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UTILITIES COMMISSION TO BOOST TELEPHONE RATES IN BIRMINGHAM

Will Have Completed Inventory and Appraisal of Property of Phone Co.; Hold Public Hearing

Letters from the Michigan State Telephone Company and the State Public Utilities Commission relative to a contemplated increase in telephone rates that would affect every subscriber in the State, were received and read by the Village Commission at their regular meeting Friday night.

The Commission referred the matter to John J. Gaffill, village attorney, who will probably be directed to handle the matter for local people.

In an interview with E. M. Gladden, general commercial superintendent of the Michigan State Telephone Company, Tuesday this week, he pointed out that the Michigan State Telephone Company has tried to obtain from the State of Michigan a fair rate for its telephone service.

In November, 1920, an increase, temporary in nature, of about 15 per cent was granted us by the State. This was done pending the outcome of the final inventory and appraisal, which is now completed.

At this meeting with the Public Utilities Commission on Feb. 14, it is planned that the results of this inventory appraisal will be made public. They will show, in detail, the actual amount of money invested in the lines, as well as the cost of operation.

Mr. Gladden said that each representative present on February 14 would be given the figures concerning the cost of telephone service in his own territory, and that the figures taken home by the representative and discussed among the officials of the various cities.

At this second hearing it was stated that the Village Commission has taken objection to an increase, if any, placed before them and that they are not inclined to stand for an increase in telephone rates.

What might have resulted in the burning of the home of Claude Borden, 519 Greenwood street, at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, was investigated by the prompt and efficient service rendered by the Birmingham fire department.

According to reports concerning the conflagration, the fire started in a room of wood and other inflammable material in the basement of Borden's home.

When the firemen arrived at the house, it is said, a good sized stream of fire was eating its way through the first floor, and in order to put out the blaze it was necessary to shut off the gas at the curb.

Mr. Borden was alone in the house, his wife, and daughter, Alice, having left Monday evening for a visit to the home of Mrs. Ferndale, New Jersey.

According to Chief Engineer John Purvis of the waterworks the maintenance of 95 pumps was maintained on the pumps, giving a pressure of 100 to 120 feet of water.

Sparks from the chimney summoned the fire department to the house of Leslie B. Post, corner of 7th and 10th streets, at 7 o'clock Monday evening.

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Whee-eeee!



D. U. R. TO INCREASE ITS FARE RATES ON JAN. 31

Will Charge Two Cents a Mile Outside of Detroit; Allowed Under Glaspie Act

Increased fares will become effective on the Flint and Pontiac electric lines on January 31. The new rates are based on a fare of one cent a mile instead of one and a half cents, and the increase was made in accordance with the Glaspie fare act.

The new rate is in accord with and under authority of the Glaspie act, which provides for a rate of one cent a mile outside of Detroit.

Knowing the state of mind of local residents as to the proposed increase in fares, the Detroit United car lines in 1920 were able to collect an interurban rate of fare within the so-called one mile zone.

Guard your stomach. It is the foundation of health or disease. The world's most famous stomach medicine is Tanlac.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Campbell, their immediate family and the relatives wish to express their sincere thanks to the nursing home at the Detroit Soldiers' Home.

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PROPERTY WORTH MORE THAN MILLION DOLLARS THREATENED; LESS THAN \$6,000 SUFFERED IN ACTUAL LOSS

That Birmingham enjoys one of the most efficient and up-to-the-minute volunteer fire departments in the Michigan is attested by the fact that during the past year, in an announcement made by the fire department, a total of 38 fires were reported.

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That the cost of maintaining a volunteer fire department in conjunction with a paid force of men, in view of the fact that no other member of the department, having missed but two of the 38 fires during the year.

According to Mr. Sheridan's report, the average time taken by the members of the department, from the time they are alerted to the fire, is one minute.

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APPROVE PAVING COMMISSION OF FIVE MEN SOUGHT

Special Realtors' Committee to Submit Petition Monday Night

At a meeting Thursday night of the special committee appointed several weeks ago by the Birmingham Real Estate Board, to investigate and make the necessary recommendations for amending the Village Charter to allow for a five-man committee to plan the paving of Adams avenue.

This will be in the form of a petition, legally drawn, asking the Village Commission to place on the ballot at the annual election to be held on March 13, the proposition of amending that part of the present Charter, now restricting the Village Commission to three members.

But one petition for any of the Village offices to be filled at the general spring election on March 13 has been taken out, and that is for the office of clerk, which will be filled by Hazel Clark, who will run for re-election.

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WE HEARD IT SAID BY...

A. W. Wasey, of Birmingham, writes: "My opinion is that the paving of Adams avenue this summer is what we should have done. I believe that most of the people are in favor of this project."

W. D. Clizbe, Village President: "Patrons of the D. U. R. who scoffed at the idea of the bus lines injuring their pocket books are probably changed in opinion since the rate of fare has been increased to two cents per mile on January 31."

W. B. Brown, Village Commissioner: "Some people seem to think that the Village Commission is responsible for the fact that the members of the village fire department are not paid."

Police Lieut. Clayton Stokes: "If the merchants want protection at the general spring election, they must learn to do their part. There is a right time to do it, and it is not now."

NEW OLD FELLOWS TEMPLE DEDICATION NEXT WEEK

Practically all of the final arrangements have been completed for the dedication of the new Old Fellows Temple when a program will be given at 8 o'clock on Wednesday, February 22, at the new temple.

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