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THE BOND ISSUE.

On Tuesday, June 21st, the people of Birmingham will have a chance to stand behind the Village Commission in the matter of gaining relief from the possibility of future water shortage. They will have a chance to vote "Yes" on the issuing of \$100,000 worth of bonds to be used for the erection of a 300,000 gallon reservoir tank at the waterworks. We hope this bond issue will carry.

Of course, there are those in Birmingham who think that the erection of the tank is "makshiff" and foolish. But they are greatly in the minority. What the people of Birmingham want is WATER, and they want it QUICK! They don't care about some technical point in mechanical engineering; they have elected a Commission to see that the various channels of public service are kept free from rocks and shifting sandbars—that the Ship of State may ride untrammelled and free to a safe anchorage.

It is to be presumed that, in my community, there will be dissensions of opinion on "this, that and the other thing." Birmingham shows the truth of that fact every day. She has citizens who, in an effort to promote the individual thought of civic good, become so over-zealous as to incite an inclination of discontent, in many minds.

The Editor of The Eccentric does not entirely agree with the Commission in the manner of going about to obtain a remedy for the present water situation—in fact, he agrees with Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Fuller and many others on certain points. But, if we want immediate relief, he believes that the public will be served to good advantage by the erection of the 300,000 gallon steel tank, upon which we are asked to vote June 21.

This tank, although it will not solve permanently the situation, will prove a great help through the present summer. The handling of the water from this tank is but a simple engineering practice, and we can have the additional storage of water each day. We believe that Birmingham will vote "Yes" on this question.

"PRESS PICKINGS"

The tax rate in Milford, according to the Milford Times, will be \$20.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation this year. This is a reduction of \$2.50 under that of last year.

The Village of Royal Oak is issued a warning to all outside territory that no more water will be supplied. This measure is taken inasmuch as due to the phenomenal growth of Royal Oak, there is now barely enough water to supply its own residents.

The Masonic Lodge of Royal Oak is making plans for the staging of a big carnival in September. They expect to clear \$20,000.

Following a request from Royal Oak Village to explain why it cannot reduce its rates for gas service, the Michigan Light Company has prepared a table showing that Royal Oak is below the rate of comparative Birmingham utilities relative to present charges for gas. (Looks as though Birmingham is in the same boat.)

A warning to residents of Ferndale has been issued by the police department. It appears that, says the Enterprise of that village, a quantity of building materials, owned by the village, is being stolen each night.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

Forty-Four Years Ago

Our Village begins to resemble a huge cube, so thick are the telephone lines running in every direction.

There is at present in the hands of the Village Treasurer something more than four hundred dollars. This sum will soon be enlarged by one hundred fifty dollars more. Nearly all of this amount has been paid in as tax on the intoxicating liquors sold in the Village. Now we would propose, with due deference to our Village Board, that a part of the five hundred be used with contributions can be raised among our citizens, and where there is a will there is always a way to bring the pure, sparkling water of our famous spring where it will do the most good, and make the means furnished by the sale of intoxicating beverages farther the ends of temperance by having a fountain of this unconditionally meritorious and wonderful additional mineral water.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

The first car run by electricity from Royal Oak to Birmingham came bowling along Saginaw street shortly after four o'clock on Monday afternoon last, with Strathairn Hendrie as motorman. Something over a year ago decisive steps for a through electric railway from Detroit to Pontiac were taken by Detroit parties and last Monday saw the culmination of their efforts. In the interval there has been an enormous outlay of money for the power house in this Village for the feed wires and trolley wires, ties and steel rails, and the thousand and one expensive details of the work which no one can understand of appreciate until he has gone through the milk.

When the trolley cars came through the front vestibule of the first car, acting in the capacity of motorman, the age was out in force, flags waved, the crowd yelled—everyone was wild with enthusiasm and the four cars

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Fred M. Warner, former governor of Michigan, widely known as one of the best informed doyens in the state, will be the state fair board member in charge of this department.

His acceptance of this post and his personal attention to it during the ten days of the fair make it certain that this important department will take front rank in interest with visitors to the fair. With Mr. Warner will be associated, as superintendent, Mr. H. P. Wendt, secretary of the Michigan Allied Dairy Association.

RICH REWARDS FOR 1921 STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS

A new high record will be reached in premium awards this year at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit, September 2 to 11. Numerous increases will be made over awards of last year, and those who among the highest ever paid in the United States.

Not only will there be a larger variety of premiums, but a notable increase in the regular awards. Prizes offered for the best of the popular breeds of cattle in Michigan will especially attract to livestock men who pride themselves on the excellence of their bred stock.

"Liberal premium lists attract the best exhibits," says Secretary Manager G. W. Dickinson, of the state fair. "Encouragement must be given by the fair to the farmer who devotes his time to improving his breeds of stock or to the raising of the very highest grades of farm products."

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At first we thought it was a mouse heading a meeting house, but later found it to be a fiver dragging a big packard limousine into the garage for repairs, and now the owner of the limo is mad because a kodak fender made a snapshot of it.

Duly enacted by the village council that Hamilton avenue from Woodward avenue to Saginaw street shall be paved at the expense of the Standard Oil and First National banks. That will make some corner, what?

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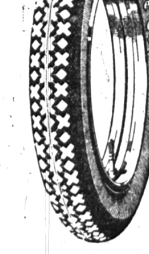
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