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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1921.
YOU SHOULD BE HERE.

On Tuesday evening, October 25, there will be a public meeting of the Citizens' Water Commission of Birmingham at the Baldwin High school. The meeting is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock. Every man and woman in Birmingham should be there. At this meeting there will be presented to the people of this town the findings and recommendations of the Citizens' Water Commission relative to the installation of a permanent water supply for our village. For many weeks this Water Commission has been engaged in carrying out their program to find for Birmingham a water source that will insure a plentiful supply of water for all uses for every week in the year. Every local citizen who is desirous of having unrestricted use of water for all purposes 365 days in the year. For the past few years we have invariably been obliged to discontinue the use of water through a hose for lawns and gardens. There were times when we didn't have enough water to reach the second floors of many local homes. Add just a year ago a house burned completely down because there wasn't water enough in the fire hose to reach the second floor.

Trust the present Village Commission has completed a new 300,000 gallon storage tank at the waterworks station. We now have, undoubtedly, more water available for all uses at the present time than we have had for many years. The Village Commission deserves a lot of credit for what they have done. They are now on the eve of installing three deep well pumps in the three 12-inch wells now in use at the waterworks station.

It is the contention of the Village Commission that Birmingham does not need additional equipment to supply adequate water, and they are intent on getting it installed at once, but they are also of the opinion that the recommendations that will be given by the Citizens' Water Commission next Tuesday night are entirely too expensive for the pocketbooks of local taxpayers. That, of course, rests with the people to decide.

Summed up in a nutshell, the condition in Birmingham is simple. We need water. A body of local people, somewhat disturbed over the apparent delay on the part of the Village Commission to give Birmingham a sufficient water supply, are looking to the future, organized the Citizens' Water Commission. It was their plan to investigate local water conditions and make proper and practicable recommendations to the people. They have sent out four test wells, have looked over various pumping equipment, and are ready to come before the people with their findings.

The people of Birmingham are merely interested in getting sufficient water. They are not paying for what they get. If the Citizens' Water Commission recommends something and the people want it, they must pay for it. If the Village Commission has something to offer, and it is proved better than anything else, then the people will accept that.

It would seem, then, that the only decent way to treat our water situation is to listen to those who have something to offer. After hearing both sides of the argument, the people will make their choice—and then, let's hope, we'll have water enough to supply part of Detroit.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS
Forty Four Years Ago
William C. Richardson of Franklin, shipped four carloads of potatoes to Philadelphia last Wednesday.

Oppeke and Miller want 100 bushels of buckwheat at the Birmingham Mills right away.

One thousand bushels of apples were received at the cider mill of William Smith last week.

William Henry Harrison Coder is on the road to recovery after a recent illness. We are glad because we were afraid he was going to leave us.

There will be a New England supper at the Baptist church in Frisco after seven and evening next. Old fashioned costumes of over a hundred years ago will be in evidence. Admission 20 cents, support 20 cents.

The ladies have had the Baptist church nicely grained and painted. They are extending an invitation to everyone in the town.

Mr. John Jones has contracted with a Detroit firm to prepare a hurricane granite monument for his own family. It has a little fence around it and steps leading up to it. When Uncle John does anything he does it right.

Twenty Five Years Ago
For Sale—One hanging lamp, corner of Daines and Saginaw streets.
Will Blumberg, son of the toll-gate keeper is recovering from injuries

President Harding Now Heads Red Cross

Successor former President Wilson, President Harding was recently elected president of the American Red Cross. He is here accepting the office. From left to right: Maj. Gen. Merritt W. Island, Surgeon General, U. S. A.; Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman Central Committee of the Red Cross; the President; Asst. Secretary of the Treasury Eliot Wadsworth; Rear Admiral Edward R. Bitt, Surgeon General, U. S. N.

to his hand received last week. Charles Wilson recently sold two cows for \$50 each.

The Band school Friday evening was a great success. Over \$10 was netted.

I will be glad to take several barrels of good apples and several barrels of good potatoes for photography. See Tomlinson.

Wood to burn at 80 cents a cord. Ed. E. Daniels.

Best coffee to be had at 20 cents a pound.

"PRESS PICKINGS"
Five Lapeer high school girls narrowly escaped death last week. They were returning home in a Ford car from an Inlay City basket ball game.

The car turned turtle and Mullen, Neva Baron, Ruth Baker, Marion Hesscott and Thelma Brown.

Missing since a week ago Friday when he entered a boat on Cass Lake with Charles Rittenhouse, 20, of 1302 Clay avenue, Detroit, the body of Adolph Stevens, 39, living at 1417 Aberte street, Detroit, has been located floating on the surface of the lake 600 feet from the shore, in the hands were clutched weeds from the lake bottom. The body of Rittenhouse was located later.

A proposition will be submitted at the October session of the board of supervisors to increase the efficiency of the police departments of Oakland and Wayne counties through improved telephone service. To avoid delays it is proposed to install a direct phone system connecting the Postoffice headquarters with Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale and Detroit. The estimated cost of the system is said to be around \$2500.00.

A serious situation confronts Royal Oak in its transportation difficulties on account of the D. U. R. raising its fare from five cents to eight cents, contends the Real Estate Board. The increased fare is claimed to be causing discontent among residents employed in the city and an appeal will be made to the Utilities Commission.

Dr. John D. Riker, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, former mayor of Pontiac, died last week. He was known medical men of the county, died Saturday morning at his home in Pontiac, of an illness of one month.

The annual Oakland County Teachers' Institute will be held today, October 21, at the high school auditorium.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild, adv

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Adjusted meeting of the Village Commission was held Monday evening, October 19. Present: President Clark, Commissioner of Public Works, H. Brown and Clark Hazel Clark.

There were no objections raised to the proposed plan for the following streets: Clark, George, Floyd, Landon and Purdy, and Purdy, Landon and Purdy, the alley between Ann and Purdy south of George Street, Purdy, Landon and Purdy, south of George Street, Purdy, Landon and Purdy, south of George Street, Purdy, Landon and Purdy, south of George Street.

It was moved by Mr. Clark that the following streets be laid out: Second resolution for Landon and lateral streets: Purdy, Landon and Purdy, south of George Street, Purdy, Landon and Purdy, south of George Street, Purdy, Landon and Purdy, south of George Street.

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The Village of Birmingham and be paid from the general fund. And be it further resolved that 1/4 of the entire expense of said main trunk sewer laid in Ann Street shall be borne by the Village of Birmingham and be paid from the general fund. Be it further resolved that the sewer of said Village is hereby directed to pay...

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