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Special Election To Be Called By Village Commission For Water Extension Bonds

Village Engineer Submits Report Monday Night; Attorney Instructed To Draw Up Resolution; Result Of Water Tests Made Known

The Village Commission, at its regular meeting last Monday night, directed Village Attorney John J. Farrell to draw up the proper resolution to allow for the calling of a special election of the qualified electors of Birmingham, at which time the sum of approximately $10,000.00 will be asked to allow for the installation of pumping machinery at the present water works station. It is thought that a definite date for the election will be set next Monday night, making it the latter part of November.

This special election is the direct result of the findings and recommendations of H. H. Barnett, engineer of Pontiac, who has been retained by the Village Commission to conduct a series of tests relative to the present condition of our water works station.

Following is Mr. Barnett's report to the Village Commission:—

To the Honorable the
Village Commission
Birmingham, Mich.:

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your instructions I have made a careful study of the water supply problems and respectfully submit the following data and recommendations.

The recommendations are based on the principle of utilizing the present plant to its best advantage, supplementing it with only such additional equipment as is necessary to meet the urgent present needs without heavy expense.

The Fire Underwriters full requirements for a residential village of the grade of Birmingham are provisions for 4-250 gallon per minute streams at a hydrant pressure of 60 pounds per square inch in the business section for a period of ten hours in addition to the average domestic supply for the same period. In other words, there should be storage and pumping capacity for delivering 1,500 gallons per minute at 60 pounds pressure in the business section for a period of ten hours.

However, a careful computation of the capacity of the present main from the pumping station to the business section, shows that the main will only deliver 750 gallons per minute. This main consists of 600 feet of 10 inch pipe and 1900 feet of 8 inch pipe in Maple street, supplemented by a 4 inch circuit going north through Baldwin, Hamman and Woodward; a 4 inch in Willetts street, and a 4 inch in Merrill street. Under a pressure of 95 pounds at the pumping station, which is as high as it is practical to maintain, the above mains cannot be relied upon to deliver more than 750 gallons per minute at a hydrant pressure of 60 pounds in the business section. This therefore becomes the limiting factor in the present consideration because, if the full requirement of 1500 gallons per minute is to be met, it will require another ten inch main, an expense which is not justified until an adequate supply of water is assured.

The water problem therefore resolves itself into the question of providing pumping capacity for 750 gallons per minute (three good fire streams) in the business section for a period of ten hours at the least.

The present pumps can be relied upon to deliver this quantity provided it is supplied to them from the new tank or some other source, but they will be pushed to the limit of their capacity. It is therefore necessary to provide additional supply (deep well) pumping capacity as well as a duplication of power for pumping into the distribution system.

It is therefore recommended that the following equipment be purchased and installed:

Two 12-inch deep well turbines, electrically driven, capacity 350 gallons per minute each, against a head of 275 feet.

Two 4-inch horizontal centrifugal booster pumps, electrically driven, capacity 350 gallons per minute each, against a head of 220 feet.

The turbines can be connected to the tank and also to the booster pumps. Several arrangements can be made with these units, making it a very flexible installation.

The installation of these two deep well turbines will provide a means for determining the capacity of the present underground water supply. If the supply fails turbines and boosters can be removed to other locations at comparatively little expense.

It is further recommended that the above equipment be purchased from the American Well Works at a cost of approximately $6,300.00, as set forth in their bid of October 17, 1921.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD H. BARNETT,
Civil Engineer.

The above letter is self-explanatory. The Village Commission, desiring to make further use of its present water works, yet realizing that a greater supply is needed, has adopted the scheme of installing deep well pumps in two of the three 12 inch wells now in use, and to pump either direct into the 300,000 gallon storage tank, or into the mains. It is their contention that, by proper methods of installation, the present water works station can be made to deliver into the mains of the Village at least a quantity of 750 gallons of water per minute at 60 pounds pressure for a period of more than ten hours.

Tests Held

On Tuesday afternoon of this week another test, the follow-up of a test started last Saturday, was conducted by the Village Commission, for the their object to accurately determine just how much water could be delivered into the business district in a certain time.

According to the opinion of H. H. Barnett, engineer, the results were most gratifying and the expectations of the Village Commission relative to the amount of water to be obtained from the use of the new tank were realized.

At 3:18 o'clock Tuesday afternoon the test was begun. Three hydrants were opened, one at West Maple and Pierce, another in front of the fire station on East Maple avenue and the third in front of the post office on North Woodward avenue. The average amount of water pumped through the three nozzles, one at each hydrant, is computed by Mr. Barnett to be 750 gallons per minute. This amount of water could, he claims, be pumped continually for a period of six hours and forty minutes from the new tank alone, and this time extended if, after the new pumps are installed in the wells, water could be drawn from the wells at the same time.

Mr. Barnett stated that the hydrant pressure was maintained at an average of 60 pounds, while the pressure at the water works station was about 95 pounds. He said that the two pumps used in making the test, one taking suction from the storage tank, the other connected to the wells, worked smoothly and were easily able to deliver the water to the hydrants.

Boiler Capacity

According to President Clizbe, the statement that two boilers were necessary to run the pumps in Tuesday's test is unfounded. He declares that, although the two boilers were under fire at the time, but one boiler was necessary to furnish the required steam for the pumps.

Chief Engineer John Purvis, of the water works station, Wednesday morning substantiated President Clizbe's statement in this matter. "I had received orders from the state boiler inspector to be prepared to have one of the boilers inspected. I expect them there any day. The boiler they want to inspect is the one that I have been using for the past few weeks and, in order to get it ready for inspection, I had to start a fire under the other boiler. I am firmly of the opinion that either one of the two boilers alone could have furnished the amount of steam needed to put through Tuesday's test," he said.

To the Editor:

On October, 1920, the Village Commission, after consulting several local engineers and others, decided that a series of 12-inch wells, in our well developed water basin around the water works, should be bored and attached to the suction pipes. These three wells gave separately about two hundred and fifty gallons per minute and after being connected, in the fall and early winter, supplied such a volume of water that

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NEW PERMIT ISSUED FOR EAST MAPLE POOL ROOM

Village Commission Relents When Father of Former Owner Appears Monday Night

A new permit was issued Monday night by the Village Commission to Fred Buchanan, of the Clawson Village, father of W. G. Buchanan, to allow the continuance of business in a pool room located at 127 East Maple avenue.

Acting on information furnished by local police that gambling was alleged to have taken place in this pool room while under the management of the younger Buchanan, the Commission revoked the license the week before.

However, when the elder Buchanan appeared before them Monday night of this week and stated that he would personally conduct the running of the pool room, the Commission relented enough to issue another permit. It was the contention of Mr. Buchanan that, if there had been any gambling going on in the rear of the pool room, as local police alleged, it was without the knowledge and consent of his son, who was then in charge.

In issuing another permit the Commission felt that, inasmuch as this was the first complaint against the conduct of the pool parlors referred to, it would be in the line of consideration to allow the business to continue under the new management.

TWIN DAUGHTERS HONORED ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Of exceptional social interest was the double birthday party given by James F. Wooster, of 201 Poppleton avenue, Tuesday evening, when he entertained at his home a surprise party in honor of his twin daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Wendell and Mrs. Ernest Burtraw.

The appointments in the dining room, where an elaborate dinner was served at 6 o'clock, were in autumn colors and were very attractive. Following the dinner hour the guests spent the remainder of the evening at progressive "500." The guests of honor received a number of handsome and useful gifts.

The guests included Ernest Burtraw, Lawrence Wendell, Miss Caroline Wooster, members of the family, Miss Martha Nye, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Schlaack, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pingle and Mrs. Christine Starkey, mother of Mrs. Bailey.

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Those who frequent the library will be interested to know that the new books have arrived and are ready for circulation.

In the list of fiction are: "Quin," Alice Hegan Rice; "The Pride of Palomar," Peter B. Kyne; "This Side of Paradise," Fitzgerald; "Pride and Prejudice," Jane Austin; "Rilla of Ingleside," Montgomery; "The Thirteen Travellers," Hugh Walpole; "The Girls," Edna Ferber; "Far to Seek," Maud Diver; "The Wasted Generation," Owen Johnson.

Non-fiction—"A Trip To Lotus Land," Bell; "Jokes for All Occasions"; "The Orchestra and Orchestral Music," Henderson; "Six Short Plays," Galsworthy; "Careers for Women," Catherine Filene; "Julia Ward Howe" (autbiography), Laura Richards; "The Man in the Street," Meredith Nicholson (a collection of essays, varied in character, including humorous and serious subjects dealing with the life of today); "Theodore Roosevelt" (autobiography) William R. Thayer; "The Outline of History," H. G. Wells.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv

WIDER WOODWARD AVENUE PROJECT GAINING HEADWAY

The efforts of the Birmingham Real Estate Board to widen Woodward avenue from the 8 Mile road to Pontiac were favorably looked upon by members of the Pontiac Real Estate Board and the Chamber of Commerce when both the latter bodies passed resolutions Monday night to aid in the immediate carrying out of the project.

This movement, started by Judson Bradway, Detroit realtor, promises to gain the assistance of every community along the way, including, Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Birmingham and Pontiac.

A survey of Woodward avenue has already been made by the Oakland County Road Commissioners, according to Thomas Lytle, one of its members. He said that the Road Commissioners of Oakland County would call on their power to aid in the plan of widening "the most dangerous highway in America."

Members of the local Real Estate Board are urging every effort to bring this project to a successful head and it is that that something assuring will develop in the near future to bring about the proper legislation to make Woodward avenue a two-way artery of travel.

—"AND A GOOD TIME WAS THUS ENJOYED BY ALL"

Deer Geo., the Editerr:

Beings as you wuz out of town I thawt you all Wood like to no what wuz goin' on as us Masons sure did have a good time 'tother gite we had a bankquit 'n everything.

Now Geo. we can tell you any of the names of any of theh fellers what wuz thair cause Mac Wood not be good manners, by Dad; well up in the lodge room we wuz all standin' around Aaron our trubbles and I ask 'em what they wuz all waitin' for and they sed we cant do a thing till Lus-combe. now I wuz Terryable hungry and wuz Pullin to make this a sucess so I Roamed all over lookin' for him until somone sed hee Cummings.

Well we went over to the restewrunt and had a good feed-German fried potatuz, Brown gravy, roast Lamb and Black coffee made in a Perkins-later; of course I wuz a little Meeker than the rest but at that I wuz Fuller than a Bell when we finished and do you no Geo. we dident have any Wooster-shire sauce at all & most of the boys had 'em stewed but their wuz one Harnest looking feller who sed he never ett them anyhow But(rt)-raw.

It wuz a Shain the way the Newman started to Stove up the water-Cress salad, theyed Otto knowed better. For awhile it looked like Wood be a Rainey nite but it cleared up alrite and it seemed as if all the Macs in town wuz thair & in fact it looked like a Mac-Knight.

Sumone asked for another Mac & I sed I'd Mac-Donald, he made a choice seat and in this out row humped into a feller and we thought he'd Bowlus over and nock us to Smith-ereens. This Guy, who wuz trying to Hunt trubble I think so i Wendall aroun' the room to sjay out of his way.

I forgot to tell you Geo. the soup we had wuz ox-Taylor sumthin' like that and sum of the boys left the auffler off thair spoon and it made a noize just like one of those water wagons you no what they use to wash off the streets with, I think they call it a Slusser.

I sat at a little table with a little feller and sumbuddy sed to me "At-cher-son?" and I sed "no- how old do you think I am?".

I aint sure, Geo. but what games they played but one wuz Hy-man and the other wuz Low-man and he sure wuz Loist in fact it wuz hard to Peck the winner as sumone wuz always pasin' the Buck. Ain't it funny they always gives us owl cigars and even they were kind of Moss-y.

The polecee came by and told sum of the boys to be more carefull where they Parks thair cars; Shaw! they wants a feller to stay within a Inch of the Sidewalk.

The brother I sat next too sed the cream wuz sort a Curdy but I thot it wuz Nice and Riche like but I dident care cus he is sort of a Hard man ahyhow and only lives in that Hut-ton the hillside, the waitresses yuz quite Vliet of feet and the service wuz good and so was the food but for my part Geo. I wood rather have korned beef and cabbage or that good old southern dish of sow Belly and kale Green.

After supper wuz over we went back to the lodge rooms and everybuddy smoked one of those cigars and I'd say it wuz no clear Haven when they left all gittin' ready to go they entertained by sum perfeshuell from Detroit, one of them told a Story and the other played a Harp-er sum other thing and just I remember sed that our wife had told us that at 9 o'clock to come Homer she'd nock our block off. These big nites are all gittin' out of you I no Homer.

Well I guess this is all Geo. only I wish next time they'd engage a Carter to take the chairs over instead of making us lug 'em ourselfs and then thair wood be no Mix up. I most forgot to tell you they had Rabe Ruth's crowd thair and they sed tells me up front and see O-Neill and be crowned King of the Craft.

With lots of R. S. V. P's to yourself and family,

I beg to Carmine,
Ephraim.

(Editor's note—For the benefit of those who read this I must say that all words beginning with capital letters signify the name of members of the local Masonic lodge-do you recognize any of them, or would you be able to identify the writer of this letter if I told you that he rumbles in stature a huge Jardinier?)

POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

Manager Brown stated this week that the Village telephones were on a new schedule, as follows: Police department, day or night, 154; manager and clerk, 154; Fire department club 112; in the event of a fire, call Central and ask for 4, which is the pumping station. Give your name and exact location of your house, or of any building threatened by fire.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv

Personalities vs. Water

BY GEORGE R. AVERILL

"Personality," says Webster, "is that which constitutes distinction of person; individuality." He goes on to say, "something said or written which refers to the person, conduct, etc., of some individual, especially something of a disparaging or offensive nature, personal remarks; as, indulgence in personalities."

The Wizard of Words, in another place in his immortal book, states that water is "the fluid which descends from the clouds in rain, and which forms rivers, lakes, seas, etc." He probably includes underground water supplies.

For the convenience of the people of Birmingham I have quoted Webster on these two words—two words that are of vital importance to us today.

For the first we have not much interest, except where it interferes with the latter. What we want in this town is WATER—and we don't need to use the word "dam-(n)" to get it, neither in word or engineering service.

It's a plain, everyday business proposition with us, this buying of water. Pretty soon we shall decide what we want done about it. We, the people, are the ones to choose. But we'd like to have the various phases of solution to our water shortage placed before us in a business-like manner, free from any attempt to show a relationship between the two words defined.

FIVE ATTEMPTS AT BURGLARY REPORTED HERE DURING WEEK

Police Believe Same Person In All Cases; Three Homes Entered; Two Auto Thefts

Five burglaries and two thefts from automobiles marked the entrance of Friday into Birmingham between the hours of 11 o'clock Tuesday night and 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. The lot consisted of clothing, a small amount of money, two automobile tires and an auto robe. To date local police have made no arrests, although they are working on several clues.

George Todd, who resides a mile west of the village, on West Maple avenue, upon returning home Tuesday night at 11 o'clock, discovered a man trying to force an entrance through a kitchen window. Hastily grasping a double-barrelled shotgun, Mr. Todd pointed it at the window. His aim was a trifle too high and the would-be burglar made a hurried scramble through the nearby field. Nothing was taken from his home.

About midnight, Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. William Hansen, were awakened by a noise down stairs in their home on West Maple avenue, just west of the village. They saw a man leaving by a side window. Papers and matches were strewn about the floors, although nothing was found missing from the premises.

A hungry thief looted the home of R. A. McAlpine, 1505 Southfield avenue, about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning taking, besides a part of the clothing of Mr. McAlpine and his wife, and $12 in cash, a loaf of bread and a pound of butter from the pantry. Police were called and spent all night trying to locate the burglar.

Two tires were removed from the Ford car owned by Loren Shaw, 100 Ridgedale avenue, and an auto robe from a car parked outside the Baldwin High school. Both thefts occurred Tuesday night.

Homer Gaskill, local police captain, said Thursday that this series of thefts was probably the work of one man, an attempt to locate which captain Gaskill declared that, with the approaching winter, local householders should take great care to lock their doors and windows against possible future attempts at housebreaking.

COUNTY RED CROSS BEGINS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Report Shows Much Work Done To Aid In Health Of School Children

The annual membership campaign of the American Red Cross begins, as usual, on Armistice Day, Nov. 11. Birmingham will start collecting the $1.00 dues on the 15th of November and the directors are expecting a good response this year. No other money is to be asked for in Oakland County.

During the past year the Red Cross in Oakland County has been putting on a health campaign in the schools and in this way all of the funds from the war activities have been turned back to the people. Now that the work of caring for the sick and disabled soldiers may be rightly accomplished the dollar membership is an absolute necessity.

The county has been divided into districts, nurses employed doing public health nursing, specializing on school work. 1099 defective children were discovered and made sound, corrections were made in 1099 cases, vision, tonsils and adnoids, hearing and surgical conditions requiring operations. 121 persons were admitted to hospitals for treatment, 10 crippled children were located and are receiving treatment from the best possible sources, and under the constant supervision of the nurses. An average of 250 soldier's cases are under the care of the Home Service Section monthly, this branch of the work to be continued as long as there is a soldier needing assistance, which may be for years.

We don't have to ask the ladies to call again. They do it voluntarily. Our work pleases them. Hallman Buttons, Room 8, Field Bldg. Remodeling, Plating and Covering Buttons. adv 28

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

The Woman's Literary Club met with Mrs. Earl Potter of Oakland avenue, Tuesday, Oct. 25. The afternoon was spent in a Parliamentary Practice Drill directed by Mrs. Hickey, of Detroit. Mrs. Osborne was the leader. Miss Ruth Maynard rendered several pleasing solos.

The next meeting will be held in the new permanent club room located in the Arbor Tea Room. It will be an open day, and all mothers are urged to be present. Mrs. McAlpine is leader and Mrs. Singers has charge of the music.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The adjourned meeting of the Village Commission was held Monday evening, October 24, 1921, at 8 o'clock.

Present: President Clizbe, Commissioners Brown and Stimson; Manager W. H. Brown and Clerk Hoyt Clark.

Was moved by Mr. Clizbe that the following bids be accepted for furnishing and installing a pool room at No. 127 East Maple avenue, in accordance with plans on file and understood that the place be kept clean, free from acts of gambling and bad language. Year: Fire: Clizbe, Brown and Schlaack, Nays: None.

It was moved by Mr. Clizbe that the following ensemble and resolution be adopted for the improvement of Pierce, Lincoln, Floyd, Landon and Purdy Streets and Quinnipiac Place in the following manner: Pierce Street, from West Maple to George Street; Floyd Street, Landon and Purdy Streets, Pierce Street, Lincoln Avenue, alley between Woodward and Pierce Streets, Pierce South of George Street, alley between Ann Street and Purdy Street, and Pierce Street, Ann Street, Purdy Street and Quinnipiac Place.

Motion is made and passed roll call the construction of an 8 inch lateral pipe line beneath the surface of the following streets and alleys, the ownership of which has been reported to the Commission by the Assessor as required by law being known as special assessment districts, for sanitary purposes, namely: Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 31, 32, 33 according to the map, 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 roll No. 31 for sanitary sewers numbers 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, Year: Fire: Clizbe, Brown and Schlaack, Nays: None.

City Hall in the Village of Birmingham on Monday, November 7th, 1921, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. when and where any objections of persons interested in said special assessment and that a copy of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric not less than ten days before the time thereof. The district to be assessed are described as follows:

Clark Street

Beginning at a point in the center of George Street and extending southerly in Clark Street a distance of 300 feet.

George Street:

Beginning at a point in the center of Purdy Street and extending easterly in George Street to a point in the center of Pierce Street a distance of 300 feet.

Floyd Street

Beginning at a point 100 feet north of the center of Lincoln Avenue and extending southerly in Floyd Street to a point in the center of George Street a distance of 155 feet.

Landon and Purdy Streets

Beginning at the center of the first alley south of Lincoln Avenue and extending northerly in Landon Street and northwesterly in Purdy Street to a total distance of 221 feet.

Pierce Street

Beginning at the center of George Street and extending southerly in Pierce Street to the center of Lincoln Avenue a distance of 355 feet.

Lincoln Avenue

Beginning at the northeast corner of lot 6 Grove Addition, thence southwesterly along the northwest line of said lot to the center of Ann Street, thence southerly in Ann Street 11 feet, thence southwesterly in Lincoln Avenue westerly along the south side of the alley to a point 100 feet Pierce Street a distance of 1750 feet.

Alley Between Woodward Avenue and Ann Street South of Lincoln Avenue

Beginning at the northeast corner of lot 6 Grove Addition extending westerly along the center of the alley between Woodward Avenue and Ann Street a distance of 926 feet.

Alley Between Ann Street and Purdy Street South of George Street

Beginning at the center of Landon Street and extending northwesterly along the center of the alley between Ann and Purdy Streets a distance of 366 feet.

Purdy Street

Beginning at the center of Frank Street and extending northwesterly in Purdy Street a distance of 511 feet.

Dakota Street

Beginning in the center of Purdy Street and extending east in Dakota Street a distance of 100 feet.

Year: Fire: Clizbe, Brown and Schlaack, Nays: None.

Motion is made and passed roll call for the construction of a 12 inch main trunk sanitary sewer beneath the surface of the following streets:

Beginning at the main sewer in the center of Frank Street and extending south thereof in Ann Street to the center of George Street a distance of 300 feet.

Year: Fire: Clizbe, Brown and Schlaack, Nays: None.

Motion is made and passed roll call that the Commission shall meet on the 7th day of November, 1921, at 8 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of hearing objections or objections of persons interested in said special assessment roll and a notice of such meeting be published once in the Birmingham Eccentric one week before the date thereof.

Year: Clizbe, Brown and Schlaack, Nays: None.

It was moved by Mr. Clizbe that a note in favor of D. B. Wilkinson for $395.25 for 3 months be given, also note to Cranes & Co. for $435.44 for 3 months, and the following bills be paid out of the General Fund:

Murray W. Sales Co., $124.03; Central Boiler Co., $44.17; Miller & Gibbons, $9.00; City of Pontiac, $23.32; H. H. Barnet, $85; David Hillyard, $5.50.

Year: Clizbe, Brown and Schlaack, Nays: None.

It was moved by Mr. Brown that the meeting adjourn until Monday evening, October 31, 1921, at 8 o'clock.

HAZEL CLARK, Village Clerk.

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv

Emblem Rings for men. MIX THE JEWELER. adv 27

A CORRECTION

In last week's Eccentric it stated that Mr. Cole, superintendent of the Leinbach-Humphrey Company's subdivision, just south of Birmingham, would be on the grounds every Wednesday afternoon to receive prospective buyers of homesites there. It should have read that Mr. Cole would be on the grounds **every afternoon.**

DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv

Citizen's Water Commission Plans Special Election To Vote $115,000 Water Bond Issue

Last Public Meeting Held In High School Tuesday Night; To Circulate Petitions For Calling Election; Over 100 In Attendance

By the time this issue of the Eccentric reaches its subscribers, petitions will be in circulation throughout Birmingham to obtain the proper number of signatures to insure the calling of a special election to place before the electors the proposition of voting upon the issuance of bonds to the sum of $115,000.00 to carry into effect the installation the recommendations of the Citizens' Water Commission of Birmingham relative to a permanent water supply for domestic and fire purposes.

According to the terms of the Village Charter at least 25 per cent of the total number of votes cast at the preceding election must represent the number of signers to a petition calling for a special election by the people. In this case, since 1106 votes were cast last spring, only 277 signers are needed for this petition now being circulated.

More than one hundred local citizens were in attendance at the meeting held in the Baldwin High school Tuesday night, all of whom were intensely interested in the discussion as advertised to take place. Major Richard B. Hewitt, chairman of the Citizens' Water Commission, presided as chairman.

Hewitt Opens Meeting

Mr. Hewitt gave a summary of the work done by the Water Commission since its inception several months ago. He set forth the claim that the present water works station or any extensions that might be made directly thereto would be but temporary measures to solve in a permanent manner Birmingham's annual water shortage.

He stated that the rumor that the Citizens' Water Commission was an outgrowth of the Birmingham Civic Association was untrue; that it was rather a part of the Civic Association, in fact representing the Water Committee of the latter.

He declared that, when no response was given to this committee's recommendations to the Village Commission last spring, it was then conceived that an organization to be known as the Citizens' Water Commission was formulated.

After a trip to Lansing, to investigate the necessary steps to take relative to stopping the Village Commission from erecting a 300,000 gallon tank, he said that three things were presented to them first, the recall of the elected; second, the obtainance of a restraining injunction; third, the proposition of forming a citizen-body to take the place of its owns. This latter measure, he said, was the way finally decided. The Citizens' Water Commission is the result.

"Sick Water Works"

Typifying the present water works station as "sick and needing a complete surgical operation," Major Hewitt attributed the action taken by the Village Commission to continue the use of present equipment, with the result that, each year, thousands of dollars would be needed to maintain the needs of rapid growth.

"We are in the position of a body of physicians called into consultation," stated Mr. Hewitt, "but patient is the water works system of this town. We have a chance to make our water supply system fit physically—to restore to the people of our Village a project that has been sick for many years."

Open Forum

At one part of the program an open forum was conducted. Various persons present asked a number of questions, which were answered by Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Reineke.

During this discussion there arose what might be termed "heated comparet verbally." The two combatants resolved themselves into the persons of Mr. Clizbe and Mr. Hewitt, each taking his own side in the case.

It was Mr. Clizbe's contention that Birmingham now has all the water it needs, and he deplored the apparent lack of co-operation between business men and the Village Commission, declaring that the Village Commission was ever fair in its treatment of individuals and would welcome any suggestions that guaranteed benefit for the people of Birmingham.

Mr. Clizbe stated that the Village Commission had invited the members of the Citizens' Water Commission to "gather with us" and said that the suggestion would now come to the Village Commission in the form of the petitions now being circulated.

Major Hewitt, in reply to a question, stated that if the people of Birmingham authorized the issuance of the bonds, the entire new project would be carried out within from 90 to 120 days.

Reineke's Report

The report read by Mr. Reineke, in part, follows:

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Citizens' Water Commission and Fellow Citizens:

In presenting for your consideration the proposition of voting a maximum of $115,000 in bonds for the installation of a complete water system which will furnish an adequate supply for not only the present, but future needs of this village, and how much as there has been a great deal said about this additional cost on the taxpayer, it is well worth while to consider just what the additional annual cost will be, if we decide to consider in this connection, the saving that will be effected by this installation, and to present the figures carefully compiled, that notwithstanding the fact that the Village be bonded for this amount, the savings effected will more than balance the additional cost for interest and sinking fund.

In the first place, let us take up the interest and sinking funds on the bonds, these bonds are sold on a 6% basis (and we are given to understand by several responsible bond houses that there is a great likelihood that a premium can be secured on this issue), the annual interest will be $6,900.00. If a sinking fund is provided to retire these bonds at the end of 20 years

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DURAND CIGARS, very mild. adv.

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

Mrs. A. J. Simonson, a subscriber to the Eccentric for many years: "During the short time that the Eccentric has not been reaching us, owing to a mistake in our address, we have missed it as we would an old friend. We look forward to every issue and never miss a word that is written in it. There is something lacking in our home when it does not arrive and as soon as you find the reason for it not reaching us for several weeks, be sure and send all of the back copies so that we will not miss out on the activities of Birmingham."

Esther Hitchcock, librarian of the Baldwin Public Library: "It is amazing how the people hurry to get the new books in the library as soon as they are announced to have arrived. When new books come and we are kept from preparing them for loaning for a few days, we never announce that they are here because of the following rush for them. Often when we are making our announcement in the Eccentric, it is only a short time after the paper has come from press that there is a group of people at the desk asking for the new books."

Village Manager Brown: "There is a tendency on the part of local motorists to ignore the lines of hose strewn across the streets when the fire department is fighting a fire. Many will drive over the hose, making for a good chance to damage the hose and decreasing the fire-fighting ability of the men. Unless motorists detour in such a case we will have to prosecute them under a local ordinance. People should not endanger the fire-fighting apparatus."

W. D. Clizbe, Village President: "The water test conducted Tuesday afternoon shows clearly that Birmingham now has more water for fire fighting purposes than ever before. I am firmly convinced that with three good streams of water, each throwing out 250 gallons per minute, the state fire underwriters should be more than pleased with Birmingham's facilities for the class or rating we now enjoy."

Frank Ziolowski, a resident in the Leinbach-Humphrey subdivision south of Birmingham: "Yes, we are making good headway in owning our homes out here but it is made many times by what we all are able to put into the bank. There is also a big Fourth in owning your own home and this seems the start plan for many of us and we are enjoying our existence here."

Walter F. Johnson, former Village resident, now of Detroit: "Please find check for a dollar and a half for renewing year for Birmingham Eccentric. And I wish to congratulate you on the newsy and up-to-date village paper. Wishing you continued success, etc."

OLD ODD FELLOWS TEMPLE DESTROYED BY MIDNIGHT FIRE

Blaze Breaks Out Again at Daylight and Creates Excitement—Gas Causes Hotel Fire

The old building which has been used as an Odd Fellows Temple, for the past several years, and which closely adjoins the new Temple on Pierce street, was Friday morning completely destroyed by fire early Friday morning. A second fire just before daylight, brought the fire department to the ruins, where smoke from the midnight fire, had smouldered and finally broke into flame.

The building was of frame and had been standing almost a century. Some time ago the Village Commission refused permission to move it, the request having been made at the instance of the Odd Fellows lodge, because of the great fire risk to their new building.

Flames were discovered by Captain of Police Homer Gaskill, a few minutes before midnight. He turned in the fire alarm and in a short time great quantities of water were being thrown on the blaze to keep it from spreading to the adjoining Temple and other buildings. The property belonged to George Blackmer.

Gas fumes were found in the basement of the Hotel Rogers, Tuesday afternoon, by employes, causing a fire when someone went there with a light, to investigate. The gas ignited and had to be extinguished with sand.

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