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$45,000 LAWSUIT CASE IS ON TRIAL

Damages Claimed By Mrs. Julia Adams Before Jury In Circuit Court

STARTED MONDAY

The $45,000 damage suit brought against the Village of Birmingham by Mrs. Julia Adams of West Maple road, in which she claims a loss of a flowing well on her farm through the action of the Village sinking a test well on the Latham farm in March, 1920, started Monday of this week before Judge Glenn Gillespie, in the Circuit Court at Pontiac.

Monday and part of Tuesday was spent in obtaining the following jury: Ole Knudson, John Beardsley, M. P. Potts, Robert Cascadden, F. R. D. Moreland, George Lovejoy, Harold Waite, Thomas Cudney, W. W. Collier, Albert Muemiller, C. R. Bradley and Roy A. Corwin.

By Thursday afternoon A. L. Moore and Clinton McGee, attorneys for the plaintiff, were through examining the following witnesses: Clarence W. Hubbell, Oscar Hunt, Maurice Lowman, Jay S. Williams, Fred Lambert, William Oritzinger and F. F. Van Tuyl. Following recess at noon the Village, represented by Attorneys John J. Cahill, Leo C. Patterson and E. G. Wasey, began their cross-examination of witnesses. It is expected that the case will go to the jury today or tomorrow.

Although the present case is but one of a total of $140,000 alleged damages asked for by the Oakland County Farmers' Protective Association, of which Mrs. Adams is a member, and is brought against the Village of Birmingham, a new element was injected into the case when Attorney Patterson asked that an amendment to the case be accepted from the Village. Interpreted into ordinary parlance, this amendment asks that, in the event that the Village loses the case in Circuit Court, it may appeal to the Supreme Court at Lansing on the grounds that the sinking of the test well on the Latham farm was an act of the Village Commission, not of the entire people of Birmingham. This would mean, it is said, that the suit would be brought against Thomas L. Luscombe, Philip Schlaack and Fred Quarton, who were the Commissioners when the well was sunk.

In the fall of 1919 the Village hired C. W. Hubbell of Detroit, to locate a test well with the view to adding to the local water supply. Mr. Hubbell decided on a site on the Latham farm. In March, 1920, the Village, under Manager Lowman, started a test well there. A three million gallon per day gusher was found. In the meantime, it is said, the members of the Farmers' Association obtained an injunction against sinking this well, they claiming that it would impair the flow of their own wells.

The court directed that the Village might sink the well, providing it were kept under control at all times. When the big gusher was struck, it is claimed by the farmers that it was allowed to flow without being under control. The Village then took steps to stop the flow; in so doing, it is stated, the water, unable to get through the casing in the test well, broke up through the adjacent earth, and was allowed to run without any further attempt on the part of the Village to stop it.

This uncontrollable flow of water is claimed by the plaintiff's attorney to have materially damaged Mrs. Adam's property to the extent of $45,000. Others who will later sue for damages on the same grounds as Mrs. Adams are: Fred Lambert, Jay S. Williams, John A. Mercier and Albert Stoll, Jr.

It is said that whichever way the case is decided in Pontiac, it will be appealed by the losing side to Lansing.

U. OF M. LEAGUE HOLDS FIRST MEETING HERE

Seeks To Bring Extension Course To Birmingham; More Members Wanted

The Birmingham Branch of the University of Michigan League held its first meeting of the year Monday, Sept. 11, in Baldwin high school. This organization, consisting of alumnae and wives of alumni of the University, is already demonstrating its usefulness by bringing an extension course from the University, to Birmingham.

The course, which will give two hours advanced credit to all high school graduates who successfully complete it, will be given in the high school. The subject, probably American History or American Literature, the instructor and the hour of meeting for the class will be announced later. Those wishing further details may call Mrs. Corson, phone 202-M, or Mrs. Halpern, telephone 98.

Further efforts of the Michigan League will be concentrated upon raising money for the proposed Women's Building in Ann Arbor. The women of Michigan are the first women of any co-educational institution to organize in the interests of their university. Birmingham has a rapidly growing branch and all alumnae and women members of families having university affiliations are urged to join the local group. Life membership in the League is not essential to membership in the branch, though, of course, it is highly desirable. The money from life memberships endows the new building while all other contributions go toward the construction.

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WOMAN'S CLUB LAUDED FOR PLAYGROUND WORK

Commission Expresses Great Satisfaction With Efforts Of Ladies In Public Park

The Commissioners of the Village of Birmingham are more than pleased with the manner in which members of the local Woman's Literary Club have maintained and cared for the public park and playground at the intersection of Southfield and West Maple avenues.

This was emphatically stated by them Monday night when they paid to the club a balance of $50, for the work done by the ladies in cleaning up the park last spring. Early last spring the members of the Literary Club offered to clean up the park for a sum of money equal to that paid others in previous years. The amount of $125 was agreed upon, $75 of which was paid several months ago.

"We certainly want to compliment the ladies of the Club for the efficient manner in which they have kept the park this year," each of the members of the Commission said Monday night, "and we hope that they will repeat their performance again next year. We don't think that the park ever looked so nice, was frequented by so many children, or appeared so creditable to the Village, as it did this year." On behalf of the entire Village we want to tender them a vote of thanks."

WOULD LEVY GENERAL BONDS FOR ALL SEWERS

Commission Seeks Way To Install Storm Sewers Without Tapping Current Tax Funds

The idea of enforcing that clause in the Village Charter that makes it possible to assess abutting property owners for the installation of storm sewers on any local street was discussed by the Village Commission Monday night. It has always been the custom to assess the entire Village for any storm sewers built, but the Commission feels that any attempt to enforce the terms of the Charter now or in the future would be discriminating and would not be upheld by the taxpayers.

A plan to go over the Village, locating needed storm sewers, preparing estimates of the total cost, and the issuance of general assessment bonds against the entire Village for this cost, will probably be the solution of the problem, according to the Commission. Manager Starr was accordingly instructed to obtain such data.

The installation of a storm sewer on Oakland avenue between Lincoln Grand Trunk tracks and Poppleton **avenue, at a cost of about $1152,** was authorized by the Commission Monday night. It is claimed by residents on Oakland avenue that their basements are flooded to a depth of two and three feet when it rains, the storm sewer now in being unable to care for the drainage of surface water. As septic tanks and cesspools along this avenue are not connected to any sanitary sewer, the sewage backs up into the basements when a heavy rain falls.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DINNER IS SUCCESS

Teachers Enjoy Themselves At Annual Reception; Will Hold Group Socials

The annual reception and dinner given by the local Board of Education to the teachers of the public schools was held in the Baldwin high school cafeteria on Friday evening of last week. About 65 guests were in attendance. The room and tables were decorated with vines and fall flowers furnished by Mrs. C. A. Wilcox. Everybody evidently enjoyed the delicious dinner prepared by Mrs. Mable Smith, assisted by Mrs. Wilcox, and served by high school girls under her direction.

After the tables had been cleared, short toasts were responded to, by Messrs. Lynch, Quarton and Coryell of the Board of Education, and by Mr. Hart, Miss Bassett, Miss Nelson and Mrs. Easterday of the teaching force. Mr. Drake and Miss Nelson, assisted by Mrs. Drake and Miss Gratton, gave musical numbers. It is planned to hold a group social meeting for all the teachers each month during the coming year.

TAXES NOT ALL PAID

There is still $16,000 of village taxes unpaid, according to Charles Plumstead, village treasurer, which means that $60,000 has been collected of the total of $76,000. A penalty of one per cent was added to all taxes not paid before August 15.

With her three children, Mrs. Raynele Whitehead left for Louisville, Ky., to visit relatives, after spending the summer visiting her father-in-law, Almeron Whitehead of this village.

The ordinance of baptism was administered to Amanda Heth of Martin street, at Wing Lake recently, Rev. Dunn officiating.

Miss Louise May of Chinook, Montana, who has come to Birmingham to attend the high school, is living with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berz of Pierce street.

Colorado Springs will be the home of Mrs. Fred Lambert of Fifteen-mile road, this winter, as she has made complete arrangements for this winter and intends to reside there. She left this city for the west on Saturday.

HERE IS ONE TO PIN ON THE LADIES. A style critic says: "Nine out of every ten women are well dressed and only one man in ten." Think this over men! Hits us rather hard, eh, what? Wm. E. Owen, tailor, 142 S. Woodward. adv22

Hallman Buttons have a Hemstitching machine at Field's Store. 24-hour service. adv19tf

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New Preacher At Local M. E. Church

Rev. Dutton Goes to Sault Ste. Marie; Rev. West Of Howell, Comes Here

DUTTON HERE 3 YEARS

Rev. Joseph Dutton, for three years pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal church, was moved by the pastor of the church in Sault Ste. Marie, at the Methodist Episcopal conference in Pontiac last week, and will leave Wednesday to take up his duties there. His family will go with him. Rev. Dutton leaves many friends in Birmingham and vicinity whose best wishes will accompany him to his new pastorate.

Rev. Julian West of Howell, Mich., will take Rev. Dutton's place as pastor of the home church. He will occupy the parsonage on West Maple avenue. Rev. West has the reputation of being a very capable minister and Rev. Dutton extends his cordial regards to his successor and expresses himself as well satisfied at leaving his congregation in such good hands.

FOOTBALL STARS HURT IN PRACTICE GAMES

Captain Ross, Coryell and Delong Out For Several Weeks; No Game September 22

Gloom has spread over the high school football squad as a result of an injury to Captain Ross, the big lineman. During practice Monday afternoon the leader of Birmingham's eleven received an injury to his knee that will put him out of the game for at least two weeks. Coach Drake is at a quandary as to who will fill the hole in the forward wall made by the injury of Ross.

Coryell, who has been filling a guard position, is also out of the game with a bad shoulder. One of the candidates for an end position, Delong, is out for a few days with a touch of "cholera horse."

Outside of the three men mentioned, the team is rounding into shape rapidly. Scrimmage has been held this week between the first and second teams nearly every night. The high school mentor has acquired a tackling dummy for the candidates use in blocking and tackling practice, and is planning to make good use of it.

No game will be played September 22. Coach Drake had been trying to get a game with the Grand Rapids high school teams but the plan fell through.

Of the linemen, Pederson, a tackle, and Patenaude, a guard, are to be showing up the best, according to Drake. They both have plenty of fight and are experienced. The coach feels that these two will be big factors in the play of the high school team this year. In the backfield, the coach will have three experienced men. Groves is slated to play fullback position with Wilcox at one half and "Boots" Smith at quarterback. The other half-back position is still open.

WILL TELL OF LIFE IN TURKEY DURING WAR

Address At St. James Church Here Next Sunday Morning

William B. Manisajian will speak at the morning services of the St. James Episcopal church Sunday morning, for the benefit of the Near East Relief organization. He has an interesting story to tell of the hardships of his people and the wonderful work the Near East Relief has done among them.

Mr. Manisajian, with his family, was driven by the Turks from Marsovan during the massacres of 1915. They escaped to England and lived in Manchester until they could emigrate to the United States. Mr. Manisajian's first education was received in the American school at Marsovan. He has since attended the Ohio State University. His talk is certain to be most entertaining, especially to those interested in the customs of eastern peoples. Mr. Manisajian is a business man but, having the sincere interests of his people at heart, welcomes the opportunity to serve an organization that has rendered them such valuable service.

BAILEY OPENS A NEW GAS AND OIL FILLING STATION

Another curb gas filling station has been erected in Birmingham. Irving Bailey of Pierce street, last week obtained permission from the Village Commission to open up a station on Pierce street, just south of West Maple avenue.

The granting of permission to Mr. Bailey for his enterprise followed a rather stormy session before the Commission and several citizens. D. B. Wilkinson of Southfield avenue, handed over to the Commission a petition signed by a number of people, asking that no more curb gas filling stations be erected in town. The Commission overruled the petition, saying that to refuse Mr. Bailey permission would be discriminating, inasmuch as many other stations were now operating in Birmingham.

Daniel Beier of Dewey street, will leave Saturday for Ypsilanti, where he will attend the Western State Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Levinson have returned to their city home on Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, from their summer home at Loft Elm, Sylvan Lake, after a very pleasant summer at the lake.

Four bicycles, stolen from the Baldwin high school, Tuesday, have been located and returned to their owners. Two of the bicycles were returned Wednesday and the other two were found in Highland Park yesterday.

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REGISTER

Tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 23, is the last day to register for the coming special election set for October 4.

If you have a desire to vote on the water question, be sure that your name is on the Registration Roll, or else you can't vote.

If you are loyal to Birmingham your name should be on this roll.

Place of registration is at the Village Clerk's office in the City Hall.

WANT SOME HOOTCH?
ASK GEORGE MITCHELL

Proof That the Mails Are Used For All Kinds Of Business Transactions Is Revealed Here

Some resident of Birmingham missed a package from his Florida winter home and neglected to leave his new address at the local post office. Early this week a letter came for this party and said party was nowhere to be found. The letter passed from house to house, like an orphan, no one daying claim to it. During its wanderings, some curious person opened it and examined its contents. It proved to be of a very "personal nature," having to do with the location of some pre-Volstead stuff, alleged to be of excellent quality.

The writer of the epistle gave the address of the place where the hootch might be obtained and the quantity one could purchase. At the end of the letter he said, "If you don't believe it you can investigate for yourself." If anyone is interested he might talk with Postmaster Mitchell about it, perhaps, if a little diplomacy is used, the location of this forbidden liquid can be learned.

ORDER CROSSWALKS AND SIDEWALKS HERE

Several Thousand Feet To Be Installed This Fall If Weather Permits

Crosswalks and sidewalks, totaling several thousand feet, will be installed in Birmingham at once providing an early frost does not set in, according to a vote of the Village Commission last week. Manager Starr was instructed to attend to the matter at once.

The sidewalks will be paid for by the abutting property owners, while crosswalks, extending into the streets, will be paid for from the Village treasury.

The walks will be placed in the following places: north side of Lincoln avenue between Bates and Pierce streets, at a cost of $395; east side of Bates street between Lincoln and West Maple, a distance of 104 feet, at a cost of $75; west side of Park street, a distance of 125 feet south of Oakland avenue, at a cost of $95; 975 feet in the Highland Park View Addition No. 1, at a cost of $705. Owners abutting all the above properties have been notified to construct these walks within 30 days, after which time, if not done, the Village will do it, charging it to the owners.

Crosswalks are ordered for the following places: At Bates and Henrietta streets; at south end of Park street; in Highland Park View Addition No. 1; at hand on Poppleton avenue, between East Maple and Oakland avenue.

ANNUAL FRESHMEN PARTY

The annual Freshman party will be held this evening in the Baldwin high school auditorium, from 8 until 11:30 o'clock. Attendance is strictly limited to members of the junior and senior high school, teachers and chaperones. Finzel's orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

NO FORD DELIVERIES

The shutting down of Ford's factories will be felt in Birmingham, according to C. Osborne, of Conant-Osborne, local Ford dealers. No more deliveries can be made on Fords in Birmingham until the plants open up again, stated Mr. Osborne this week when asked about the situation.

BEEKEEPERS' MEETING TO BE HELD NEAR REDFORD

Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties will hold an all-day beekeepers' meeting at M. H. Hunt's, Bell Branch, south from Redford, Mich., on Saturday, Sept. 23rd. Many noted speakers will be present as Mr. Hunt is one of the oldest and best known beekeepers in Michigan.

Everyone interested in beekeeping should not fail to attend whether members of the Oakland County Beekeeper's association or not. Bring your lunch and spend a profitable day among the beekeepers.

C. D. Ardussi of North Woodward avenue, left Monday to attend the silver wedding anniversary of his brother, John Ardussi, which took place Tuesday in Saginaw.

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EXPECT POPULATION OF 1,000 IN ECO CITY BY END OF NEXT YEAR

Said To Be 300 People There Now; Great Activity In New Subdivision As Homes Rise Over Night

MAY INCORPORATE

Next Year May See Gravelled Streets, New Sidewalks, Electric Street Lights, Etc., In Thriving Community

Eco City, the energetic neighbor of Birmingham to the south, is threatening to outgrow this village within a year or two if "The Pride of Old Auburn" doesn't get its water question settled and get busy at construction work. The 272-acre addition of the Leinbach-Humphrey company, although its development has been under way scarcely a year, has astonished the whole neighborhood with its marvelous growth. Almost overnight it has sprouted dozens of substantial dwellings, and the great ditches and piles of earth remind one of metropolitan subway activity.

As the visitor approaches the section he hears the pound of hammers, the rasp of saws and the chortle of the engines that are engaged in exactly that kind of development of new frame houses, many of which are still unfinished, unpainted but occupied. Everywhere there is an air of life, activity and people coming and going. Along the roadway of Woodward avenue is a wide and deep ditch within which, like some immense buried storm sewer, is the big pipe for the trunk sewer, while on either side of the ditch are high ridges of earth, the only hills in the land-scape.

Today there are nearly 100 houses in Eco City. There are 40 more under construction, whose estimated value is nearly $100,000, and the type of house is apparently improving with the population, as estimated by M. D. Joy, sales superintendent, to be 300.

When asked whether there was any chance of the subdivision being incorporated as a village with its own postoffice, Mr. Joy replied that he didn't know; it would depend upon the residents.

It is planned to open the land east of Woodward for development the next year, by the end of autumn, according to Mr. Joy, the prospective village will have concrete sidewalks, paved streets and electric street lights. Six store buildings are to be built at Woodward avenue immediately, and 200 more houses are expected to be built within the next year. The plan for the sale division is said to be absolutely permanent. The laterals are all completed and the trunk line is nearly completed. The water system, the water tank is entirely satisfactory, according to Mr. Joy, and gives a pressure of fifty pounds in the mains.

QUARTON LAKE DAM TO BE COMPLETED SOON

Expect To Fill With Water In a Month; May Skate There This Coming Winter

Construction work on the new dam in the Quarton Lakes Estates Subdivision, now a part of Birmingham, on West Maple avenue, is nearing completion. Some concrete is yet to be poured, but the main structure of the dam is up and the wooden forms removed. Work on the dam started in April this year. Those in charge feel that if no unforeseen obstacles interfere the work will be completed in four more weeks.

The dam will form a beautiful lake with again come into being, giving the people of Birmingham a place to swim in summer and in winter a place to indulge in sports of all kinds. When the water is turned into the dam, the natural basin will be filled again, the same as it was when the old mill was in operation.

The lake will be held the winter carnival on Quarton Lake this year, if it is finished in time.

I. O. O. F. TEMPLE BURGLARIZED

While Charles Hallock, custodian of the I. O. O. F. Temple on Pierce street, was out to lunch Wednesday noon, the cigar case in the front office was broken open and a quantity of cigars and cigarettes and $3 in cash were removed. Mr. Hallock had locked the building before going out. The identity of the thief is known, but Mr. Hallock wishes to state that there will be no arrests made if the stolen articles are returned immediately.

The Child Conservation League will hold its first meeting for the year on Monday, Sept. 25, at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Redford, Room 112. Call to be answered by quotations from "Social Progress."

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Dunlap and daughter, Sybil, of Detroit, spent Sunday at Woodland Villa, the guests of Mrs. A. Maude Dewar.

Eugene Walton and family, who have been spending the summer at Broadhead, moved into their home on North Woodward avenue Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bayley of Detroit, and Ellen Barbour of St. Louis, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Williams of Yorkshire road, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Manley of Detroit, spent the week-end at the home of Charles L. Batchelder of Greenwood avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Walker, formerly of 162 North Woodward avenue, moved to their new home at 608 South Woodward avenue last week.

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CANVASS MADE BY THE ECCENTRIC SHOWS NEW WATER PLAN FAVORED

Proposition For New Well And Elevated Tank Meets Approval Of Many Of the People Visited

ELECTION OCT. 4

By GEORGE R. AVERILL
Editor of The Eccentric

The Birmingham Eccentric, in an endeavor to be fair to all of the people of the Village, has conducted a canvass of more than a hundred homes and business places in the community during the past week, seeking opinions on the proposition for water works extensions to be voted on by local people October 4.

A reporter was sent out with the admonition: "Ask them what they think of the plan for a new well unit and elevated storage tank as outlined and recommended by the Village Commission; speak neither for nor against the proposition; make a memorandum of what the people have to say, and put it in writing."

All parts of the Village were visited. The opinions of women as well as men were obtained. The result of this canvass showed that all but a few were favorable toward more water for Birmingham, and that a great majority of them were in harmony with the proposition to be voted on next month.

Following is a partial list of the opinions obtained:

T. H. Cobb, Banker: "I am in favor of both the well and the elevated tank."

Morris Levinson, Merchant: "I think we need more water and if the Commissioners think a combination of well and elevated tank necessary and if the company to which the contract is let agrees to sign a bond that it will provide water or receive no money, then I am for the ballot as it stands."

G. F. Pullin, Merchant: "I am in favor of anything that will give us more water. In my business we are handicapped by having too little water pressure. I say 'Boost the town.'"

F. L. Young, Merchant: "We need the water. Put me down in favor of the proposition."

Frank Schlaack, Merchant: "What I think won't matter much. Now, if you were to ask Bill Olsen he'd say he wants enough water to shoot a stream clear over town and hit Pontiac. As for myself I have plenty to wash in."

E. C. Gardner, Merchant: "I am in favor of the proposition as it stands provided the other water works is not to be discarded."

F. S. Baker, Justice of the Peace: "There is a grave doubt in my mind that it is necessary to add to our water system just at this time. I am willing to pay for water the same as any one else for water but it seems to me as if more might be had from our present plant. I do not know yet how I shall vote."

Homer Gaskill, Captain of Police: "I expect to vote for it."

Clarence Vliet, Supt. of Schools: "I am in favor of a new well with an electrically driven pump and an elevated tank, provided it is understood that it is the initial step in replacing the present steam plant with an electrical unit."

Mrs. J. E. Vallentine, 117 Worth street: "We could use a new well but what do we want with a tank? It seems unnecessary to me."

Mrs. James Campbell, 318 Purdy street: "More water! More water! Surely we want both the well and the tank."

Mrs. Melvin Deer, 408 Hazel street: "We need more water but we should not scrap the old plant. I am not in favor of any temporary proposition. We need something that will serve us for years to come."

Mrs. D. A. Bell, 416 Oakland: "We need more water. I am in favor of the proposition."

Elmer Huston, Merchant: "I am not yet decided on the question. We have had more water this year than last and I haven't heard many complaints. But I would be in favor of a new well with an electrical pump. I don't know whether the tank is necessary or not."

J. B. Howarth: "I favor the proposed amendment. When city people come here looking for homes they expect water for gardens and lawns. It is a bad advertisement for the town to be short of water."

J. W. Cobb, merchant: "We need more water. We haven't enough. But I don't know whether this proposition is the best thing or not and I am not sure how I shall vote."

T. C. Williams, 200 Willetts: "I am in favor of the new well and tank."

Glenn Begole, Merchant: "I believe in having plenty of water but I haven't studied the proposition enough to make any definite statement."

C. A. Bingham: "Water is a good thing, but I can't say how I shall vote."

NAME NOT PICKED YET

Those submitting names for one of the new busses to be added by the Inter-Urban Bus Company will have to wait another week for announcement of the winner. So many letters have been received at the office of The Eccentric that it will be another week before they can all be looked over and the best one picked.

Mrs. Emma Brooks of Southfield Center, visited her daughter, Mrs. Volney Miller of Oxford, last week.

Mrs. Martha Hall of Detroit, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Williams, of Oak street.

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UNCLE SAM WANTS POSTMASTER HERE

Mitchell's Office Expires Oct. 17; Large Number Expected To Take Examination

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"Uncle Sam", alias the United States, is seeking a new postmaster for the Village of Birmingham. George Mitchell, present postmaster, for the past eight years holder of that office, being a loyal Democrat, will "resign" from his position about October 17. It goes without saying that the new postmaster will be a Republican.

So announcement has been sent out from the "powers that be" in Washington that the field here is open for a competitive examination of local talent for postmaster, the job to last four years or longer, according to the length of time the Republican party is supreme at the national capital.

Applications may be obtained from the Birmingham postoffice by all who desire to become Mr. Mitchell's successor. The examination will not be held under the civil service act and rules, and competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place, but will be rated upon their education and training, business experience and fitness.

It is expected that quite a number of residents, both men and women, will take the examination. The local postoffice pays about $2,500 per year, above all expenses.

WILL INVESTIGATE ABSENT PUPILS HERE

All Children Between 7 and 16 Compelled To Attend Schools Unless Ill

"Enrollment of children is being checked against census rolls and all children not in school will be looked up at once," announced Clarence Vliet, superintendent of schools, on Monday of this week. "Parents should remember that the only excuse which can be accepted for the absence of children between the ages of 7 and 16 years, is illness. Many new families come to Birmingham each month and children should be promptly entered in school. All parents should also remember that tuition for the first semester is due and payable this year not later than Monday, October 2, at the Baldwin high school building.

All persons who know of children not regularly in school are requested to call 495, Mr. Vliet's office.

FOUR CITIZENS MADE SPECIAL DEPUTIES

Village Commission Appoints Them To Aid In Decreasing Traffic Toll on Woodward

Following the program outlined by the local Village Commission several weeks ago, to appoint special deputies to guard the traffic on Woodward avenue, between Detroit and Pontiac, four residents of Birmingham were elected here Monday night.

They are: Archie Utter of Southfield avenue, Louis Bascall of North Woodward avenue, A. W. Wasey of Birmingham Estates, and W. B. Brown of Southfield avenue.

These men will work in conjunction with Sheriff Butler's office and other police departments in the communities along Woodward avenue. They will be empowered with all the duties of a deputy sheriff and will arrest and bring to trial any violators of the traffic ordinance. A large letter "S" will be attached to each of the deputies' cars, signifying "sheriff."

100 LOCAL ODD FELLOWS TAKE PART IN DETROIT FESTIVAL

One hundred Odd Fellows from the local lodge attended the I. O. O. F. festivities in Detroit, Wednesday, traveling in special cars. They wore badges and other insignia of the order and had on white paper military hats advertising the local lodge and Odd Fellows. They were in high spirits, gleefully promising to outdo the recent Masonic program in Detroit.

Members of the committee on arrangements were: C. C. Hoover, chairman; L. G. Green, J. Wilson, D. B. Wilkinson, V. McKinley, J. Briggs and V. Spicer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor entertained Mr. and Mrs. Otto Beier of Pierce street, at St. Clair flats last week-end.

Miss Lena Retan of Fostoria, O., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ardussi, of North Woodward avenue, last week.

Miss Bonar VanZandt of Dewey street, will leave for Ann Arbor this week where she will resume her studies as senior at the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Barber of Saginaw, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Barber of Park street last week.

Mrs. Schwanbeck and daughter, Elizabeth, of Santa Barbara, Cal., spent Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berz of Pierce street.

Among the out-of-town visitors who stopped at the Rogers Hotel last week were: G. G. Beck, Harvey Jacobs and W. F. Miller, of Findlay, Ohio; George Sorenson of Flint; C. A. Leopold of Detroit; J. Connel and F. J. McMahon of Bay City and D. and Grover Peck of Alma.

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