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Village Dads Take Another Week to Call The Waterworks Bond Election Asked For

More Signers of Petitions Are Challenged, But Not Enough to Invalidate the Validity of the Petition; Some Interesting Correspondence

The Village Commission has not yet taken official action upon the petition signed by nearly four hundred voters, through which the village may vote for or against a bond election for the waterworks. The matter came up Monday night, and President Clizbe announced that the Village Commission had decided to go slow in acting upon the request, but that it would be considered next Monday night.

In the meantime, acting upon instructions from the Commission, Village Clerk Hazel Clark checked off the various signatures, and seventy of the same, which were secured in one day, of the latest petition, were challenged for various reasons. This leaves in total of unchallenged names of 295, or twenty more than necessary to bring the petition officially before the Commission.

On view of the interest which the matter has aroused in the village, resulting in various petitions, charges and by-laws of different parties, the Citizens' Water Commission has consented to the publication of important correspondence bearing upon the matter. This correspondence ought to clear away any doubts as to the attitude of all parties concerned in the procurement of an ample water supply.

Registered Letter, October 22, 1921. Village Commission of Birmingham, Birmingham, Mich., Attention of Mr. W. D. Clizbe, President.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with agreement made with your honorable office, we are pleased to enclose copies of the test wells which we have completed, furnished us by Mr. F. Van Tuyl, consulting engineer. We are making two further tests the logs of which will be furnished you when completed.

October 15, 1921. Mr. W. J. Reinecke, Birmingham, Mich. Dear Sir:—In regard to the test wells which were dug to determine possible locations for new water supply for the Village of Birmingham.

Four test wells were drilled with the following results: Test Well No. 1, located on the Jones property just east of Woodward Ave., near the D. U. R. barns, 10 feet deep, 2 1/2 feet clay hard pan, 8 feet gravel hard pan, 4 feet sand, 22 feet of water.

Test Well No. 2, located on city property, Baldwin Ave., 20 feet deep, 2 1/2 feet clay hard pan, 8 feet gravel hard pan, 4 feet sand, 22 feet of water.

Test Well No. 3, located on the McKinny property near Baldwin Avenue, 21 feet deep, 2 1/2 feet clay hard pan, 8 feet gravel hard pan, 4 feet sand, 22 feet of water.

Test Well No. 4, located on the Hendrie property about two blocks east and west of the water works of Birmingham, near Maple Avenue. This well also developed into a strong flowing well but the water contained sufficient salt to make it rather objectionable for use for city water supply.

OBITUARY

Harry L. Pierson

The funeral of Harry L. Pierson, who for several years has been a resident of Birmingham on Southfield Avenue, was held at his residence on Iroquois Avenue, Detroit, Monday afternoon of this week. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Birmingham.

Mr. Pierson died from a stroke occurred early Wednesday morning at his late home on Daines and Purdy streets, following an illness of several months. His condition had been serious at times during his illness, but he desired to regain strength and return to his old home at Southfield.

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Christmas Seals Save Babies

Behold here ranged on the Double Red Cross a group of "one hundred percent" babies.

Every one of these tots is fat and healthy. Their smiles alone would tell you that they don't know what illness is. They never have been ill and they have a mighty good chance to grow up into strong men and women.

To help make and keep all babies in Michigan like this group is one of the aims of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association. The Christmas seal help to do this.

Will Build Drain Ditch Southward From Village. Commissioner Crawford Will Announce Dates at Which Taxpayers Will Be Heard.

The spreading of drainage taxes when parts of Birmingham will have to pay in the next few years, will be arranged between the taxpayers and County Drain Commissioners.

Commissioner Crawford will announce dates at which taxpayers will be heard. The Michigan Light Company Monday night was officially given permission by the Village Commission to reduce the price of gas to local consumers.

General Manager B. G. Campbell District Superintendent D. L. Brown, and W. White, Pontiac superintendent, appeared before the Commission Monday night and asked that a resolution be passed which would officially legalize the reduction of the city's books.

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Birmingham People Ask County Road Commissioners to Re-assess for Southfield Road Paving

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Mrs. Harold Corson, treasurer of the Birmingham Relief Committee and a member of the Christ Child Society of Birmingham: "The cooperation of the people of this town has been wonderful in offering their services for the success of the motor picture to be given in the high school auditorium the evening of December 12th."

Mr. Arnold, president of the Arnold Furniture Co. of Birmingham: "We have always made it a point to carry the best merchandise in our Pontiac store, but the real test is to be given in Birmingham. This village is without factories and we find from the Birmingham customers who visit the Pontiac store that it has a class of people who want the best."

T. C. Hotelling, assistant postmaster: "I will be at the postoffice between 8 and 8 p.m. the entire week before Christmas. This is to accommodate people who cannot get to the postoffice during the day who have Christmas packages to mail. Also we will deliver Xmas parcels which have come in on the evening train."

Guy Lyman: "Arrangements are being made to make the Winter Sports Day which will be held at the Detroit Club, 1922, the biggest 'fair of its kind ever held around Detroit. The very best ice performance will be given by the skating clubs and plans are being made to entertain the people every minute of the day. The night will be an interesting one. Everyone is invited and it is hoped that the crowd will be larger than any in the past."

Fred Querton, chairman of the Birmingham Relief Committee: "Anyone having clothing, food or other articles for the relief of the needy should bring them to the committee office at 1222, the biggest 'fair of its kind ever held around Detroit. The very best ice performance will be given by the skating clubs and plans are being made to entertain the people every minute of the day."

Mrs. Howard Bell of the Bell Building: "It is interesting to know how many people depend on floral concerns when they have completely forgotten to order flowers. Also there are people who use the floral houses several times a week feeling that they are doing a good deed by sending flowers to a friend or relative."

Mr. Adams also stated that, since the time for collection of the first installment was at hand, and the road commission had been created, he had changes immediately. He advised all persons to pay the first installment at once, as the amount will be credited to them when the re-assessment is made.

Our stock of Wall Paper is complete, over 500 patterns to select from. Call on our paper man, who is right and at a very low price. Get our cost before you look elsewhere for a better price. We will create a "Builders' Shop".

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller of 299 Merrill Street, have been entertaining Mr. Wolf of Lodi, Mich., this week at their home.

Christmas Trees. I have a complete line of Xmas trees, decorated and ready to deliver anywhere. D. C. Davenport, Phone 582.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck were slightly hurt recently when the car they were driving was run into a ditch by another car. Just this side of Farmington, Mich., it is not far from the Brennan garage when he saw a car approaching from the opposite direction. He turned the car around and was pushed into the ditch.

Eversharpe Pencils for Christmas. All prices. MIX THE JEWELER. Cobbs' Drug Store. adv 33

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THIMBLE CIRKETS BUSY ON XMAS WORK. The girls of the Sunday school class of Mrs. Louis Haskell of the Methodist Episcopal church, met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Groves, Ridgeland Avenue, for the purpose of working on costumes for the Christmas exercises to be held at the church.

FREE TRIP TO CALIFORNIA. TEN DAY OFFER ONLY. Round trip R. R. transportation to California. ABSOLUTELY FREE. Pack your grip and come to the land of flowers and sunshine. We will deliver anywhere. D. C. Davenport, Phone 582.