new charter. When this has been completed and submitted for final approval, the next step will be the submission to the qualified voters of the question of whether or not they want a new charter. If this question is voted favorably, then a charter election will be necessary to adopt the proposed charter as drafted, and to create a charter commission which will put it into effect.

Tentative plans as now outlined look to the first election in the next few weeks, with the second election on the same day that the regular spring elections are held.

"There is little doubt in the minds of the Birmingham people that the village has outgrown its present stilted charter, which was created for a small town and does not provide any latitude under which future growth may be cared for."

RED CROSS ASKS CLOTHING AID FOR DESTITUTE EUROPE

Birmingham Chapter Issues Appeal For Prompt and Organized Charity Work

The Birmingham Chapter of the American Red Cross, following the appeal from Russia and other parts of Europe, for relief, asks all residents of the village and the neighborhood generally, for all the partly worn clothing that they can spare, or which they contemplated discarding. All such clothing will be turned over to the librarian of the Baldwin Library, from which point they will be quickly dispatched with other batches from Oakland county in large lots. The local work of assembling this form of relief for suffering Europe, will be under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Wilcox, who has issued the following call:

"Outfits for babies will be especially valuable. For women and girls of all ages, serviceable skirts, cotton dresses, underwear and stockings that still have some months of wear in them are wanted.

"Shoes should be mended. For ragged garments, soiled underwear, flimsy lingerie or fancy shoes. For men and boys, durable suits, shirts and underwear, and needed heavy shoes with broad toes and low heels. Stiff hats will not be taken. In knitted goods, stockings come first in importance, next sweaters, scarfs, mufflers and caps are less used.

"Raw materials for any of these articles will be appreciated for it should be understood that cloth, yarn and sewing materials are needed in enormous quantities in addition to second-hand clothing that may be contributed, while the busy women of Europe may supplement your efforts with their own. They will be able to make garments for themselves and their children if they are supplied the wherewithal.

"If your church societies or lodges will undertake to make over clothing into garments for children, you will be amazed at what can be done with old stockings and cast off underwear. No set styles or patterns are necessary. Any garment that can be worn will be acceptable."

STOLL GOES ON EXTENDED STATE INSPECTION TRIP

Albert Stoll, former editor of the Michigan Sportsman, and present conservation editor of the Detroit News, left Monday night for Grayling, where he joins the Michigan Conservation Commission and becomes its guest on the first weekly inspection of all the state's forest and water site lands.

The trip during the past few days was over Three Lakes Reserve. From that point the investigation will carry the Commission into the forest fire area, where the burnt timber lands will be viewed on the ground, whereever if possible, the causes and chances for remedies against future fires.

Mr. Stoll has kindly consented to send some letters to The Eccentric, from points along the route, telling what is being done and other matters that might be of interest to Oakland County. He will return home about the last of next week.

GUN CLUB VOTES TO BUILD AN EXTENSION

The Birmingham Gun Club basket picnic is an assured fact. The date for it is August 28th and members and friends are to be entertained at the summer home of F. F. Kent of Pontiac, at Big Fish Lake. All who attend should bring basket lunches and fishing tackle.

The club has appointed F. Holznagel, C. E. Jones and R. F. Borritt as committee on luncheons and to prepare blue prints for the extension to the clubhouse. This was decided upon at a special meeting held a few days ago. The extension will cost several hundred dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Delos Davis of Greenwood avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Slusser of Pierce street, and the parents of Mrs. Davis, who are visiting here from the western part of the country, are spending the week at Woodhull Lake.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv