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Forty-sixth Year—No. 17

NEEDS \$148,563 FOR NEXT YEAR

That Amount Necessary For Maintenance During 1923-1924 RATE TO BE ABOUT \$18.00

Annual Report Gives Resume Of Enrollment, Finances And Teachers

According to the annual school board report submitted to Township Clerk Robert Y. Moore the amount of money necessary to maintain the schools in this school district during the coming year will be \$148,563.00. This is \$9,563.00 more than the last year's budget called for, but the assessed valuation of the township this year is \$300,000.00 more than it was last year, so the tax rate for next year will be raised only approximately seven cents over the thousand according to Township Supervisor Luther Allen.

The report also showed that there were 1254 students between the ages of 5 and 20 that attended school last year, this number being distributed throughout the five schools in this district. The Hills, Adams, Barnum, Maplecrest and Baldwin schools.

It is interesting to note that 635 of this number were boys while 619 were girls.

There were only 36 students received by transfer during the last school year from other schools not in the district, but there were 93 non-resident pupils. The average membership during the year was 1065 and the average daily attendance of 1017 was exceptionally high.

There were 132 enrolled in the kindergarten, 136 in the first grade, 138 in the second, 115 in the third, 104 in the fourth, 98 in the fifth, 106 in the sixth, 70 in the seventh, 73 in the eighth, 83 in the ninth, 59 in the tenth, 62 in the eleventh and 46 in the twelfth.

The 67 that were granted 8th grade credit a year ago last June were all enrolled in the Baldwin high school for last year.

The school library, which is in the Baldwin high school building, has shown progress with the addition of 300 new books during the year, bringing a total of 3783 volumes for the entire library.

The school board, in their report, stated that the value of the school property was \$470,600.00 and that the total indebtedness for all years has been issued, is \$368,600.00. One school building, the Adams school, is under final completion and a second floor during the past year at a cost of \$70,752.28. The equipment for this building cost \$3,873.98 extra.

Fifty-eight teachers were employed of this number all have teaching certificates with the exception of one, who had a four year college certificate. This year 100 teachers were graduates of Ypsilanti, ten had graduated from the University of Michigan, two from Ferris Institute, four from M. S. N. C., one from Alma, three from W. S. N. S., one from M. C. Durand. The 100 teachers were graduates of Ypsilanti, ten had graduated from the University of Michigan, two from Ferris Institute, four from M. S. N. C., one from Alma, three from W. S. N. S., one from M. C. Durand.

The financial report of the school board showed that the principal paid on indebtedness was \$700,000.00 and \$77,000.00 of principal. This did not include the interest on the principal, \$39,873.98 for school equipment, which included practically everything with the exception of paying off indebtedness, amounted to \$62,860.84.

The school board had on hand the 9th of last month \$4,720.22 in the general fund, \$1064.03 in the library fund, \$344.47 in the building and site fund, making a grand total of \$6028.72 cash on hand.

CLAWSON CHURCH TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

Members of the Clawson Methodist church will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of their church this Sunday, August 19, with Rev. C. M. Thompson, of Birmingham, as preacher of the occasion.

DO YOU KNOW That the Board of Trustees of local lodge here is now discussing a project, when someone suggested advertising in the Eccentric...

MEMBER OF STATE FAIR COMMITTEE

JOHN ENDICOTT

Tears Fill Eyes Of Those Who Gathered At Methodist Church Friday

Eyes filled with tears and voices faltering through the opening strains of "Nearer My God To Thee," several hundred people stood in the first Methodist Episcopal church last Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock and began their memorial service to the late President Warren G. Harding.

Speeches eulogizing the life of Warren G. Harding were made by Rev. Julian West of the Methodist church, Rev. T. J. Edwards of the Baptist church, and Rev. S. Irving Acheson of the United Presbyterian church.

Local stores were closed from 3 to 6 o'clock.

October 8 To 13, Inclusive Will Be Dates For Big Affair

Carnival time is coming to Birmingham, for on October 8 to 13, inclusive, the members of the local lodge of Odd Fellows will hold a carnival for the benefit of the fund in back of the Odd Fellows Temple.

There will be paddle tennis, pink tennis, lawn tennis, and other sports. Brass bands and a dance orchestra will also be featured.

C. Hotelling, chairman of the carnival committee, has said that this occasion will be strictly a "home town" affair, given for and by the people of the Village. Different days will be set apart on which neighboring lodges will be entertained.

A different band will be secured every evening to furnish entertainment for the crowds. Each day will be given away to the holders of the lucky numbers. On each admission ticket of \$1.00 a number of colored cards will be given and during the evening prizes donated by the merchants of Birmingham, will be awarded to those holding the numbers drawn.

No definite arrangements for the following week are expected that several automobiles will be given away during the six days. The grand prize will be a dancing every evening and a special orchestra will be secured for these days.

The Odd Fellows carnival committee, of which T. C. Hotelling is chairman, consists of the following: C. Hotelling, C. H. Carter, William Hunt, L. G. Green, Mac Mack, William M. Pittman, Ernest Kurts, Roy B. Brice, C. C. Hoover and G. A. Shattuck secretary.

10 Years Ago Marks Birth Of B'ham Volunteer Fire Dept.

Ten years ago last Monday, August 13, 22 men organized the first volunteer fire department in the city of Birmingham. James W. Cobb, the present postmaster, was the first chief of the department. He was chief for the first two years of the department's history, and then he resigned. Mr. Charles H. Thorne, of the force and William Olsen was elected to head the organization.

Mr. Olsen has been chief of the department ever since, with the exception of one year, during which time Neil Black held the post.

Of the 22 original members of the volunteer fire department, only four remain. They are Charles H. Thorne, Neil Black and E. C. Gardner. Twenty-two years ago the department

boasted of two horse carts and a hook-and-ladder equipment, all of which were carried to the fires by man-power.

For the first three years the volunteer firemen did not receive any monetary recompense at all, and then the Village voted to give each member five cents for every alarm and one dollar for each fire.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS CALLED FOR SEPT 4

To Vote On Purchase Of Fire Truck Pumper And Heating Plant For Library

\$17,500.00 INVOLVED

Registration Will Be Open Until August 25th—Board Appointed

Believing that a violation of the Village Charter might be the result of their actions if they purchased outright a mechanical pumper fire truck, members of the Village Commission Monday night passed the necessary resolutions to call a special election for Tuesday, Sept. 4, at which time they will ask the people to approve the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$17,500, to make the purchase. At the same time bonds to the amount of \$6,000 will be sought to defray the expense of installing a new heating system in the Baldwin Public Library building and for remodeling the fire quarters.

The recent disaster to the Field Building on West Maple avenue, when not only a negligible pressure behind the available water supply, caused the fire to gain uncontrollable headway, has awakened both the Village officials and the township trustees to the dire necessity of mechanical pumps. It is thus thought that there will be an overwhelming expression of approval for the \$12,500.00 bond issue at the polls.

Letters have been received by the Commission from a number of well known manufacturers of fire apparatus and under consideration by the Village officials. Among those who submitted bids are the American LaFrance Co., the Buffalo Co., the Seagraves Co., and the Buffalo Fire Pumper Co.

The first three are for the same amount, \$12,500.00, and the Buffalo Co. bid is for \$17,500.00. The Buffalo Co. proposed that their equipment be installed on a General Motors chassis and recommended the purchase of one or two 350 gallon motor outfits at less than \$6,500 each. Just such an outfit is being purchased if the bond issue carries, however, in the fact that the bond issue calls for the sum of \$12,500.

That the Baldwin Public Library needs a more adequate system of lighting for which it has applied for a \$5,000 bond issue is evidence that the village officials are not overlooking the immediate future possibility of a new and modern Village hall and library building. Although the bond issue can be used to remodel the fire hall to care for housing the proposed new pumper.

This Is One Way That Money Grows

George Hughes will pass no more bogus checks—that is, of course, if he can profit by a rather expensive lesson. Last March Hughes gave a check for \$100.00 to the Birmingham Trust Co. for the purchase of a car. The check was cashed and the money was deposited in the bank. Hughes then discovered that the check was a bogus check and that the money was not his.

Don't "Motor Cuddle" On Public Highway

"Motor cuddling is responsible for three-fourths of the auto accidents," according to a deputy sheriff.

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS NAMED

The Village Commission at its meeting Monday night appointed the following local persons to act on the election board at the special election set for Wednesday, Sept. 4: T. E. Harris, William Brown, T. P. Fouts, Mrs. Maria Lewey Wilson, Mrs. Blanche Blumberg, Mrs. Florence Walker and Clara Stewart.

SALES GROW WITH DROP IN PRICE OF GASOLINE

Since the 66¢ per gallon reduction, just given by the Standard Oil Company, there has been a great increase in the total amount sold. According to M. G. Wilson, who has the oil station at the corner of Woodward and Hamilton avenues, there was a 35% increase of sales Wednesday, over the sales of a week ago.

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BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1923.

Birmingham Man Gives "Air Picnic"

DETROIT

The inauguration of Michigan's first "balloon picnic," which Birmingham man modestly claims this week when Ralph H. Upson, 314 South Woodward avenue, Birmingham, and his wife, accompanied by five Detroiters, ascended in Mr. Upson's balloon, "Detroit," pictured above, from near the Ford plant in Highland Park, and landed five hours later in a hay field at Sandusky, O. The aerial voyage was pursued across Lake Erie a distance of 75 miles.

The trip was made under ideal weather conditions, and no mishaps of any kind took place from start to finish—although it was admitted by Mr. Upson that part of the lunch was left behind in the excitement of getting away. However, the pages of a luncheon were somewhat alayed by a venture of the "balloon picnic" type.

Local folks will remember a recent article in the Eccentric relating how Mr. Upson narrowly escaped death when the same balloon he used Monday dropped over a mile in six minutes at 2 o'clock on the morning of July 5, near Wapakoneta, Ohio, while enroute in the American National Elimination Balloon Race.

The trip Monday proved that my balloon should have met with no previous disaster if I had not gone to sleep on the morning of July 5," declared Mr. Upson when he arrived home Tuesday. Upon the arrival of the balloon party in Detroit Tuesday they formed the Detroit Balloon Club, organized to foster new ventures of the "balloon picnic" type.

To Shoot Or Not Is The Question

If there is a suspicious character prowling about your property after dark, and his antics are repeated night after night, are you legally within your rights if you fill this suspicious character with buckshot? Yes, you are! E. J. Shipman, 518 Woodward avenue, advises the questioner that the Village Assessor DeWey gave the answer.

According to Mr. Shipman, he had been granted a plumber's license to do business in the Village, upon the recommendation and motion of President McBride made at the Commission meeting Monday evening.

WORK HAS BEGUN ON FIELD BLOCK

Local Firm Given Contract For Reconstruction Of Building

Reconstruction was begun this week on the Field Block, the interior of which was almost completely razed by the fire which swept through the building on the morning of July 14. The Packard-Charlton Co., a local firm, has received the contract for the work.

According to H. G. Field, the owner of the building, the first floor will be reconstructed in much the same plan as was used in the original building, while the second floor will be laid out for the display and sale of antique furniture and the finishing work for the work.

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COMMERCER FARMER DIES

Following a long illness with asthma, Eugene C. Coy, 50 years old, well known Commercial township farmer, succumbed Tuesday afternoon, in his home near Walled Lake. He was born in Iowa and was married to Jennie Spencer of Birmingham, April 13, 1896. He leaves a widow and his mother, and a number of children, brothers and sisters.

THEVES FOUND

Goods Recovered

Silverware, Linen, Cut Glass And Crockery Stolen From 220 Brown Street

Officials Have A Few Things To "Iron Out"

(Being a life in one act and that one had, which took place in the Village hall last Monday night, the occasion being the meeting of the Commission of the Village of Birmingham. The principal part were taken by the members of the Commission and other officials, including Mayor being taken by a few of the most interested citizens of the Village. The scene opens in the Village offices after the Commission has spent an hour or so in the reading of several bids and the discussion of various projects, such as the case of a man whose water meter had registered what he thought had been too much water. The Commissioners had just finished looking over some samples of fire hose, when they were in contemplation of buying as a result of a fire which destroyed a block and threatened the Village three weeks previous. They had just said aside the hose samples, with the remark that the matter would be taken up later." Mr. H. G. Field, owner of the building that was the victim of the fire, then took the floor.)

Mr. Field: "Gentlemen, I heard you say that you were going to take the matter up later. It has been nearly three weeks since we had the fire which ought to have taught us a lesson, and yet the Commission will be responsible if this action is neglected. Manager Starr had an accident and been taken because the Village could not pay \$100.00 or so by getting some of the money from the fire insurance."

Mr. Starr: "Yes, I guess that's a Commissioner's view about that. American-Liberty agents? Now if those supplies come with a pumper." As a result of this, the Manager said he was going to buy a pumper. Mr. Field: "Wouldn't it be better to get two pumps instead of just one? The one that was in luck, when the benefit derived is considered."

Mr. Starr: "Yes, two would be better, but one is better than none. We will get another one later." The business was then passed to the reading of bids by Village Attorney Doty. They were then switched by the Commission.

Mr. Field: "If I am in order, may I ask what you are going to do about an elevated tank, and if it is to go on the ballot with the pumper bid and pumper heating system?"

Mr. Field: "The question of the elevated tank has been dropped temporarily, very likely at the spring election. There are several things we want to iron out. The first one is the elevated tank. We are going to know how much water we are going to need. Mr. Field: "Am I right in believing that the new well will be electrically operated?"

Mr. Field: "Yes." Mr. Field: "Then why fire protection? If there is a fire, we have no tank and an electrical storm cuts off the food supply to the pump?"

Mr. Field: "Well, I don't think this is an opportune time to put the matter up before the people. It is a matter of \$100.00 or so by getting some of the money from the fire insurance."

COUNTY OFFICERS FAIL

Constable /Mooney L e d On Merry Chase, But Gets Results

Eight months after the robbery of silverware, cut glass, linen, etc., the apparel and hand-painted crockery from the home of Miss Anna M. Parks, of 220 Brown street, the stolen material has been recently recovered by Constable Nicholas M. Mooney, of Birmingham, after working on the case for eight months. The county authorities, who were notified immediately upon the discovery of the robbery, had apparently overlooked the case. Constable Mooney called upon the services of Constable Mooney.

Mr. Pratt, who was employed by the Bell Telephone company during that last winter, lived with his wife, Hoyt Pratt, upstairs in Miss Parks' home, and both of them are alleged to have committed the robbery. The Pratts left here in February, but returned to Jackson, where it was not until about a month later that Miss Parks discovered that the goods had been stolen. They were stored in trunks and boxes. Pratt is said to have confessed to Constable Mooney, who then traced the stolen goods to the home of Miss Parks, and was spending the winter in the south. The rest was secured as it would be traced to Miss Parks, and was spending the winter in the south. The rest was secured as it would be traced to Miss Parks, and was spending the winter in the south.

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