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Council Proceedings.

The regular adjourned meeting of the Village Commission was held Tuesday evening, May 31, 1921.

Present: Clibe, Schlaack, Brown, Manger W. H. Brown and Clerk K. Van Zandt.

Moved by Brown that $500.00 be borrowed to be put in the Street Fund and that $500.00 be borrowed to put in the General Fund. Notes payable in sixty days.

Yeas—3; nays—0. Motion carried.

Moved by Brown that the pay roll be passed as follows:

W. H. Brown	$ 125.00
Earle Hathaway	70.00
K. Van Zandt	41.66
John Hanna	41.66
Homer Gaskill	75.00
Charles Hutton	75.00
A. Carpenter	50.00
Harry Spencer	50.00
Henry Thorton	50.00
T. Kane	49.50
R. Tewilliger	22.50
Cecil Dawson	52.25
Lile Grover	26.25
Forest Grove	35.25
Robert Hill	54.00
Wm. Luth	52.00
John Allen	54.00
Wm. Hopson	12.60
Roy Whitten	84.00
A. Mitchell	54.00
P. Van Wagner	49.50
A. Swanson	22.50
F. Golden	22.50
W. Groves	18.00
G. Murray	22.50
M. Harbeclin	22.50
S. Oakin	22.50
A. Bem	13.50
K. Poole	13.50
J. Berry	13.50
A. Luscombe	9.00
G. Bandor	9.00
H. Hedding	9.00
W. Peterson	25.25
G. Burnett	14.50
D. Howe	13.00
D. Fleming	33.00
E. Tierchman	9.00
G. Grafton	62.00
E. Peterson	9.00
Total	$1,629.81

Yeas—3; nays—0. Motion carried.

The petition for a certain Vinewood was presented to the Commission.

Moved by Brown that the following resolutions be adopted:

THIRD RESOLUTION—BROWN STREET

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sewer beneath the surface of Brown street from a point in the center line of Pierce Street and connecting with the Pierce Street Trunk Sewer now installed, thence westerly along the center line of Brown Street a distance of 1840 feet to the westerly side of Southfield avenue and connecting with the Southfield Avenue Trunk Sewer now installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 17, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

THIRD RESOLUTION TOWNSEND STREET

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Townsend Street from a point in the center line of Pierce Street and connecting with the Pierce Street Trunk Sewer now installed, thence westerly a distance of 1704 feet to the westerly side of Southfield Avenue and connecting with the Southfield Avenue Trunk Sewer now installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 16, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

THIRD RESOLUTION-MERRILL STREET

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Merrill Street from a point in the center line of Pierce Street and connecting with the Pierce Street Trunk Sewer now installed, thence westerly a distance of 1565 feet to the center line of Southfield avenue and connecting with the Southfield Avenue Trunk Sewer now installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 15, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

THIRD RESOLUTION-MARTIN STREET

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS THE Special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Martin Street from a point in the center line of Pierce Street and connecting with the Pierce Street Trunk Sewer now installed, thence westerly a distance of 1473 feet to the center line of Southfield Avenue and connecting with the Southfield Avenue Trunk Sewer extension to be installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 14, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and be numbered Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 14, and that the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

THIRD RESOLUTION
Southfield Avenue Extension

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Southfield Avenue from a point in the center of the intersection of Townsend Avenue and Southfield Avenue and connection with the Southfield Avenue Trunk Sewer now installed, and Townsend Street Lateral sewer to be installed, thence northeasterly a distance of 650 feet to a point 100 feet northeasterly from the intersection of Southfield Avenue and the City Hall and connection with the Merrill and Martin Street Trunk Sewers now installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 20, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham, Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8:30 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of interested persons to said assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

THIRD RESOLUTION
Stanley Avenue

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Stanley Avenue beginning at a point in the center line of Brown Street and connecting with the Brown Street lateral sewer to be installed, thence southerly along the center line of Stanley Avenue a distance of 960 feet to the center line of Hanna Street and connecting with the Hanna Street Trunk Sewer now installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 18, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and be numbered Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 18, and that the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham, Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of persons interested in said assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

THIRD RESOLUTION
Bates Street

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Bates Street, beginning at a point in the center line of Brown Street and connecting with the Brown Street lateral sewer to be installed, thence southerly along the center line of Bates Street a distance of 614 feet to the center of Frank Street and connecting with the Frank Street Trunk Sewer now installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 19, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and be numbered Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 19, and that the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham, Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

THIRD RESOLUTION
Oakland Avenue

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Oakland Avenue beginning at a point in the center of Oakland Avenue on a line with the easterly right of way of the Grand Trunk Railroad; thence easterly along the center line of Oakland Avenue a distance of 1100 feet to the westerly side of Adams Avenue, and connecting with the Worth Street sewer to be installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 22, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and be numbered Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 22, and that the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham, Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

THIRD RESOLUTION
Worth Street

Moved by Commissioner Brown that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the special assessment roll for the construction of an 8 inch lateral sanitary sewer beneath the surface of Worth Street beginning at a point in the center of Oakland Avenue and the intersection of Oakland Avenue and Worth Street; thence northerly along the center line of Worth Street a distance of 1320 feet to the northerly side of Maple Avenue East and connecting with the Maple Avenue East Trunk Sewer now installed, has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law, being known as Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 21, according to the maps, diagrams and estimates thereof now on file in the office of the Village Clerk; therefore be it

Resolved, that the said special assessment roll be filed with the Village Clerk and be numbered Special Assessment District for Sanitary Sewer No. 21, and that the Commission will meet at the City Hall in Birmingham, Monday, June 13, 1921, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. to hear suggestions or objections of persons interested in said special assessment, and that a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric a week before the date thereof.

Roll call

Yeas 3

Nays 0

Moved by Schlaack that the Building Code be passed to read as follows:

Building Code Ordinance
No. Ninety-One

Be it Ordained by the Village of Birmingham: Providing for All Matters Concerning, Effecting, or Relating to the Construction, Equipment, Alteration, Repair, or Removal of Buildings, Structures, Appurtenances Thereto, Including License and Permit Therefor. Erected or to be Erected in the Village of Birmingham, and Repealing any Ordinance or Parts of Ordinances Contrary Thereto or Inconsistent Therewith Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof, the Same to be Known and Cited as the Building Code of the Village of Birmingham.

CHAPTER 1.
Appointment of Building Inspector.

(1) The Village Commission of the Village of Birmingham, shall appoint a Building Inspector who shall have had at least three years experience either as an architect, architectural engineer, civil engineer or builder.

Such inspector shall hold office until the first day of May in the year after such appointment and until his successor qualifies and enters upon the duties of the office. The building inspector herein provided may be removed at any time by the Village Commission for incompetency or neglect of duty, and he shall be at all times under direct control of the Village Manager.

(2) Application for Permit: Any person, or corporation desirous of erecting, repairing, changing, altering or removing any building, structure, or part thereof or wall, or installing or repairing any plumbing or drainage system within the limits of the Village of Birmingham, except repairs for maintenance not effecting the construction or sanitation or other vital features of the building or structure, the cost of which shall not exceed $150.00, he or his agent shall make application at the office of the building inspector for a permit to do so, if it shall appear to the building inspector that the laws and ordinances of the Village are complied with, he shall give the permit applied for upon the payment of a fee hereinafter provided; provided, that the applicant for such permit shall furnish the building inspector with a written statement on blank forms for the purpose, such blanks to be furnished by the building inspector, such statement to show the location, the intended use, the approximate cost of the proposed building or structure, such statement shall also contain an agreement to the effect that the proposed building or structure will be built in accordance with the plans and specifications, copies of which, together with such statement, shall be filed with the building inspector.

Buildings costing less than $3,000.00 need not be drawn by an architect, but must satisfy the building inspector as to character of construction.

Said person, persons, or corporation, or contractor, employee having in charge the erection of any building or structure, a permit for such work having been issued, shall post a conspicuous sign and building or structure a sign furnished by the building inspector bearing the words: BUILDING PERMIT.

(3) Plans and Specifications: In all cases except those for maintenance, dwellings, car garages, barns and other outbuildings, not exceeding floor space 800 square feet, complete plans and specifications showing location of building or structure on lot or plot, dimensions, all exterior elevations, floor plans, basement and roof plans, and structural details of the building, which shall be filed with the building inspector, until the completion of the work, at which time they shall be returned to the owner, shall be required with the application for a building permit. All plans and specifications shall have the building inspector's seal of approval placed upon them before any work may be started.

(4) Fees: The building charge for any permit shall be $1.00, and when the cost of the building shall be in excess of five thousand cubic feet, a final charge of 25c a thousand cubic feet on the balance shall be assessed.

(5) Inspection of Buildings Under Construction: It shall be the duty of the building inspector appointed under the provisions of this code, to inspect all buildings which may be in the process of construction, or alteration, within the Village of Birmingham, and all buildings which are being erected, constructed or altered, shall be subject to inspection at various stages of the building, code and all ordinances of the Village of Birmingham, in the manner, the methods, and at the stages of construction and the safety of occupants, to see that all laws, and ordinances are complied with, and suitable for the purpose of their intended use.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporations, to erect, repair, change, alter, remove, or install any building, or part thereof, or any chimney or stairway, or part thereof, or any plumbing, or drainage, within the Village limits, except as provided in this code, or Chapter One, without first complying with the various provisions of this code.

(7) The Building Inspector shall be notified by the owner or his agent or by the person, persons, or corporation, building is ready for inspection, and such inspection shall be made within twenty-four hours, and no building, shall be covered, or lath and second coats shall be covered by any plaster, or any other material, or otherwise until such inspection is made and the building inspector has approved the fact that the building in question has been constructed in compliance with all the laws and ordinances of the code.

CHAPTER 2
Buildings According to the Occupancy.

Classification

(1) First Class: Hospitals, public and private Reformatories, Public Schools, School Buildings, Assembly Halls, Public Halls, Private Halls, Auditoriums, Exposition Buildings, Music Halls, Theaters, Theaters, Opera Houses, Pavilion (Club Houses), Recreation Buildings, Hotels, Public Inns, Office Buildings, Store Buildings, Public Garages.

(2) Second Class: Factories, Shops, Warehouses, Apartment Houses, and Tenement Houses.

(3) Third Class: Residences and Terrace.

(4) Fourth Class: Includes all buildings included in Second or Private Garages, Barns, Poultry Houses, and for the shelter of any local company.

CHAPTER III.

(1) Zone One: Shall be all the portion of territory lying and contained between Woodward Avenue and Maple Avenue, starting at the point of intersection of the two streets known as Main Avenue and Woodward Avenue, and extending North on Woodward Avenue to Maple Avenue, thence on Woodward Avenue to Brown Street, East on Brown Street to Grand Trunk Railroad, and West on Maple Avenue to Woodward Avenue.

(2) Zone Two: Shall be all that territory included in a circle whose radius is 1,200 feet, the center of which is the point in Zone One, making the territory in Zone Two 900 feet from the Zone One line, and no building zone in Zone Two will be constructed of wood.

(3) Zone Three: Shall be all that territory lying and outside of Zone Two and within the Village limits.

Any person, persons or corporation desiring information regarding the zone lines, may procure such information at the Building Inspector's office.

CHAPTER IV.
Zones and End of Building Therein.

(1) All buildings hereafter shall be built entirely of fire-proof materials for walls, such as concrete, hollow tile, brick, brick veneer over steel. Roofs of buildings hereafter shall be built of fire resisting materials, properly supported and made safe.

All first class buildings shall shall be provided with fire escapes. One where they may be built in the Village of Birmingham.

(2) All buildings hereafter in all cases shall be not less than 12 ft. 4" x 16".

Second story 8" with pilasters each 12 ft.

All second story buildings First story shall be so designed as to carry at least four times the intended loads, this same rule to apply to reinforced concrete. Exterior walls shall extend from the basement up to and not less than 12 feet above the roof.

(3) Walls of three story buildings. Basements walls 12" thick, and second story 12" thick, third story walls 8" thick, with pilaster not less than 12 ft. 4" x 16".

(4) All buildings in Zone Two shall have fire-proof walls, and basement walls shall be not less than 8" thick, in case of any wood or plastic exterior, and not less than 10" thick in case of brick veneer, or 8" wall with pilaster not over 12 ft. 4" x 16".

Second story walls shall be 8" thick, length shall be plastered at least every 12 feet with pilasters.

In case of terraces and apartment houses in Zone Two the dividing walls shall be of fire-proof materials, walls separating flats, apartments, or sets of rooms fire resisting 8" thick.

Zones One and Two shall constitute the fire limits.

CHAPTER VI.

(1) Footings: All footings shall be at least 1'-6" wide, shall be made of stone to support, and in case of a frame building not less than 8" thick, and in case of

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CHURCHES

St. James' Episcopal Church

Sunday, June 5—2nd Trinity.
10:30 a.m., Holy Communion and sermon. 12 m. Church school. Church open daily for devotions.

Christian Science Society

Services at Church Building, Woodward avenue, south of the D. U. R. Waiting Room.
Sunday, 11 a.m.
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 7 to 8 p. m.

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle

Pastor William B. Dunn has returned from New York City Nyack, N. Y., where he attended the Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He will speak Sunday morning, June 5th, on Paul Rader's late experiences on the foreign missionary field. Sunday school at 11:45; evening service, 7:45; subject, "Christ, the Bible." Come, bring your Bible and a friend.

United Presbyterian Church

Bible School, 9:45. Classes for everyone. You are welcome to any of the services in our church. A very fine program is being prepared by the committee for Children's Day, June 12. Rev. Curry, who has been to Philadelphia attending the General Assembly, will have returned and will be in the pulpit Sunday morning at 10:30. Young people will meet at 6 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 and choir rehearsal at 8:30. Juniors every Wednesday at 4 o'clock. "The Church with a Message and a Welcome."

First Baptist Church

Rev. P. M. MacKay, pastor. The spirit of this church is unselfish and Christ-like. Its mission is to serve and help carry forward the lamp lighted by Jesus Christ into the life of our city, our nation and the world: 10:30, morning worship, sermon subject, "A Heart of Strong Suffering." There will be a Communion service and reception of new members; 11:45, Sunday school. We are looking forward to a day of rejoicing on Children's Day, June 12th; 6:30, young people meet; 7:30, evening service, short and to the point, "The Secret of Happiness."

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 5th, the regular Communion service will be held at the morning worship service beginning at 10:30. It is also expected that there will be a reception of new members. The session of the church will meet at 9:30 in the pastor's room to meet with any who desire to unite with the church. The evening service will be held as usual at 7:45 and lasts for 45 minutes. A good, helpful service for everybody. Next Sunday, June 12th, will be children's day and will be so observed by exercises by the Sunday school missions. Help us make a record breaker as it was last year.

Methodist Episcopal Church

The church was filled last Sunday evening to hear a wonderful lecture on Armenia. We had Sunday evening a series of 77 beautiful stereopticon slides on "The Message of Christian Stewardship." Some war scenes are strangely mingled; such as troops embarking from France, the violation of Belgium, the crucifix among the rains and others. Everybody is welcome. Sunday morning the pastor will speak on "Bombs and Battleships Vs. Prayer and Better Business." Sunday school at noon; Epworth League, 6:30; Children's Day will be the second Sunday in June; baptism of children and adults; reception of members; last quarterly conference, Monday, June 6th, Dr. E. J. Warren, presiding. We are getting ready for the Albion Institute at close of public schools.

PEOPLES' COLUMN

This column will be devoted to the publishing of letters of general interest to the residents of Birmingham and nearby. All communications must be signed in full by the writer. Letters should preferably be written with typewriter and on **one side of paper only.**

Editor Eccentric:

An article in your last week's edition implied that I contemplated suing the Village of Birmingham for damages caused by the sinking last year of the 12-inch well on the Latham property.

This statement was made without my knowledge, and I will appreciate the space in your paper to the allowed to correct it.

H. A. O'DELL.

LITERARY CLUB.

The County Federation of Woman's Clubs will be entertained at a "get-together" luncheon at Rochester June 10th, and a large number of the local literary club members will attend. The invitation was extended on a similar occasion in Birmingham.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Goodfellow

It was following an illness of several months from bronchial pneumonia that the death of Mrs. Mary Goodfellow, a resident of Southfield, occurred late the evening of May 29.

For many years the late Mrs. Goodfellow had been active in and around Birmingham, both in church work and social life. She had made many friends thru her genial disposition and helpful attitude toward others.

Surviving is her husband, Edward Goodfellow. Funeral services were held from the late home Thursday afternoon with burial in the Southfield Cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah B. Williams

Mrs. Sarah B. Williams died at the age of 76 years at her home, 200 Willetts street, May 28, after an illness of two weeks. Death was caused from heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams came to Birmingham in 1887 and have been active in many ways, making a host of friends in and around Birmingham. Mrs. Williams was a member of the Baptist church and until her recent illness was one of the active workers of that institution.

Surviving is her husband, Thomas Coleman Williams, and one brother, Arthur Blanchard.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Peter MacRae. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Harriet Phelps

The remains of the late Mrs. Harriet Phelps of Birmingham, reached Corey, Mich., Monday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of this village. The funeral service was held in the Emmanuel Episcopal church of that city, at 2 o'clock, Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The burial was made in Pine Grove cemetery by the side of her son, the late Sam Phelps. Mrs. Phelps was the widow of Dr. B. E. Phelps, a prominent Corey physician for many years. After his death she continued to reside in Corey for some time, later going to Kalamazoo, Mich., to reside with her son, Grant Phelps.

Since his death she had resided with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Smith, who is the only surviving member of the family.

Mrs. Phelps was 79 years of age. Death was caused from old age.

Rev. Levi L. Houghton

Birmingham mourned the loss of one of its best known and most beloved residents this week when word of the death of Rev. Levi L. Houghton was received.

Rev. Houghton was born in Victor, N. Y., October 12, 1837. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Houghton. The family left Michigan in 1840 and had resided near Birmingham for 30 years. For 55 years Rev. Houghton had been a Methodist pastor. He was known to have delivered sermons in nearly every town around this part of the state.

The departed had been in poor health for several months but had not been confined to his bed until about six weeks ago. Death was caused from heart trouble.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal church, Park Maple avenue with Rev. Thompson delivering the sermon, which the deceased asked for three weeks to the day of before his death. Rev. Thompson recited the obituary and Rev. Cassius Wakefield of Detroit, gave the prayer. Scripture reading was by Rev. Moore of Royal Oak, and Rev. Mac-Kay gave the benediction. After the body was removed to the cemetery Rev. McCurdy offered a short prayer. Burial was in Greenwood cemetery, Birmingham.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Claude Campbell of Highland Park, Mrs. Lillie Crawford of Knox street, and Mrs. James Cobb of Oakland avenue. There are also one son, Spencer Houghton of Detroit, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren surviving.

VILLAGE ASSESSMENT ROLL TOTALS $328,250.00

Increase of $328,250.00 Over Last Year, Due to New Building; Rate To Be About $14.75 or Trifle Less, According to Commission Now Working on Budget

The assessment roll for Birmingham, including both real and personal property, shows a valuation of $5,121,000 for this year, an increase of $328,250 over last year, the figure which amounted to $4,792,750. The increase, according to Village Assessor Frank Schlaack, is based on the new buildings erected within the past year. In some cases, the new few valuations had been lowered, while others had been raised.

Although they have not finished this year's budget, the Commission stated that the assessment per thousand of valuation would be about $14.75 or a trifle less. Last year the rate was $15.00 per thousand, bringing in, on a valuation of $4,792,750, a total of $71,891.25 in taxes. Of this amount all but approximately $4,000 was collected.

A special meeting to finish the budget will be held this week by the Commission, it was said.

Mrs. Welsh of the Birmingham School of Music, announces a recital by the first year voice pupils to be given in the First Baptist Church, Thursday evening, June 9th, at 8:15 o'clock. Also a recital by the Junior Piano Students to be given at the Studio Saturday afternoon, June 11, at 3:00 o'clock.—adv

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MASS MEETING SET FOR WEDNESDAY EVE., JUNE 8

Village Commission Requests Presence of Citizens to Hear Talk on Need of New Reservoir Tank; Will Also Discuss Sewer Problems

That Birmingham may know of the success assured from water famine upon the erection of the new 300,000 gallon reservoir tank, for which a bond issue of $10,000 will be voted on June 21, President Clibe, voicing the request of the entire Commission, has asked that every local resident attend a mass meeting at the Baldwin High school on Wednesday evening, June 8, at 8 o'clock.

"At this meeting," explained Mr. Clibe, "the Commission will endeavor to show why Birmingham needs this reservoir. We shall prove conclusively that the erection of this tank is the only possible remedy out of our present water troubles. We have more water this spring—made possible by the drilling of the three 12-inch wells during the past months—than we have had for many years. We believe that we can keep this 300,000 gallon tank filled from the present water supply during the night—a time when the drain on the wells is at its minimum. I earnestly hope that every local citizen will attend this meeting; ask as many questions as you want, we'll try to answer them to your satisfaction."

President Clibe also stated that a discussion of the present sewer problem in Birmingham will be given. He said that, after the installation of the proposed three miles of sewers on the west side of town, many more sewers would be needed to make Birmingham a model village regarding sanitation.

STUDENTS ENTERTAIN FOR MEMORIAL TABLET FUND

What is expected will be the largest audience seated in the Baldwin high school auditorium since its completion three years ago, is being planned for when the students in the senior class will present an elaborate program for the benefit of the Memorial Tablet Fund this evening (Friday).

The class was divided into committees some weeks ago and every group has been energetically at work since on a two-part entertainment. The first part of the evening will be devoted to musical and dramatic numbers opened with an overture by the class members assisted by Arthur Tuggy. Other interesting features of this part of the program are "The Dixie Trio," "Hurlburt Male Trio," a tableau, and surprise numbers that will be kept secret among the entertainers until this evening.

The second part of the program will commence with a musical selection by the orchestra followed by a Spanish dance by Miss Charlotte Whalen and Miss Adallajanette Leland. An amusing sketch, "Impressions of Ethiopians," is sure to please the audience as well as the musical sketch, "Muffs." At the close of this part of the program a moving picture, "Star Spangled Banner," and a comedy, "T. Haulland Hicks—Freshman" will be shown. This will conclude what has been planned as a program to please old and young of all types and classes.

Some of the committees that have been working on details are: Tableau arrangement, Misses Sherlaine and Martin and Mr. Natton; program, Catherine Floyde; finance, Arthur Tuggy; publicity, Donald Voorheis. The entertainment will be directed by Mr. Toothacker.

The memorial tablet will bear all of the names of men graduated from the high school here and serving in the World War. The tablet is to be 48x48 inches and is expected to arrive here about June 24. It will be placed at the end of the lower hall of the Baldwin high school.

M. E. CHURCH BUILDING RESUMED AFTER COMPROMISE

Proceedings on the part of the Village Commission to restrain the local Methodist Episcopal church from erecting a temporary primary Sunday school room in the rear of the church on Henrietta street, were called off Saturday night when, after a meeting between the church trustees and President Clibe, a compromise was reached.

The temporary 30x40 foot structure, was claimed by the Commission to be a violation of the building code. Inasmuch as other building of a similar nature had gone on in Birmingham for a number of years, the members of the church were of the opinion that no specific building code was in effect. It was then shown that inasmuch as a new recently passed building code had not been published (which, according to the charter must be published within ten days after passage) that the building of the addition could be stopped under an ordinance passed in 1917 and which had seldom been enforced.

The meeting Saturday night made unnecessary the trial before Judge Tuttle of the Peace F. S. Buck, which had been set on May 26 to take place Wednesday morning, June 1.

The building code question, which had not been published because of revision, was again passed Tuesday night at the Commission meeting and is published in this issue of The Eccentric. It is thought that the carrying out of the terms of the code will insure Birmingham the best in architectural safety and beauty.

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DECORATION DAY OBSERVED HERE WITH EXERCISES

American Legion Had Charge of Day; Maple Tree Planted in Memory of Charles Edwards

In fitting commemoration of the living and dead who, in the various wars have taken up the colors of their country, Birmingham turned out Decoration Day to witness a street parade and the planting of a Maple tree—the offering of the Charles Edwards Post of the American Legion, to take part in the national observance of Memorial Day throughout the United States.

Starting promptly at 11 o'clock, the parade, headed by the local police department, made its way from the Barnum School down Frank street to Woodward avenue, north on Woodward to Maple and west on Maple avenue to Chester street where, at the corner of Chester and Martin streets, a Maple tree was planted in memory of Charles Edwards, after whom the local Post is named, and the first Birmingham youth to fall in the World war.

Including the police department the parade was made up of girl pony riders, school children, veterans of the Civil War, the Spanish-American war and the World war, Red Cross nurses, members of the Birmingham Volunteer Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and a band of twenty pieces.

Rev. C. H. McCurdy of the St. James Episcopal church, and Rev. W. C. McKnight of the First Presbyterian church, officiated at the planting of the Maple tree. They both praised a beneficent Providence for the traits of human character that "sent men and boys away to battle in defense of their country." They asked that all Birmingham carry in its mind the meaning of Decoration Day in an attempt to bring each into closer harmony with his Maker.

Lieut. R. C. Moulthrop, commander of the Charles Edwards Post, turned the first shovelful of earth over the roots of the tree planted in memory of a fallen comrade. A goodly number of the spectators turned away from the scene when Charles Edwards, father of the boy for whom the tree was planted, followed Lieut. Moulthrop by placing a spadeful of earth upon the maple's roots.

Although the parade was not as long as that of last Armistice Day, it is thought that it did its mission in bringing to the hearts of local citizens a feeling of deep gratitude for the soldiers who, during the history of the United States, have defended our barriers from all unwelcome foe.

Major H. A. O'Dell, chairman of the day, requested that all those who made it possible for the success of the exercises accept, in behalf of the American Legion, his thanks for their help.

BIRMINGHAM GUN CLUB HOLDS 6TH ANNUAL SHOOT

$200 in Money and Prizes Won By Highest Scores; 71 Contestants Enter Day's Sport

In the sixth annual Decoration Day shoot held here by the Birmingham Gun Club, four trapshooters were able to score 99 out of a possible 100 and tie for first place. They were Thomas E. Houghton, Flint; Flint Glover of London, Ontario; William Thompson, Jackson, and George Beattie, Hamilton, Ontario. The shoot, which was registered, was held under the rules of the American Trapshooting Association. Seventy-one contestants tried for the prizes, including men from Ontario, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Howard Hall, Detroit professional, led the professional scoring, 98x100. J. W. McGinty, of Detroit; H. Bopp, of Lansing; W. Hart of Hamilton, Ontario; George Volk, Toledo, and J. N. McLaughlin, of Detroit, finished second, with 98x100. Floyd McCourt, of Monroe; H. B. Coyle, H. Clair; E. Lezotte, Rockwood; H. Roser, of Saginaw, finished in third place, scoring 97x100.

B. S. Gaylord of Owosso, Mich., shooting from 20 yards, smashed every target in the handicap winning first place alone, 50x50. Mrs. L. G. Volpel, the well known champion woman shooter of Detroit broke 96x100, 16-yard targets, and tied for second place in the handicap with H. Bach, each scoring 49x50. Mrs. Vogel shot from 19 yards in the handicap.

Andrew Fessler, Jr., 12-year-old son of J. A. Fessler, of Detroit, made a noteworthy showing in the handicap, scoring 24x25 in the first event, and 21 in the second, finishing with 45x50.

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