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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.

Shall Birmingham Go Forward?

To the Editor:
Under the above caption, the citizens' water commission have an advertisement in last issue, probably to put over a bond issue, against the homes of Birmingham for the sum of \$1,000,000. They tell us that because of these bonds to purchase an entirely new water system for Birmingham is the only solution for us, in spite of the fact that the village has just completed the erection of a new steel tank and put in new wells costing the people upwards of ten thousand dollars.

Mr. Editor:
With much interest I read Mr. Black's comparison between the purchase of his watch and the waterworks system, and that he would tell the tax payers what the local citizen paid for the good watch and further that he does not say whether the first watch was a Waterbury or not or does he say whether it was a top or stem winder.

Now upon these two propositions our people will not trade for 'guarantee' watches especially if they had not seen the 'guarantee.' Now Mr. Taxpayer, before you vote to issue a bond for \$300,000 put forth by the village commission, for the purpose of the enlargement of the present plant by additional wells and new electrically driven pumps, which are claimed to furnish all the water we need.

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without knowing that more than half of these families have no shabby whereof. Moreover, it is well understood that the "commission" that is putting forth all this money is reimbursed for all the expense of steel wells, etc. in case their bond issue fails.

Surely with about \$9,000 excess over what the village commission will cost for room for such reimbursement.

R. E. GRIGGS

The voters fall into error and act rashly as they do on this matter. The Village Commission is not defeated or humiliated.

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WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

J. B. Howarth, secretary of Whitehead and Standard Real Estate Co., said that the number of new houses in Birmingham in 1920 that the screens in our new 3 new 12 inch wells would be corroded and useless was as good as ever.

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THE WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

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STICKLAND GILLILAN TO ENTERTAIN IN AUDITORIUM

Birmingham is to have the great privilege of hearing the noted humorist Stickland Gillilan in the building on First street on Monday evening, January 12, 1922.

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WINTER SPORTS CARNIVAL STAGED SUCCESSFULLY JAN. 2

Over Four Thousand People Turn Out, Governor Groesbeck and Mayor James Couzens Present. Frits Again Winner.

Before a crowd of over four thousand skating enthusiasts Monday afternoon, January 2, the second annual Winter Sports Carnival was held at Wing Lake, four miles west of Birmingham on West Maple road.

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Report of the Condition of THE FIRST STATE SAVINGS BANK

At Birmingham, Michigan at the close of business December 31st, 1921, as called for by the Commission on the part of the Banking Department.	
RESOURCES:	Commercial Savings Dollars Cts.
Secured by collateral.....	\$7,329.11
Unsecured.....	\$488,575.14 132,674.98
Items in transit.....	1,503.33
Totals.....	\$490,162.47 \$229,964.09 \$720,126.56
BONDS, MORTGAGES AND SECURITIES, viz.:	
Real Estate Mortgages.....	\$426,345.03
U. S. Bonds and Securities.....	55,800.00
Mortgages Pledged.....	535,849.89
Other Bonds.....	1,255,367.45
Totals.....	\$1,255,367.45
RESERVES, viz.:	
Due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	\$6,265,517.15 \$25,000.00
Due from State Bank for Reserve.....	30,022.78
Cities.....	3,950.00
U. S. Bonds and Certificates of Indebtedness carried as reserve in Savings Dept. only.....	1,400.00
Exchange for Floating Bonds.....	5,439.38 8,641.07
Total cash on hand.....	32,075.09 \$6,844,235.25 \$100,509.34
COMBINED ACCOUNTS, viz.:	
Overdrafts.....	\$69.59
Banking House.....	19,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	9,800.00
Customers' Bonds Deposited with Bank for Safekeeping.....	6,500.00
Outside Checks and other Cash Items.....	622.68
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	3,600.00
Totals.....	\$1,396,496.06
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	22,000.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	10,970.00
Dividends Unpaid.....	80.00
COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS, viz.:	
Commercial Deposits Subject to Check.....	\$230,638.64
Demand Certificates of Deposit.....	5,838.44
Certified Checks.....	2,514.04
Cashier's Checks.....	2,676.46
Totals.....	\$244,767.84
SAVINGS DEPOSITS, viz.:	
Book Accounts—Subject to Savings By-Laws.....	\$626,379.41
Certificates of Deposit—Subject to Savings By-Laws.....	159,510.70
Club Savings Deposits (Xmas, Thrift, etc.).....	1,177.17
Totals.....	\$787,067.28
Notes and Bills Redeemable—Bills Payable.....	24,800.00
Customers' Bonds Deposited with Bank for Safekeeping.....	6,500.00
Total.....	\$1,396,496.06

Voters, Notice!

In order that the people may know the facts regarding the water situation and not be misled by any overdrawn statements from various sources, we are presenting to you a quantity of water, etc. we have arranged to have our engineers, Mr. B. H. Barnett, at the office of the Village Commission all day Monday from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M., to explain fully to you the situation and to answer any questions you may have.

SHALL BIRMINGHAM GO FORWARD?

Is Birmingham to go forward? Is it to increase in population, to attract more people, to provide more opportunities for our children? Then it must have adequate water supply. Our village can make progress. It is on the verge of a water famine. Unless such conditions cannot hope to bring in new people, or even to hold those that already have.

EIGHTH GRADE PARTY

Thursday, Dec. 22, in the Junior session room, the eighth grade had a party celebrating Christmas. Names had been drawn and each member received a present, either humorous or pretty.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1922, J. H. COBB, Mayor.

Correct Attest: J. H. COBB, Mayor. ARTHUR C. PECK, FRANK HAGERMAN, Directors.

Raw funds of any kind purchased by D. C. Davenport. Phone 582. \$10.00 reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who cut a \$25.00 note from the Treasury of the U. S. A. DR. A. F. DIACK, 327 Willets St. 37 Arbor Tea Room now open. adv37