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WAR IS DECLARED---TOMAHAWKS ARE UNEARTHED AS ELECTION DRAWS NEAR

LOCAL MAN DRIVES HIS WAY INTO JAIL

Offers To Show Officer That He Can Drive Safely; Fistic Encounter Ensues

TRIAL NEXT WEDNESDAY

Leo Frue, local tinsmith, is willing to show anybody, anytime, that he can substantiate his statements. Lieutenant of Police Clayton Stokes, although not a native of Missouri, is always willing "to be shown."

Shortly after midnight Sunday, Lieut. Stokes, in his nightly rounds of Birmingham streets, discovered a man trying to fill an automobile radiator at the D. U. R. car barns, on North Woodward avenue. According to Stokes, despite the fact that the radiator would hold no more, the man was intent on pouring several gallons of the precious water into it, with the result that the more water poured, the damper the ground beneath the automobile became.

Not wishing to have Birmingham's water supply exhausted, Stokes sauntered over to the car. He recognized Frue as its driver. Stokes remarked about the nice weather, asking Frue at the same time if any assistance were needed to get the car started, and that he (Stokes) would drive Frue to his home, it is claimed.

Angered, perhaps, at the insinuation that he was not able to drive his own car, Frue offered to show Stokes that there never existed a chalk line drawn so straight that he could not pilot his car parallel with—an offer that Stokes agreed was in the line of reason.

So, according to Stokes, while peaceful Birmingham reposed in its nightly slumber, and while the stars shone from above, casting flickering beams on his police badge, with Frue at the wheel, they left the vicinity of the car barns, headed for the golden west.

After devious and winding courses, avoiding as much as possible any damage to houses, garages, telephone poles and chicken-coops, it is said by Stokes that they reached West Maple avenue. By the time the car had traveled a quarter of a mile out West Maple avenue, Stokes decided that he would take the wheel. He succeeded in stalling the motor, after which he asked Mr. Frue to "slide over." This, declared Stokes, Frue refused to do.

Then followed fistic combat. Blows and more blows were exchanged, it is said. In order to save the car from further injury, declares Stokes resorted to his night-stick, resulting in a scalp wound to Frue. With the aid of Ralph Coryell, who was summoned to the scene, Stokes says he brought Frue to Birmingham, later lodging him in the county jail at Pontiac.

Arraigned before Justice Buck, Monday, on the charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated, Frue plead not guilty, demanding a jury trial. Bail was fixed at $500 which, after being furnished, allowed Frue to go free. Trial was set for Wednesday afternoon. Justice Buck, Wednesday afternoon, postponed the time of trial until next Wednesday, during which time Frue will seek witnesses to prove that he was not guilty as charged, it is said.

VILLAGE OFFICES STILL SEEKING MEN

Election Promises Merry Contest; Still Undecided About President

Mrs. Hazel Clark, present village clerk, who announced last week that she would not be a candidate for re-election, has reconsidered her plans and will be a nominee for the same office this spring.

Petitions have been filed for the office of Commissioner by David Bell and R. Eugene Griggs; a petition, nominating Philip Schlaack, present commissioner, for the same office, is being circulated and will probably be filed before Feb. 18, the last day for filing petitions for village office.

Several petitions have been circulated for men who will be asked to run for Village President. It is understood that there will be at least two in the running for this office.

NEW GARAGE

Auto repairing is work that can now be handled by Bell Brothers. They recently moved into new quarters at 122 East Maple avenue, owing to rapidly increasing trade. The equipment and a new line of auto supplies have been added and the brothers, Howard and Norman Bell, report splendid business.

Mrs. Howard Mudge and her two children, Jane and Raymond, have been confined to their home on Hamilton avenue, for the past week with influenza. They are slowly recovering.

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CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who so kindly assisted me during the long illness and burial of my mother; also the kind friends who gave the lovely flowers.

adv42* Chas. G. McEntee.

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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.

To the Birmingham Eccentric, Birmingham, Mich.

Col. House said recently in a special article to the Philadelphia Public Ledger:

"What France and Great Britain need, every country needs, and that is government honestly and economically administered at home; and a foreign policy free from injustice and intolerance."

Honest administration whether it is water, or taxes, or road improvements.

Economical administration whether it is water, or taxes, or road improvements.

That's what Birmingham needs. Thrift in handling the village funds—or we can call it, intelligent spending.

We're waiting to hear from the men who hope to get the vacant office. Let's see who they are, and what assurance they can give us that they will accept the job of running this town as a responsibility. It may be a lot of fun, but it should be much more than that, if the town's best interests are to be served.

AN INDEPENDENT VOTER.

To the Editor:

Rumors are saying I may again run for President of the Village. It is very kind of my friends to pay me this compliment, but it is only fair to them for me to make myself clear.

The real hard and important work of the Village will never be completed but it can be brought upto date as it is now. There is practically no unfinished business. The items of my platform have been more than fulfilled. "Publicity" has been followed until the village business is the talk of the town. "Economy and business methods" are in force in every department; we lowered the tax rate fifty cents per thousand, to $14.50; placed sanitary sewers in about one quarter of the whole village; made fire limits effective; established a building code; arranged a zoning system; established a milk inspection system for dairies and distributors; established a sanitary main sewer system for the West and North sides of the river; the storage tank is fulfilling our wants for fire protection and extra water supply; the engines have been improved about one hundred per cent. The administration affairs are going fine in all departments.

I have been pleased and grateful to have the people and committees back us up so loyally. My business matters will not permit me to take so much time off, so I am going to retire.

W. D. CLIZBE.

To the Editor:

In response to numerous inquiries from local people relative to the status of the Citizens' Water Commission, and their plans for water relief, I wish to submit the following letter from our engineer, Mr. F. F. Van Tuyl of Detroit. The letter is self-explanatory.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 30, 1922.

Mr. Richard B. Hewitt, Chm. and Mr. W. J. Reineke, Sec., Citizens' Water Commission, Birmingham, Michigan.

Gentlemen:—In my letter of Oct. 25, 1921, certain figures were presented showing that possibly the sum of $115,000.00 would be required to provide a new water supply system for the Village of Birmingham having a capacity of 1500 gallons of water per minute and an elevated storage tank of 200,000 gallons capacity together with the various details of construction and equipment required to properly assemble this apparatus.

In the estimate of Oct. 25th certain allowances for contingent expense were made amounting to practically 10% of the cost of the work.

In all construction work of this character it is very desirable to make some allowance for contingent expense which cannot be foreseen particularly when a large part of the work is to be done underground.

However, I do feel that it would be desirable to do so a new estimate can be made making less allowance for contingent expense which would make some allowance for the proposed work about as follows:

3 or more gravel wall wells and pumping equipment having a guaranteed capacity of 1500 gallons of water per minute	$36,000
Buildings	5,500
Automatic control for pump motors	1,600
Extension to water mains	20,000
Wiring connections, switchboard and connections in pump houses	10,000
Fire alarm siren and batteries	900
Gasoline engine for operating 1 pump for emergency use	3,500
Water meters and recording gauges	1,600
200,000 gallon gravity tank on a 100-foot tower	12,500
Foundations for gravity tank	1,600
Engineering expense	4,800
Total	$98,000

To the above figures must be added the price, if any, which will need to be paid for the land upon which to dig the wells and to erect the pump houses, but inasmuch as at least two of these wells will probably be constructed on property already owned by the village, it is probable that the amount which will be necessary to pay for property for an additional well will not be a serious item.

In our report of Oct. 25th an allowance of $2500 was made included in the cost of the pump houses to cover the possible purchase of the land on which to erect them.

I therefore beg that if you wish to re-submit this question to the electors of the village of Birmingham at the March election that you would be reasonably safe in asking them to vote for a sum of not to exceed $100,000 for this work, although such an estimate makes very little allowance for the unforeseen contingent expense which is liable to be encountered in the construction of this class of work.

The above expense can be further reduced if only two wells are installed at this time leaving the installation of other wells if necessary until a later date.

It is also possible that if two wells are installed the capacity of these wells might be increased to 600 gallons each per minute so that you could have a combined capacity in the two wells of 1200 gallons of water per minute.

The expense of such an installation would be about as follows:

Two gravel walls wells with pumping equipment having a combined guaranteed output capacity of 1200 gallons of water per minute	$26,000
Buildings	4,000
Automatic control for pump motors	1,200
Extension to water mains	20,000
Wiring connections, switchboard and connections in pump houses	8,500
Fire alarm siren and batteries	900
Gasoline engine for operating 1 pump for emergency use	3,500
Water meters and recording gauges	1,200
200,000 gallon gravity tank on a 100-foot tower	12,500
Foundations for gravity tank	1,600
Engineering expense	4,200
Total	$83,600

I would strongly recommend the installation of the three wells but if A does not seem advisable to spend the total amount of money required for the complete system at this time the installation of the two new wells and the elevated storage tank will give you much more water than you have had at any time past and will probably be sufficient for all the average demands of the village but will not quite meet the minimum demand of the insurance companies which requires a minimum of 1500 gallons of water per minute.

Trusting this letter will answer all inquiries.

Very truly,

W. J. REINEKE.

Editor Eccentric:—

I observe that the Michigan Manufacturers' Tax Investigating committee at Lansing last week declared for more efficiency of government in municipalities throughout the State in order to reduce taxation. It was asserted that while the state taxes have increased nearly five million dollars during the last ten years, municipal, county and local taxes have increased ninety-two millions during the same period. It can also be shown that the greater part of this increase is due to extravagant administration, which came in vogue during the war period, and the years after, and particularly in the direction of the increase of salaries of all who are in any way serving the government. Some of the officials at Lansing, for instance, have had their salaries raised from five to ten thousand dollars, according to recent reports, while thousands of men are out of employment.

What is the significance of the statement of our township treasurer, who says that "less than one-third of the total taxes levied in Birmingham were unpaid up to Jan. 20th, a condition never before known?" It means that the people are embarrassed by the exorbitant amount of money demanded from them, that they have had to resort to all sorts of expedients to get it, and many have not got it yet, and must be worried night and day lest a tax claim go against their home.

Portiac has taken action, I see, by slashing salaries in the city, amounting to a saving to the people of sixty thousand dollars, But here in Birmingham, instead of lowering salaries, we have recently raised the salary of one of our village officials and have asked the people to vote an amendment of the charter to permit the raising of another, I should favor, however, a revision of the whole charter, putting the various officials on an entirely different basis and making the President of the village what he is in fact: the responsible manager; and giving the commission authority to hire a superintendent of public works who would receive his orders from the President by the vote of the Commission.

We have been paying from $2500 to $3600 for Village Manager imported from outside, who knew nothing about the village or its people, and with what results? The first one stayed about a year and was charged with misappropriation of village funds, it is claimed. Then we secured another man, who was an improvement of his predecessor but not seem to give entire satisfaction, and the next election turned upon whether he should retain his place; and he resigned. Then our commission secured a surveyor and if we have had efficient service in other departments of public work the people will regret the fickleness at the coming election. As a rule, one manager has undone some of the faulty work of his predecessor and then passed about.

At the present time there seems to be a dearth of candidates for President, and I believe if that official was paid a modest salary, as well as

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See the first play in the new I. O. O. F. Temple on Pierce St., Wednesday evening, Feb. 15. adv42

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MANCHESTER RESIDENCE IS BURNED

BULLETIN

Fire, said to have resulted from defective electric wiring, broke out in the attic of the home of William Manchester, attorney, of North Woodward avenue, at one o'clock this morning, resulting in a loss estimated at $2,000. It was covered by an insurance policy with the Phoenix Co., of Hartford.

Rapid response by the firemen prevented the fire from spreading to lower floors, it being extinguished after half the roof and part of the sides of the house had been burned. Neighbors and firemen succeeded in carrying out most of the furniture and a valuable library.

In the house at the time of the conflagration were Mr. Manchester and seven children. Mr. Manchester is in New York. No one was injured or had any narrow escapes. Although the firemen worked nearly two hours in subduing the flames at the first call, another alarm was sent in at 4 o'clock, when a goodly amount of water was poured into, entirely putting out the last sparks.

OBITUARY

Samuel W. Harbison

The death of Samuel W. Harbison, Feb. 5, marked the passing away of one of the best known and oldest residents in the village. Mr. Harbison had been in poor health for several years, but his death was caused from a stroke of paralysis which occurred ten days before he died.

The deceased was born in Avon Township 65 years ago. He has spent his entire life in and around Birmingham. For years he followed the carpenter's trade but had been retired from his work for some time before his death. At one time he was a member of the local school board and all during his life was active in civic work in the Village. He was also an active member of the United Presbyterian church.

Burial took place Tuesday afternoon, February 7, in Roseland Park cemetery, following services at his late home conducted by Rev. Joseph Dutton of the local M. E. church. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Anna Harbison; one son, Dale; one daughter, Aline; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Harbison; two sisters, Maggie and Anna; and three brothers, William, Frank and Nathan, all of Birmingham.

Margaret May Wood

Little Margaret May Wood, the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot H. Wood, 305 Southfield avenue, died at Harper Hospital Wednesday evening following an illness of two days. She was the only child.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, Feb. 11, at the home. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery. Besides her parents, the child leaves her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilkinson of Birmingham.

URGE WOMEN TO HEAR DEAN PRIDDY SPEAK

Will Give Address At High School Evening Of February 15

The Birmingham Branch of the American Association of University Women urges all interested men and women to hear Bessie Leach Priddy, Dean of Women at the Ypsilanti State Normal College, Feb. 15, at 8 o'clock in the Junior session room of the Baldwin high school. The subject of her address and of the open discussion to follow it, will be a consideration of the Sterling and Kenyon-Fess bills now pending in Congress. Briefly stated the question involved is: —Do the existing conditions, notably the lack of educational opportunity available to the youth of some parts of our country, the lack of trained teachers in large numbers, the unassimilated foreign-born population massed in manufacturing centers, require and justify the creation of a Federal Department of Education as provided by the Towner-Sterling bill, or would these and other vital problems be solved by a mere Bureau of Education as a subdivision of the Department of Public Welfare, proposed by the Kenyon-Fess bill.

A broad knowledge of educational needs and conditions gained through a teaching experience in twelve different states renders Dean Priddy thoroughly conversant with the many phases of the subject. Moreover, those who have heard her state that, as a speaker, she possesses skill, clearness and power to an exceptional degree. Although an unusual opportunity is being offered which, it is hoped, will be embraced by a large number of citizens. No admission will be charged.

ELIJAH ADSLEY IS KILLED BY INTERURBAN D. U. R. CAR

Elijah Adeley was fatally injured Wednesday afternoon when the car in which he was driving was struck by an interurban car on the Rochester line in front of his farm home at Clawson. He was picked up and taken to his home and later to the Highland Park General Hospital, where he died late that evening from a fracture of the skull. He was 72 years of age, and had lived at his late home 19 months. The date of the funeral service has not been set. He is survived by his wife and one son, W. J. Adsley.

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FLAMING AUTOMOBILE HALTS LOCAL TRAFFIC

Quick Action Averts Fire In Garage; Alcohol Flames Envelop Car

Excitement was rampant Sunday afternoon, at about 4:30 o'clock in the vicinity of North Woodward avenue and Hamilton avenue. Local villagers, bent on their holiday walks, as well as motorists passing through town, were startled when a touring car, rapidly pushed backwards from the entrance of the Liberty Garage, was seen directly on Woodward avenue, coming to an abrupt stop against the curbstone in front of the post office.

As the car rebounded from the curb a stream of fire, encircling the hood of the car, flashed upwards for a distance of ten feet. "Bill" Thornton who, with Glenn Schlaack, conducts the Liberty Garage, made a grand and glorious run for the fire station, arriving in a few moments with the big truck. In the meantime others had extinguished the flames.

According to both Schlaack and Thornton, the car was in the garage for mechanical adjustment. Suddenly a slight flame was seen near the drip pan under the engine. An attempt to put it out was made with the aid of a fire extinguisher. As it was evident that the fire was spreading headway, and in order to save setting fire to the garage, the car was pushed into the street. As it struck the curb on Woodward avenue the impact caused the alcohol in the radiator to burst into flames. Aside from burning the paint on the car, no serious damage was done. No one was injured.

COMMISSION AGREED TO HOLD TO THREE MEN

Believe That Five Men Would Return Old Form Of Government

That the Village of Birmingham can receive as good government under a three-man commission as it could under one having five members, after all, is a good deal depends upon the ability of the Village Manager to perform his duties in a business-like and efficient manner, one points out this year until the Village Commission and a special committee appointed by the Birmingham Real Estate Board at a meeting in the office of Reddick Monday night. Following this discussion it was believed that no immediate further effort would be made to have the Charter amended to increase the personnel of the Commission.

PLAY CAST ANNOUNCED

Announcement has just been made of the members of the Junior Class who will take part in the play, "A Pair of Sixes," which is to be given in the Baldwin Auditorium the evening of February 17. There was excellent material in the class and those in charge of the production feel the players have been selected for parts best adapted to them, which will help to make the play one of the best that the school has produced in some time The cast includes:

Warren Ross as T. Boggs Johns, junior partner of the Eureka Digestive Pill Company; George McKnight as George B. Settleton, the senior partner of the Eureka Digestive Pill Company; Clark Hallock as Krone, the bookkeeper; Virginia Hupp as Miss Sally Fuller, the stenographer; Robert Shave as Thomas J. Vanderholt, lawyer; Clinch Crocker as Tony Taler, salesman; Earnest Mansfield, as Mr. Applegate, a business man; Wien Burkman as Jimmy, the office boy; Pat O'Kelly as shipping clerk; Louise Shepard as Mrs. Settleton; Mary Taylor as Miss Florence Cole, and Alice Vliet, as Coddles, the English maid.

CAMPAIGN WILL START TO PLANT 1000 TREES IN SPRING

A vigorous campaign to enlist the aid of all local residents in planting the one thousand trees this spring will be made at once by members of the Birmingham Real Estate Board. At the Commission meeting Monday night President Clizbe stated that he would be in favor of allowing the Village funds to care for a small part of the expense of setting out at least 1000 shade trees this spring, he said. Full details of the plan, which will be worked out at the Real Estate Board meeting next Monday night, will be explained in a later issue of the Eccentric.

ODD FELLOWS TO GIVE PLAY

Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, 1922, Miss Hazel Dell Christy of St. Clair, will present Booth Tarkington's comedy, "Clarence," at the New Odd Fellows' Temple on Pierce street. Miss Christy is a reader of the highest class and has given this entertainment successfully in many different places. Her impersonations of the characters and her interpretation of the play are excellent. This play is given under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. Equipment Committee.

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MARTIN BLUNT RELATES START AS AUCTIONEER

Recites Poem To Hold First Sale, 37 Years Ago; Is Past 70 Years of Age

Because Wilbur Reddick and his family grew homesick for their old home in Canada, thirty-seven years ago, and went at a loss to find an auctioneer to take the place of the one who was bed-ridden at the time, is the reason given by Martin Blunt, for many years a resident of Birmingham, for his having become a successful auctioneer in Oakland County. According to Mr. Blunt, from the time he held the auction for the Reddick family he has been the only active auctioneer within a radius of three miles from Birmingham and during that time has held 1,850 sales.

The story as told by Mr. Blunt is interesting and rather unique. Although he feels he was born for the business, he also feels that the opportunity of starting came to him by chance and that sheer luck for the following few years was responsible for his continuing in the business for so many years. Mr. Blunt explained that, for several weeks before he held his first sale, the neighbors and townspeople fairly hooted at him, saying he was not to be an auctioneer and that he had better stick to school teaching, which he had been doing for a number of years. He learned a poem, word for word, which he had at one time taught his pupils, that gave a typical auction sale to the audience in a magnificent manner. He told this week how he had spent hours in the old barn on some high spot, with the imaginary crowd below, auctioning everything on the farm, including the cat and the old apple tree.

When the day of the sale arrived, crowds gathered, from the countryside to see Mr. Blunt perform this great thing, believing they would be on hand to see him fail in his undertaking. At the close of eight hours, the young auctioneer had every man and woman conspicuous by their success as an auctioneer and many imploring him to make dates for future sales.

Seven years after that time Mr. Blunt made the Eccentric office in Birmingham his headquarters, and his customers have arranged dates there since. His business has grown rapidly from year until at the present time he is famous among the people of the county in which he has lived since he was a boy. He continues to hold sales and today is as successful as he was the first day on the old Reddick farm when he learned that auctioneering was an art and that he had at last found his calling. Mr. Blunt is past 70 years of age.

FATHER AND SON WEEK

By Charles H. Kennison

The week of Feb. 19th will be dedicated to activities intended to bring father and son into a relationship of better, mutual understanding. During that week, "Dad" will learn that his son is something more than an animal whose spontaneous instinct is to make a lot of noise. Son will learn that his father really loves him a little bit, maybe; he'll learn that "dad's" chief aim in life is not to preach at him or to tell him what a "whale of a guy" he was when he was a boy.

The first feature of the week is a "Go-to-church" day, on Sunday, Feb. 19th. Father and son will try to attend the morning service together that day, and having seen what a fine experience it is, they'll plan to go together on many other Sundays.

Tuesday night the fathers are invited to go over to the Baldwin high school to see the activities of the Y. M. C. A., the organization which is the sponsor for Father and Son Week. These activities will be educational, vocational and athletic.

The climax of the activities is probably the banquet which will be held Wednesday evening, Washington's birthday, at the Baldwin high school. Dr. A. G. Studer, general secretary of the Detroit Y. M. C. A., will be the principal speaker. His talk will be one that "dad" will appreciate and one that will "get home" to the boys. Rev. Roy Parsons, one of the best community-song leaders in the state will lead the crowd in their singing. Elliott Cowgill, a student for the boys, will tell of his experience in "Bringing up father," while C. S. Kennison will tell of the tragedies of "Techni-cal-ous Willie."

Only 300 can be accommodated at this banquet, so buy your ticket from the boy who gives you your first chance to buy one. If you haven't a boy of your own, bring some other lad.

Thursday night son will ask dad to be a pal with him to go some place together, or to stay at home together. Remember, dad, you'll be wanting to go to a pal. And you remember, lad, a better pal never lived than dad.

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

The Art Department was in charge of the meeting of the Woman's Literary Club which was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Raynale Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7. The program was an especially good one and the attendance good. This meeting was said to be one of the best this winter.

Mrs. Fred S. Ross read a paper entitled "Paris," which gave a most comprehensive history of that wonderful city, the world's greatest art center. Mrs. Edna Rossa gave descriptions of some of the handsome buildings of Paris, illustrated with sketches.

The Pontiac Federation of Women's Clubs will give a luncheon Monday, Feb. 17, at the Central Methodist church of that city. The members of the local organization will attend the affair. The meeting of the club to be held Tuesday, Feb. 14, will be at the home of Mrs. Iva Marlotte, 529 Pierce street.

WARRING PARTIES HOLD MEETING TO "BURY HATCHET"

Meeting Held Wednesday Night In Johnston-Shaw Hall; Agree To Disagree

WILL APPLY WARPAINT

Each Side Will Choose Candidate For Village President At Spring Election

About twenty residents of Birmingham, gathered over in Robert McClellan, local businessman, in an open meeting held Wednesday night in the Johnston-Shaw hall, voted against effecting a compromise with an opposing body of men to the end that one man might be mutually nominated for the candidacy for Village President, to be voted upon at the election, March 13. In other words, what might be termed the signing of an "armistice" between the two leading aggregations who have interested themselves in local politics for the past two years was not done, and Birmingham will probably, from outward appearances, go through another "stormy" election to fill the expired terms of offices in our Village Commission.

Meeting Opens

Dr. N. T. Shaw, who was asked to get the meeting together, made the following statement: "I think we are all agreed that, if Birmingham shall progress with the measure of rapidity that she should, something must be done to remove the factional disputes that have existed so pronounced for the past two years. This system of opposing forces, amounting to no less than feudism, must stop—we all admit this. Last Saturday night M. J. Guthrie of Lincoln avenue, who is one of the men who make up a certain so-called faction in Birmingham, called at my office and made the following proposition: "That a meeting of men not connected with his affiliation get together and appoint a committee of three to confer with a similar committee of his own body, with the view to having this joint committee, composed of six men, choose a mutual candidate to be nominated for Village President. That this candidate would receive the united support of both parties would insure for every taxpayer in the Village the functioning of good Government, and that the people of Birmingham would receive greater benefits than are now enjoyed."

Guthrie's Statement

Mr. Guthrie then stated his case. He unhesitatingly declared that bitter disputes existing in the Village were mostly the outgrowth of "personal spites." That it was he who had "fathered" the movement to obtain the election of Mr. Clizbe, both at the special election in 1920 and at the annual election last year. He said that, after a tour of the other communities in Oakland County, during which he was made intimate with each locality's affairs, he was given to believe that the feud which retarded mostly the growth of Birmingham was this factional disputation. Since acquiring this belief, he declared, it was his desire that some sort of a compromise be effected between the two local warring bodies, to the end that Birmingham might progress as befitted her. Those who stood with him in electing Mr. Clizbe were behind him in this movement to a reconciliation, he added.

Denies "Clizbeism"

When questioned about the actions of President Clizbe while serving as Village President during the past year and a half, especially certain activities that were opposed to recommendations made to him from sources other than those who aided in electing him, Mr. Guthrie stated: "I would like to caution you, gentlemen, the idea that Mr. Clizbe himself has nothing to do with our organization. We elected him for a purpose; he was *purely* our tool to carry out certain public enterprises that we considered good for the Village of Birmingham. Mr. Clizbe will not be a candidate for re-election. It is my mission here tonight to learn whether you will appoint a committee of three to confer with us, so that we can duly nominate a man for the office of Village President."

Motion Defeated

A motion was made and supported that such a committee be appointed. After more than a half hour's deliberation, during which time remarks became somewhat heated, a vote was taken on the motion. It was overwhelmingly defeated.

Hatchet Unburied

As a consequence of this meeting, it is understood that there will be at least two candidates slated for the office of Village President. Rumor has it that the warriors in each camp are busy mixing up their warpaint, sharpening their tomahawks, and the morning of March 14 will probably witness the sight of one or more scalps dangling from some wigwam.

The physician who has been attending Mrs. Mary Adams of Townsend street, for the past two months during her serious illness, reports that she is now out of danger and is rapidly improving.

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