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TELEPHONE RATES DECREASED HERE

State Public Utilities Commission Denies Increase Asked By Phone Company

IN EFFECT AUGUST 1

Telephone rates for all except urban residence telephones have been reduced under a new rate schedule authorized by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission at Lansing last week. The new rates will be in effect August 1. Birmingham has been placed in group eight, under the Commission's order, which includes some 38 towns.

The Michigan State Telephone Commission has announced that it has denied permanent rates calling for an increase averaging 28 per cent or more, and the Utilities Commission has reduced the rate, instead, which will reduce the revenue of the telephone company considerably. It is now ordered the charge for single line residence phones in town has been increased per month from \$1.75 to \$2.00, and the party line increased from \$1.45 to \$1.50.

All other changes in rates have been in the single line business telephones in town will be charged \$2.50 per month instead of \$2.88 as previously, while the party line rate has been reduced from \$2.50 to \$2.35. Business farm telephones within a 6-mile radius have been formerly charged \$2.50, but the charge has been reduced to \$2.00. The charge for residence farm telephones within a radius has been reduced per month from \$1.75 to \$1.50. Business farm telephones more than 6 miles from the central office cost \$2.50 per month, but will be reduced to \$2.25. The cost of long distance extension phones will drop from \$1.00 to 75c, while residence extension phones remain at 50 cents as formerly. The rate for service stations has dropped from 85 cents to an even dollar while the monthly charge per line, which heretofore has been \$4.04, will be \$4.00.

These rates will mean a saving of thousands of dollars to Birmingham and vicinity. John Gaffill, village attorney, said that the rate reduction was sent by the Village Commission to take part in the proceedings for amending some village charters from all parts of the state, representing their respective communities, and that the Utilities Commission and are largely responsible for the reduction in rates, it is said.

LOCAL POLICE STILL ON MOTORISTS' TRAIL

Most of Traffic Violators' Trail From Detroit Pay Fines And Depart

Numerous arrests have been made during the past week for motorist violations in the Village of Birmingham. Most of the arrests are for speeding and many of the violators are residents of Detroit. Among those who paid fines are: John Haddie, Detroit, arrested Friday by Officer Stokes for driving a truck without mirror. Fined \$5.00. Carl Brumire, Detroit, arrested Friday by Officer Stokes for speeding within village limits. Fined \$15. Joseph Mills, Detroit, arrested Friday by Officer Stokes for speeding within village limits. Fined \$10. John Diran, Detroit, arrested Saturday by Officer Stokes for speeding within village limits. Fined \$15. Albert Basch, Detroit, arrested Saturday by Officer Stokes for speeding within village limits. Costs \$5. D. Hertz, Detroit, arrested Saturday by Officer Stokes for speeding within village limits. Fined \$10. John Miller, Detroit, arrested Saturday by Officer Stokes for speeding within village limits. Fined \$10.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED, SIR!

While the school board was making up its budget for the coming year, the item of a new band saw for the woodworking department was high was mentioned. "That's the trouble with these manual training departments," said one of the board members, "they ought to teach the boys to use common ordinary tools instead of expensive machinery. A saw should be able to do every-day jobs. I figure that any boy ought to know how to set a tap in a barrel."

Birmingham is getting short of coal—least there is enough of an approaching shortage to cause the Commission to order a car of the "white" grade—as it is not known how long the coal strike will last. It will be necessary to pay nearly three times what was paid before for the coal. The Birmingham Department Store, Palmer & Begole, and Young's Shoe Store are asking prices for coal which would be odd if the women could find nothing in all this to make their hearts glad.

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"No More War Day" Fete Here July 29

Women of Wayne and Oakland Counties to Hold Demonstration

WILL PRESENT PLAY

Cranford, the country estate of George G. Booth, will again be a center of interest as well as beauty on July 29th. This is the intention of the "No More War Day" and the Women of Wayne and Oakland Counties to hold a most unique demonstration there.

The plans are in charge of the executive committee of the Women's Committee for World Disarmament. This will mark the final effort of the committee to bring about the new famous Washington conference was staged.

Mrs. M. S. Whitmore of Bloomfield Hills, is general chairman of the demonstration, and Mrs. F. C. Hoskins of Pontiac, is vice chairman. The day will be divided into three parts. An afternoon bridge in the community house in Woodhouse, assisted by a large local committee.

From six to seven a little concert play will be produced by Gordon Mendonsohn, a local artist. Mr. Booth has offered the use of his Greek open air theatre for the play. Mrs. C. D. Duff of Birmingham is in charge of these arrangements and Mrs. Wallace Frost will act as a buffet.

This will be followed by a dinner supper on the lawn of the Woodhouse. Mrs. Arthur Kramer is chairman of the dinner. The decorations and the decorations and Mrs. Wallace Frost will act as a buffet.

EMERY TO SPEAK HERE NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT
Will Be At Johnston-Shaw Hall; Is Republican Candidate for U. S. Senator

One year ago Major John G. Emery, then commander-in-chief of the 10th Michigan Infantry, Legionnaires, including his friend, Major H. A. O'Dell of Birmingham, was elected to the highest honor ever bestowed. On Thursday night of next week he will be a candidate for the nomination of the United States Senator from Michigan on the Republican ticket, will talk to the people of Birmingham at 8 o'clock on Thursday night at the Johnston-Shaw hall for the occasion.

COLLECTING VILLAGE TAXES
Approximately \$6,000 of village taxes had been collected by Charles E. Ford, village collector, by Wednesday noon. This is about 7 per cent of the total, which is close to the goal. All taxes must be paid before August 15th, to escape additional penalty.

GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS
It is being rumored about that the members of the Girl Scouts in the Edison Company's office are all beginning for a vacation—there's a "No More War Day" party. The girls of the sisters in distress, returned the first of this week from her vacation at Woodland Lake.

LAWN MOVERS SHARPENED
Mrs. Edward Henneck retained her Sunday school class, from the Methodist church, Thursday of last week, in her summer cottage at Woodland Lake.

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IS MR. CLIZBE RIGHT?

In another column of the Eccentric this week is an article about the use of water in the Village of Birmingham. It was written by W. D. Clizbe, former Village President. The article in question contains many implications, some of which reflect upon the methods of Village management employed by the present Village Commission.

Mr. Clizbe believes that he knows a great deal concerning our waterworks system in Birmingham. It is his contention that the recent ordinance passed, restricting the use of water for sprinkling to two hours for six days each week, is entirely wrong. He says that, if the 300,000 gallon storage tank were properly used, there would be no need to restrict the use of water for any purpose.

Mr. Clizbe correct in his statements? Is the Village Commission, by restricting our water supply, doing this because they are "mad" at Mr. Clizbe, as he implies? Should not Mr. Clizbe's letter be fully answered by the Commission? We believe it should.

Manager Starr declared this week that he alone asked the Commission to restrict the water supply. He says that he has made a personal investigation of our water systems and that he believes the restricted use of water at present is necessary. Upon his advice, he claims, the Commission passed the ordinance.

But the implications of Mr. Clizbe are not a good thing for any body of officials to learn. We believe, in the interests of the people of Birmingham, that Mr. Clizbe's letter should be clearly answered by the Commission.

The columns of this newspaper are always open to public discussion.

TRUCK STRIKES AUTO KILLING 2 CHILDREN

Niece And Nephew Of James Clarke of Birmingham, Killed Last Week

Little Miss Velma Simmons, the 9-year-old niece of James Clarke of Birmingham, and her brother, James, who was only 7 years old, were killed last Monday night in a motor car struck by a truck.

Following the custom of all grown-up communities it is the custom at a certain stage in a municipality's career to pass an ordinance which will restrict the use of water to certain specific locations in the community. Such an ordinance was passed in Birmingham.

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GAS COMPANY TO OPEN NEW OFFICE ON EAST MAPLE AVE.
The Consumers Power Company is to open an office Monday at 129 East Maple avenue. The new business will be transacted and gas bills paid, instead of at Cobb's drug store.

FORD AND DODGE RUN AMUCK AT "FOUR CORNERS" HERE
About noon Wednesday, two automobiles came together at the corner of Woodward and Maple avenues. A Ford sedan, driven by Elsie Hendrick, 2718 Waterloo avenue, Detroit, was struck in the rear by a Dodge truck, driven by E. Mitchell, 6150 Gray avenue, Detroit.

THE MASSES MARINA NORRIS, Ruth Shepard, Francis Mayhew, Nancy Shepard of Birmingham, spent Tuesday at Boblo.

POSTMASTER GEORGE H. MITCHELL LEFT Birmingham Monday for a ten days' tour of the West Coast, via Buffalo, Boston and Ogontz, Maine.

DR. P. D. HILTY and family, of Elm street, will leave town Sunday for a summer vacation near Mackinac City, Michigan.

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CLUB PICNIC AT CAMP BOYVILLE, JULY 22ND

County-Wide Gathering of Club Members, Their Families and Friends

Considerable interest is being shown in a proposed county-wide picnic of Club members, their families and friends, to be held at Camp Boyville, Saturday, July 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. An afternoon of baseball, indoor ball and volley ball, has already been planned between the different clubs of the county. The schedule is as follows:

Baseball—Milford Club vs. Seymour Lake Potomac Club; Clarkston Hampshire Pig Club vs. Holly Certified Seed Potato Assn.

Indoor Volley Ball—Waterford Potomac Club vs. North Oxford Club; Potomac Club vs. North Oxford Club; Volney Ball—Oakwood July Novices vs. Highland Girls Club; Four Counties Improvement Club vs. Milford Canning Club.

The picnic gives an unusual opportunity for the county-wide picnic. One should bring a bathing suit because there will be ample accommodations for swimming, tennis, croquet, etc. The picnic will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue until the following evening.

The Boys and Girls' Club of Birmingham and Oakland County Fair Bureau, with Mrs. Geo. T. Hendrick as chairman, has appointed the committee which has charge of the arrangements for the picnic. Mr. Geo. Whitfield of Waterford, will look after the supper arrangements.

START CONDEMNATION OF LAND FOR SCHOOLS
School Board to Acquire Land For Adding To Barnum Athletic Field

It was voted at a meeting of the school board, Monday night, that the law firm of Kelton & McGee, Pontiac, be retained to handle the condemnation proceedings to acquire the lots adjacent to the Barnum school grounds for the purpose of adding to the playground. Inasmuch as the people voted expressly to have the board of education have no power to acquire land without the consent of the people, it was felt that had no other recourse, and that, far from vesting any derogatory power in the board of education, the property, condemnation was the most fair and satisfactory means of acquiring the land for school purposes, the practice being in vogue in many cities for any purchase of the kind.

Bids for painting the metal work on the exterior of Baldwin high school building at Loon Lake in Isocoma county, was opened at a different kind of price.

GOES ON A "RAMPAGE"
Frank Diemer of Ego Subdivision, an aeroplane trimmer, went on a rampage in his car, which was taken into it, it is said, drove his wife and children out of the house, rammed himself with a car, and amused himself by breaking furniture and dishes. His wife came to William Thornton, deputy sheriff, to have a warrant sworn out for his arrest. Meanwhile Diemer had tired of his wife and children, and he visited the place they found the house open and Diemer lying on the floor, with a broken bottle on his head. The Peace Officer, who found him, was arrested.

ALBERT SAM IS DEAD
Albert Sam, an employee of the Village in 1915, died in Providence, R. I., of cancer of the stomach, as received by the Village Clerk this week. In the death of Sam, Birmingham is relieved of the payment of about \$340 in compensation insurance, it is said. Sam injured his hip while working in the Village, and was paid damages totalling \$4,325, of which Sam had paid \$400 but had been paid \$3,925. He was paid for two days, it is said, when the accident happened. He was being paid at the rate of \$8.33 per week.

DAIRY INSPECTION TEMPORARILY POSTPONED BY POLICE
Inspection of dairies was temporarily postponed this week because of other important matters requiring the attention of the police department. The inspection of dairies is almost finished the task of interviewing property owners with regard to the removal of their septic tanks. Cesspools and unsanitary septic tanks must go. A notice is being given property owners whose houses are still unconnected with the sewer, wherever possible they must connect within thirty days.

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I wish to announce that I have purchased the Arbor Tea Room and will formally open it on Sunday, July 9. Under this new management a complete change in cuisine will be made. Four patronages respectfully solicited. J. W. Taylor, Prop. adv11

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